

# Cathedral Announcements for December 15, 2019

WELCOME!

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God,  
in Memory of Malda LaRochelle & Anaise Betsber,  
by the LaRochelle-Betsber-Wheeler Family*

**Today is the Third Sunday in Advent, the new Church Year and the season welcoming Jesus Christ. The Reverend Linda Taupier will be preaching. After the service join us for Coffee Hour.**

**Today – ANGEL TREE GIFTS:** Dear Church Family, As Christmas approaches, we are all aware that there are many needy children right here in our neighborhood. There is a tree in the church foyer to allow you the opportunity to provide gifts to needy children. This year, we will be providing gifts to children being served by the Department of Children and Families and Square One. Please take an ornament from the tree and return it, along with your wrapped gift, to the church by December 20th. In joyful appreciation, the Outreach Committee.

**Today 1:30 p.m. – CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE PLANNING:** This year the 4pm Christmas Eve service will be Bilingual, English and Spanish, and we are looking for youth or adults from all services to join us in planning and bringing the story of Jesus's birth to life. We will meet today at 1:30 (after the Spanish service). It would be a gift for you to join us.

**Today 5:00 pm – EVENSONG** service with candle lighting and prayers in thanksgiving for our loved ones and our blessings. 4:30 pm reception prior to the service.

**Tues, December 17, 6pm – COMING TO BELIEVE** Christian worship for those in recovery, those struggling with substance use disorders, addictions, and for friends and loved ones. Home-baked refreshments following the service.

**7:00pm – THE MAGIC & MYSTERY OF ISRAEL** Rabbi-in-Residence, Mark Shapiro, will be leading the last of three presentations and discussions on the topic of Israel, its geography and peoples.

**Wed., December 18 – HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE, 1:00 p.m.,** followed by a reception. an opportunity to pray for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness who have died in the past year.

**6:30pm – 8:00pm - ADVENT MEDITATION WEEK TWO (with Bishop Fisher)** a reflection to deepen the experience of Advent in an encounter with the themes and characters of our Advent Lessons. Come to open yourself even more fully to Christ.

**Sun., December 22 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, The Reverend Jerry True will preach at 8 and 10.

**11:30 Forum, CHRISTMAS MUSIC.** Our annual review of great Christmas Music with our Music Director, Mr. Beckham.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR WEEK**, Sunday 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** on the Lectionary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Dougout; Wednesday 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Bible Study** for beginners in the Kendrick Room, all invited; Wednesday 12:00-12:45 p.m. **Holy Eucharist** services in the All Saints Chapel; Saturday 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Centering Prayer** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Common Room.

**THE BISHOP'S CHOIR SCHOOL** has resumed with Todd Beckham, Music Director. For elementary school children, church members or not, an opportunity to learn the basics of music in the choral tradition. For more information and for those interested, please contact Mr. Beckham at the Cathedral offices.

**SUPPORT FOR OUR HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS:** Many thanks to Jean Ryan and Karen Authier, for their time, energy, and dedication in their weekly ministry to parishioners who are home-bound due to age, illness, or life circumstances. Weekly mailings of sermons, news updates, bulletins, and prayers, help home-bound parishioners stay connected to their spiritual community while away from the Cathedral. To add a home-bound parishioner to the mailing list, please contact Jean Ryan: jeanb01119@aol.com.

**FOOD DRIVE – A GREAT NEED FOR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD!** Each Sunday we take up a collection of non-perishable foods to be given to Open Pantry and to those who drop by during the week needing food. *Please* support this ministry. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets in the Narthex (foyer) of the church on Sundays, and, brought to the Cathedral Office during the week. Thank you.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Calling all knitters and crocheters!, please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Knit from home or join us. Create prayer shawls to be blessed and offered to the congregation for anyone in a time of need. Meetings for knitting and crocheting, fellowship and prayer on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Kendrick room and your participation is welcomed. Please contact Jean Ryan at 413-782-2878.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Sign up to host Coffee Hour! Bring something to share with the gathering after church. Sign-up sheets are posted across from the Cathedral Office door. **We need people to please sign up for the weeks in December, January, and February.** We thank you in advance.