

Fr. Tom reading at Lipscomb Elementary.

A Monthly Insight into the Current Happenings @ Church of the Advent

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Rector's Word

Living and Giving with Thanks

The month of November is a time for **"thanksgivings."** Our national holiday remembers the thanks of pilgrims for God's provision through a difficult first winter in a new land. Over the next month, together at the Church of the Advent we will consider the opportunities in each of our lives for giving thanks.

There are various ways for each of us to **give thanks** to God...for the blessings, the benefits, even the difficulties and the struggles, our personal moments, for us, our own families, and our family gathered. How we have seen God at work in the events of our lives turns us and our hearts toward God. This mental inventory helps us remember to give thanks to God the giver of all. Truthfully,

"...our gifts allow us to allocate gifts to needs."

"giving thanks," remembering to say "thank you," and hearing someone else return "thanks" --- **all** of these are important. In giving thanks, we acknowledge the giver.

In all, God is the giver and we are the recipients. Further, and more difficult to grasp, is that what we have is not earned, it is given by God (Eph. 2:8.9). From the cradle to the cross, from the cross to the crown, God's love extends out to us (John 3:16). In giving thanks, we acknowledge God as the creator and provider of all that we possess. As the scripture says, "We love because He first loved us..." (1 John 1:9). And, as a logical extension of our faith and the words of St. John,

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A Reception For New Members

A Newcomer's Reception Honoring all newcomers to Church of the Advent will be held **Thursday, November 17th from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** at the home of The Rev. Tom & Marcia Hotchkiss, hosted by Church of the Advent's

Newcomer's Committee and the Vestry.

To R.S.V.P., send regrets &/or to request childcare contact the church office at 373-5630 or adventoffice@comcast.net.



Please join us and let us welcome you to Advent!

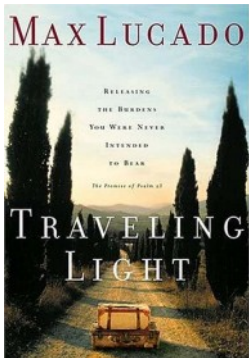


On **Sunday, November 20th** beginning at **8:45 a.m.** the Episcopal Church Women will host another Biscuit Breakfast (donations accepted), as well

& Biscuit Breakfast

as a Bake Sale. They will be selling cards, pickles, soups, baked goods such as cakes, pies, brownies, and numerous other homemade delights. There will also be necklaces and soap by the ever talented Mary Clyde Sparks, dried soups, cheese straws, jellies, pickles and other good-

ies from Betty and Larry Douglass and other items you just can't live without! With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner many of these items will help make your seasonal cooking and shopping more fun and



The Chapter of the Holy Spirit gathers on **Thursday, November 17th** at

Chapter of the Holy Spirit Update

7:00 p.m. at the home of Ellen DiLorenzo. They continue reading Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear by Max Lucado. Please read chapters 14 and 15 for the meeting.

Holy Spirit is a relaxed book club who (*usually*) meet on the third Thursday of every month. Visitors are always welcome and you need not commit to attend every meeting.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our own Dr. Richard Light who received the Nashville Academy of Medicine Award for 50 years of service to the community.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Joel and Emily Van Brocklin and their acting group "Common Sense for Dummies." Their group's video presentation was among only six selected to be

shown by Jimmy Fallon on the Jimmy Fallon Show. Unfortunately, their entry did not win. However, Joel and Emily are winners for the Advent.



Mark your calendars now! Advent's Youth Group will hold a Stockholder's Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, December 4th.



Men's Club Update

The Men's Club will gather for their monthly breakfast meeting on **Saturday, November 5th at 8:00 a.m.** in the Moss Room.

They will gather to celebrate this month's birthdays on **Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m.** → Please note the change from the

third Thursday to the third Tuesday, so as not to conflict with the Newcomer's reception. Location to be announced later.



The Advent Women's Retreat will be held on **January 27, 28, 29**,

speaker will be Marcia Hotchkiss. Marcia will be talking with us

Ladies Mark Your Calendars

2012 at Montgomery Bell State Park. We are currently in the process of determining the cost and will have registration forms available soon. This year our

about Listening—Listening to Others and Listening to God. **Registration deadline will be December 5th.** So make plans now.

If you have any questions, please call Melissa Albert, Lynn Conroy, Carol Lynn McCarty, Virginia Stokes or the church office.

Sunday School Update

Children's Classes

We continue with **Elijah through November 13th.**

Adult Classes

We continue with the study of the **First Letter of Paul to the**

Corinthians in the library led by Larry Douglass & Tom Jurka.

"Reel Theology: Christian Themes from TV & Film," facilitated by Jane Simmons, Marcia Hotchkiss and the Rev. Tom

Hotchkiss, began Sunday October 30th in the Moss Room. There will be a wide variety of "clips" shown and wide-ranging discussion around the themes discovered. Please feel free to join once or for the whole series.

The Announcer Is Now The e-announcer!



Church of the Advent's web-site has been set up so you may read the current monthly newsletter online without downloading any software or document. It is posted under the "Advent News" tab as Newsletter.



We will also send the Announcer via e-mail as a PDF (portable document format) attachment. If you prefer to read it printed out you will still need a PDF reader to open, view and print it. You may download,

for **FREE**, Adobe Reader X online at: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=HRZAC>. For those who do not have e-mail copies are currently available in the Narthex. We will mail a paper copy to all of our homebound members.



It may be fall,
but Christmas is around
the corner and here's your
chance to be a blessing!

Each year, St. Luke's sponsors an Adopt – A – Family program in which they try to help entire families and seniors from their neighborhood meet their holiday needs. Low income families who meet the USDA free-lunch guidelines are matched with donors who then help fulfill many of the items or needs as stated on the family's "wish list." The Process to Adopt-A-Family is simple:

- 1 Contact Advent's church office with your family/senior choice and we will fax or e-mail you a copy of the family/senior information sheet (wish-list).
- 2 Have fun shopping! Remember: they have given you CHOICES! You are not expected to purchase everything they have asked for. Expect to spend approximately \$50-100 per family member.

- 3 Deliver gifts to St. Luke's Old Gym OR to the family December 5th – 9th 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. All gifts **must** be delivered by Friday, December 9th.
- 4 If you are dropping the gifts off at St. Luke's please place all of the wrapped gifts in trash bags with a large label with the family number on **ALL** of the bags.
- 5 If delivering gifts directly to the family you **MUST** notify St. Luke's of the delivery by December 9th.

Below are brief descriptions of our families and seniors available to adopt (F=female; M=male):

- Families:**
- #22 Nguyen/Hoang M37, F33, M13, M9, M4
 - #48 Hamm F33, F14, M10, M6
 - #51 Doru F39, M12, F10, F3
 - #53 Vaquera/Tonche M35, F33, F17, F15, F12, F8, M4
 - #56 Canales/Granados M24, F26, M6, M3
 - #57 Granados/Hernandez M28, F27, F10, M8
 - #64 Wilson F25, F16, F3
 - #69 Crowder F49, M10, F8
 - #70 Moore F38, M5, M14month
 - #109 Espinoza F39, F16, F14, M13, M11, F8



- Seniors**
- #SR27 Johnson F
 - #SR29 Stroud F
 - #SR30 Patterson F
 - #SR32 White F
 - #SR34 Buchanan F
 - #SR35 Hood F
 - #SR36 Vinson M
 - #SR37 Pomeroy F
 - #SR38 Brown F
 - #SR39 Peach F

Helpful Hints:

- ♥ Often parents prefer items that help them make ends meet such as Kroger, Wal-Mart or NES gift cards, a ham or turkey, household items (towels, pots/pans, etc.) or gift cards for a movie night and pizza.
- ♥ Many families request items like MP3 players and video recorders. They do so based on where **they** shop, retailers like Big Lots, Marshalls & Ross. These digital items can generally be purchased for \$15-30.
- ♥ The following items meet the dress code requirements for all Metro schools school uniforms:
 - ♥ Shirts: short/long sleeves with collar (polo style with button or turtleneck), solid white or navy.
 - ♥ Pants: Navy, Khaki or Black.
 - ♥ Coats/Jackets: Navy or Khaki.
 - ♥ Getting with a group of friends to adopt a large family is a wonderful idea and lots of fun.
- ♥ If you don't have the time to shop consider making a cash donation. We will give funds to those who have the time to shop and are happy to add others to their shopping adventure if the funds are available.
- ♥ It is important we adopt the families listed. There will not be time to put them back into the "pool" for adoption.



Each holiday season, St. Luke's hosts a Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy store where West Nashville parents select toys and books for their children. Last year, this program helped provide gifts for more than 940 neighborhood children.

During the Toy Store each parent, grandparent, or caregiver is assisted by a volunteer to "shop" for age appropriate toys. Each child in the household receives a few toys, a book, a stuffed animal and a stocking stuffer. Most parents use these

gifts as their Santa gifts, as they can choose and wrap the gifts themselves.

This year the Toy Store will be November 30th and December 1st. To help bring joy to these families, please place new unwrapped toys in the collection box in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 20th.**

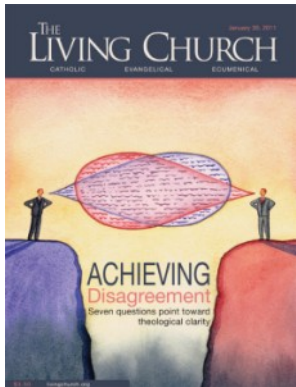
Volunteers are needed to help with Toy Store Set-up, Tuesday, November 29th, 10:30am-3:30pm to assist in the set-up for our Toy Store so families may come in and shop for their children. Volunteers will organize the toys by chil-



dren's ages and arrange them on the designated tables.

Volunteers are also needed to help parents "shop" for toys at the Toy Store November 30th and December 1st. Volunteers should commit to a minimum of 1hour between the hours of 9:00am-5:00pm each day. 5 volunteers are needed at all times.

To volunteer please contact the Volunteer Manager, Christie Bearden at 350-7893 or christie.bearden@stlukescommunityhouse.org.



The Living Church is a biweekly magazine based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Living Church provides commentary and news information on the Episcopal Church in the United States. Our parish has been given the gift of complimentary copies of some of the most recent issues of *TLC* for your perusal. The October 23rd magazine is the latest special issue of the magazine, the semi-annual "world mission" issue which includes:

The Living Church

- an inspiring feature essay on the "Growing the Church" movement, emanating out of South Africa;
- a fine piece on the Anglican Covenant by Bp. Titre Ande of the Congo;
- op-eds by Bryan Spinks of Yale and Philip Turner of ACI;
- and a fistful of excellent reviews, including lead pieces by Joseph Galgalo of Kenya and Michael Poon of Singapore.

The mission statement of the Living Church Foundation, the non-profit organization that publishes *The Living Church* alongside *The*

Episcopal Musician's Handbook and *Illuminations*, is "to support and promote the Catholic and evangelical faith of the one Church, to the end of visible Christian unity throughout the world."

The Living Church has been in continuous publication since 1878. The current editor is Dr. Christopher Wells who recently spoke at Christ Church Cathedral as part of a study day on the Anglican Covenant. Feel free to pick up a copy in the Narthex or in the Parish Hall. Enjoy!

Odds & Ends

Confirmation Preparation classes for adults & youth (6th-12th

grades) will meet **6-7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesdays, November 2nd & 9th and Sunday, November 13th 4-5:00 p.m.** There will be **1** make-up class on **Wednesday, November 16th, 5-6:00 p.m.** Classes will meet in the parish hall, upper level classroom 4.

The Altar Guild will have a meeting Saturday, November 5th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



Set your clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 5th.

The Room in the Inn season begins **Saturday, November 5th** and then every 1st Saturday thru March 3rd, 2012. We need help with food for 11 guests and 15 or so Adventers to help serve and fellowship. We need at least two men to stay overnight. We also serve breakfast and hand out lunches as the guests depart on Sunday morning. You may sign up in the Moss Room, Media Center!

Church of the Advent's Stewardship Ingathering, The Gift Of Giving, will be Sunday, November 13th.

The Bishop's Visit with confirmations will be on Sunday, Novem-

ber 27th at the 10:30 a.m. service

A sign up poster to usher at the 8:00 a.m. services through December is in the narthex. We need two volunteers each Sunday. Thank you for your gift of time.

The first Sunday of every month is Nametag Sunday (but feel free to wear yours every Sunday).

If you would like to include an article in the Announcer, please remember the deadline is the 3rd Monday.



Stay informed! Send us your e-mail address!

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we give thanks to God for all that we have and all that we are because the Lord provides for us.

In November, as we focus on our **stewardship** of all that God provides, we anticipate bringing our commitments --- "bringing back" to God a portion of **all** that God provides --- and joining those commitments with everyone on "Consecration Sunday," November 13th. Stewardship is the term used to define the fulfillment of our relationship with God in Jesus Christ (not simply some code-word or some sort of "spin" to make us respond...). Theologically, stewardship is this idea that all that I have and possess --- everything --- is a

gift from God. St. Paul asks the church in Corinth (and us): "What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?"

When I think of Advent, I am caught up in "thanks" and "giving" because Advent means so much to me. For me, giving is not an option nor is ministry. We are all ministers and all have ministries according to our gifts. I am personally convinced that 100% is the standard for giving with the tithe being a portion returned for God's work. Either we are all God's or not at all God's persons. Giving is a spiritual matter. For me, giving is not an option. And, we are not

giving to the budget of the church; rather, our gifts allow us to allocate gifts to needs.

It is through being generous that one learns generosity. Giving begets giving. Giving is a gift. What portion will you return? 4%, 5%, 8%, 10%, 15%? Let faith guide your decision. On **Sunday November 13th, "Consecration Sunday,"** we will gather and present of our pledges of time, talent, and treasure for 2012 and dedicate them to the Glory of God **with thanksgiving**. Most of all, always **live and give with thanks**.

Sincerely in Christ,
Tom H.
Philippians 1:3-5



This Month's Birthdays

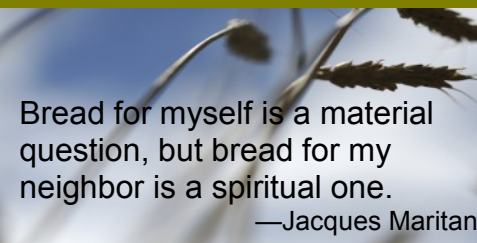


- 1 Betty Dozier
- 1 Frances Farrar
- 3 William Albert
- 5 Phocian Sampson
- 6 Mia Rosenfeld
- 9 Martha Bowden
- 9 Carson McCoy
- 10 Hilda Hunter
- 11 Deryck Wiggins
- 12 Glenda Blackburn
- 12 Terry King
- 12 Monie Sloan
- 14 David Howser
- 15 Velma Johnson
- 15 Val Smith
- 16 Lesley King
- 16 Rick Wey
- 17 Janice Rice
- 19 Ella Harwell
- 20 Peter Calvert
- 20 Adam Dozier
- 20 Beth Hanson
- 22 Frank Field
- 23 Jerome Bannister
- 27 Oscar Towler
- 30 Kate Shepard

Care Notes



- We mourn the loss of the Right Reverend Bertram N. Herlong, Tenth Bishop of Tennessee who died on Friday evening, October 21st. Our prayers of sympathy are extended to his family.
- Our prayers of sympathy are extended to Rosann Hurst and family on the death of her brother, Ben Wieser, in Lead, South Dakota.
- Our prayers of sympathy are extended to Paul Baggett, Jr. and his family for the passing of his father, Paul Baggett on Wednesday, October 12th.



Bread for myself is a material question, but bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.
—Jacques Maritan



- 10 Carla & Joey Fitzgerald
- 16 Candida & Jerome Bannister
- 19 Ron & Jane Simmons
- 24 Ron & Paula Taylor
- 24 Dale & Kathy Watney
- 26 Deryck & Enid Wiggins

Notes of Thanks



- Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the 30th Annual Fall Festival & Barbecue possible, including Carey Bringle and his crew for sharing their craft and to all who donated and bid on silent auction gifts.
- Thank you, thank you, thank you ladies (and gentlemen) for the wonderful donations to the ECW bake sale for the BBQ. We had cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, monkey bread, sour dough bread, jellies, homemade soup, pickles, packages of candy for the kids, sweet rolls, soaps, necklaces, greeting cards, and many more items. Everyone just gave and gave and it really paid off. We have our best ever totals for a bake sale. We made \$675.00 and none of it would have been possible without the fantastic response of all.
- Thank you to all who donated coats and blankets to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Thanks you your generosity we were able to send:

- 80 Coats/Jackets
- 6 Sleeping Bags
- 39 Blankets
- 93 Sweaters/shirt
- 10 Bibles
- 1 Hat
- 2 Pants



"I'd prefer turkey nuggets."

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