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COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION AND AN INURNMENT SERVICE

NOV. 4TH AT 11:45 AM. (AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE)
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



***TOUCH THE HEART OF A NEEDY CHILD
THIS CHRISTMAS WITH A GIFT-FILLED
SHOE BOX AND THE GOOD NEWS OF
JESUS CHRIST!***



***PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOXES AND PACKING INFORMATION
IN THE FOYER AND RETURN YOUR FILLED BOXES
BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 11TH!***

Advent and Christmas Schedule



December 2	A Morning with St. Nicholas at 9:15 am
December 5	A Service of Lessons and Carols at 6:30 pm
December 9	Pajama Party Sunday for the Children
December 19	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
December 23	Greening of the Church
December 24	Christmas Eve
	4:00 pm Prelude music begins
	4:30 pm Christmas Service with Children's Christmas Pageant
	10:00 pm Prelude music begins
	10:30 pm Christmas Service

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS COMING SOON!

Is There Someone on Your Christmas Gift List Who's Hard to Buy For??

Ribbon Gift Cards May be Your Answer (and you'll help the Church, as well)

Our member, Karen Shores is a representative of Ribbon Gift Cards, a unique opportunity of giving memorable gifts. The Ribbon Program offers exclusive gift cards redeemable from a wide range of gift collections filled with top-quality, brand name merchandise. Recipients receive a gift card and are able to choose their own gift from Ribbon catalogs.

Ribbon is always the perfect gift because:

- Recipients get to choose their own gift.
- Gift collections include the most popular brands and items people really want.
- The price is not written anywhere on the gift package.
- Free shipping is always included.
- Ribbons never expire.
- Gifts come with a 180-day Satisfaction guarantee, no matter what!

And here's the best part!

Karen receives 20% commission from each sale and will be donating the ENTIRE AMOUNT to the Holy Nativity Building Fund.

Karen will be available during the Sunday School hours beginning Sunday, November 4th for sales or to answer questions.

Adult Christian Education: Fr. Tom

Having begun with a discovery of the *Gospel according to Mark*, our Christian education program is moving along to more things. In Mark we found a fascinating agenda in which the author delivered to his church some two-thousand years ago, and now to us today, an unfolding story in which Jesus is identified first to the audience as the Son of God, then to Jesus himself by a voice from heaven at his baptism by John in the River Jordan. Immediately though, we find out that demons and unclean spirits know who Jesus is, and submit to his authority as he casts them out of the persons whom they are inhabiting. All through the rest of the sixteen chapters of Mark, though, nobody else knows who Jesus is, nobody realizes, nobody recognizes him as the Son of God and suffering and dying Messiah, not even those closest to him. In spite of numerous works of power and authority, and all he tells them, even Jesus' disciples fail to recognize him; they just don't get it. Finally, as Jesus dies on the cross, one person does recognize him, and it's not one of his followers, not even a fellow Jew. It's a heathen, a Gentile, one who has been a persecutor: the Roman centurion in charge of Jesus' crucifixion proclaims, "Surely this man was God's Son." Even as the story ends, the women who come to the tomb on Sunday morning to anoint Jesus' dead body with oils and spices -- when an angel in the tomb tells them that He has been raised from the dead, the women are terrified and flee, and say nothing to anyone.

With numerous subtleties masterfully woven through his gospel, Mark stirs in those of us who hear the beautiful story, great frustration that those around Jesus failed to recognize and acclaim him; frustration so great that we ourselves feel driven to rush out and proclaim Jesus Christ the Son of God. For all Mark's rough literary edges in the Greek, he brings us the most magnificent story in the Bible. It is truly an

evangelical masterpiece. My sympathies for anyone who missed our adventure of exploration and discovery in Sunday School and in our Tuesday and Wednesday weekday Bible Seminars.

The group members always have a say in what we study next, and they have asked for two things: the so-called "Secret Gospel of Mark," or "Secret Mark," an apparently first century gospel with gnostic tendencies and heretical, even blasphemous, overtones.

The other thing the midweek Bible Seminar groups asked for is a Minor Prophet. And so, after a session (two at most) discovering Secret Mark, we will take advantage of the changing church seasons to discover one or more of the Minor Prophets who are featured in the upcoming Lectionary during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany:

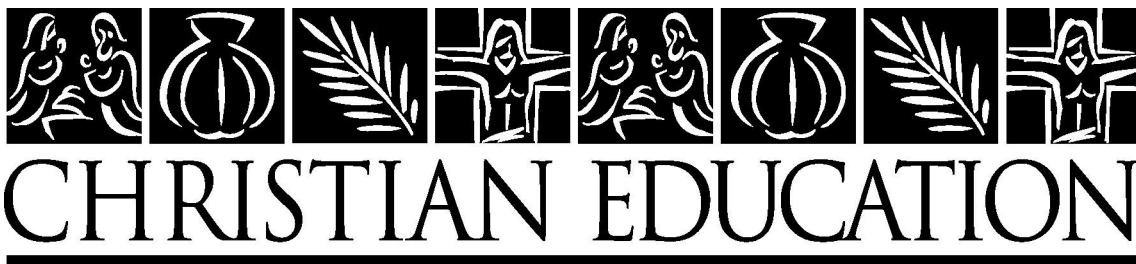
Malachi
Zephaniah
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Nehemiah.

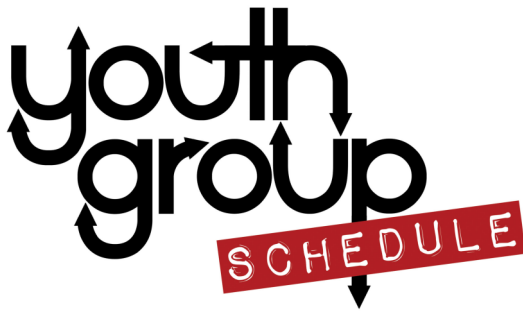
The reason for stretching across the three seasons Advent, Christmas and Epiphany during November and December is that our midweek Bible Seminars will recess and take a sabbatical after December 12, 2012 and resume again for Lent on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Adult Sunday School will have explore some of the same, plus we shall discover liturgies for the loss of beloved animals used in various dioceses of the Episcopal Church and authorized by General Convention, as well as the church's new liturgy for blessing same sex unions, authorized by General Convention 2012 and effective the beginning of Advent.

For further information: twellerpc@gmail.com.

Tom+





Hello Youth!

We will not have a Wednesday night program the day before Thanksgiving, which is Nov. 21st. Instead, we are having our first Youth Group Retreat, camping out at the Florida Caverns State Park in Marianna. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 17th! I plan to take all of you and a few chaperones up in the early afternoon so that we can all go canoeing and take the caverns tour. Then we will hang out around a campfire, cook

dinner on it, make s'mores, and have some meaningful conversation. Or maybe just tell scary stories. We'll camp overnight in tents, and return home on Sunday. I'll put out some flyers, so keep your eyes open.

I am looking for one of you to volunteer to serve as youth lector for November. This is where you get to read the Old Testament lesson during the 10:30 service. Sound like fun? Of course it does! Please let me know that you want to be the one this month.

See you in the upstairs room,
Judy 248-6624 or judydickey@gmail.com

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Food Bank and Backpack Ministry

Please keep bringing your Food Bank and Backpack Ministry donations! Just put both in the grocery cart in the foyer on Sunday!

SUPPER AT GRACE

Holy Nativity sponsors Supper at Grace on the Second Thursday of each month. This is an outreach at Grace Episcopal to feed those in need of a meal. We have been averaging over 50 dinners and 50 take-outs each month..... We are having a terrific time each month. We are still looking for a back-up crew – someone(s) willing to step in at the last minute to help when a regular is unable to be there. Contact Gayle Ahrens at tgahrens@bellsouth.net if you are able to participate, either as a regular or a back-up. Thank you to those of you who have been making monetary contributions towards the dinners. We appreciate you! Cold weather is moving in (afraid so) and many of our guests don't have warm clothing for the cooler days and nights. Would you please consider donating jackets, gloves and hats for us to distribute at our dinners. You may leave them in Battin Hall or at the church office.

Advent Outreach

Outreach Families

Advent begins Dec. 2nd and Holy Nativity will begin collecting donations for our Advent Outreach families. Every year we help families in need in our community and parish. The youth will go shopping with the funds collected and wrap the gifts for Christmas.

Holy Nativity's Angel Tree

Look for the Angel Tree located in the foyer beginning on Dec. 2nd. There will be ornaments with names from a local nursing home with a few items on each one. Just return the gifts by the deadline indicated.

Children's Ministry November 2012

November	Sunday School 9:15 In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
4	All Saints' Sunday: Saints streamers for procession into church	Creation 6: "God Made Me" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Karen Shores 867-1084	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	Children singing in church Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Creation Review: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Casey Cole 215-3727 Sharon Carroll 960-5510	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
18	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Tom Hairston 784-6319	"Adam and Eve" Charlie Commander 265-4400 Trey Hutt 814-7934 Ashley Eaton 769-8533	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
25	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Tom Hairston 784-6319	"Cain and Abel" Candace Leebrick 522-9240 Lenka Doran 832-2768	Theresa Durgan 913-3471



THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 4th, the children will be a part of the procession into the 10:30 service as we present our Saints Streamers recognizing acknowledged saints and those who "mean, God helping, to be one too". Please bring them (a little early) by Kids' Kingdom before you go into church.

Have you watched our Children's Choir singing "All God's Critters" on YouTube? They are wonderful. There is a link in "What's Happening" so don't miss seeing it. Thank you all for your generous donations for the animals at the Humane Society. I think that Miss Marqua and the Children's Choir have added a lovely St. Francis Day tradition for our Holy Nativity children.

Beverly McDaniel

♪ Music Notes ♪ from Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Rite One Choir

This year The Rite One Choir will be extending their Thursday rehearsal time by an hour in order to sing with The Chancel Choir for Lessons and Carols. This is an exciting venture for all of them and they are looking forward to singing with more voices and participating in this special Advent service. They also plan to sing for the early service on November 18th and again in early December.

The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing for our fast approaching 'busy' season of Advent and Christmas. Any and all interested adults and qualified high school students are always welcome to come and sing with us, even if you only want to sing for a month or two. Regular rehearsals are held every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30. **Lessons and Carols is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 5th at 6:30 PM, so mark your calendars now.** We would welcome your participation during the coming special seasons so consider joining our song!

Children's Choir

The 2012-2013 Children's Choir made their official 'debut' at the Blessing of the Animals and they had a wonderful time. While we have already begun working on Advent songs and our Christmas Pageant songs, it is not too late to join us. All children in grades one through six are invited and welcomed to join us for a fun-filled hour each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Every rehearsal begins with prayer time and warming up of our voices and minds. Please contact Marqua Brunette with any questions that you might have. The Children's Choir is a very special opportunity for children at Holy Nativity to grow musically and spiritually and to learn about serving in the church. We look forward to having your child join us!

The Children's Choir Says, "THANK YOU!!"

Our first service project, "Food for Furry Friends" was a huge success, thanks to all of those who donated pet food and wish list items for the Humane Society of Bay County. The Children's Choir loved helping to feed pets in need and have already begun to plan to make this an annual event! The big excitement was on October 17th when the Director of Marketing from the Humane Society came to meet the children. The first reaction of the children was, "will we get to sing for him?" This pleased me on such a special level, knowing that the Children's Choir members recognize their role within our church and want to share it.

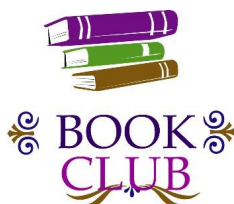
So, sing they did, repeating the song, "A Place in the Choir," which they sang for the St. Francis Blessing of the Animals. It only took three 'takes' to get a video of the children singing, donned in their red choir robes, and standing 'somewhat' still in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for further information on finding the Children's Choir singing on Facebook and YouTube!! And once again, thank you for your donations of pet food. The Human Society was thrilled. We couldn't have done this without YOUR help!





Nov. 4 Daniel and Holly Melzer
 Nov. 6 Frank and Carla Cole
 Nov. 11 Jeffery and Susan Frazier
 Nov. 14 John and Mary Darrah
 Nov. 17 Max and Kirsten McCord
 Nov. 22 Harvey and Peggy David
 Nov. 29 David and Mary Burris

*Join the Book/Kindle Club
 this month!*



They will meet November 26, 2012.

5:30 pm at Panera Bread Restaurant

6:30 pm at the Parish House

(They meet every 4th Monday of the month!)

They will be reading "The Rose Garden"
 by Suzannah Kearsey

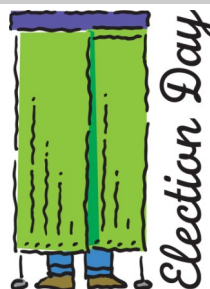
December: no meeting

January: "Unbroken-A World War II Story" by Hillenbrand

February: "Search Committee" by Tim Owens



Nov. 1 David Dawe, Karen Shores
 Nov. 2 Blair Bates, Kaew Sumpton
 Nov. 3 Mary Richardson, Mona Ullmann
 Nov. 4 Max McCord
 Nov. 5 Sandy Ciccarelli, Betsy McLendon
 Nov. 6 Chantal Camenzind, Renee Madden,
 Ann Rist
 Nov. 7 Grey Davis, Abigail Dingus
 Nov. 8 Evelyn Jordan, Ginny Morrow
 Nov. 9 Patrick Kelley, Allison Swann-Davis
 Nov. 10 Terry Ullmann
 Nov. 11 Ann Shores
 Nov. 12 Catherine Shores
 Nov. 15 Dru Epps
 Nov. 16 Mary Bonham
 Nov. 18 Devin Dunn, Rachael Dunn, Hodge
 McCloy
 Nov. 19 Joe Ferrante, Adeline Kuster, Stewart
 Sumpton
 Nov. 21 Patti Akst, Mimi Pettis
 Nov. 22 Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson
 Nov. 24 Amy Russell, Rusty Smith
 Nov. 25 Aaron Kuster, Billy Wicker
 Nov. 26 Samantha Bates, Sean Dickey
 Nov. 28 Herb Arlt, Joy Thompson
 Nov. 29 Kate Watson



Don't forget to vote on
 November 6th!



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Sunday, November 4, 2012

2 a.m.

Don't miss church!!



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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John Thompson 10-13*

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's
Sunday School (Aug. - May)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*