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*Rest eternal grant
unto them, O Lord*

The choirs at St. John's are already hard at work preparing music for our two Christmas Eve Services.

The kid-friendly, 5:00pm service will include many of your favorite Christmas carols in conjunction with a presentation by the Sunday School children. This service will also feature our Children's Choir who will sing an anthem or two! The festivities for the 11:00pm service begin at 10:00 with a half-hour Carillon Recital followed by an extend prelude of music presented by the Adult Choir. Musical selections will include *O Magnum Mysterium* by Thomas Luis de Victoria, *The Snow Lay on the Ground* arranged by Henry Hallstrom, and *The Holly She Bears a Berry* arranged by James Clemens. You will also hear the exuberant fanfares of brass and tympani joining in on many of the hymns throughout the night. It will be a service that you do not want to miss!



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God's House
T O *Your House*

DECEMBER 2012 • NEWS • CALENDAR

St. John's Episcopal Church
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Be it done unto me according to your word.*

These two traditional Advent scriptures come from the end of the Book of Revelation and from Mary's response to the angel Gabriel. On their own, both are powerful. Praying them together should terrify us.

Perhaps our prayers will be answered this year, and Jesus will come back during Advent. (Wouldn't the joke be on the Mayan prophecy industry if Christ returned on December 20 this year?) But more likely we will once again encounter our Lord Jesus coming to us graciously in the lives of his children at times and in places we would least expect. Then, according to God's word, we will welcome strangers, care for the needy, proclaim release to those in bondage and share good news with the poor.

For a while now, we have seen many more people coming to us in worship, in prayer ministries, in feeding ministries, and in hospitality ministries. We can expect God to continue sending us people that we will find Christ in, but only as long as we continue to welcome them as Mary welcomed the child Jesus – with a combination of extravagant love and life-changing obedience.

This Advent, our focus is welcoming Jesus according to God's word, in whatever guise he appears. Sometimes that welcome will challenge us, sometimes it will scare us, and sometimes it will draw love out of us that we didn't know we had. Always, such a true welcome will allow us to encounter Jesus in our brothers and sisters and, perhaps even more amazingly, allow our brothers and sisters to encounter Jesus in us.

Peace, *Adam*

January 2013 Deadlines:

Please have articles for the January newsletter turned into the parish office by *Tuesday, December 18*. We ask that articles be typed or printed and delivered to the parish office in person, by regular mail, e-mail or fax:

**E-mail: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org, Fax: 724-347-4502
or Mail: 226 W. State St., Sharon, PA 16146**

Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 pm – Family Service
& Children's Program
10:00 pm – Carillon Recital
10:30 pm – Musical Prelude
11:00 pm – Festive
Christmas Eve Eucharist

Christmas Day Service:

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist
with Fr. Adam and clergy at
St. Jude's Church
(Redeemer Ministry Center),
Hermitage.

The parish office will be closed the following days in December:

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - closing at 12 Noon
Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 26 - Christmas holiday
Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve - closing at 12 Noon

Warm up with a cup of hot soup! The Confirmation Class will be selling quarts of soup with rolls, to raise funds for a pilgrimage trip in the spring. A quart is \$5.00, **prepaid**. Chili is the soup of the month for December. For more information contact the office or Laura Peretic at 330-448-2050. Orders must be turned in by December 2 with pick up on December 9.

The new Children's Choir at St. John's sang their first service on November 25 for Christ the King Sunday. The members of this choir are Julia Trambley, Payton McLaughlin, Allie Long, Nate Holabird, Noah McLaughlin, and Taylor Zamora. Congratulations on a beautifully sung service!

**Special thanks to Garda Elberty, who served as
organist at our annual Thanksgiving Day service.**

Fill the Stocking for ECS

Bring in non-perishable and canned food items by December 16th and fill the stocking for ECS before the holidays. On December 16th at the 10:00am service, Fr. Adam will say a prayer over the donated food and will be distributed at the give-away on December 20th. Please consider helping to fill the ECS stocking this year!

Flowers and Greens

Once again, we ask St. Johns parishioners to assist in preparing our church for the Christmas Holy days by contributing toward the needed adornments. Flowers and greens will adorn the Church throughout the Christmas Season; anyone attending worship or stopping by for private prayer may enjoy the beauty of the altar. After the Christmas Season, these flowers will be taken to the sick and shut-ins of the parish. Please fill out the enclosed envelope and return it with your offering to the Church Office no later than Thursday, December 20. All names submitted will be included in the listing on Christmas Eve.



John and Beth Krivak with Fr. Adam

St. John's Advent Wreath

was hand made in 1960 by Pops Warrender. He made this wreath for Bess Schack who wanted some kind of memorial in memory of her husband, Jack. She talked with Fr MacMillian and he said that an Advent Wreath was needed.

To this day, the Schack's daughter, Beth Krivak, continues to memorialize her parents with the Advent candles on the wreath.



From our Youth & Family Minister... Missy Greene

Youth Group Schedule

December 2nd, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Shenango Valley Youth Network Christmas Party
at Covenant Presbyterian Church for
students in 7th-12th grade.

December 9th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

In-House Meeting for 5th-8th Grade
at Redeemer Ministry Center

December 16th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

In-House Meeting for 9th-12th Grade at St. John's.

December 23rd and 30th

No youth group meetings.

It's that time of year again! The Divine Kettle Korn Fundraiser to support the Camp Scholarship Fund. Orders will be taken until December 9th and can be placed with Missy Greene or sent to the church office along with your payment. Kettle Korn will be available for pick up on December 16th. Orders are \$5 per bag or 6 bags for \$25.

Kettle Korn Order Form

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Quantity: _____ bags@\$5.00 each

6 for \$25.00 _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: Sunday, December 9th.

Seeking Volunteers

Are you retired or have time available on your days off to volunteer at Meals on Wheels? Twenty-nine volunteers are needed daily at Shenango Valley Meals on Wheels, 396 Buhl Blvd. in Sharon. Kitchen helpers (no cooking required) make sandwiches, pour juice, distribute dessert and salads, pack lunch bags and assist in packing the soup and hot meals. Kitchen helper hours are 8am-11:30am. Drivers drive to the clients' homes and runners deliver the meals into the homes. This required twenty-four volunteers daily. Those hours are 11am-12:30pm. Volunteering at Meals on Wheels will be heartwarming and rewarding. Please call 724-343-2042 between 8:30am – Noon or leave a message after those hours.

ECW News

We wish to thank our St. John's family for providing items for our Fall Rummage Sale. We made \$1,526.36 from this sale which was donated to ECS. Many thanks to all that volunteered their time by setting up and working this rummage sale.

ECW Christmas Tureen

Our Christmas dinner will take place
at 6 pm, Monday, December 10.

Guests are **MOST WELCOME**

Appetizers and Beverages will be provided.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

**If the weather is terrible, the event will be cancelled. Call the church that day if you are uncertain how terrible "terrible" is! St. John's Music director, Frank Dodd, will be providing Christmas Carols.*

Please RSVP by 5pm on 12/9 with Dorothy O'Stafy 724-347-7174.

Many thanks to those that helped out in the office during my vacation; Marilyn Gozik, Pat Gross, Missy Greene, and Connie Raymer, and special thanks to Julia and Jane Trambley for doing the mass mailing! I appreciate everyone's help! – *Tina Misavage*

Many thanks to Rosemary Dilley for contributing \$5.78 and to Emily Tice for \$5.68, to our Miles of Pennies Fund. Also to the parish for \$6.73 for a total of \$18.19. Don't forget that collection cans are located in the Narthex and parish house lounge for you to drop your pennies into. – *Daddy Crawford*

A date has not been set yet for our Annual Meeting in January, but Annual Reports are due by Friday, January 4. Please e-mail your report to: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

Winter Vacation Bible School!

December 27 & 28th • 9:00am – 4:30pm
Childcare also available 8-9am & 4:30-5:30pm

At St. Jude's Episcopal Church Redeemer Ministry Center
5130 East State Street, Hermitage, PA

NARNIA

Journey through the wardrobe to a land trapped in winter
And discover how Love can win any battle!

Information, Registration Forms, and Volunteer Forms can
be found outside the Youth & Family Office or online at
www.stjohnssharon.org.

Want to help? We are looking for volunteers to help during the
day. We are also in need of various supplies – a list can be found
on the website or by contacting Missy.

*Please contact Missy Greene for more information.
724-347-4501 or missy@stjohnssharon.org*

On Sunday, December 23 Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, OH
will be hosting a **Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols**.
Music will be led by a combined choir of singers from local
Episcopal parishes, including several singers from St. John's! The
service begins at 7:00 PM and will be followed by a reception.

Altar Guild Cleaning

Saturday, December 15 at 9am is when we will do our
Christmas cleaning. Altar guild members don't forget to
bring your cleaning supplies!!



From Our Music Director.. Music in the Month of December

By now we have all been hearing
Christmas music playing for weeks in our favorite stores and on the
radio. It seems like every year the “holiday season” begins earlier and
earlier. For those of us who want to get a head start on our Christmas
shopping, this predicament is not all bad; however, a distinct part
of our liturgical tradition is the observance of Advent. While it's
tempting to go into the historical details of Advent (something which
Fr. Adam would be much more qualified to do), Advent has a unique
and very old collection of hymnody. Many of the Advent hymns
explore themes such as “preparing our hearts,” “a voice calling out,”
“the coming of a promised Savior,” and “Christ coming in the clouds.”
What's so neat about many of these hymn texts is that they also
point to the second coming of Christ. And it is this promised second
coming that can fuel much of our anticipation through Advent. So
as we save those great Christmas tunes until Christmas Eve, keep an
open mind to the rich hymns that we will sing during the first four
Sundays in December. May you be blessed.

*O come, thou Day-spring from on high,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

– Hymnal #56, “O come. O come Emmanuel,” Stanza 5

Soli Deo gloria, *Frank Dodd*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2012</h1> <p>St. John's 724-347-4501 e-mail: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org</p>						1 10am-2pm ~ 3 C's 11am-1pm ~ Free Community Lunch upstairs dining room 2pm ~ House Group 1 @ Edna Brown's home
2 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist 11:30am ~ Youth Packing bags @ ECS 6-8pm ~ SVYN @ Covenant	3 7pm - Vestry	4	5 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	6 10am ~ Holy Eucharist 10:30am ~ 12:30pm - ECS Food Pantry Distribution 5:30pm ~ Children Choir Rehearsal	7	8 11am - 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch 2pm ~ Confirmation Class Making Soup
9 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist 5-7pm ~ Youth Group (5-8 grade) at St. Jude's Soup pick-up day Kettle Korn orders due	10 6pm ~ ECW Christmas Tureen	11 6:30pm ~ Eucharistic Visitor meeting 7:30pm ~ Healing Team	12 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	13 10am ~ Holy Eucharist 5:30pm ~ Children Choir Rehearsal	14	15 9am ~ Altar Guild Cleaning Kettle Korn Popping Allen Hall Reserved 11am - 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch in upstairs dining room
16 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist 5-7pm ~ Youth Group (9-12 grade) at St. John's <i>Blessing of the Stockings at both 8 & 10</i>	17	18 January Newsletter Deadline	19 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	20 10am ~ Holy Eucharist 10:30am ~ 12:30pm - ECS Food Pantry Distribution 5:30pm ~ Children Choir Rehearsal <i>Christmas Memorials Due</i>	21	22 1pm-3pm ~ Free Community Lunch
23 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 10am ~ Sung Eucharist	24 CHRISTMAS EVE NOON ~ parish office closes 5pm ~ Family Service & Children's Program 10pm ~ Carillon Recital 10:30pm ~ Musical Prelude 11pm ~ Festive Eucharist	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10am ~ Christmas Day Service with Fr. Adam and clergy at St. Jude's Church (Redeemer Ministry Center) Parish Office Closed	26 Parish Office Closed	27 9am - 4:30pm ~ Winter VBS @ St. Jude's 10am ~ Holy Eucharist <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	28 9am - 4:30pm ~ Winter VBS @ St. Jude's	29 1pm-3pm ~ Free Community Lunch
30 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 10am ~ Sung Eucharist	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE NOON ~ Parish office closes					