

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greening of the Church: Greening of the church will take place following the 10 am service on the 22nd. Please stay and help decorate the church for Christmas. Please bring work gloves, garden clippers, greens (holly, magnolia, boxwood...) and your creative talents. Wreaths and swags will need to be made and hung and other decorations will need to be put out.

Salisbury Middle's Annual Holiday Shop for students will be December 19 and 20. Students have the opportunity to use their Eagle Bucks (good behavior bucks) to purchase new or gently used gift items for their family or friends. Students can also use Eagle Bucks to have items gift wrapped. Every year we rely on the generosity of the community to help stock the holiday shop. When you have a free moment at home, take a look around for new or gently used items that you no longer want and could be re-gifted by our students. Suggested items include: holiday decorations, purses, costume jewelry, candles, toys, gifts for dad, new with tags still attached clothing (no used clothing), sporting equipment, dvds (no R-rated), coffee mugs, anything that would make a nice gift, or you can spend \$5 at any dollar store to purchase gift type items for the event. ***Gift bags and tissue paper are also very needed (used bags and tissue paper are great)*** If you bring items to church, please leave them on the table in the "Joy" room at the end of the back hallway. Or, contact Katherine West (kwest@mywcps.org) and she can pick up items. If you are interested in gift wrapping on Dec. 19 or 20, there will be a sign-up sheet in the breezeway. Thank you for supporting Salisbury Middle!

Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness, (the men's cold weather shelter) is opened through April. The men arrive after 4pm, enjoy snacks, a hot meal and desserts. They then watch tv, read, play cards/games/puzzles or just turn in to a warm bed. The next morning they get breakfast, a bagged lunch and are taken to downtown Salisbury by 7 am. This is rain or shine. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, St. Alban's will provide chicken soup, salad, rolls and dessert. We will be asking for the congregation to donate parts of the meal. If you would like to donate a meal or snacks, you can contact me or go on their Facebook page for the link. Some other items the shelter can always use are articles of clothing, mainly sweat shirts/pants, underwear, socks, and toiletries. They usually need sizes lg-xxlg. If they have any other request, I will pass it along. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Kim O'Grady: pkograde3@yahoo.com or 410-251-2786.

Weekly Schedule**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17****7:00 pm Vestry Meeting****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18****12:00 pm Wednesday Midday Service****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19****7:00 pm Choir rehearsal****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22****8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service**

LECTOR: Geoff Smoot,

TECH TEAM: TBA

9:10 am Adult Christian Ed., Faith Rm.**10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Service**

LECTORS: Megan Pomeroy, Arlene White

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dee Rinehart

VESTRY PERSON: Mary Doak

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Grim

ACOLYTES: Kim O'Grady

TECH TEAM: Cristina Machin

GREETERS/USHERS: Audrey & Vernon Rivers

COFFEE HOUR: TBA

Happy Birthday**Mae Esh 12/18****Amy Isaacs 12/19****Erica Howard 12/20****Lucie Killian 12/20****Sam Hotton 12/21***continued on page 2***Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:****Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.***(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)*

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

**4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve
Service at Faith Lutheran Church
10:00 pm Christmas Eve
Carol Sing Prelude**

**10:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 25th

**9:15 am Christmas Day
Carols with Rev. Margaret & Jim**

**9:30 am Christmas Day
Service Holy Eucharist, Rite II,**

Sunday, December 29th

**1st Sunday after Christmas
10:00 am Lessons & Carols
at St. Alban's with Faith Lutheran**



MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

IV Winter

When winter comes and winds are cold and keen,

When nights are darkest, though the
stars shine bright,

When life shrinks to its roots, or sleeps unseen,

Then may he bless and bring you to his light.

For he has come at last, and can be seen,

God's love, made vulnerable, tightly curled:

The Winter Child, The Saviour Of The World.



Malcolm Guite

This week the Holy Family tried to stop by and see the Downtown Park in Salisbury. Unfortunately, the weather didn't match their Christmas spirit. However, they were able to warm up when Alena Wilkins welcomed Mary and Joseph into her home to see her Christmas tree.

