

# The Weekly Messenger for SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

## News and Announcements for the week of November 29, 2020

### 2021 Pledge Campaign

We are asking every member of Saint Anne's to make a financial pledge to support the church in 2021. A financial pledge is a promise and a sign of our commitment to the church. Because of financial strains resulting from COVID-19, Saint Anne's is all the more dependent on the generous financial pledges of church members. To submit your pledge: please complete a 2021 Pledge Card (which you should have received in the mail) and return it to the church in the self-addressed stamped envelope included with the pledge card, or email your pledge to [Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org). All pledges are kept strictly confidential. *Please return your financial pledge as soon as possible so that our Vestry may begin planning for 2021.*

If you have questions about pledging or about the church, please email the Rector at [Rector@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Rector@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org). Thank you for your commitment to and support of Saint Anne's, our Christian home.

### Adopt-a-Family this Christmas

Saint Anne's Church is partnering with the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in collaboration with CHILD, Inc., to provide Christmas presents for thirty-one families connected with the Domestic Violence—Community Health Worker Project (DV-CHW). **We have seven families remaining: five two-person families and two three-person families.**

To adopt a family, please contact [Sue Norfleet by phone at 302-376-5034](tel:302-376-5034) or by email at [suenorfleet@gmail.com](mailto:suenorfleet@gmail.com) and tell her the size family that you want to adopt. Sue will reply with an email that includes each family member's age, gender, and a shortlist of 'needs' and 'wants' that family members have requested. Please purchase one or two items from both the 'needs' and 'wants' lists.

If you have questions about adopting a family, contact Sue. If you have questions about the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, contact [Erin Ridout at eridout@dcadv.org](mailto:eridout@dcadv.org). **Please bring the gifts to Saint Anne's no later than Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and please do not wrap any of the gifts**, although you may include a roll of wrapping paper. Thank you for supporting our neighbors during this Christmas season.

## The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29

During Advent, faithful Christians meditate on Christ's promise to return as judge at death and the end of the world, and they prepare through prayer and self-reflection to celebrate Christmas, the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. Saint Anne's Advent worship will include Advent Hymns and new service music. For Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer, we will use Rite I. An important part of our Anglican/ Episcopal tradition, Rite I reflects the language and piety of the Elizabethan era and the first Book of Common Prayer (1549).



### *Waiting in Hope* Weekly Advent Reflections (via Zoom)

Facilitated by Celeste Cox

Saint Anne's Priest-in-Residence

Tuesdays in Advent 6:00 PM - December 1, 8, 15, 22

It's been said that the essence of the spiritual life is leaning how to wait. Advent (literally, "before the coming") is an especially appropriate season to explore quiet practices of waiting, watching, hoping, and rejoicing. Such disciplines may well be the spiritual medicine needed in a time of pandemic, as we prepare for Christmas.

Each session will include an Advent Litany; a time of silent prayer; then a brief reflection by Celeste and discussion of the evening's theme.

*No experience necessary. You are invited to any or all sessions. We will conclude by 7:00 PM.*

To register and receive the Zoom link send an email to Celeste Cox at [Clergy@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Clergy@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org)

**Join us for our annual**

**Advent Wreath Making**

**Virtually!**



Saint Anne's Episcopal Church is holding our Advent wreath making virtually this year.

*All are welcome to participate.*

Each family will be given 1 metal wreath frame, a set of advent candles and an information packet for D.I.Y wreath making.

If your family has a wreath ring, we are encouraging you to reuse it and help us save the planet. You will receive a set of candles and the information packet!

Kits will be put together and pick up/drop off will be arranged.

*Please contact Jodi Stark-Thorpe [jodistarkthorpe@verison.net](mailto:jodistarkthorpe@verison.net)*



## Damien Jones, Saint Anne's Minister of Music Plays Your Hymn Requests Wednesday, December 4 beginning at 7:00PM

Send Damien your favorite hymn requests to [Music@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Music@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org) so that he may include them during the *LIVE* event. View the concert on the [Saint Anne's Church Facebook Page](#).

## Christmas Cheer for Residents of Broadmeadow

Saint Anne's Church has worshipped monthly for several years with the residents of Broadmeadow, an assisted living facility in Middletown. Saint Anne's has been invited to bring joy to the residents through donations of gifts. Suggested items include toiletries, slip-resistant footies, picture frames, stationery, simple art & craft kits, fleece blankets, calendars, jigsaw puzzles, greeting cards, puzzle books, hat & glove sets, or designed COVID-19 masks. Please **drop off unwrapped items to the Church Office by Thursday, December 10** during office hours.

## Christmas Plant Donations

Saint Anne's is collecting Memorial and Thanksgiving offerings for the flowers that adorn the altar and sanctuary at Christmas. To make an offering, send the full names of the people you would like remembered along with a check for \$25.00 to the Church Office. We will print in the Christmas bulletins the names of the family and friends that you would like to remember. Please note that mail delivery has been erratic and so do not delay in mailing your offering. Please contact the Church Office if you have questions.



**The Sunday Sermon Forum** is an opportunity to engage with the preacher and other church members about the sermon. This will be a conversation about the sermon, where you can ask questions and offer comments and not a teaching presented by the preacher about the sermon or Scripture texts. To join the Sunday Sermon Forum following the 9:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist, [Click Here to Join](#).

## Parish Prayers

We pray for Sue Baker, Meta Barrow, AJ Bernieri, Roberta Carey, Beverley and Pete Connolly, Donald Davis, Sr., Amber Dean, Andy Dill, Christina and Jon Dorando, Marty Hipp, Velma Johnson, Gretchen Kessler, Amy Klein, Bill MacMillan, Jean McGinnis, Larry & Sue Osborn, Marjee Righeimer, Bob Smith, Christine Tschampel, Alan White, Mark Woodward, Bonnie, Christian D, Janet and Steve, Susan, and Tom. We pray for Robert Pierce who has died.

**In the Episcopal Church in Delaware**, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and for Saint Peter's Church, Smyrna.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for the Lusitanian Church.



*Everyone on Facebook be sure to "like" our Saint Anne's Church page.*  
[Click Here to go to the Saint Anne's Facebook Page](#)

## Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Nadine Burton

Treasurer: Mark Cavanaugh

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

Sexton: Cindy Cruz

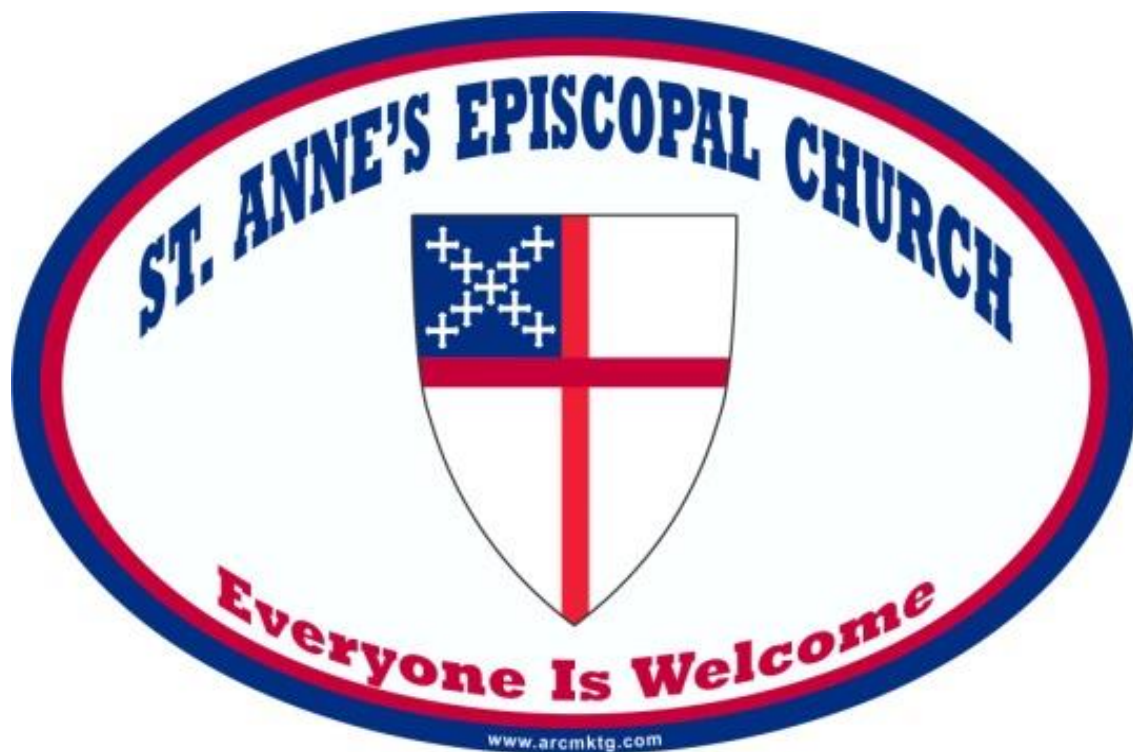
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## Live Broadcast and Zoom Offerings for the Week of November 29

[www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](http://www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/saintannes1705/>

### Sunday, November 29

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website*

Holy Eucharist for First Sunday of Advent—9:30 AM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook*

Saint Anne's Sunday Sermon Forum—10:30 AM

*Broadcast Live through Zoom [Click Here to Join](#)*

### Tuesday, December 1

*Waiting in Hope* Weekly Advent Reflections by Zoom—6:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 2

Hymn Sing with Damien Jones—7:00 PM

*Broadcast through the Church Facebook*

### Thursday, December 3

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Bible Study LIVE—10:00 AM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook*

The Daily Office of Evening Prayer—6:00 PM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook*

Bible Study by Zoom—6:30 PM

### Sunday, December 6

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website*

Holy Eucharist for Second Sunday of Advent—9:30 AM

*Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook*

Saint Anne's Sunday Sermon Forum—10:30 AM

*Broadcast Live through Zoom*