

# The E-pistle

A Weekly eNewsletter for Eastern Shore Chapel

December 1-7, 2017



1. Dear Friends,

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Collect for Sunday  
December 3*

## THIS WEEK AT ESC

### Preaching Schedule: December 3- The Reverend Julia Messer

#### Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I  
9:00 a.m. Advent Wreath Making & Vestry Elections  
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist II  
10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Belize Mission Trip Meeting  
11:30 a.m. Book Group Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Girl Scout #163 Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Schola Practice

#### Monday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Peanut Cooking  
1:00 p.m. AA  
5:30 p.m. Newcomers Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Audubon Society Meeting

#### Tuesday, December 5

10:30 a.m. Quarterly Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m. AA  
6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 6 - There will not be a Wednesday Night Dinner this week.

8:00 a.m. Peanut Cooking  
10:00 a.m. PDS Board Meeting  
1:00 p.m. AA  
5:00 p.m. Chorister Practice  
5:45 p.m. HE/Healing - **The first Wednesday of every month at our 5:45 service will be our healing service with communion.**  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
8:00 p.m. Winter Shelter

#### Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Peace & Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. AA  
8:00 p.m. Winter Shelter

#### Friday, December 8

1:00 p.m. AA  
8:00 p.m. Winter Shelter

#### Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Leaf Raking & Clean Up Day - Join Creation Care and Building & Grounds to clean up the grounds. Please bring rakes. Rain date will be Saturday, December 16.  
8:30 a.m. OA Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Debtors Anonymous Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Winter Shelter

## \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

Winter Shelter is here-starting Wednesday night December 6 thru  
Wednesday morning December 13.

Needed items:  
Bottled water (1, 2, or 6 packs or cases)  
Bags of chips, cookies for the lunches  
Tangerines & bananas  
Small desserts (cookies, brownies, cupcakes)



Please bring items to the Parish Hall kitchen. Thanks to all who are helping in this wonderful ministry!

*EYC Winter Shelter Dinner  
December 10 at 5:00 p.m.*



ESC Youth Group is cooking dinner for the Winter Shelter! The Winter Shelter hosted at Eastern Shore Chapel provides a warm, safe place for those who do not have a place to stay during this cold season. All youth and youth leaders are invited to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

Participants are asked to please RSVP through the Sign-Up Genius linked below and to please provide a part of the ingredients for the salad and baked potato topping being served for dinner.

There will be **pizza** provided for all those who come and help!

RSVP: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f44a5ad28a7f85-winter>



A Lessons and Carols Service, modeled after the service at Kings College, Cambridge, England will be presented at Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church, December 17, at 5:00 p.m. Carols and anthems to be sung include: "Once in royal David's city," "Ding dong! merrily on high," "Jesus Christ the apple tree," "Good Christian friends, rejoice," "Sussex carol," "Low how a Rose e'er blooming," "Gabriel's message," "Away in a manger," "In the bleak mid-winter," "God rest you merry, gentlemen," "Here is the Little Door," "O come, all ye faithful," and "Hark! the herald-angels sing". Soloists include Elise Krepcho, Haley Brown, and Kim Rouke. The choir is directed by Dr. Martin R. Sunderland and accompanied on the organ by Dr. Antoinette Anglin. Following the service, St. Nicholas will process with the choir and pass out gold chocolate coins and fruit during the Hot Chocolate reception hosted by Emily Bruch.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE, NURSERY AVAILABLE

8:00 & 10:30 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

FULL CHOIR & STRINGS

### CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

4:00 P.M. SERVICE

### NEW YEAR'S EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

10:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION OR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

4:00 P.M. RECOVERY SERVICE



## AROUND THE DIOCESE, COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD

### A Prayer for the Military

Pray for there to be a spirit of peace for our staff living in tumultuous areas in the world. Pray for them to be encouraged even in the middle of uncertainty. Pray specifically for those serving in Ukraine, Kenya, Gabon, Central African Republic, Ecuador, and Cameroon.

*"The Lord gives His people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace."  
- Psalm 29:11 (NLT)*

*Lord, we thank You for the men and women that protect this nation.  
As they protect us, we pray that You will protect them. You know where they will be today  
and we pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever  
challenges and trials they face. Amen*



**A Prayer for Government Leaders**  
*God of power and might, wisdom and justice,*  
*through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.*  
*Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude*  
*the President and other government leaders of these United States.*  
*May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy.*  
*Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity.*  
*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



After spending the weekend in Nottoway and meeting lots of new friends it is my practice to write them each a letter as soon as I get home. From that point forward if I get a letter from one of them I write them back just as quickly as I can. It's not easy for them to write letters. If they are lucky enough to have a job in prison the pay is generally \$.30 to \$ 50 per hour. The best paying jobs are

in the wood shop but they are very hard to get. Pay there is nearly a dollar an hour! So, a piece of paper, an envelope and a \$ .39 stamp are meaningful to the residents. To get a Christmas card from them is really something special and I got two of them this year. Cards in the prison commissary cost \$4.00 each! The letters from inside the prison are amazing. #286678 is getting out of prison this May. He's been in a long time. He writes in part; "I hope that you & your family had a great holiday and a safe one. As for mine it was good for two reasons, first because it was my first one after turning my life over to the Lord the other because it's my last one in prison."

"I spoke with my Mom on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December as the phones were down on Christmas Day. She was OK but I could tell she was upset, it's the first Christmas without my Dad and I know she was/is hurting. I will be glad when I get home to be with her and the rest of the family."

"I am reading my Bible daily along with "My Daily Bread". I am really glad that I had the chance to attend the KAIROS weekend and meet the guys that came to be with us ... I think that maybe this was why I got locked up so that I could be here for that weekend and give my life to the Lord. Again, I really thank y'all for coming and giving me that chance."

Our Loving God works in marvelous ways Do you want to give prison ministry a try? Teams are forming now for our spring mission trips to both men's and women's prisons. Pray about it then see any member of your prison ministry team!

## PARISH BOOKSTORE



In the rush to decorate and purchase Christmas gifts, have you neglected spiritual preparations? It is not too late! Come to the Parish Book Store for Advent devotions for adults, children and families as well as Advent calendars and wreaths. Among our titles are The Advent Craft and Activity Book, The Season of the Nativity by Sybil MacBeth and Come, Lord Jesus! (Daily Readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany). While you are here, take a gingerbread ornament from our tree and purchase an age-appropriate book for a girl or boy from the Mission of the Holy Spirit. Give the gift of reading! The last day to give a gift is Thursday, December

14!



Support the Parish Book Store. All profit made by the book store is used to support seminarians and deacons in our diocese.

Hours:

M - F - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Saturdays - 9:00 A.M. - Noon

Sundays between worship services

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Welcome to the weekly e-mail newsletter for Eastern Shore Chapel. It is published every Friday. We hope this publication provides you with helpful information about upcoming events and topics of concern to our parish. If you would like to contribute information, please contact Rita Waldeck, [rwaldeck@easternshorechapel.org](mailto:rwaldeck@easternshorechapel.org). The deadline is noon on Wednesday.