

Today's Birthdays

Emma Brace

Today's Calendar

5:00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Galatians 3:23—4:7 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* (v.28) It is so easy to judge a book by its cover. We glance at the display of new titles at our library or bookseller and make a judgment on whether to pick it up or not. These external characteristics are meaningless in the body of Christ. The detail may be significant to our lives here on earth, but not important to our lives in Christ. God works through the entire body of Christ. The kingdom of God is open to all believers in Christ. It is our faith that unites us in God's love, not who we think we are. Just as help came from the Good Samaritan, we are called to set aside our own judgments regarding service in Christ's love. Isaiah 59:15b-21; Psalms 45, 46; Matthew 1:18-25.

Today's Calendar

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Children's Eucharist with Christmas Pageant
6:00 pm Family Eucharist with Procession of Creche
10:30 pm Christmas Music
11:00 pm Midnight Mass

Calendar for Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist of the Incarnation



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Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and

prayer list

Sunday, December 18, 2011

John 3:16-21 *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."* (v.17 NAB) God is all-powerful. His might and glory exceeds our human comprehension. In spite of God's ability to completely overwhelm humankind, God chose to show us, His children, love and mercy. God sent His Son to save us. In our daily lives we should remember to choose love. God made us in His image. Let us mirror God's choices in our own lives. Genesis 3:8-15; Psalms 24, 29; Revelation 12:1-10.

Today's Birthdays

Tim Allison; Lori Govar; Meghan Synan

Calendar for Sunday, December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship Commission
11:00 am Lessons and Carols
12:15 pm Greening of the Church
4:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Dinners for 8

OVERSEAS

Petty Officer Patrick Dawson; Brandon James; Cpl. Zachary Navarre; Ann Marie Teets, Flight Nurse; Sgt. David G. Walick, Jr.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:

New names this week are listed in bold

Betsy; C.J.; Carla; Calvin; Cija; Faye; Glenn; Gloria; J.C.; Jean; Jim; Jul; Julie; Lara; Lars; Laurie; Lionel; Liza; Lois; Marge; Mary Kay; Paul; Rachel; Ruth; Sarah; Spaf; Starla; Susan; Ida A.; John A.; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Carlene B; Joshua Barrett; Anne Blosser; Bill Bowling; Paige Bowman; Tom Bricken; River Bronson and family; Yout Brooks; Wendy Broughton; Jean Bryant; Sarah Buckley; Luke Burrier; Marge Burris; Maizel Carlock; Judy Chaplin; Nancy Chewning; Charles Clark; Mae Clark; Elizabeth Cook; Gail Cook; Katelyn Cowan; Sam Dawson; Charlie Dickinson; Jay Doggett; Cheryl E.; Susan Elich; Rich Farr; Fran Folden; Racquel G.; Rose Gallup; Jan Gay; Scott Gillmore; Gay Goad; Wendy Gorrell; Wanda Groves; Alan Handford; Muriel Handford; Richard Handford; John Harkins; Chris Hinzman; Ross Horton; Sarah Jakielski; Colleen Kanna; Shirley Kane; Russell Kidd; Louise King; Jim Koch; Patty Marion; Kathy Mirra; John Minnick; Carolyn Myracle; Tom N.; Kristie O.; Bob Orr; Marsha Paller; **Charles Palmer**; Lois Patterson, Diane Philipp; Lori R.; **Larry S.**; **Renni S.**, Rose & Gene Schmid; Jo Skoudis; **Joe Smith**; **Christina Sokolowski**; Virginia Solt; Jack & Dorothy Strafer; Rick Stall; Shirley Sumner; Dave and Florence Symonds; L. Wesley Tallett; Meghan Van Brunt; Rosemary Van Brunt; **Sheila Vickers-Smith**; Gerhard Vienna; Terri Lynn Voss; Dwayne W.; Jacob Ward; Kellee Wattenbarger; Terry Wood; Jim Williams.

Please let Ben, the Parish Administrator, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so he can remove them from the list. You can email him at bbradshaw@trinity-fredericksburg.org or (540) 373-2996 x6.

In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Diocese of Wyoming. In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for St. George's, Arlington; Cople Parish, Hague; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; St. Paul's, Bailey's Crossroads; St. Paul's, Nomini Grove.

Monday, December 19, 2011

Psalm 62 *My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope.* (v.6) When I attended my Cursillo weekend, my table leader had a huge button that said, “Let go, Let God.” It is a bit kitschy but a great restatement of Psalm 62:6. God alone holds my very being in a warm embrace. God alone can remove my worries and concerns. It is when I fully relax into God’s love that my life is most at peace. The daily chaos of life with five children continues to clang around me, but I am able to appreciate God’s blessings in the calmness of my soul. I can rest assured that God is taking care of everything and I just need to hang on and enjoy the ride. Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 61; Titus 1:1-16; Luke 1:1-25.

Today’s Birthdays

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Today’s Calendar

5:00 pm Evening Prayer
6:00-7:15 pm Yoga (Loft)

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Luke 1:26-38 *For nothing will be impossible for God.* (v.37) I love this scripture for its simplicity. I remember being a small child and feeling secure when my mother would say, “Because I said so.” In my own journey of parenthood, I can still feel the relief I felt when I finally allowed myself to say, “Because I am the grown-up.” Just saying that simple phrase with conviction makes it so. Such is the truth of God’s promise. I do not argue because God has said so. All I need to do is accept it. I do not need to know how or why or when. I just need to accept God has a plan and it will happen. 1 Samuel 2:1b-10; Psalms 66, 67; Titus 2:1-10.

Today’s Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)
10:00 am Region 1 Clericus at Trinity
10:30 am Book Group (L)
2:00 pm-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)
5:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Year Round Stewardship Task Force

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Luke 1:39-56 *“For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”* (v.44) When I hear something that resonates with my worldview, I feel it in my core. Imagine how Elizabeth felt when she realized her baby responded to her cousin’s voice. In a real physical sense, Elizabeth knew God’s promises were true. When I am obeying God, I feel an inner physical calm. I am able to see clearly. Even when I face physical challenges like a broken foot, which aches, I can find an oasis in my relationship with God. Our bodies can provide us with information about our spiritual lives. When we open our hearts to God, our physical selves are put in alignment with His promises. 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Psalm 72; Titus 2:11—3:8a.

Today’s Birthdays

Michele Brantley

Today’s Anniversaries

Ted and Jackie Hontz

Today’s Calendar

9:30 am Staff Meeting
10:45 am WRAP
Noon-Eucharist w/Laying on of Hands
5:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Servant Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Luke 1:57-66 *Immediately his mouth was opened, his*

tongue freed, and he spoke, blessing God. (v.64) God does not hold grudges against those who repent and seek to do His will. Zacharias lost his ability to speak until he fully trusted and obeyed God in his heart. Zacharias questioned God when the angel appeared in the temple to tell him that Elizabeth would have a son. Here was a godly man who had trouble trusting in God. However, when Zacharias followed God’s will and named his son John, God immediately returned Zacharias’ voice. Sometimes I fear that “I am sorry” will not be enough, but God teaches us that it is. 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Psalm 80; Galatians 3:1-14.

Today’s Calendar

5:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Adult Education Program Steering Committee

Friday, December 23, 2011

Luke 1:67-80 *The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.* (v.80) It is always interesting to me when people are surprised that I sometimes struggle with my faith. John spent his early life growing in God’s word. He lived apart from the urban centers of his day. In essence he was a country boy until he was sufficiently formed in God’s teaching. God wanted John to grow and study until God was ready to use him in preparing Israel for Jesus Christ. John needed that spiritual strength to serve God. I find I need time in the desert in my life. I need time to study, to listen to God, and to build my spiritual strength. When I wander far from the core of my relationship with God, I am not prepared to serve. As a human I need to consciously build my faith and spiritual strength. Isaiah 29:13-24; Psalms 93, 96; Galatians 3:15-22.