

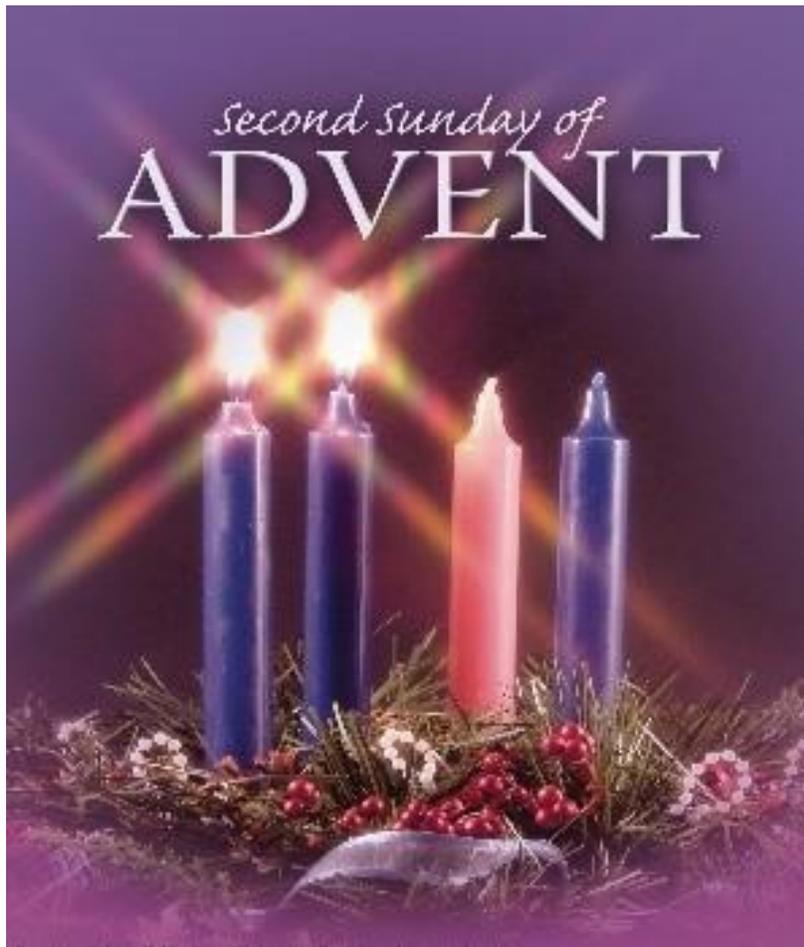


# SAINT ANNE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Weekly Messenger  
*news and announcements for  
the week of December 4, 2022*



*"Welcome one another, therefore,  
just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7*

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

## Family Christmas Gifts Project - *Deadline: December 13*

Dear People of Saint Anne's,

This Christmas, Saint Anne's is once again collaborating with parishioner Erin Rideout and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support mothers and children affected by domestic violence. Our church has adopted 65 families, which altogether includes 65 mothers, 135 children, and one dog, and agreed to provide Christmas gifts—both practical and playful—for each of these 65 families.

If you would like to adopt one of these families, please contact me—Julie Quackenbush—by text, phone call, or email and let me know what size family you would like to adopt. Family sizes range from a mother with one child (2 people) to a mother with seven children (8 people). I will do my best to accommodate your requests, but please understand that I may not be able to offer you the size family you request.

Once you have adopted a family, I will send you their Christmas wish list. Please do not purchase violent toys (e.g., toy guns, knives, video games, etc.) or clothes with violent images. Also, please do not purchase expensive electronics (e.g., game systems, phones, music devices, etc.). If you have questions about the appropriateness of a gift, please contact me.

Please combine your gifts into a box or large bags, ensure that your family number is securely attached to the box or bags, and drop them off in the Great Hall **no later than Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not wrap the gifts. You may provide the wrapping paper, ribbon, and tape with your gifts.

If you cannot adopt a family but would like to support this ministry, please make a financial contribution to Saint Anne's and write "Christmas Gifts" in the memo line or on the envelope.

Please get in touch with me if you have questions. Thank you for helping each of these families receive a Christmas blessing.

Faithfully,

Julie Quackenbush

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*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11-12*





## Christmas Cheer for Residents of Broadmeadow – *Deadline: December 13*

Saint Anne's is invited to bring joy to the residents of Broadmeadow, an assisted living facility in Middletown, by donating gifts. Suggested items include toiletries, slip-resistant footies, liquid body wash, picture frames, stationery, simple art & craft kits, fleece blankets, calendars, jigsaw puzzles, greeting cards, puzzle books, hat & glove sets. Please drop off unwrapped items to the Church Office by **Tuesday, December 13** during office hours.

*Be still and know that I am God.*

--Psalm 46:10

### Advent Centering Prayer and Shared Reflection via Zoom

Facilitated by The Rev. Celeste O. Cox  
Tuesdays in Advent 6:00 PM  
November 29; December 6, 13, 20



Art by Francis Dutil, CSJ

**Advent** is an especially appropriate season to explore practices of waiting, watching, hoping, and rejoicing. Each session includes an Advent Devotion with intercessions; twenty minutes of silent centering prayer; then shared discussion on brief written meditations or verse sent to participants the day before by email invitation.

*No experience necessary.*

*You are invited to any or all one-hour sessions.*

To receive the weekly Advent invitation with Zoom link, or if you have questions, send an email to Celeste Cox at [Clergy@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Clergy@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org)

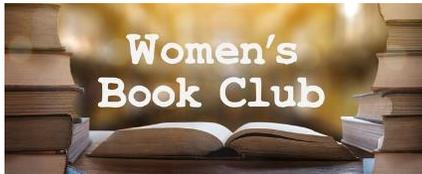
## 2023 Pledge Campaign

As we approach the New year, we ask church members to make a financial pledge to support Saint Anne's in 2023. Your financial pledge is a promise and sign of your commitment to and membership in the church, and it reflects the total monetary amount you will give to support Saint Anne's in 2023. In discerning your pledge amount, please consider how important Saint Anne's is to you, our church family, and the neighbors and communities we serve and support. And if you pledged for 2022, we hope you will pledge again and increase your pledge for 2023 as you are able. To submit your pledge, please choose one of these two options:

- 1) Complete a 2023 Pledge Card and drop it off or mail it to the church in a self-addressed stamped envelope (available at the church).
- 2) Email your 2023 pledge to [Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org) and designate if your pledge amount is weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

*Please return your financial pledge as soon as possible so the Vestry can prepare the 2023 church budget.* If you have questions about pledging or the church, don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your commitment to and support of Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, our Christian home.

## Women's Book Club – Tuesdays, 7:15 PM on Zoom



The Saint Anne's Women's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 7:15 pm on Zoom. This week is a chat week. Next week we will be discussing the second half of *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hanna, the story of a woman and her family

living in the time of the Dust Bowl in the 1930's. If you would like to join us, please contact Barbara Masterson: 302-378-4449 or [bjmasterson1@verizon.net](mailto:bjmasterson1@verizon.net).

## Food Bag Ministry



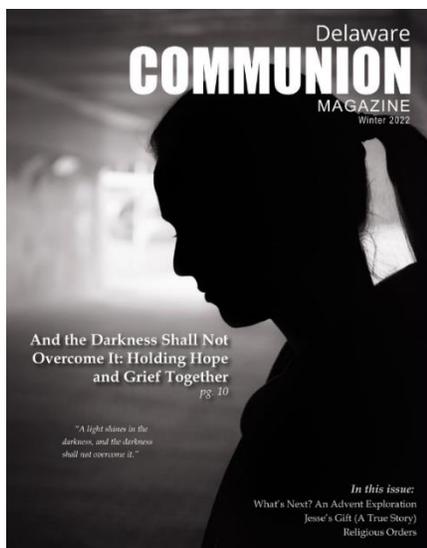
Saint Anne's collaborates with Our Daily Bread (ODB) to support their weekly food distribution ministry. ODB now accepts perishable foods: ½ gal milk, 1 lb. packages of ground beef, chicken (whole or parts), white bread, apples, oranges, and vegetables. In addition: gallon zip-loc bags, large black trash bags, bottles of water, individual packets of sweet snacks, and wipes. Please drop off items on Sunday mornings, or during Church Office hours. ODB serves lunch weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM and dinner on Mondays through Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support.

## Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, David Beck, Jim Bernieri, Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Marna Diassi, Andy Dill, Mark Ferguson, Adley Francisco, Rollyn Freeman, Barbara Hickey, Marty Hipp, Joan Hyer, Velma Johnson, Katherine Lind, Rachel Machulski, Ott Menzen, Sue Osborn, Delores Seip, Ron Truitt, Janet Vines, Esther Ward, Phylcia Wittcock, Alex, Andrea, Loris, Phyllis, and Sarah. We pray for Henry George Russell and Cynthia who have died.

[In the Episcopal Church in Delaware](#), we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

[In the Anglican Communion](#), we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.



## [Click Here to view the latest Delaware Communion Magazine](#)

The Delaware Communion Magazine, a periodical magazine is an official publication of the Episcopal Church in Delaware. The digital magazine can be viewed online or downloaded for printing.

## Christmas Plant Donations

If you would like to make a Memorial or a Thank offering toward Christmas plants, please fill out this form and place it in the offering box on Sunday or bring/mail it to the Church Office by Monday, December 13.



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Donor's Name:

Phone:

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Please make a \$25 check payable  
to Saint Anne's Church and note  
"Christmas Plants" on the memo line.

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### Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Gary Stover

Treasurer: Mark Cavanaugh

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

Sexton: Cindy Cruz

Junior Warden: Diane Dudderar

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## Church Calendar for the week of December 4, 2022

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### Sunday, Dec 4 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

*This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website & Facebook Page*

Fellowship—*immediately following the 9:30 service*—Great Hall

Children's Sunday School—10:45 AM to 11:15 AM—*downstairs classrooms*

Choir Rehearsal—10:45 AM—Sanctuary

Youth Group High School—6:00 PM

### Tuesday, Dec 6

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Saint Anne's Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

### Wednesday, Dec 7

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM—Sanctuary

### Thursday, Dec 8

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—5:30 PM—Chapel

### Sunday, Dec 11 – The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

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Fellowship—*immediately following the 9:30 service*—Great Hall

Children's Sunday School—10:45 AM to 11:15 AM—*downstairs classrooms*

Choir Rehearsal—10:45 AM—Sanctuary

Youth Group High School—6:00 PM