

The Sunday Times

December 8, 2019

Advent Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM through January 5, 2020

Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day
10:00 AM Worship with Lessons and Carols and Holy Communion

Giving Tree

Once again, this Christmas season, CTK has the privilege of bringing joy to others. Around the altar, there are tags for various requested gifts. Take a tag or two, then return your tagged gift (wrapped or unwrapped) to a spot under the Christmas tree. Please bring your gifts by Sunday, December 15. We will be wrapping gifts that day.

Special Music - 12/29

We are delighted to have Ruth Berry, cellist and Artistic Director of *In Praise of Music*, playing during our 10:00 AM service on Sunday, December 29th.

Ruth is a member of the Glimmerglass Festival Orchestra and the Binghamton Philharmonic. She has degrees from Boston University and Cornell University and travels regularly to perform for arts organizations throughout the Southeastern United States.

Christmas Poinsettias

Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias. Not only do the poinsettias create a more festive and celebratory worship space for our Christmas worship but it is an opportunity to share the season with the whole communion of saints. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please use the form in today's bulletin or call the office. Poinsettias are \$10 each. *Deadline for orders is next Sunday*, 12/15.

The flowers on the altar are given by Anne Guba in memory of her daughter, Kathi.

Lunch with Santa (Soup Kitchen)

Lunch with Santa will take place at the Soup Kitchen at Endicott's First United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 21. We will be serving our neighbors glazed ham, roasted potatoes, French green beans, and cake. If you would like to contribute to the meal, please sign up in the Entry Way or contact Todd Eames (hteames@gmail.com or text at 761-3744).

If you would like to help with preparation, serving, and /or cleanup, the Soup Kitchen is held at First United Methodist Church (corner of McKinley and Monroe) in Endicott. Preparation starts at 10:30 AM and the meal is served at noon.

Mercy House Mission

This week, CTK delivered 37 cases of Coca-Cola and ginger ale to Mercy House, along with \$150 worth of candy and trash bags. This donation was made possible by funds from Thrivent.

<u>Mailboxes</u>

Are you checking your church mailbox? As a reminder, mailboxes are located near the coat racks. At this time of year especially there might be something waiting for you!

BBQ News

The "Polar Babes chillin' & grillin' "team (Kelli & Megan) will be taking the month of December off for the holidays. We will resume with a CTK Luncheon on Sunday, January 5, 2020 right after the 10:00 AM service. Please join the congregation, families, and friends for a warm meal and fellowship in the Café. Details coming soon!

<u>Christ in Our Home Devotionals</u> for January – December are available at the Welcome Center.

Printed copies of the **Winter 2019 Herald** can be found at the Welcome Center. It is also online at www.ctkvestal.org under the *Stay Current* tab.

Christ the King Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 12/8 Second Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 10:00 AM

Monday, 12/9 - CMY Isaiah Study at 6:00 PM

- Vinsaya Yoga at 6:15 PM

Tuesday, 12/10 - CMY Bible Study at 6:00 PM

- Financial Peace University at 6:45 PM

Wednesday, 12/11 - CTK Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Thursday, 12/12 - Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30 AM

- Leadership Team at 6:00 PM

Friday, 12/13 - Friday AM Group at 10:00 AM

- Congregation Mashiach Yisrael at 6:00 PM

Saturday, 12/14 - Men's Group at 8:00 AM

Sunday, 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent

- Worship at 10:00 AM

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