



*We are called to be a Christian Community of Faith,  
Empowered to share God's love freely through Worship and Service to Others*

At our Annual Meeting in January 2010, following the 10:00 AM Eucharist a slate of officers and vestry persons will be presented for election. My name will not be among those presented.

I tell you this now for two reasons: First, to thank you all for your support and encouragement. It has been a wonderful, challenging, and humbling four years. I have been privileged to serve a parish of loving, caring, committed servants of God. When first elected, I was asked why I accepted the nomination. My response was simply, "The Church of the Holy Advent is going forward, and I want to be a part of it." We have indeed gone forward. Look around and see what you have accomplished. A revived music program, an ever growing church school, an outreach program for Refugee Resettlement which has made positive use of our vacant Rectory and which provides much needed support for the Al Maawi family, a refreshed, restored church building, a Parish Hall and kitchen which can present a real Spaghetti Supper, new faces at worship, and so much more.

My second reason is to encourage each of us to prayerfully consider our roles in the continuing life of the Church of the Holy Advent. I believe that we all are empowered to share God's love, more today than ever before, as we worship and serve, spreading His message by example. I believe that we each have ways to further the vision, and by working together we can continue to move forward. Please consider what your part may be. There will be opportunities to serve as Wardens and as Vestrypersons. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Step up... don't be shy or bashful. Fr. Bruce, Trudy Valenti (Nominations Chair.), or I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

With my thanks, prayers, and blessings,  
Art Wiley, Warden

## FROM THE VICAR A BIG EVENT!



November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent, our parish "Name Day" and also something of an anniversary. Back in the 1870s services took place before the church building went up, and we believe that this is the 133<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the first Communion Service of the Missionary Society of the Holy Advent in Clinton. As the First Sunday of Advent, we start the new church year with confidence in celebration of the many gifts that continue to make our parish new.

There will be one service only at 10.00 A.M. on the 29<sup>th</sup>, with our retired Bishop Clarence Coleridge presiding. Chad will see to it that the music is rich and varied, with both youth and adults singing in the choir and a guest harpist providing heavenly accompaniment! Our own Kevin Clark has written a piece for the occasion, and although he lives now in Florida, it will be included in the musical offerings of the day. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

A number of gifts and accomplishments will be acknowledged during the service, beginning of course with the exterior restoration of the church building. Marye Wagner receives our heartfelt gratitude for the time and effort that she has put into this project, along with Art Wiley and the facilities committee. Inside the church building the pew cushions are in place, both looking and feeling wonderful. We thank Glee Wahlquist and Lorraine Anderson for shepherding this project with the help of the pastoral care committee.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THANKSGIVING DAY



*November 26*

10.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
with Thanksgiving Hymns

"O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his  
Name; tell the people what things he hath done."  
Psalm 105.1

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*November 29, Advent 1:*

*Celebration of our 133<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*

One Service only at 10.00 A.M.

**Retired Bishop Clarence Coleridge presiding.**

*December 6, Advent 2:*

8.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist.

10.00 A.M. Sung Eucharist

2-6.00 P.M. *Christmas In Clinton*

Holy Advent. Open House Refreshments served.

*December 13, Advent 3:*

8.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist.

10.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist,

*Guest Preacher: Dr. James Leipold.*

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A new Advent/Lent frontal for the altar has been given by me in memory of my folks, Lois and Harold Shipman. It was made by Judith Larzelere, a friend who lives in Westerly, R.I., and is a distinguished artist working in textiles and fabrics.

The “Annunciation Panels” hanging beside the stained glass windows behind the altar are given us “on approval” by Peruvian-American artist Guido Garaycochea. He has a studio/gallery in New London and paints the Annunciation – the announcement of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she shall conceive and bear the Christ Child – as the event which made possible Jesus’ Holy Advent. Between the panels, our stained glass windows represent the symbols of Jesus’ continuing life in his church: his Holy Name, the dove of the Holy Spirit, the crown of lordship, the cross, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, the Holy Trinity. Judith and Guido both will be at Holy Advent during the “Christmas in Clinton” open house on December 6. At that time they look forward to meeting as many people as possible and to answering your questions about their work.

We thank everyone who is helping in special ways to make our Anniversary Celebration outstanding.

Blessings,  
Bruce+

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**December 20, Advent 4:**

8.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist.  
10.00 A.M. **Church School Christmas Pageant.**

**December 24, Christmas Eve:**

5.00 P.M. Family Eucharist.  
10.00 P.M. Choral Eucharist with choir and String Trio

**December 25, Christmas Day:**

10.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Carols

**December 27, Christmas 1:**

8.00 A.M. Holy Eucharist.  
10.00 A.M. Sung Eucharist with Carols

**OUTREACH - National**

**Disaster Relief**

The Vestry encourages your support of ERD, Episcopal Relief & Development, which provides emergency assistance in times of disaster; rebuilds devastated communities and offers long-term program development solutions to fight poverty. Donations can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. To donate by phone, please call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Visit their website [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) Pick up a copy of their Gift Catalog in the back of the church.

**Local**

**Items For Soldiers**

Shoreline Community Women collect items for our US Soldiers, including those connected to our parish whom we remember in our prayers each Sunday. A detailed list of suggested items is posted in the Parish Hall. Questions: See Mary Luchuk, Donna Gagné or call Brenda Farrell at 860-663-0750.

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**OUTREACH - Local**

**Holy Advent Cares Fund**

**The Gene Stickney Pasta Party** held October 23<sup>rd</sup> raised funds for the Holy Advent Cares Fund, which provides funds for heat assistance to parish members or local people in need.



Happy diners enjoyed a repast of salad, meatballs and penne in sauce provided by the La Vita Gustosa, a restaurant in East Haddam owned by our own Jacqueline Cacace.

Our servers, Ron Anderson, Gordon Ramage and Gene Stickney dance to 50’s tunes played on sound equipment provided by our own DJ, Michael John of Long Island Sounds Entertainment.



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### Shoreline Food Pantry

Keep the Food Pantry in mind as you shop for your family. You are welcome to leave your donations at the back of the church or at the Food Pantry door on the lower level of the Parish Hall.

Distribution at Holy Advent is Wednesday Evenings, from 6 to 7 P.M.

To volunteer, please call Lin Smith at 860 388-1988.



Gift cards to a local grocery store would be much appreciated!

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The kitchen crew: Grand Chef Art Ritchie and Master Dish Washer Charles Stannard kept the servers supplied and a grand time was had by all.

### Pastoral Care

#### Prayer Shawls

Our supply of Prayer Shawls has sadly dwindled as people close to us have suffered illnesses and been in need of 'extra' prayer. The mission is a simple one — you knit or crochet a shawl, all the while offering prayer for the person who will one day be in need. When the Pastoral Care group receives word that someone is ill or is scheduled for surgery they present that person with a warm, cozy Prayer Shawl that carries with it the love, the care, and the prayers of the parish. Patterns for prayer shawls are available in the tract rack at the back of the church and in the parish hall, or contact Glee Wahlquist (860 664-4478).



#### Meal Ministry

Not having to think about dinner is a **BIG** help when a family is going through a 'rough patch'. We would like to prepare a list of people who are willing to be called upon to provide a meal to families with such a need. Call Barbara Zettergren(860 664-3525)

### OUTREACH - INTERNATIONAL

#### Refugee Resettlement Project

We are in need of a more rides for the Al Maawi family to the ESL classes at the Hand High School in Madison on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class begins at 6pm so the family can be picked up by 5:45pm and the class ends at 8:30 pm . The last class is December 8th so we are almost finished for now, but rides are also needed for a variety of other appointments.

Please take a look at the web site to help with transportation. Go to [allwelcome.org](http://allwelcome.org) and select the link to 'Helping Hands' Thank you very much for your help.

### An update on the Bishop's Office from The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

Even though the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas as the fifteenth Bishop of Connecticut is some five months away, preparations for the transition have already begun.

Bishop-elect Ian Douglas continues as a full time professor at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and as assistant at St. James's, Cambridge. He will complete his teaching responsibilities for the current academic term and also fulfill commitments he's made for the seminary's January 2010 month-long "extended-learning" term. Douglas will conclude his work at EDS at the end of January and join us in the Diocese of Connecticut, in the diocesan office in Hartford, on Feb. 1, 2010.

Bishop Andrew D. Smith retires Jan. 31, 2010 and Bishop Suffragan James E. Curry will become the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Connecticut from then until Douglas' consecration on Saturday, April 17 (pending consents from bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees). Because there will be no overlap of diocesan bishops, Smith and Douglas have been in conversation by email and phone, and met in Pomfret for an afternoon and evening in early November. Bishop-elect Douglas will visit for the first time with the staff at Diocesan House on Wednesday, December 2.

Karin Hamilton [editor@ctdiocese.org](mailto:editor@ctdiocese.org)

For more news from the Diocese go to <http://www.episcopalct.org/>

**STEWARDSHIP****Finance****2010 Pledge Response Update**

A hearty thank you to all who have responded thus far. Our pledges make up the majority of the income Holy Advent can expect to support our budget in any given year. We do not have a large endowment fund, nor do we have any other major sources of income to put toward our programs and operating expenses. The improvements made to the Church exterior and the kitchen were made possible by the Historic Restoration Fund matching grant and much of the remaining balance of our 10 year old Capital Improvements Fund, while the new pew cushions are the generous gifts of many parishioners. Our response to the annual pledge request is therefore very important to the on-going budget process.

Our 2009 budget of \$124,752 is supported by 58 pledges totaling \$107,852 (\$35.77/wk). Response to date for 2010 is 46 pledges (including 5 new pledges) totaling \$86,388 (\$36.12/wk).

Pledge cards are available at the church entrance and can be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the office.

*Thank you for your support.*

*Art Wiley, for Stewardship*

*From Fr. Bruce.....*

I do ask that as you think about the New Year at Holy Advent that you return your pledge cards to the treasurer if you have not done so already. We are hoping to top last year's pledge figure. I know that we can do it, even in today's difficult financial climate. After all, we are becoming accustomed to miracles

*Blessings, Bruce+*

**FACILITIES****Buildings and Grounds**

As we begin the new church year and note the completion of two major projects it is appropriate to acknowledge the significant contributions of time and energy given by members of the parish.

Special thanks are in order for Ron and Lorraine Anderson, Frank DiAcri, Bob Smith, and Bill Russell for their work on various phases of the kitchen renovation project, nearly three years long.

Special thanks are also in order for Marye Wagner for securing the Historic Restoration Fund grant and then working with the architects and contractor to see that the exterior restoration of our church was completed according to plan.

Thanks also to the many who saw to the day-to-day needs of our property by washing, mowing, weeding, replacing broken panes of glass, picking up scraps, sweeping, putting away, replacing outlets, fixing doorbells, painting, polishing, and oh so much more!!

*Blessings to all,*

*Art Wiley, for Facilities*

**A THANK YOU**

*On behalf of my mother, Judith Whittemore and our entire family, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the funeral service on September 26<sup>th</sup> for my father, Harry, a beautiful and moving tribute to the wonderful man he was.*

*The service, the music, the flowers, the way the church shone (even under construction), the beautiful reception in the parish hall and the touching flag ceremony – every single detail had been covered and covered seamlessly.*

*We, as a family, were so touched by everyone who worked so hard to make his service come together.*

*For that we thank you all.*


*For the Gagné family, personally, we are so proud of our parish family and our church for we know that all these things were not done for us because of who we are but more over, because of who YOU are.*

*Bless you all, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

*Donna Gagné*

## Holy Advent Volunteers in Various Ministries

(new volunteers are in **bold type**)

<p><b>Altar Guild</b></p> <p>Diana Achee                  Deb Ambrogio  <b>Adelaide Milner</b>                  Dee Mozzochi                  Winnie Nelson                  Mary Rees                  Marye Wagner</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Lorraine Anderson                  Ron Anderson  <b>Chris Comiskey</b>  <b>Albert Daniels</b>                  George Eccleston                  Betty Eccleston                  Chris Egan                  John Gagne  <b>Eileen Kelly</b>  <b>LaMar Kelly</b>                  Bill Russell                  Joyce Russell                  David Wahlquist</p>	<p><b>Accolytes</b></p> <p>Charlie Bencivengo                  Dontrell Douglas                  Jenna Egan                  Matthew Egan                  Eli Luchuk                  Joseph Luchuk                  Sarah Wagner</p>	<p><b>Chalice Ministers</b></p> <p>Deb Ambrogio                  Paul Edman                  Eileen Kelly                  Ray Sparks                  Martha Tolan-Wilbur</p>	<p><b>Lectors/Intercessors</b></p> <p>Deb Ambrogio                  Charles Bates (summer)                  Shelly DiAcri                  George Eccleston                  Don Hubert (seasonal)                  Rufus Marsh                  Dee Mozzochi                  Lisa Scheffler                  Richard Scheffler                  Michael John Valenti                  Art Wiley</p>
<p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>Art Wiley                  Ron Anderson                  Frank DiAcri                  Tom Brennan                  Charles Stannard                  Bill Russell                  Don Hubert                  Brian Achee                  Bob Smith</p>	<p><b>Outreach aka Resettlement Committee</b></p> <p>Carol &amp; Dan Mahier                  Diana &amp; Brian Achee                  Don Hubert                  Aidan &amp; Maria Moran                  Martha Tolan-Wilbur                  Barbara Zettergren                  Ellie Bracci                  Shelly DiAcri</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Dinner Groups</b></p> <p>Lorraine &amp; Ron Anderson                  Trudy &amp; Michael Valenti                  Glee &amp; Dave Wahlquist                  Shelly &amp; Frank DiAcri</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Hospitality</b></p> <p>Laura Bencivengo                  Shelly &amp; Frank DiAcri                  Lorraine Anderson                  Maureen Bergeron                  Amy &amp; Chris Egan                  Maria Moran                  Dee Mozzochi                  Diana Achee                  Gina Sullivan                  Barbara Zettergren</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Caller</b></p> <p>Winnie Nelson</p> <hr/> <p><b>Available for 1-hour tasks</b></p> <p>Carol Sawicki                  Michael John Valenti</p>
<p><b>Pastoral Care</b></p> <p>Lorraine Anderson  <b>Chris Comiskey</b>                  Nancy Hubert  <b>Mary Rees</b>                  Irma Sepowski                  Trudy Valenti                  Glee Wahlquist                  Barbara Zettergren</p>	<p><b>CEW Teachers</b></p> <p>Mary Luchuk                  Maria Moran                  Bob Smith                  Jacqui Cacace                  Sarah Smith                  Gina Sullivan                  Maureen Bergeron</p>	<p><b>Music Committee</b></p> <p>Lorraine Anderson                  Glee Wahlquist</p> <p><b>Adult Choir</b></p> <p>Anna Bencivengo                  Don Hubert                  Lorraine Anderson                  Barbara Zettergren                  Shelly DiAcri</p>	<p><b>Children's Choir</b></p> <p>Charlie Bencivengo                  Sadie Douglas                  Kenyin Douglas                  Dontrell Douglas                  Eli Luchuk                  Joseph Luchuk</p>	



Chad Hardin

The Children's Choir

The Adult Choir



**Holy Advent Liturgical Roster – November 29, 2009, December 2009, January 2010**

If you are unable to serve on the date specified date, **please provide a substitute** (using the Call List) and notify the church office (860-669-2232) of the change by the Monday preceding the service. Please call Shelly DiAcri, 860-669-8391, before January 12, if you are unavailable in February, March, April 2010.

Readings are listed on the Episcopal Church Calendar.

Sundays Date	Chalice Bearer 8:00 AM	Chalice Bearer 10:00 AM	Crucifer/ Acolyte Torchbearer	Lector	Intercessor	Usher & Oblation Br'r.	Hospitality	Altar Guild	Vestry Rep
Nov. 29 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Special	10AM service only	Ray Sparks	Sarah Wagner Matthew Egan	Art Wiley	Fr. Bruce Shipman	Betty & George Eccleston Joyce & Bill Russell	Fellowship – Trudy Valenti Irma Sepowski	Diana Achee	Deb Ambrogio Martha Tolan Wilbur
Dec. 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	Paul Edman	Deb Ambrogio	Charlie Bencivengo Joseph Luchuk	Richard Scheffler	Don Hubert	Church School	Maureen Bergeron	Mary Rees W. Nelson	Trudy Valenti Don Hubert
Dec. 13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	Paul Edman	Ray Sparks	Jenna Egan Matthew Egan	George Eccleston	Rufus Marsh	David Wahlquist Chris Comiskey	Shelly & Frank DiAcri	Mary Rees W. Nelson	Shelly DiAcri Lorraine Anderson
Dec. 20 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent Pageant	Ray Sparks	Deb Ambrogio	Sarah Wagner	Don Hubert	Eileen Kelly	Lorraine & Ron Anderson	Amy & Chris Egan	Deb Ambrogio Marye Wagner	Don Hubert Art Wiley
Dec. 24 Christmas 5.00 PM.	Martha Tolan- Wilbur	--	Matthew Egan, Melissa Sullivan	Rufus Marsh	Lisa Scheffler	Bob Smith Chris Egan	--	All	TBD
Dec. 24 Christmas 10.00 PM.	Ray Sparks 10PM	--	Sarah Wagner Joseph & Eli Luchuk	Art Wiley	Deb Ambrogio	John Gagne Bert Daniels	--	All	TBD
Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10AM	Paul Edman	--	Matthew Egan	Michael John Valenti	Michael John Valenti	Betty & George Eccleston	--	All	TBD
Dec. 27	Paul Edman	Deb Ambrogio	Sarah Wagner, M. Sullivan, Trell Douglas	Lisa Scheffler	Richard Scheffler	David Wahlquist Chris Comiskey	Maria Moran	Diana Achee	Lorraine Anderson Deb Ambrogio
Jan. 3	Paul Edman	M. Tolan Wilbur	C. Bencivengo Joseph Luchuk	Eileen Kelly	Art Wiley	Church School	Diana Achee	Mary Rees W. Nelson	Trudy Valenti Art Wiley
Jan. 10	Paul Edman	Ray Sparks	Sarah Wagner	Art Wiley	Don Hubert	Chris Egan Bert Daniels	Gina Sullivan	Mary Rees W. Nelson	M/Tolan Wilbur Don Hubert
Jan. 17	Ray Sparks	Deb Ambrogio	Joseph Luchuk	Eileen Kelly	George Eccleston	Lorraine & Ron Anderson	Barbara Zettergren	Deb Ambrogio Marye Wagner	Shelly DiAcri Deb Ambrogio
Jan. 24	Paul Edman	M. Tolan- Wilbur	Matthew Egan Jenna Egan	Deb Ambrogio	Michael John Valenti	Betty & George Eccleston	Lorraine Anderson	Deb Ambrogio Marye Wagner	Trudy Valenti M. Tolan Wilbur
Jan. 31	Paul Edman	Ray Sparks	Matthew Egan	George Eccleston	Shelly DiAcri	Joyce & Bill Russell	Maureen Bergeron	Diana Achee	L. Anderson Art Wiley

\* = Name Tag and All Inclusive Sunday

Notes: 1. Nursery Care is upon request.

2. Intercessors, please check the prayer list at the church entrance to see if additional names are to be included in Prayers of the People.



**SABA LACE**

*Located in the Netherlands Antillies, Saba is an island of five square miles and 1200 permanent residents. Here, the women have for centuries practiced the art of drawn thread work. Also known as Spanish work no other creative activity has shaped the lives of so many Saba women for over a century.*

*Drawn thread work resembles lace in some of its patterns but is different in that it is made by starting with one solid piece of linen.*

*A border pattern, for example, is measured off along the edge of the cloth for placement of the pattern. The ends of the border design are then cut and the horizontal threads pulled out, leaving parallel threads*

*perpendicular to the ones pulled out. These remaining parallel threads are counted, divided into 3-4 threads each and tied off. Various designs are then worked into this border with a needle and pieces of free thread to complete the pattern. The pictured piece of Saba Lace that covers our altar represents many hours of tedious work worth far more than the artist received for her time. You can learn more about this fading art from "The Fruit of Her Hands", Saba Lace History and Patterns by Eric Eliason.*



**Newly Baptized**

Amelia Brooks Mullane  
 Daughter of  
 John Mullane  
 and  
 Elizabeth Brooks



**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

December	January	February
01 Gib Stannard	02 Winnie Nelson	07 Matthew Luchuk
09 Jacob Luchuk	03 Elijah Luchuk	10 Rufus Marsh
09 Melissa Sullivan	04 Virginia Daniels	10 Arline Reid
11 Jacob Gibson	05 Nancy Hubert	13 John McClymont
11 Eileen Kelly	06 Jeanne Schroepfel	16 Amy Egan
19 Tucker Moore	15 Eleanor Bracci	16 Kyle Smith
19 Kathleen Archer	18 LaMar Kelly	22 Marian Sparks
26 Tom Brennan	18 Glee Wahlquist	23 Martha Tolan-Wilbur
28 Paul Edman	22 Irma Sepowski	28 Peter Sullivan
23 Elsie and John Newsom	24 Richard Scheffler	14 Art and Sharon Ritchie
28 Lisa and Richard Scheffler	25 Francesca Moran	15 Donna and John Gagne'
	30 Christopher Egan	16 Eleanor and George Bracci
	30 Samuel Moran	18 Bob and Susan Smith



Let honor you by recognizing your birthday and anniversary; Please provide us with us your names & dates!

**NOMINATING / BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

The committee is seeking candidates for the following positions to start terms in January

**Warden:** (2) one year terms

**Treasurer:** a one year term

**Clerk:** a one year term

**Vestry:** a three year term

**Vestry:** a three year term

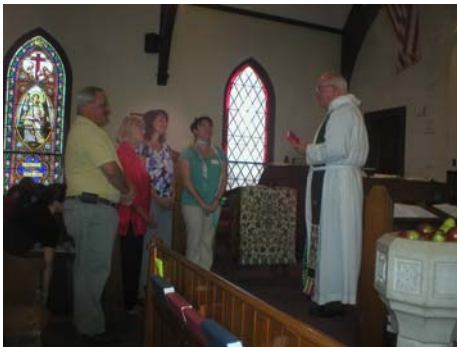
**Vestry:** a one year term

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**Diocesan Representative / Deanery Delegate:** a three year term

**Nominating / Bylaws Committee:** (2) one year terms

Any parishioner who wishes to offer their services as a vestry member as their ministry should speak with the nominating committee: Mary Luchuk, Aidan Moran and Trudy Valenti. Thank you

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION****Teachers Commissioned For The New School Year**

Sunday September 13, our youngsters ushered and helped lead the Service, when four new teachers were commissioned and blessed in the Principal Eucharist.

We are also very happy to report that we raised **\$1446.96** to help send children to school in the Dominican Republic.

All are welcome to attend our cool school! Church school classes meet every Sunday at 9:45 in the parish hall. Any questions can be directed to Maria Moran at 860-669-7664 or Mary Luchuk at 860-664-0828



**New teachers: Jacqueline Cacace, Bob Smith, Sarah Smith and Gina Sullivan**

**CHRISTMAS in CLINTON** Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 P.M.. *Ellen Cavanagh, the Executive Director of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce invites us to Celebrate the Season Along Main Street & Town Hall*

Contact the Clinton Chamber of Commerce 860/669-3889 or [chamber@clintonct.com](mailto:chamber@clintonct.com)

- First Church of Christ Congregation- Community Living Nativity 2 – 6 p.m.
- United Methodist Church , St. Lucia Festival, 6 p.m.
- Sailing Masters of 1812 Colonial Fife & Drum Corps. 2 p.m. Andrews Memorial Town Hall
- Church of the Holy Advent open for fellowship & refreshments
- Clinton Lions Club- luminaries along Main, refreshments at Pierson School
- Petting Zoo-Pierson School 2:30 to 4 pm Sponsors Clinton Ins Ctr & UBS Financial Srv.
- Santa and Tree Lighting- Town Hall , 4:30 p.m.
- Decorate Your Community Contest-sponsored by Park & Rec. [clintonparkrec.com](http://clintonparkrec.com) 669-6901
- Bazaar – Shoreline Community Women. 2 to 6 p.m. Crafts, hotdogs, chili, bake sale
- Tree & Wreath Festival, Silent Auction – Arbor Garden Club, Town Hall
- Clinton Historical Society/Old Brick – Period costumes, refreshments
- Stanton House – Open 2 – 6 p.m. Walk thru/Visit the decorated museum!
- Malone's Coffee House: Music. Pictures with Santa. Refreshments
- Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Eliot House – Refreshments
- Pierson School Chorus. Town Hall 4 p.m.
- Cashman's Hardware Hayrides-Town Hall. Rotary Club serving cider.
- Holiday Dinner at Fire House. 4 to 8. Tix at door or call 203/627-1427. All welcome.



**HOLY ADVENT MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called to be a Christian Community of Faith,  
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**CONTACT INFO:**

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Vicar Fr. Bruce Shipman 860-446-2238  
Website: <http://www.allwelcome.org>

Vestry meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 and all are welcome to attend.

**VESTRY:**

Art Wiley, Warden  
Shelly DiAcri, Warden  
Charles Stannard, Treasurer  
Debbie Ambrogio, Clerk  
Lorraine Anderson  
Donald Hubert  
Martha Tolan-Wilbur  
Trudy Valenti

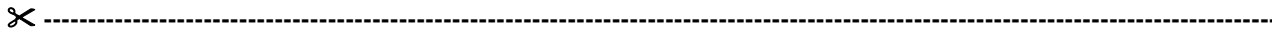
Nominating Committee:

Mary Luchuk, Aidan Moran and Trudy Valenti

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

To give flowers and decorations to grace our Christmas worship in honor or  
memory of your loved ones, please print their names clearly below and  
return this form with your donation marked *Christmas Flowers* by  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.



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Please place in the offering plate or mail to:  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY ADVENT  
P.O. BOX 536  
CLINTON, CT 06413

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the way  
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died  
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

- Annie Johnston Flint

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