

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Announcements  
November 19, 2023

## Thanks for Giving Brunch this Sunday!

**November 19th from 11:30am-1pm.** Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Holy Cross Family with a potluck brunch in gratitude for the end of our Annual Pledge Campaign!

[Sign up](#) here to bring a dish or help set up/clean up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co545A5A82AABF94-45766722-thanks4giving>

## Forum on Vestry Election Procedures

At the October 2023 meeting, the vestry unanimously voted to create a “Middle Way” to adjust the procedure for vestry elections to comply with canon law, employ best practices, and maintain vestry nomination by lot. To learn more, read [this email](#) from the wardens that went out on October 27th, and join us for a forum on governance on Sunday, November 12th at 9am.

## Youth Group goes to National Cathedral

Our Youth Group had a great time this past election day learning about the history of The Episcopal Church and then going to the National Cathedral. Our next gathering will be **Friday, Dec. 8th** to purchase gifts for the CHO Christmas store.



## Tuesday Night Class: following the Way

**Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm**

[Click Here](#) for Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89617673723?pwd=WFdHSigFczQ5OWNHUIU1bTM5MEZDUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 1767 3723  
Passcode: 218205

Someone once asked Jesus, "What is the meaning of life?" His answer was to love God and our neighbors with all our Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength. But what do each of these four things mean, and how can we build a life of faith around our answers? This six part class led by Rev. Rich will guide us in exploring "The Shema/Great Commandment."

### Links:

[First session recording](#)

[Second session recording](#): Passcode: z\*G\$GA+7

[Third session recording](#): Passcode: \$CN#jks2

[Fourth session recording](#): Passcode: 2dKPiW#&

[Fifth session recording](#): Passcode: =5QCeePY

[Discover your spiritual type](#)

[Heart-based spiritual practice](#)

## 2024 Calendar Drive

The OWLs are collecting **2024 calendars** for Iliff Nursing Home residents, CHO clients, and Lamb Center guests. If you receive any unsolicited calendars that you do not need, please consider bringing them in and placing in the **basket in the Narthex by December 10th**. Thanks for your support! Questions? Contact Sue Wheeler at [sswheeler26@gmail.com](mailto:sswheeler26@gmail.com).

## Remembering Our College Students

ISO Donations – All donations are **due by 11/19**

It is time for College Care Package Packing – If you wish, please check out our list of items we need for the packages – any and all donations are welcome –

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4FAFAE28A0FC1-45641753-holy>

\*Monetary donations to offset supplies and postage are always welcome.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

**Deadline: This Sunday November 19th, 2023**

We are hoping to collect many more Thanksgiving meal bags for Second Story. We need your help! Please shop and bring your items to church ASAP. Bags are due **November 19th**. If you can't shop, please donate \$65 and the Outreach Committee will shop for you! Any donation is appreciated and helps toward delivering meals to needy families in our area.

- Gift card for \$25 or more to Safeway, Giant, or Shoppers for purchasing a turkey or other kind of meat. **Please no fresh or frozen turkeys, as we don't have a way to refrigerate them.**
- Pasta or mac and cheese
- Cooking oil
- Dry black beans
- Rice
- Two types of canned vegetables
- Canned Fruit for. dessert or box of dessert mix

- Shelf stable UHT milk (such as Parmalat found in the baking aisle or Latin food aisle).
- Maseca-a brand flour or similar

\*Every basket should contain enough items to feed six people.

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for questions, contact Sonya Marsden

[marsdengirls@gmail.com](mailto:marsdengirls@gmail.com)

## Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up and once again we ask that Holy Cross families purchase a gift for a needy child. We have 4 families with a total of 10 children from Fairfax County who need our help to make their Christmas morning special. Please consider helping out.

1. Pick an ornament.
2. Sign up on the sign up sheets for that ornament. (Important step!)
3. Bring back the present (unwrapped) with the ornament taped to the top. (Most important step!)

Presents need to be returned by **November 26th**. Sorry it is so early, but we have to deliver them just a few days later!

*\*No time to shop? Donate and we will shop for you! Any amount is helpful!!!*

*Questions: Contact Kate Hayes*

## Committee for Helping Others Bike Collection

CHO's Christmas bike collection has 4(!) different drop-off locations this year. Leave your bikes (preferably bikes suitable for teens and adults):

- in the parking lot of Antioch Christian Church (1860 Beulah Rd)  
or in the driveway at:
- 317 Church St. NE,
- 218 Elmar Dr. SE, or
- 9807 Wintercress Ct.



The collection begins October 1 and **ends the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 25)**.

Outreach is working with **George C Marshall High School's** counseling staff to help provide snacks to hungry ESOL students. No one can study when they are hungry, so we are asking parishioners to grab an extra box of cookies, granola bars, goldfish crackers and other snacks when you are shopping. They don't have to be individually wrapped so big bags are fine.

We will have a large box labeled "Statesman Snacks" for your donations near the red wagon. Thanks again for your kindness to our hungry, neighborhood families! If you have questions, contact Glynne Reeves-Haines.

# ADVENT AT HOLY CROSS

## DECEMBER 2023



### **Faith First Sunday Wreath Making- December 3rd 11:30am-1pm**

This all-ages event is designed to connect us all with each other and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ.

### **Lessons and Carols - December 3rd at 5pm**

Throughout the ages music has been used as a tool to deepen our prayers and bring us closer to the divine. We once again “prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger” at our annual Advent Lessons & Carols. This service of scripture and song is steeped in beauty and tradition that is uniquely Anglican. We hope to see you there—and maybe even with a friend.

### **Quiet Day December - December 9th 9am-noon**

Join us for a quiet day of reflection and prayer while we spend time in peace with each other doing a group art project and more.

### **Women's Christmas Tea - December 10th from 3 to 5pm**

If you are interested in helping to organize, please email Rev. Kelly at [kelly.moughty@holycrossepiscopal.org](mailto:kelly.moughty@holycrossepiscopal.org)

### **Blue Christmas - December 17th 5pm**

#### **Christmas Eve - December 24th**

Holy Eucharist Service 9am  
Christmas Eve Pageant 3:30pm  
Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist 8pm

#### **Christmas Day - December 25th**

Holy Eucharist 9am

## **Remember in your prayers this week—**

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For those in need of healing and support: We lift up Cindy Blakeley; Claire Sloyan, sister of Eileen Sloyan; Joanie Leist, friends of Emily Hoskins; Keith Harpster, uncle of Rebecca Stahl; Lydia Schaeffer; the Sanchez family, friends of Lee Bruner; Tish Sanseverino, aunt of Rev. Kelly Moughty; Mary Eppert, John Hughes's sister; Rocio Rojas, friend of Wendy Hoskins; and Debbie McDonald; and Janie Cooksey, friend of Kathryn Hayes.

For those serving at home and abroad: Jacob Levit, nephew of John & Wendy Hoskins, and Andy & Megan Hoskins; Charles Matthews, friend of Eileen Foyle; Evan Brown, nephew of Lane Abernathy and Doug Gehley; Zachary March, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; Evan Ferree, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; and Gavin Cody-Harpster, nephew of Becky Stahl.

For those who have died: Mary Burke, great aunt of Nick Keirstead. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Have you ever thought about serving as a lector, acolyte, or chalice bearer? Please contact Rev. Kelly or Rev. Rich for the chance to serve God in any of these ways.**