The Saint Thaddeus Chimes

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CAROLING, CHILI & CHRISTMAS DECORATING ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Come get in the Christmas spirit on December 5 with caroling, decorating the Cheetham Parlor and chili supper. We will gather at 2:45 to head out to sing Christmas Carols to our shut-ins. You can ride on a Mead Hall bus or follow behind in your car. After singing we will come back to the Cheetham parlor to enjoy chili and all the fixings, cornbread, salad and Christmas Cookies for dessert. Tea and lemonade will be provided. Feel free to bring another beverage of your choice. After dinner, we'll decorate the Cheetham parlor. Please sign up by Wednesday, December 2. When signing up please answer the questions so we know how many are going caroling and how many are having dinner. Suggested cost is $5 per person or $25 per family. You can pay online or pay that day. **Sign up by using the QR code or button on the MondayAM email**



~ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION~

The Daughters of the King warmly invite you to join them on Saturday, December 5th from 9am-12pm for a half day guided retreat, with opportunities for learning, sharing and fellowship, coupled with silence. This retreat will be led by The Reverend Julia McKeon in The Chapel of the Holy Apostles. Light refreshments will be served, and we'll conclude before lunch. There is no cost to attend. Questions? Contact Nina Milton at (610) 585-9233.

All are welcome!

Advent Study and Supper Series

Join us for a delicious meal and formation opportunity on Wednesdays in Advent: December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 5:30pm in The Cheetham Parlor. This year's series is titled *"Light of the World, A Beginners Guide to Advent"* by renowned Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. We will explore the Biblical texts we read and hear during Advent. Don't forget to bring your Bibles!

To sign up for the Advent Study and Supper Series see the Monday AM email. (Suggested donations if $5/person or up to $25/family.

The ACTS item for December is *Canned complete meals such as spaghettios or chunky soup.* Donations can be dropped by the office during office hours (preferred) or placed in the red wagon in the church entryway.

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Saint Thaddeus Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen fed the following people last week. Shut Ins: 10 ~ Tri Dev.: 20 ~ Soup Kitchen Meals: 147~ Total: 177 ~ Turkey, stuffing with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls assorted pies, and PB & J sandwiches.



laundry LOVE

Date	# of people	Loads washed	$$ spent
Nov. 23rd	27	114	$622.50

For more information on how you can help please contact Marianne Swearingen at marianneswearingen83@gmail.com

The ECW Annual Christmas Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join the ECW at their Annual Christmas Luncheon with musical program on Tuesday, December 8th at 11:45am in Ballroom #3 at the Reserve Club at Woodside. Gentlemen are welcome to join us at this event.

The Entrées for the Luncheon are:

1~Romaine, Spinach & Blackberry Entrée Salad ~ Romaine & spinach mix, fresh blackberries, roasted corn, candied pecans, avocado, crumbled blue cheese, & crispy onions. Served with blackberry-balsamic vinaigrette.

2~Tuscan Shrimp Scampi ~ Fettuccini and sauteed shrimp, sundried tomatoes, spinach in tomato cream sauce.

3~Chicken Picatta Scaloppini ~ Pan seared chicken cutlets in a lemon caper cream sauce, herb roasted potatoes, and roasted vegetable medley.

All entrées include rolls with butter & choice of beverage; coffee, tea, or water.

Dessert: Petite Apple Cobbler

The luncheon is $30 per person, all inclusive.

To register for the luncheon log onto Realm & click on the ECW Christmas Luncheon to register & pay for your selected entrée. You may also send a check to the Church Office payable to St. Thaddeus with your choice of entrée 1, 2, or 3 notated in the memo line. Questions? Please contact Ellen Pieterse by matrsjack@aol.com or (803) 295-3142.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DEC. 2ND



Anna Marie, Ashton, Billy, Bryce, Burt, Calhoun, Chip, Colette Damon, David, Harry, Howard, Jacob, John B., Julie and Mary Lou.

To add additional names to this list please contact the church office at (803) 648-5497.

The Weekly Calendar: Sunday, November 29 – December 6

Sunday 11/29  The First Sunday of Advent	**NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE FROM 9:00am-12:00pm FOR AGES 0-6** • 7:45am: Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite I, no music - (Chapel) • 9:00am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II, w/contemporary music- (Cheetham Parlor) • 10:00am: Children's Advent Formation Hour – (Chapel) • 10:00am: DOK Discernment Session III – (Small Parlor) • 10:00am: ~~Adult Sunday School~~ **CANCELLED**. • 11:15am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II, w/organ & choir – (Cheetham Parlor)
Monday 11/30	• 5:30pm: Evening Prayer – (Chapel) • 5-7pm:  at Soap N Suds (1339 Lee Lane SW, Aiken) • 6:00pm: EfM – (Upper Campus in aftercare bldg..)
Tuesday 12/1	• 6:15am: Holy Strollers – (Odell Weeks Track)  • 1:30pm: Church staff meeting – (Cornish Conference Room) • 2:00pm: Vestry Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 12/2	**CHIMES DEADLINE 2PM** • 11:30am: Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - (Chapel) • 5:30pm: Advent Light of the World Supper Series I – (Cheetham Parlor) • 7:00pm: Choir practice – (Chapel)
Thursday 12/23	• 6:15am: Holy Strollers – (Odell Weeks Track)  • No other Events Scheduled for this day.
Friday 12/4	• No Events Scheduled for this day.
Saturday 12/5	• 9:00am: DOK  Advent Morning of Reflection – (Chapel) • 2:45-7pm: Caroling, chili & Christmas decorating  – (Cheetham Parlor) • 4:00pm: Saturday Chair  Set-up - (Cheetham Parlor)
Sunday 12/6  The Second Sunday of Advent	**NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE FROM 9:00am-12pm FOR AGES 0-6** • 10:00am: Combined Worship Service – (Cheetham Parlor) • **<u>11:00am: Annual Parish Meeting – (Cheetham Parlor)</u>**

This week's office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4pm. If you have an after-hours pastoral emergency, please contact Will Gibbs at (803) 295-1164 and he will contact the clergyperson on call.



A BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed or helped out with the Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving meal. Everyone had plenty to eat and enjoyed the meal. 177 meals were served. It couldn't have been possible without the generosity of many. Our refrigerator & our hearts were full.

Thanks again!

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026 AT 2 PM

ST. THADDEUS GRAVE YARD

Honor our local heroes who are laid to rest at St. Thaddeus Graveyard. You can sponsor a wreath by going to Wreaths Across America website.

Sponsors of this event are Aiken High School Beta Club, Trenton DAR, and St Thaddeus Episcopal Church Fr. Joseph will officiate with prayer.

The South Aiken Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) will participate in the ceremony, presenting the colors and playing the taps. David Nichols will once again provide musical accompaniment on his pipes. Additionally, American Legion Post 26 Riders will be present to honor the fallen.