

Sunday Shake-up!

We're shaking things up at Saint Andrews! This Sunday, after a busy Thanksgiving, we are offering you some wonderful opportunities in the morning to grab a moment of peace and then, at 5pm, we'll joyfully take one more step into the advent season with our Hanging of the Greens Service for all ages.

WORSHIP

We will offer our regular worship services at 9am and 11am, with infant and toddler nurseries available. The Raby and Higginson families will light the advent wreath and we will be ushered into advent as we sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* at 9am and *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* at 11am. Diane Knauf will deliver the message entitled, *God Comes to Us in Unexpected Places*.

Please note there is no Sunday School for children, youth, or adults.

EVENING SERVICE, DINNER, AND CRAFTS

The Hanging of the Greens service begins at 5pm. This is the opportunity for you and your family to hang Chrismons on our two trees. If you specially ordered a specific ornament to honor, remember, or celebrate a loved one, they will be available for you in our narthex. Please note there is infant and toddler childcare only for the worship service.

After the service, everyone is invited to nosh on some oh-so 1st Sunday of Advent Pizza – this could be a new SAPC tradition! Then we'll have crafts to capture the attention of little ones and the imaginations of those of us who can handle scissors without supervision (ha – I think I can qualify!). If you haven't seen the gorgeous snowflake/stars, [check them out on FB](#).

Diane Knauf asks that any greenery or holly that can be brought (perhaps along with some small hand pruners) would be ever so helpful for those who have signed up for Advent Wreaths.

Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels from all your friends in the church office!

PS – Due to demand, I just learned we are all booked for those who wish to do Advent Wreaths Sunday evening. We have oodles of other wonderful crafts available – please come check it out.

stewardship

We continue to receive your Estimate of Giving amounts – and we thank you very much! To date, 210 cards/emails have been received for a total of \$681,003. We have also received 37 new pledges which total \$67,150. And last but not least, we have received pledges from 7 youth! What a wonderful gift to learn the selflessness of giving at a young age. If you have yet to make your pledge, we encourage you to do so. You can [email John Montague with your pledge amount](#). We appreciate your support!

children's art

We are looking for children's art to enhance the bulletin covers during advent. If your child would like to submit art for the covers, please see the attached form for guidelines. We hope to use all that we receive – so we invite all children to participate.

POINSETTIAS

Elise Dyer on the Worship Committee has been hard at work, arranging with Homewood Nursery for us to have some beautiful poinsettias in our Sanctuary this advent season. Would you like to order a poinsettia in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one or special event? The poinsettias, wrapped in foil, are \$10 and may be ordered by emailing [Pat Clement](#). All dedications will be listed in the bulletin on December 11th.

ANGEL TREE

Saint Andrews would like to help make it a blessed Christmas for children served by Loaves and Fishes, Passage Home, and Backpack Buddies. The tree is in the narthex, complete with over 180 gift tags. Please take one of the gift tags and return the gifts, UNWRAPPED but accompanied by the tag by December 4th.

The Annual Interfaith Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held TONIGHT at 7pm at St. Raphael's Catholic Church (5801 Falls of Neuse Road). Non-perishable food items will be collected at the door and donated to the NC Food Bank.

We will hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 11th after the 11am worship service to elect Dennis Sullivan to fulfill an additional one year term on the Diaconate.

Copies of our in-house Congregational Study are available at the Information Center in the narthex.

2011 Operating Budget Information as of November 16, 2011 – Actual contributions to budget were \$673,545, which is 83% of our total annual budget. Anticipated contributions to budget were \$663,706.

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