

Little Fork Episcopal Church

December 2019 Newsletter

“Using Our Gifts to Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ”

Dear Little Fork Community,

It is now December, and I am sure that many of you like me have recently looked at your calendars and been slightly overwhelmed by all the events and things to do before Christmas. This is the very reason we need Advent in our lives.

Without the Advent reminder to slow down and make space for God in our lives, we might miss the Holy nature of what is to come at Christmas. By coming to church during Advent and gathering for celebrations where we also pray, we are actively preparing our hearts to be ready for the birth of the child who will change everything, the child who is God incarnate.

So, I hope you will join us at Little Fork this season as we all prepare for the coming of the one who changes everything.

Peace, *Rev. Stacy*

Please see the Advent and Christmas Events on the next page.

To celebrate the birth of our Lord, Poinsettias will be displayed Christmas Eve. If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone please complete and return this form.

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias. In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____ Given by _____

Poinsettias are \$15.00 each Please mail a check with this order form or place in the offering basket on Sunday. All orders that are returned to the office by December 16th will be placed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please be sure to complete the entire form. Poinsettias may be picked up after church on December 29th.

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Upcoming Events

Advent Wreath Making Class

December 1st 11:15 AM

During the business of December, having an Advent Wreath in your home can remind you to take a moment each day to reflect on the holy time of Advent during which we are called to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Supplies will be provided for each household to make a wreath to take home. There will also be Advent prayer resources provided for you to use with your wreath. While it is not required, if you would like to pay for your supplies, the total is \$20.



St. Nicholas Celebration

Friday December 6th 6:30-8:30 PM

People of all ages, with or without children, are invited to join us for an evening of learning about St. Nicholas, making gifts for those in need, and maybe even a surprise visitor. We will be having pizza, salad, and dessert for dinner. To cover the costs of the meal, if possible, it would be helpful if people would contribute \$5 person with a maximum of \$20 per family.



The Greening of the Church

Sunday December 22nd 11:15 AM

After our Sunday service, we will make our way into the beautiful woods that surround our church and collect greenery to hang in the Church for the Christmas season. For those who want to go into the woods, please wear appropriate clothes to church and bring clippers and gloves. If you don't want to actually cut greens, we will have candles and other flowers to set up inside the church. Treats and hot cider will be provided and we expect to have all the decorating done by 12:30.



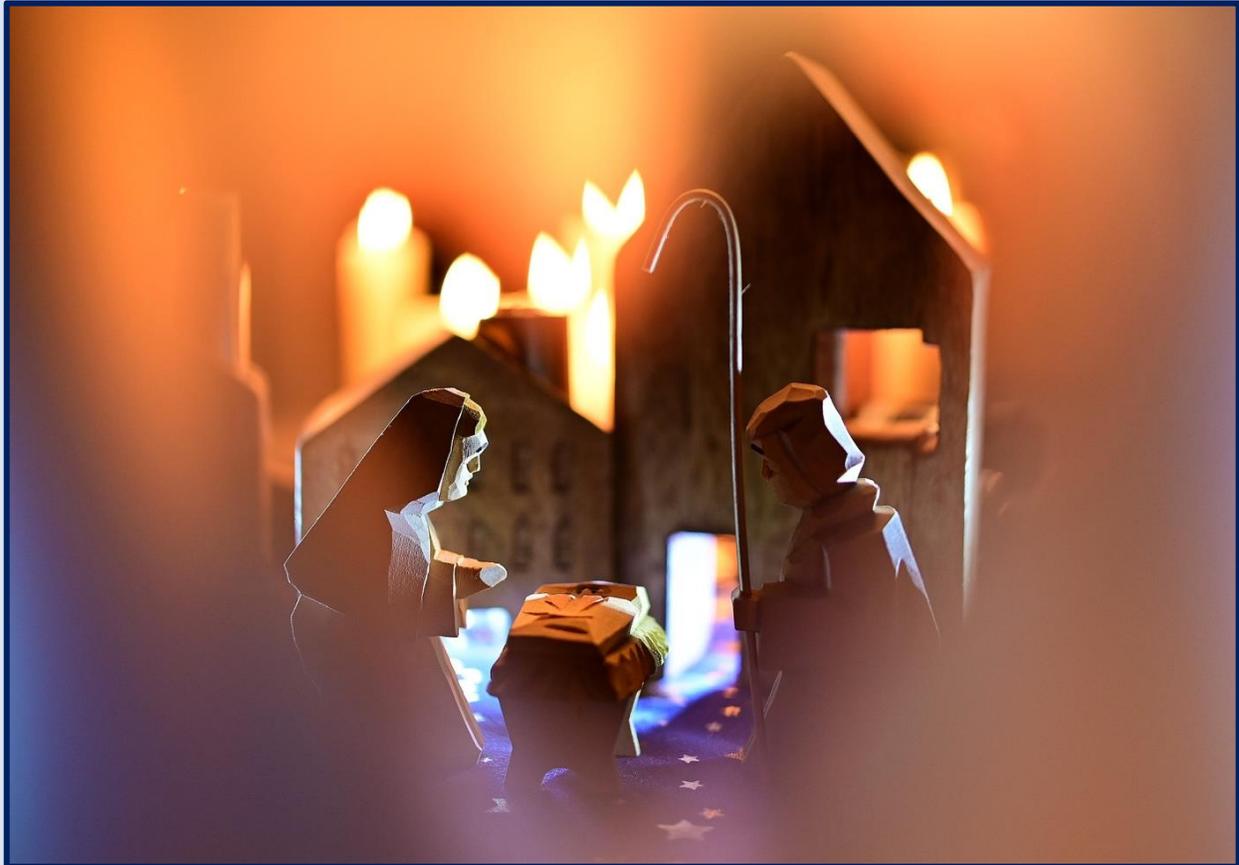
Visit of The Three Kings

January 5th 10:00 AM.



For Christians, Christmas lasts more than one day and is a holy season that is celebrated for 12 days. Since Epiphany, January 6th, which marks the Kings' visiting the baby Jesus falls on a Monday, we will be celebrating this feast during our Sunday service. Please join us to mark the end of the Christmas season and to celebrate how all, even Kings, honored the birth of Jesus.

**LITTLE FORK EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2019 AT 6 P.M.**



We hope you will join us on this Holy night for a candlelight Christmas Eve service, which will include carols, a dramatic telling of the Christmas Story, and an interactive time for children. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are confident your soul will be fed, and your heart filled with the Christmas Spirit.

Just minutes from downtown Culpeper, Little Fork Episcopal Church was built in 1776, and today the fully restored church is home to an inclusive and generous congregation that embraces people of all ages and backgrounds.

Please call 540-937-4306 if you have questions or need directions.

Little Fork Church Ministries

Women's Ministry



The Little Fork Ladies' Ministry meets at 9 AM. on the Second and Fourth Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall. We are currently studying the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament. In our group we study the Scriptures and pray for one another as we grow in our faith together. Through our discussions we learn how we can apply Scripture to our daily lives. All women are warmly welcome to join us!

Fellowship Dinner Group



The Fellowship Dinner Group meets once a month for a potluck supper and the study of a book or video. This provides a wonderful opportunity for sharing, fellowship, praying and learning together. The group meets at various parishioner's homes. December's dinner will be held on Friday the 20th. Molly Lewis (tallmol44@yahoo.com) coordinates the group and newcomers are welcome. Please contact Molly for more information.

Men's Ministry



Little Fork Men's Ministry aka "St. Brigid's Brigade" meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month in the Parish Hall, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. Our topics include Bible studies, biblical character studies, men's issues, and more. Currently we are beginning a study on the life, ministry and teachings of St. Paul. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast followed by discussion and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Outreach

Our December Outreach Offering goes to The Culpeper Heat Shelter.

Contact: 540-317-0030 Or
CulpeperHeatShelter@gmail.com



The Culpeper Winter Heat Shelter will open on December 1st. The night shelter located at St Luke Lutheran Church will be open nightly from 5:30 pm to 7:00 am. In addition, a day shelter will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm for registered night shelter guests only. The day shelter will be located at Reformation Lutheran Church.

Pastoral Care



We would like to ensure visitation for our homebound, hospitalized, or families in need. We will be only too pleased to coordinate activities required for people in need. Please call or email the church office with your requests for pastoral care, 540-937-4306 / administrator@littleforkchurch.org.

In addition to pastoral visits from the The Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan, lay Eucharistic ministers are available to take communion to shut ins. Please let the church administrator know if you would like to have communion brought to your home.

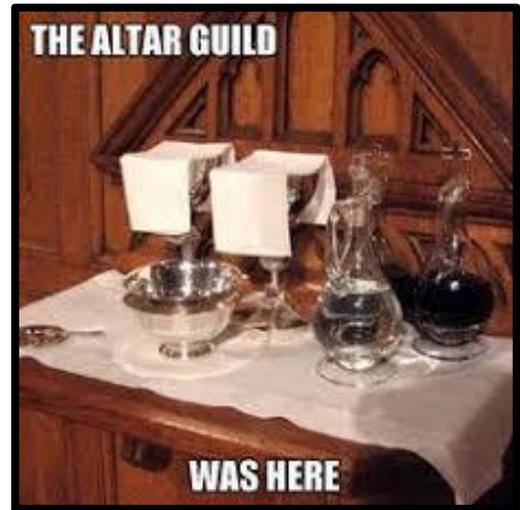
Coming Soon....
The Annual Meeting
January 26, 2020
Mark your calendars.

JANUARY 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Happy December Birthdays!



December 6 The Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan
December 7 Rachel Dillon
December 16 Rollin Rosser
December 26 Sherrie Beres
December 29 Brian Hogan



Opportunities Available in Altar Guild!

Contact Gaylene Laimbeer
gms000@hughes.net
(540) 229-1920



lease continue to pray for: Roy Cabibbo, Hubert and Virginia Schilb, Joe Wysocki.

Schedules
Thank you for serving at Little Fork Episcopal Church

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Usher	Rosser Brown	Cabibbo Beres	Lee Turner	McCarthy Rutledge	Laimbeer Stockton
Lector	Bob Lee	Jim Rutledge	Jon Perry	Chris Stockton	Jay Lewis
Acolyte	Lexi van der Woude	Rachel Dillon	Riley Hogan	Dayna Dillon	Lexi van der Woude
Music	Jon Perry	Mike Vinson	Mike Vinson	Mike Vinson	Mike Vinson
Altar	Turner	Ledbetter	Cabibbo	Ledbetter	
Sunday School	Beth Turner	Gaylene Laimbeer	Sara Hogan	Becca Isaac	Daphrie van der Woude
Coffee Hour	Rosser	Perry	Laimbeer	Cabibbo	Lewis

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**If you have any upcoming events for the church calendar or additions to the prayer list, please contact Renae Gutridge at administrator@littleforkchurch.org*

Church offices will be closed December 21st through January 5th for Christmas. Should you need immediate assistance during this time please contact The Rev. Stacy Williams-Duncan at stacywilliamsduncan@gmail.com or Renae Gutridge at administrator@littleforkchurch.org