



## Our Worship Schedule

### Weekly Sunday Worship

**8:00 am** Rite 1 Eucharist, with coffee afterwards

**9:45 am** Sunday School & Middle School Youth

**10:00 am** Rite 2 Eucharist with hymns, followed by our festive coffee hour

**11:30 am** High School Youth meets

### Special Upcoming Services This Month

**Friday, December 7**

**Quieter Advent Service 7:00 pm**

**Friday, December 14**

**Deepening Our Relationship with God in Advent – Service 6:30 pm Supper 7:00 pm**

**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:30 pm Family Service**

**7:30 pm Carols & Anthems**

**8:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist with choir**

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**10:00 am Christmas Day Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 30**

**10:00 am Lessons & Carols**

## Rector's Remarks

I love Advent. Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. We read a different Gospel each liturgical year, and this year, it's the Gospel According to Luke. While all the Gospels share great similarities, they each also have their own individual points of emphasis. For Luke, Christ is compassion, especially for those on the margins. We have a wonderful, empowering, healing, and challenging walk with the Compassionate Christ ahead of us this year. Lucky us!

For example: do you know one parable in the New Testament that is found only in the Gospel According to Luke? The answer is the prodigal son. Can you imagine? The prodigal son! If it weren't for Luke's Gospel, in other words, we never would have known about this story that many consider the greatest Jesus ever told. Wow.

As fall is the time to turn back our clocks, so Advent is the time to turn back our soul. In Advent, we place ourselves, like our ancient Israelite brothers and sisters, in the dark, waiting for the promises of God to be fulfilled. "When will

the promised Messiah come?" we ask. We start Advent each year in the dark of winter, in the cold, waiting for the Light to be revealed in the world. In that sense, Advent is a pilgrimage: a journey to the 25th of December, to the birth of Christ, to the promises of God fulfilled.

During Advent, we also remember where we are now, living in the 21st century: living between the birth of Christ two thousand years ago and the return of Christ in the unknown future. Thus, we also ask ourselves today, "When will the promised Messiah come?" In our lifetimes? At our death? When?

Advent is a time of preparation. The preparation during Advent isn't a morbid thing, but a practical thing. We wait in hope, in expectation of the promises of God fulfilled in our own lives. We prepare in practical ways, seeking how we can best prepare the manger of our own hearts for a greater birth of God in our lives now. In Advent, we call Jesus "Emmanuel," which means "God-with-us." God is indeed with us, now. The Holy Spirit has been given to us at our baptism. What can we individually and communally do together to birth God more fully in our lives, in our church, and in our part of the world today? Those are great Advent questions to wrestle with.

I've got some reading suggestions for you for Advent below. They are some of my favorites. This newsletter is also full of opportunities to sweep out the manger and prepare for a greater birth of Christ in our lives: the Quieter Advent service and meal, Our Deepening Our Relationship with God in Advent service and meal, our Christmas pageant, and, of course, our fabulous Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations. Enjoy! And -- happy Advent!

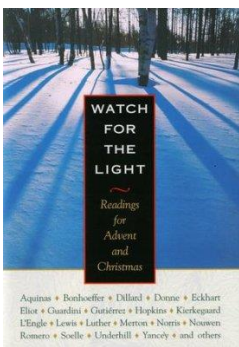
Advent blessings to you and yours.

With Love and prayers,

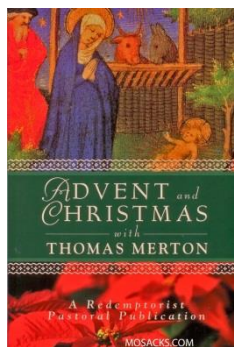
*Hal*

## Seasonal Reads

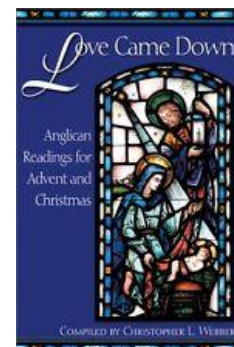
### Recommended by the Rector for Advent



"Watch for the Light:  
Readings for Advent and  
Christmas"



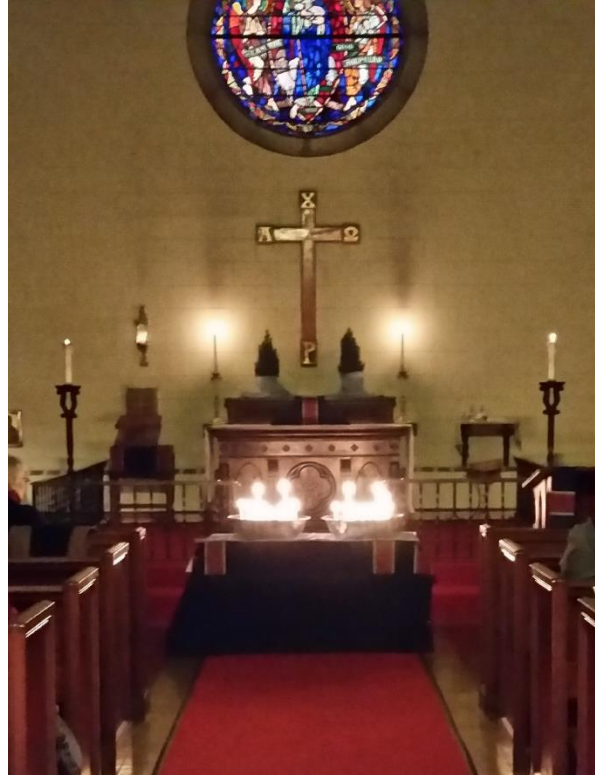
"Advent and Christmas with  
Thomas Merton"



"Love Came Down: Anglican  
Readings for Advent and  
Christmas"

# *Quieter Advent Prayer Service* *Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm*

Invite friends and those seeking a quieter Christmas experience.



Is the “rah-rah” and commercialization of Christmas just too much for you to bear this year? Feeling a little blue? Know someone who is going through a loss? Come yourself and invite others to experience our candlelit Quieter Advent Prayer Service on Friday, December 7th at 7:00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Granite Springs. A simple supper will be served ahead of time. No need to bring anything. Just show up and be nourished in body and soul.

The Quieter Advent service is a service of prayer and traditional Advent hymns wherein we pray for those we love (and perhaps have lost) and where we experience the power of Advent but in a softer way. No demands for happy-happy at this service; this service lets us feel all our feelings and invites us to lay them in the loving arms of God. It’s perfect for those who find the hyper-commercialization of the secular Christmas season just too much to bear.

All in the community are warmly invited to attend.



"Advent is a time  
of waiting,  
of expectation,  
of silence."

~ Dorothy Day

### Planning to Pledge for 2019?

We are still waiting on some pledges of people who have historically pledged in the past. Please consider getting a pledge in soon, as we have started to build the 2019 budget. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church. Thank you!

## Christmas Bazaar 2018 Saturday, Dec. 8th

The time is fast approaching! Our elves have been busy making all kinds of gift items, ornaments and stocking stuffers to sell. We need your help to make it a complete success.

### Here is how you can help:

- All kinds of baked goods will be needed – cookies, cakes, brownies, pies, gifts in jars... any kind of yummy gifts from the kitchen.
- Donate new and/or gently used (small) Christmas items (for example, mugs, candy dishes, candles, knickknacks). Please only Christmas related or plain.
- We will need help on Friday afternoon and evening to set up and display items.
- We will need help selling the items on Saturday and clearing up Sunday afternoon and putting things away.
- Spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.



# **Spectacular CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>***

***10:00 am – 4:00 pm***

Hand-Made Ornaments  
& Gift Items

Fresh-Baked  
Goods

Gift Baskets –  
Something for  
Everyone

Boutique  
Items

Candy & Gifts  
from the  
Kitchen



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# Sunday School



During the month of November Sunday School was in full pageant mode. We rehearsed our pageant each Sunday. Ms. Cecilia came to visit to help us with some new songs, which we can't wait to share with everyone. We tried on our costumes and learned our parts. During the month we also had time for some special lessons. We learned about the sacrifices that Veterans make for us and made cards for local Veterans. We are especially grateful to the Veterans who attend Church of the Good Shepherd! We also had a lesson on the importance of being Thankful. We reflected on people and things we are thankful for and did a fun Thankful Snack activity.



Before the pageant we will have a visit from St. Nicholas and if we are good hope to get some chocolates in our shoes! **The Pageant is on December 9th during the 10AM service and we hope everyone will come to hear us share the simple Narrative of Jesus' Birth.**

Sunday School children age 4th grade and higher are looking forward to Acolyte Training on Dec. 9th as well.



After the pageant we look forward to unique Advent and Christmas Sunday School Lessons along with our Epiphany Pot Luck and BINGO night! Please share thoughts and feedback regarding Sunday School with Megan Whalen at [meganswiderski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswiderski@hotmail.com).

Check out these pics from our annual Halloween Party on 10/29!







## Middle School Youth



In November, the MS Youth were out and about in the community doing good things! First the MS Youth delivered the COGS donations to CCNW bright and early on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They all helped with stocking the shelves too! Then the MS Youth were off to Stop and Shop to purchase \$250 worth of food donations for CCNW thanks to a grant from the Trinidad's Credit Union. The following Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, the MS Youth met the Seniors at COGS. Thanks to COGS very own Veteran, Pat Mulholland, the MS Youth and Seniors had a very special day. First, they helped to prepare the clothing and coat donations for the Veterans. They delivered the donations to the VA Hospital and while there assisted with sorting clothes and stocking shelves in the food pantry. Pat's friends at the Hospital were able to provide the kids with a very hands-on and involved tour plus some time to "give back" by helping the Veterans. It was a very special day. As if this were not enough – the MS Youth were back at it on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> delivering more food donations to CCNW and assisting with stocking shelves again – You just can't slow these kids down! They love to serve others! The MS Youth have also been very active during pageant rehearsals on Sundays and set a lovely example for the younger children. The Pageant is on December 9<sup>th</sup> during the 10AM service and the MS Youth hope you can attend! During the holiday season MS Youth Group looks forward to special lessons covering Advent and Jesus' Birth. They are also very excited to attend a Junior Acolyte Training class on December 9<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM Service with Senior Acolytes Claire Hintze and Emily Vesperman. Finally, the MS Youth will help at CCNW one more time on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and look forward to Epiphany Pot Luck and BINGO night on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please share thoughts & feedback regarding MS Youth with Megan Whalen at [meganswidorski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswidorski@hotmail.com).





Special thanks to Pat Mulholland for coordinating our visit and tour at the VA!



Our journey sets out from God in our creation, and returns to God at the final judgement. As the bird rises from the earth to fly, and must some time return to the earth from which it rose; so God sends us forth to fly, and we must fall back into the hands of God at last. But God does not wait for the failure of our power and the expiry of our days to drop us back into his lap. He goes himself to meet us and everywhere confronts us. Where is the countenance which we must finally look in the eyes, and not be able to turn away our head? It smiles up at Mary from the cradle, it calls Peter from the nets, it looks on him with grief when he has denied his master. Our judge meets us at every step of our way, with forgiveness on his lips and succor in his hands. He offers us these things while there is yet time. Every day opportunity shortens, our scope for learning our Redeemer's love is narrowed by twenty-four hours, and we come nearer to the end of our journey, when we shall fall into the hands of the living God, and touch the heart of the devouring fire.

Advent brings Christmas, judgement runs out into mercy. For the God who saves us and the God who judges us is one God. We are not, even, condemned by his severity and redeemed by his compassion; what judges us is what redeems us, the love of God. What is it that will break our hearts on judgement day? Is it not the vision, suddenly unrolled, of how he has loved the friends we have neglected, of how he has loved us, and we have not loved him in return; how, when we came before his altar, he gave us himself, and we gave him half-penitences, or resolutions too weak to commit our wills? But while love thus judges us by being what it is, the same love redeems us by effecting what it does. Love shares flesh and blood with us in this present world, that the eyes which look us through at last may find in us a better substance than our vanity.

Advent is a coming, not a coming to God, but his to us. We cannot come to God, he is beyond our reach; but he can come to us, for we are not beneath his mercy. Even in another life, as St. John sees in his vision, we do not rise to God, but he descends to us, and dwells humanly among human creatures, in the glorious man, Jesus Christ. And that will be his last coming; so we shall be his people, and he everlastingly our God, our God-with-us, our Emmanuel. He *will* so come, but he is come already, he comes always: in our fellow-Christian (even in a child, says Christ), in his Word, invisibly in our souls, more visibly in this sacrament. Opening ourselves to him, we call him in: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.

*A reading from The Crown of the Year by Austin Farrer, as written in Love Came Down: Anglican Readings for Advent and Christmas (compiled by Christopher L. Webber), one of Fr. Hal's recommended books.*

*As for me, I watch in hope for the Lord,  
I wait for God my savior;  
my God will hear me.  
~ Micah 7:7*





## Mark Your Calendars!

Come join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Good Shepherd retreat at beautiful Holy Cross Monastery. January 11 –January 13, 2019  
Cost: \$100/night, paid directly to the Monastery. Includes all food, private room, and materials.

No experience necessary. See Fr. Hal for details. Come and bathe in the refreshment of God!



## PRAYER LIST

We pray for our core community partners: the Community Center of Northern Westchester; the Putnam/ Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center; Somers Boy Scout Troop 376; and the Somers Granite Springs AA Group.

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially Billy, Brendan, Jason, Matthew, Nicholas, and Noah; all expectant mothers, especially Sharda & Katie; and we pray for Tom, Louise, Carlos, David, Carol, Rich, Nancy, Judy, Sharen, Lisa, Anna, Ginamarie, Charlotte, Dave, Christopher, Katherine, Max, Gwyneth, Doug, Arthur, Gwen, Anna, Pam, Jessica, Star, Janice, Judy, Laura, Bernie, Connie, Margery, Franca, Lois, Lee, & Maureen.

We pray for all who have died, especially Jackie & President George H.W. Bush, and for all those who mourn.

### Are there others?

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, simply go to [goodshepherdny.org](http://goodshepherdny.org), click on "[Prayer Request](#)" at the top of the page, and fill out the online form. You will receive a confirmation email that your request has been received, and it will be added to the prayer list. Alternatively, you can fill out a paper Prayer Request form, which can be found on the shelf at the back of the church. Simply fill out the form and place it in the wooden box marked "Prayers".

## Seniors Group

The Senior Group has had a very busy month. On Election Day, the seniors, together with members of the Middle School Youth Group, delivered bags and bags of coats, sweaters, scarves and gloves to the Veterans Hospital in Montrose. We all got a tour of the VA store and food pantry and the MS Youth members helped sort the clothing and stock the shelves. Thank you to Pat for arranging the tour and thank you to all of the parishoners who donated warm clothing for our veterans.

This past month, a small group of seniors got together and started sending out birthday cards to parishoners. This wonderful minstry was started long ago by some beloved parishoners who are no longer with us or have moved away. So, if it is your birthday, look for your card from Good Shepherd in the mail!

Following our Senior Saturday meeting and lunch on November 10, the group has been busy making Christmas Ornaments with our amazing craft creator Arleen. The finished ornaments numbering over 100 are donated to be sold at the upcoming Church Bazaar.

On December 14, the seniors will be decorating the parish hall in preparation for the annual Holiday Party of the Putnam Northern Westchester Womans Resource Center. This is a local organization with which Good Shepherd has developed a strong outreach relationship which is operated by an extraordinary group of people who serve so many in a time of crisis.

Our last event is on December 19 when we are heading down to the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford for a matinee performance of A Christmas Carol. All are invited!

### Want to be an acolyte? Come to the Acolyte Training on December 9!

All kids 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to participate in our Acolyte Training after the 10:00 am service on December 9<sup>th</sup>. It's free and fun!





## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:30 PM Family Service

7:30 PM Carols & Anthems

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Eucharist

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 AM Christmas Eucharist

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We proudly affirm our common humanity and faith in God with our brothers and sisters of other faiths. In addition to the monthly meetings of the Interfaith Clergy, our communities have had several opportunities to spend time together this Fall.



Fr. Hal & Deacon Norm participated in the Shabbat Service of Hope after the Tree of Life massacre, and many from Good Shepherd attended the annual Interfaith Service of Thanks.



# Great for Newcomers!

At Good Shepherd, we offer a continuous stream of events and opportunities that are great for newcomers. Here are some to consider this month:

## Friday, Dec. 7 – Quieter Advent Service

Service at 7:00 pm (simple supper served beforehand).  
(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org))

## Saturday, Dec. 8 – Christmas Bazaar

A fun, well-attended community fundraiser featuring wonderful handmade gifts, a white elephant table, and our magnificent bake table. Come enjoy the fun!  
(To learn more, contact Arleen Flury at [afgranite@aol.com](mailto:afgranite@aol.com))

## Sunday, Dec. 9 – Christmas Pageant

(part of the 10:00 am worship service).  
(To learn more, contact Megan Whalen [meganswiderski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswiderski@hotmail.com))

## Friday, Dec. 14

### Deepening Our Relationship with God in Advent

Service at 6:30 pm, followed by a simple soup and bread supper at 7:00 pm.  
(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org))

## Friday, Dec. 14

Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room  
(To learn more, contact Arleen Flury at [afgranite@aol.com](mailto:afgranite@aol.com))

## Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

Family Eucharist at 4:30 pm, Carols & Anthems at 7:30 pm, Eucharist at 8:00 pm

## Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Eucharist at 10:00 am

## Sunday, Dec. 30 – Nine Lessons and Carols

Service at 10:00 am.  
Morning Prayer at 8:00 am.

Check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for other opportunities in December and January. All our events are open to our members, their guests, and walk-in visitors. The key to spiritual growth is involvement, and we have something for everyone at Good Shepherd.

# Tastes of Somers

Thanks to an outstanding Fund Raising committee and a parish that puts its faith into action, we had our biggest and best Tastes event ever. Our net for the night was \$5,788. Coupled with previous fundraisers, we have netted \$8,988 in 2018 and we have the Christmas Bazaar coming on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We expect that this will put us over the \$10,000 mark for the first time. Thank you for your generous support.

From everyone on the committee, we wish you and your family a most blessed and joyous Christmas. Diane Buschel, Arleen Flury, Courtney Velzy, Cecilia Sparacio, Fran DiBernardo, Glenn Hintze, Maria Kaprielian, Lori Kennedy, Sharen McKenna, Donna Paterno, Phill Pinkney, Kathy Martin, Rick Vesperman, Sybil Barnett, Lindsey Velzy, Father Hal and Deacon Norm, Chair.



Thank you to all who made this year's Tastes of Somers such a fantastic event!





## December Charitable Opportunities

We are blessed to have so many active ministries with a variety of charitable opportunities throughout the year. Remember: you are not expected to attend every social event or participate in every charity. Pick and choose the ones that work for you. Together, we make a huge difference.

What?	For Whom?	When?	How?
Episcopal Relief & Development	Victims of the California wildfires	Ongoing	Donations can be made directly to ERD by check or online, or by writing a check to Good Shepherd with “ERD” in the memo and we will forward it for you.
Christmas Bazaar	COGS & Outreach	Saturday, 12/8	Come to the Bazaar! Shop the amazing handmade gifts and scrumptious bake table.
The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem	The schools and hospitals in the Holy Land	Advent (through 12/24)	Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the breezeway, write a check to AFEDJ and mail it in one of the envelopes under the tree.
Food donations	Community Center of Northern Westchester (CCNW)	Ongoing	Put donations in the basket under the table in the back of church.

# Diocesan Convention Roundup

This year's Diocesan Convention was held November 9 and 10 in Tarrytown. Fr. Hal, Deacon Norm, and Fay Wright represented Good Shepherd. The Diocese has posted a roundup of the convention, as well as links to several videos: <https://www.diocesenyny.org/2018-convention-report/>. Be sure to check out the videos of our three bishops' addresses.

## Seen around the campus



Fr. Hal is finally embracing his inner lumberjack!  
(Be careful, Desmond!)



Have you seen the beautifully updated Memorial Garden?  
Our 10:00 am All Saints service began in this gorgeous space.



# SERVER, READER, & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER 2:

CHALICE: JIM CORNING  
CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN  
READERS: FAY WRIGHT, JIM CORNING  
PRAYERS: JAN CORNING  
USHERS: RIC LARSON, RICK VESPERMAN  
COUNTER: JIM CORNING

## DECEMBER 9:

CHALICE: JOSE TRINIDAD  
CRUCIFER: CLAIRE HINTZE  
READERS: JULIE MAYE, CHRIS PALMER  
PRAYERS: ARLEEN FLURY  
USHERS: BOB VELZY, ARLEEN FLURY  
COUNTER: KERRY IRWIN

## DECEMBER 16:

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL  
CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN  
READERS: LORI KENNEDY, MICHAEL MARKUMAS  
PRAYERS: BOB BUBECK  
USHERS: GLENN HINTZE, NICK POYSER  
COUNTER: VILMA MULHOLLAND

## DECEMBER 23:

CHALICE: CATHY TRINIDAD  
CRUCIFER: CLAIRE HINTZE  
READERS: LUIS DELAHOZ, RICK VESPERMAN  
PRAYERS: LORI KENNEDY  
USHERS: JOSE TRINIDAD, RICK VESPERMAN  
COUNTER: RICK VESPERMAN

## DECEMBER 24 – 4:30 FAMILY SERVICE

CHALICIST: \*  
CRUCIFER: CLAIRE HINTZE  
READERS: MICHAEL HAGEN, MEGAN WHALEN  
PRAYERS: JULIE MAYE  
USHERS: BOB VELZY, GLENN HINTZE  
COUNTER: N/A

## DECEMBER 24 – 8:00 PM SERVICE

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL  
CRUCIFER: \*  
READERS: CHRIS PALMER  
PRAYERS: \*  
USHERS: RICK VESPERMAN, \*  
COUNTER: N/A

## DECEMBER 25 – 10:00 AM SERVICE

ALL SLOTS TO BE FILLED ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS BY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

## DECEMBER 30– 10:00 AM LESSONS & CAROLS

READERS: TBD  
COUNTER: LEUDA FORRESTER

\* TO BE FILLED ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS



# Our Calendar of Events

- **Note:** *This is a list of the main events for our 2018-2019 program year, from September to June, but not all our activities. It includes neither our Sunday 8 am and 10 am worship services nor our Sunday School and Middle School Youth meetings, since these happen every week of the year. It also does not include meetings for the individual COGS ministry groups, AA, or the Boy Scouts.*
- *If in doubt about an activity, see the master calendar in the church office for these details and/or contact the ministry leader for specific ministry details. Ministry leaders responsible for their events below are in parenthesis. To contact them, see your parish directory, contact the office at [admin@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:admin@goodshepherdny.org), or call the office at 914-248-5631. These are a friendly group of people to get to know.*
- *Assume the events below are free and child-friendly unless otherwise noted. Fr. Hal also has discretionary funds to support everyone to participate in our community life; money will never be a barrier to participation at Good Shepherd. Contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org) for confidential support, if needed.*
- All are welcome! Get involved in anything and everything that interests you!
- **Finally, know that no one does all events. We all have busy lives and a busy church. Engage those events that appeal to you; there are no expectations of attendance. Do those things that fit and enhance your lives. Enjoy!**

## December 2018

- 2, Sunday: Advent begins. St. Nicholas visit; Mite boxes created (Amanda, Megan).
- 2, Sunday: High School Group trip to the Cloisters in NYC (Fay).
- 5, Wednesday: Last weekly Bible study of the calendar year, noon-1:30 pm, until it resumes again in January 2019 (Hal).
- 7, Friday: Quiet Advent Prayer Service. 6:30 pm Simple Soup and Bread Supper; service begins at 7:00 pm (Hal).
- 8, Saturday: Christmas Bazaar from 10 am to 4 pm (Arleen).
- 9, Family Sunday: Christmas Pageant at the 10 am Worship Service (Megan).
- 9, Family Sunday: Acolyte training at 11 am in the church for all interested.
- 13, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).



- 14, Friday: Deepening our Relationship with God in Advent, Eucharist (6:30 pm) & Simple Soup and Bread Supper (7pm) (Hal).
- 16, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service (Emily & Max).
- 19, Thursday: Seniors' Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre – A Christmas Carol (Bruce).
- 22, Saturday: MS Youth trip to CCNW (Courtney).
- 23, Sunday: Advent IV. 8 and 10 am worship services as usual.
- 24, Monday: Christmas Eve. Family service at 4:30 pm; 7:30 pm Carols & Anthems, followed by the 8 pm Christmas Eve service (Hal, Cecilia, Megan).
- 25, Tuesday: Christmas Day 10 am Rite 2 Eucharist (Hal).
- 30, Sunday: Nine Lessons & Carols service at 10 am (Amanda & Cecilia).

### **January 2019**

- 5, Saturday: Epiphany Rite 3 Eucharist & 12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration at 5:30 pm. (Megan)
- 11, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room (Arleen).
- 11-13, Friday – Sunday: Annual Good Shepherd Trip to Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY (Hal).
- 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm. (Hal)
- 19, Saturday: Middle School Youth Group pizza and movie. Time: TBD.
- 19, Saturday: Senior Saturday luncheon from 11-3?
- 20, Sunday: Annual Meeting after the 10 am service with the Men's Group providing Festive Community Breakfast. (Leslie)
- 24, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30-9:30 pm. (Hal)
- 26, Saturday: Clericus one-day vestry retreat. Times TBD. (Hal)



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### WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist, with coffee afterwards  
9:45 am Sunday School & Middle School Youth  
10:00 am Rite II Eucharist with hymns, followed  
by our festive coffee hour  
11:30 am High School Youth meets

### 2018 VESTRY & PARISH OFFICERS

Fr. Hal Roark, Rector  
Leslie Fulton, *Warden*; Rick Vesperman, *Warden*;  
Leuda Forrester, *Clerk*; Glenn Hintze, *Treasurer*  
Chris Palmer, *Financial Officer*;  
2018: Luis Delahoz, Vilma Mulholland, Vito Rizzi  
2019: Jim Corning, Donna Nygard, Courtney Velzy  
2020: Leuda Forrester, Kerry Irwin

### OUR STAFF

The Reverend Hal Roark, *Rector*  
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Phillip Pinkney & Nicholas Poyser, *Sextons*  
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