

# The Messenger

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November 1, 2015, Chesternique, Jermaine Rolle's Godsister, blessed St. John's with her beautiful voice! (Photo courtesy Cynthia Rolle)

## Advent

Advent is upon us. This year we will celebrate Advent as usual with a program every week for families of all sizes, from a single individual to a family with multiple generations. All are welcome. While the children are rehearsing the pageant we will prepare soup and sandwiches and as time permits do any project for the day for ourselves. Then when the children come over after rehearsal we will serve them a kid friendly lunch and help them do the project for the day. We will have a different theme each week. The first week will kick off the season. Advent 2 falls on St. Nicholas Day so we will see what is left in the children's shoes that they will leave in the parish hall. Advent 3 will have an art project and Advent 4 we will decorate cookies for Santa. Bring the children for a fun way to prepare for Christmas.

## Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation

Bishop Stokes will be with us on April 10 at which time he will confirm, receive, and hear reaffirmation of confirmation vows. Bishop Chip will confirm those who have never been confirmed by a bishop, from age 13 through adult. If a bishop in the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, or Methodist church confirmed you then Bishop Chip will receive you into the Episcopal Church. Those who choose to may also reaffirm their confirmation vows at this time. In order to do any of these you will need to attend the classes that will begin in January. Watch for dates and times. If you cannot make the classes and wish to participate, please contact Rev. Margaret to see what sort of arrangements can be made. This is not an event to be "done" just because a child has reached 13 years of age. This is to be taken seriously. If the teen is not ready to make the commitment to the church then he or she can wait until the next time the bishop visits. This is not a race! If you have a teen, age 13 or older, who has not been confirmed, please pray and talk about this seriously. If they are ready, they may join the class.



## Books, Bible, and Coffee

**Next BBC Book Club, December 17  
7:00 pm, Panera Bread, Voorhees**

**Book: *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*  
by Pope Francis**

The BBC meets every month at Panera's in Voorhees (across from Target on White Horse Road), usually on the third Thursday of the month. It is a wonderful place to meet, get something to drink and/or something to eat, and talk about many things, including the book we are reading. Even if you have not read the book, it is still fun to come to talk because we seldom have a night in which we don't go down a few rabbit trails! So join us!

**Vestry meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday evening of each month 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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## Weekly Schedule

### Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Rite II Eucharist with Sermon

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with Sermon

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Rite II Family Eucharist with Sermon

### Wednesdays

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Remember when searching on the internet or ordering on-line to go to **GOODSHOP.COM** when ordering and **GOODSEARCH.COM** when looking for a particular site. At the box where they ask who are you shopping for or who are you searching for just type in "St. John's Chews Landing" and hit the verify button. Our official name will come up. Then continue using the site and any purchases you make using the link to the many shopping sites will give us a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you. Every time you search for something we will get a penny. That may not seem like much, but it adds up. If everyone in the parish would use these sites and share them with their friends and family just imagine how much we could make...at no cost to anyone! If you are not sure how to use these sites please call Reverend Margaret. She will be delighted to walk you through the process. Like the gift cards, this is FREE MONEY, so please invite your friends and family wherever they may be to take advantage of this.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

December 12: Breakfast With Santa, 9:00 am to noon

December 13: Advent 3 with art activity at coffee hour

December 15: Vestry at 7:00 pm

December 17: BBC, Panera Bread, Voorhees 7:00 pm

December 20: Advent 4 with decorating cookies for Santa

December 23: Pageant Dress rehearsal & Pizza Party at 5:00 pm

December 24: Christmas Eve services at 4:30, 7:30, and 11:30 am

December 25: Christmas Day service at 10:00 am

December 27: Service of Lessons & Carols 10:00 am

January 4: ECW Meeting 10:00 am

January 5: Evening ECW Meeting 7:00 pm

January 10: Holy Communion Class begins

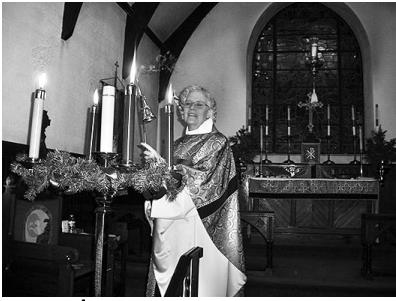
January 17: BBC, Panera Bread, Voorhees 7:00 pm

January 23: Vestry at 7:00 pm

February 7: Annual Parish Meeting following 10:00 am service

February 10: Ash Wednesday 7:30 am, 11:30 am and 7:30 pm

*Remember to mark your calendars*



From the Rector's Desk

It has been one year since I fell down the basement steps at the rectory and broke the small bone in my lower leg, ultimately requiring surgery to put in a plate. Thus began Advent of 2014. Because I was housebound, and actually room bound, this allowed me much time for just sitting, praying, and journaling. It was truly the best Advent I have ever had, although I do NOT recommend this in order to have a quiet Advent. Since I do not plan on doing this again this year, nor do I recommend you do this, I am left to wonder how to achieve this same sort of Advent without the pain and expense of a broken leg and badly injured ankle.

One way I am approaching Advent this year is by trying to get as much done as possible during the weeks leading up to Advent. I have much of my shopping done and plan on getting the wrapping done so all I have to do is get the packages in the mail. I am getting the house clean in preparation for decorating, which I will begin soon and then slowly add items as Advent progresses. My hope is to have time each day to sit and be still and prepare my heart to welcome the Christ child.

The one thing I will NOT be doing is getting all excited about the fact that Starbucks has plain red cups with no Christmas decorations. Apparently some folks think this means Starbucks is waging war on Christmas, which is ridiculous! I also refuse to get excited about business that wish me a Happy Holiday instead of a Merry Christmas, again with the "hidden agenda" of waging war on Christmas. In fact, I will also wish others a Happy Holiday, especially if I know they are Muslim or Jewish. Because you see, no one is trying to "take Christ out of Christmas" unless it is the Christians who are so vocal.

Do you want to keep Christ in Christmas? I know I do. And so I will be giving the people I love gifts that come from ERD, or Food for the Poor, or the World Wildlife Federation, or the local Food Bank or Animal Shelter. For you see, THAT is how we keep Christ in Christmas. We feed the poor, clothe the naked, care for those who are sick or in prison, tend the widows and orphans, and basically care for all of God's creation in the same way Christ did.

That is the mandate that Christ gave to us. We are to love our neighbors the way Christ loves us. That is a pretty tall order; so maybe during Advent I need to spend time in quiet meditation to figure out just how I am to go about it. And maybe, if we all worked on this together, then this Christmas just may be the one in which we begin to change the world in the same way Jesus did. We just need to remember this is pretty dangerous stuff. After all, we may be the one changed the most! So Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyful Kwanza! May this season be filled with love, laughter, and joy in your life and the life of all those who touch you in any way.

*Reverent Margaret +*



Parishioner Nancy Hawkins retired in September after 47 loyal years to Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Nancy is seen here being taken out to lunch by the Big Boss in his corvette on her last day of work!  
(Photo courtesy of Susan Jones)

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for our parish will take place on Sunday, February 7, 2016, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Although this is Super Bowl Sunday, we always finish in plenty of time for folks to get home and enjoy the pre-parties as well as all the Super Bowl commercials. The meeting will include a pot-luck lunch, so be thinking about which delicious dish you are bringing. We need people to serve in leadership roles including Vestry persons, Delegates to both Convention and Convocation. A packet can be found church pews in the church describing the Vestry position if you are interested and want to learn more. Convention Delegates attend the pre-Convention meeting if possible plus the Annual Convention.



## Spotlight on our Youth:

### "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest"



"...and one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too". (Photo courtesy Adam Schreiber)

### Holy Communion Classes

The Intent to Study Ceremony will take place at the 10:00 a.m. mass on January 10, 2016. The parent class will follow immediately after mass in the parish hall. Snacks, movie and supervision for children will be available. This meeting is critical for parents to understand their responsibilities during the season. We will be asking for a sponsor from our parish family for each child. A sponsor greets the child each Sunday, asks about their lessons, prays for the child and accompany with parents and family to communion on Holy Communion day.



**Pageant Dress Rehearsal:** December 23 at 5:00 pm with dinner and then rehearsal.

**Pageant Christmas Eve:** 4:30 pm



### Breakfast with Santa!

Bring your children and a camera for a continental **Breakfast with Santa** at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 12.



### Recycling Christmas Trees



Pictured here are some of the Christmas Wreaths Kathleen Martel creates from discarded artificial Christmas trees. (Photo courtesy Sallie Jones)

### The Advent Wreath

...is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as the birth of Jesus approaches.



### Deadline for the Lent/Easter Messenger Sunday, January 17, 2016

Items may be e-mailed to [Robertgoodman1@comcast.net](mailto:Robertgoodman1@comcast.net) (Please show The Messenger in the subject line.)



## **Silent Night**

The words of Silent Night were written by a Priest called Fr. Joseph Mohr in Mariapfarr, Austria, in 1816 and the music was added in 1818, by his school teacher friend Franz Xaver Gruber, for the Christmas service at St. Nicholas church in Oberndorf, Austria.

Fr. Mohr asked Franz Gruber to compose the melody with a guitar arrangement. It was several years later that Franz Gruber wrote an arrangement for the organ. Historians who have conducted research in recent years believe that Fr. Mohr wanted a new carol that he could play on his guitar. There is a legend associated with the carol that says, Fr. Mohr wanted the carol to be sung by the children of the village at the midnight Christmas Eve service, as a surprise for their parents. But in the middle of practicing, the organ broke and not a note would come from it! So the children had to learn the carol only accompanied by a guitar. They learned the carol so well that they could sing it on its own without accompaniment.

However, there are no records to indicate that a children's choir was involved or that the organ was broken!

At Midnight Mass in 1818, Fr. Mohr and Franz Gruber sang each of the six verses with the church choir repeating the last two lines of each verse. Mohr set down the guitar arrangement on paper around 1820 and that is the earliest manuscript that still exists. It is displayed in the Carolino Augusteum Museum in Salzburg. There are a number of manuscripts of various 'Stille Nacht' arrangements that were written by Franz Gruber in later years.

The original words of the song were in German (and it was called 'Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht') and translated in to English went:

*Silent night, holy night,  
Bethlehem sleeps, yet what light,  
Floats around the heavenly pair;  
Songs of angels fills the air.  
Strains of heavenly peace...*

It's thought that the song might have travelled around the area with an organ repairman, Karl Mauracher, who could have taken an early arrangement with him in about 1820. Then two singing families (like the 'Von Trappes' in The Sound of Music) seem to have discovered the song and performed it as part of their concerts. In December 1832, the Strasser family performed it at

a concert in Leipzig. It was first performed in the USA in 1839 by the Rainer family, who sang 'Stille Nacht' at the Alexander Hamilton Monument outside Trinity Church in New York City. During this time the tune changed to the one we know and sing today!

It was translated into English in 1863 by John Freeman Young. The carol was sung during the Christmas Truce in the First World War in December 1914 as it was a song that soldiers on both sides knew!

By the time that the carol was famous, Fr Mohr had died. Franz Gruber wrote to music authorities in Berlin saying that he had composed the tune, but no one believed him and it was thought that Haydn, Mozart or Beethoven had written it! But then the 1820 manuscript was found and in the top right corner Fr Mohr had written: 'Melodie von Fr. Xav. Gruber'.

It's now one of the most, if the the most, recorded songs in the world!

## **Christmas Adopt a Family**

Once again, St. John's has adopted a family for Christmas. There are "tags" on the giving tree in the parish hall. Please consider taking a tag. This year it is requested that you do not wrap the presents, as the family will handle the wrapping. If all of the tags have been taken, please bring an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" program.

## **Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns**

### **Pray for those in Special Need**

John Worsham, Eric Quintavalle, Joan Collins, Abby Collins, Matthew Sterling, Bill Cox, Bob Brown, Bill Peters, Jimmy Yang, Joan Shupp, Paul Caruso Sr., Margie Schwartz, David Lester, Theresa DeCicco, Nancy Hosey, Denise Stricker, Jeff Boggess, Joseph Weikel, Jenny Yocum, Mare Cahill, Cynthia & Julian Yeh, Linda Smith, Travis, Vince Getsinger, Sean Santos, Steve Montgomery, Maria Grace, Anna Black, John Kuchler, Barney Snyder, Larry & Joyce Sassa, Jean Perkins, Edie Power, Rick Sambenedetto, Robert Brancati, Ann Roney, Harry Smith, Marlaina, Maria Velez, Jared Callen, Kathy Martel, Hadley Benfield, and Phyllis Mancuso.

### **Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound**

Arline and Alex Potts, Kay Taylor, Betty Knipe, Dorothy Sabot, Anna Scalise, Karen Street, Gwen Welker, and Barbara Houghton.

### **Pray for those serving or entering the military**

Samantha & Matthew Sanders, Adam Miller, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Michael Helfrich, Frank Vanore, Jr., Steven Barhmaier, Anthony Moss, Michael Truskowski, Abbey Wilkins, Janet Prince, Ken Sweeten, Andy isinkavitch, Henry "Jake" Redding V, Garrett Bogdan, Nigel P. Shockley, Catherine Marie Wilson, and Mike Millisky.

# The ECW Page

## Is It Soup Yet?

The ECW will be selling delicious homemade soup on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at a cost of \$6.00 per container. These belly warming soups may be purchased at the parish hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. up until 1:00 p.m. Also, soup maybe purchased after the 5:00 pm church service. Soup sales will continue on Sunday, January 17th, following the church services (while supplies last). Some of the possible choices are: Broccoli & Ham; Cheesy Potato; Mushroom; Escarole; Lima Bean, Vegetable Beef; Chicken Corn; Spanish Bean, Chicken Corn; Italian Wedding, New England Clam Chowder: and a whole lot more. Soup containers may be picked up in the parish hall if you have a favorite soup you would like to donate. Donated soups maybe dropped off on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Members of the ECW will be there to accept the soup between the hours of 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

## SCUCS

One of our major outreach efforts is donation of food for SCUCS, an organization in Camden County that provides food for senior citizens in the county. With the current economy, there are many seniors who go hungry every day. We provide reusable grocery bags with suggested items attached to the handle. Pick one up, purchase whatever items you choose, and return the bag the following week. Joyce Root will make sure the food gets to the proper location. They always send us a thank you and are most appreciative of our help. No matter the weather, our older folks all need to eat, so consider helping with this wonderful outreach opportunity

### ***“Stewardship Corner” – by Linda Ambler***

This is the time of year when we talk about Stewardship's three T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure. The Estimate of Giving and Gift of Time and Talent forms have been distributed to all of you. When deciding what you can give of your time, talent and treasure to St. John's, ask yourself, "What does God give to me"?

Please reach deep into your hearts, and return your completed forms to Rev. Margaret or any member of the vestry as soon as possible. Knowing what you are able to contribute will help the vestry and the various committees continue the ongoing pastoral and charitable services to our Church family and the community.

## Help Our Counters!

Those who count our donations and those who record them in the computer are volunteers from among the vestry and congregation. They spend time every week in making sure our deposit and the recording of donations is accurate. There are ways YOU can make their job easier and faster that will mean very little extra time for you. It may mean the counters will be able to come up and enjoy a bit of coffee hour however.

1. When preparing your envelope, please make sure you PRINT information neatly and completely. Indicate what account you want your donation to go for. If you indicate other, please specify. Otherwise it will go into the general fund. Under your amount, please indicate if it is cash or check and put the check number down as well. If you don't do this, the counter has to, which takes time when you are dealing with over 40 envelopes.
2. Remember that Operating Fund and Capital Fund are TWO different accounts. We cannot tear your check in half, so PLEASE put in two separate checks, one for each account. Please put the check numbers on the envelope under the proper fund.
3. Flower and Oil money go into the Operating Fund. They are NOT memorial account donations. If you are making a donation in memory of someone who has died, please use a separate check. Shirley Mullen and Rev. Margaret handle this. Rev. Margaret will send you a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes. It does NOT get put into the computer.
4. If you miss a week or more you can use one envelope to "catch up". Enclosing multiple envelopes is not helpful. The donation is recorded on the date it is received, not the date on the envelope. It is fine to write one check for the entire amount for the same reason.
5. Unless you are enclosing coins or mailing in your envelope, it is not necessary to seal the envelope. The counters just have to "unseal" the envelope, which takes more time. If you are compelled to seal it, please do so lightly!
6. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Wonderlin, Chris Goodman, Sarah Carter, or Craig Keisling.

If you are willing to be included as one of our counters, please contact Mary Wonderlin. We can always use another counter or two.

## Israel Aims to Recreate Wine That Jesus and King David Drank

By JODI RUDOREN NOV. 29, 2015

HEFER VALLEY, Israel — The new crisp, acidic and mineral white from a high-end Israeli winery was aged for eight months — or, depending on how you look at it, at least 1,800 years.

The wine, called marawi and released last month by Recanati Winery, is the first commercially produced by Israel's growing modern industry from indigenous grapes. It grew out of a groundbreaking project at Ariel University in the occupied West Bank that aims to use DNA testing to identify — and recreate — ancient wines drunk by the likes of King David and Jesus Christ.

Eliyashiv Drori, the Ariel oenologist who heads the research, traces marawi (also called hamdani) and jandali grapes to A.D. 220 based on a reference in the Babylonian Talmud.

Wine being prepared for export at Shiloh Wineries, based in the West Bank settlement of Shiloh, this month.

"All our scriptures are full with wine and with grapes — before the French were even thinking about making wine, we were exporting wine," he said. "We have a very ancient identity, and for me, reconstructing this identity is very important. For me, it's a matter of national pride."

The redevelopment of local varietals, however — like so many things in this contested land — is not free of political friction. It comes alongside contentious new [labeling guidelines](#) by the European Union requiring that wines from the West Bank and the Golan Heights carry a label saying they were made in Israeli settlements. And [Palestinians](#) have their own ownership claims on these grapes.

For Israeli winemakers, the search for old-new varietals is an opportunity to distinguish their wares in a competitive global marketplace where they harbor little hope of improving on, say, chardonnay from France. Archaeologists and geneticists are testing new methods for analyzing charred ancient seeds. In the endless struggle between Israelis and Palestinians, it is a quest to underscore Jewish roots in the holy land.

But Recanati is not the first to sell wine from these grapes. [Cremisan](#), a small winery near Bethlehem where [Palestinians](#) partner with Italian monks, has been using [hamdani, jandali](#) and other local fruit since 2008.

"As usual in Israel, they declare that falafel, tehina, tabouleh, hummus and now jandali grapes are an Israeli product," Amer Kardosh, Cremisan's export director, sniped in an email. "I would like to inform you that these types of grapes are totally Palestinian grapes grown on Palestinian vineyards."

Yes, but the Palestinian farms that sold the grapes to Recanati have insisted on anonymity, for fear of backlash over working with Israelis, or just helping make wine, which is generally forbidden in Islam. Recanati, for its part, embraced the heritage, using Arabic on marawi's label and hiring an Arab-Israeli singer to perform at its October unveiling to 50 select sommeliers.

The vintner, Ido Lewinsohn, said his product is "clean and pure of any political influence," adding of the grapes: "These are not Israeli; they are not Palestinian. They belong to the region — this is something beautiful."

Wine presses have been uncovered in Israel — and the West Bank — that date to biblical times. But winemaking was outlawed after Muslims conquered the holy land in the seventh century. When Baron Edmond de Rothschild, an early Zionist and scion of a famed Bordeaux winery, helped restart the local craft in the 1880s, he brought fruit from France.

Today, Israel's 350 wineries produce 65 million bottles a year. The sticky-sweet Manischewitz was long ago overshadowed by top-quality chardonnay, cabernet, merlot, syrah, carignan and more. But there is only so far to go with such imports.

"Have we managed to create a DNA for Israeli wines? Not yet," lamented Haim Gan, owner of Grape Man, a company that advocates Israel's wine culture.

Enter Mr. Drori, who has a Ph.D. in agriculture and in 2005, started a boutique winery, Gvaot, near his home in a West Bank settlement. There he noticed a neglected vine with small, very sweet white grapes that he thought might yield tasty wine.

With a budget of about \$750,000, mainly from the Jewish National Fund — a century-old Zionist organization that has helped transform Israel's agricultural landscape — Mr. Drori and a dozen colleagues have since 2011 identified 120 unique grape varieties whose DNA profiles are distinct from all imports. Around 50 are domesticated, Mr. Drori said, 20 of them "suitable for wine production."

Separately, researchers have identified 70 distinct varieties, using DNA and a three-dimensional scanner that has never before been successfully employed this way, from burned and dried seeds

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found in archaeological digs. The idea is to match such ancient seeds with the live grapes, or someday perhaps to engineer fruit “Jurassic Park” style.

Then there is proving that the old specimens were actually used for wine, not snacks. Mr. Drori points to one set that was recovered near the site of the destroyed Jewish temples alongside a shard of clay marked in an ancient Hebraic script, “smooth wine.”

He believes seeds found in donkey droppings in Timna — where copper mines date to King Solomon’s era, the 10th century B.C. — must have come from pomace, the residue left after winemaking, since animals would not have been fed fresh fruit.

He also cites a Talmudic reference to a sage who lived in A.D. 220 that mentioned “gordali or hardali wine.” That was picked up by a 16th-century scholar who used slightly different names, jindali and hamdani, and described jindali as “soft to chew and the wine weak,” hamdani as “hard to chew and their wine strong” — characteristics similar to those of their descendants today.

Given the difficulty of procuring the grapes from Palestinian farmers, Recanati produced just 2,480 bottles of the 2014 marawi, which is available in only about 10 Tel Aviv restaurants. The winery has about 4,000 bottles of 2015 marawi aging and hopes to soon plant its own vineyard to expand and refine the brand.

Itay Gleitman, the wine writer for Haaretz, called marawi “this year’s most important Israeli wine,” for its provenance, if not taste. He said it was “pleasant and easy-to-drink,” and “opens slightly in the glass with gentle aromas of apple and peach.” And, if expressly cultivated for winemaking, has potential that “piques the imagination.”

Next up is dabouki, also white, which the well-known Israeli vintner Avi Feldstein plans to debut along with his new winery in a couple of months. Dabouki might be the oldest of the local varieties, a good candidate for what filled the glass of Jesus (who Mr. Drori believes drank white as well as red).

Mr. Feldstein said he has about 800 bottles each of 2014 and 2015 dabouki, one “cashewlike” and the other “a little bit tropical.”

“If you are a true winemaker, you want to express a place,” Mr. Feldstein said. “Without locality and the diversification it gives, wine is reduced to alcoholic Coca-Cola.”

Back at Ariel University’s research winery, small cooled trailers with eight wood-aging barrels, Mr. Drori and a graduate student, Yaakov Henig, have made tiny batches from about 30 different grapes in search of the great new — or perhaps ancient —

Israeli wine. Their bottles are labeled with masking tape and handwriting recording the date and location of the harvest.

There is a rich red from the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and a white from Sorek in the foothills of Jerusalem. A few specimens were so scarce they yielded only a small juice bottle. Mr. Henig has named his favorite, found in Nitzanim kibbutz near the Gaza Strip, “Yael,” after his 2-year-old daughter.

“Very good color, very good balance acid and sugar, body, structure,” Mr. Drori observed as he sampled it. “That’s a very good wine grape, even without the story.”

This article appears in the December 4<sup>th</sup> “Good News in the Garden State”.



**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the fall and winter. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Coffee Hour is the perfect venue welcoming our visitors and newcomers as well as getting to know each other better. Coffee Hour follows the late service and it is an important opportunity to meet and greet people. Keep this a success and join us for some refreshments and good fellowship. Also please consider finding a buddy and hosting a Coffee Hour. A sign up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

