

November 24, December 1 & 8, 2019

The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Christmas Eve Worship Services in 2019 will be as follows:

4:00 PM family service;

8:00 PM candlelight service;

10:30 PM candlelight service.

All are welcome!



Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas pageant is "Starry Night, Noisy Night" on 12/15 at 9:45am. Join us between services to watch and hear our youth sing hymns that include "Away in a Manger" and "What Child Is This?"



Dover Friendly Kitchen

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be held on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 PM, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover, across from the library. All are welcome to volunteer on Christmas Eve to help feed the hungry in the Dover area. For more information, please see Jill Schock, Bonnie Sanders, or the Church Office.



Baptism

Baptized in to Christ on Sunday, December 1 at 11:00 are Jordan Christopher Stephens & Dylan Michael Stephens, sons of Laura & Christopher Stephens.



CaringConnections

Hi Everyone...

Have you forgotten what CaringConnections does? Or maybe you weren't sure what the team does. Here is a brief description of the team and individual groups within the team!

CaringConnections is a team set up to serve members and friends of HTLC. The mission of its overall objective is to bring God's gift of caring to those in the church who require and desire it.

The specific need is requested of the group and the group then performs its responsibility or task in response to the communicated need! The team is always mindful and respectful of the privacy of the member's request.

College Student Packages: This group collects and sends out care packages to higher education students. Currently this team is hard at work putting together College Christmas Care Packages (boxes of goodies and best wishes). They will fill the boxes after the first service on Sunday 12/1.

DrivingDaisies: This group drives members who are unable to drive themselves to church. Currently we have one person that we have been consistently driving to church 2 Sundays a month. Without this team this person would not be able to attend HTLC.

Health Connections: The purpose of this group is to assist members in church on health issues. On the 3rd Sunday of the month, after both services, everyone can have their blood pressure checked by a nurse. This is a great and easy way to check your blood pressure! Everyone is welcome – and encouraged to take advantage of this service. It only takes a few minutes of your day!

Home Communion: This group offers communion to those who might be unable or too ill to attend church. This could be just on a short term basis or long term, if need be.

Mail Communications: This group consists of 5 members who write to shut-ins on various holidays or during periods of illness. They have split up the tasks so 4 team members have each taken on a particular holiday and the 5th person writes when there is illness, surgeries or death in the family.

Prayer E-Tree: This is a group of 34 people who are ready to pray for anyone who need prayers. When there is a prayer request an email is sent to the members on the prayer tree email group. We recognize and support the power in prayer!

Meals to those at Home/Recovering: This group makes and delivers meals to members who have a

need whether due to an illness or being shut-in. There might be a request for meals for a day or 2 or it could be an ongoing long term need. Currently the team has set up meal delivery, into January 2020, for a request that was received.

Shawl Ministry: This team crochets or knits shawls to share with church family members or friends to bring warmth, comfort and peace. In October there were 13 shawls on hand at the church. A request for prayer shawls was brought to the congregation. Within a few short weeks and with the help of HTLC knitters and crocheters, that number is now up to 20! The shawls can be found on a shelf in the library area and are available to anyone.

Visitations: This team provides monthly visits to HTLC home-bound members. This very important service provides the member with the personal and spiritual connection that they might otherwise be missing!

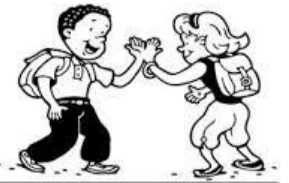
If you have any questions about the team, would like to join the team or know someone who could benefit from any of these services please feel free to contact Cheryl Brigham at brighamca.cc@gmail.com or leave your contact information with Mark in the office. Also please be sure to check out our blog on the church website!

End 68 Hours of Hunger

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has a team that packs food for the program 'End 68 Hours of Hunger' for the city of Portsmouth!! This program is designed to provide food for children in need that would sustain them for the weekend when school is not in session. Kathy McKenna and Lauren Gianino are the Team Coordinators for our church. Our team is responsible for packing food bags for children on 6 more Thursdays this school year. We pack at the First United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave. Portsmouth and we meet at 6pm. Depending on the number of volunteers, the packing process takes between 40 minutes to an hour - but rarely a full hour.

Our next packing date is this Thursday, January 2nd. The dates our team is responsible for are:

Thursday, January 2nd, Thursday, February 6th, Thursday, March 19th, Thursday, April 23rd, Thursday, June 11th



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Last year our group packed 663 bags of food! If you are interested in joining our team please email myself (mckenna.kathy.62@gmail.com) or Lauren Gianino(pglg813@comcast.net). If you know of someone who would like to join our team....please have them contact us!! This is such an unique volunteer opportunity as you can make a huge impact on our local community in under an hour!! We always welcome new participants!!

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Edna Di Nola, Leah Waldschlagel, Hazel Larson & Family, Mary Kuck, Tina Waterman, Robert & Sally Rindfleish, Susan Rindfleish, Emily Beliveau, Jackie Kohlhase, Franklyn Vosburg, Grover Marshall, Brendan Podszus, Jean Klein, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Margareta Claesson, Mark Beliveau, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Ed Mallon.

Homebound: Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Everett Nelson, Carol Saufley, Shirley Bauer, Edith Rowan.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Estelle Lewis (Paulette Sirois' sister), The Vocell Family (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friends), Jamie Stevens (Jill Larson's sister), Matthew Seeley (Elinor Young's niece's partner), Kari King (Stephanie Goupil's sister), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Judy Sieg (Geri Sieg's daughter-in-law), Marion Viole (Joyce Rivore's friend), Caleb Gray (Andy & Nancy S Gray's grandson), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Nancy Burpee (Dave and Joyce Rivoire's friend), Jill Hanrahan (Leslie Darling's daughter-in-law), Richard Marshall (Grover Marshall's brother), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Todd Abild (Julie Moore's brother), John Barry (Tracy Barry's son), Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends),

Anniversaries

Peter & Lynda Johnson, Karen Gerome & spouse, David & Mary Kuck, Jeff & Heidi Morrison, Tom & Susan Duderewicx.

Birthdays

Richard Anderson, Barry Baker, Emily Beliveau, Erlinde Beliveau, Steve Bush, Nova Bygd, Sarah Cooley, Jeanne Dalzell, Candance Hoene, Shirley Jackson, Glennyce Kretchman, Brett Larson, Victorya Liebel, Wema Lugalla, Fran Mallon, Linda Marshall, Addison Masse, Annika Mellor, Don Mitchell, George Parseghian, Holly Proulx, Robert Refsdal, David Reinhard, Patrick Roberts, George Saufley, Jerry Schock, Pam Shaw, Carol Sherfesees, Romauli Siagian, Sophie Smolik, Angela Spoto, Sarah Spoto, Richard Swiatocha, Dick Topping, Tina Waterman, Nick Waterman, Heidi Zollman

