



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Tis The Season

HOLIDAY
BAZAAR

Friday thru Sunday
November 3rd - 5th

The Episcopal Church
of the Holy Nativity
828 W. Cherry Lane
Meridian, Idaho 83642-1619
(208) 888-4342
Sunday Services 10:00am



Monthly Message

A Letter from Rev. Jennifer Anttonen

This will be a busy month for us at Holy Nativity, starting off with our Christmas Bazaar November 3,4 and 5. The Diocesan Convention will be held here at Holy Nativity on November 10 and 11. We are expecting about 200 people. The convention business will be held in the Sanctuary and the meals in the Parish Hall.

Almost every room on our campus will be used for break-out meetings, etc. We will be using the rectory for extra bathrooms and we will have a restroom trailer in the parking lot! All in all, it will encompass almost 5 days of activity, with set up on Thursday, November 9 and final take down on Monday, November 13. Whew! We have done a lot of planning and will be ready to give everyone a true "Holy Nativity" welcome!

On November 5 we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. It has been our custom over the last two years to create our own "Cloud of witnesses" that Sunday before the altar and remember those who have died. Again, small cards will be in each pew for you to write the names of loved ones. Then we will take them forward during the sermon time and make our "cloud". Please come that Sunday and join in that special time of remembrance.

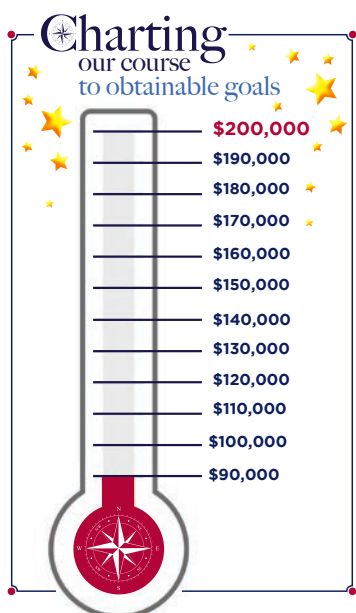
You might have noticed, we have an extra 2 prayers at the end of the Prayers of the People each Sunday. The first is a prayer for our finding a full time priest. The second prayer is from the Bishop. Each month +Jos is sending out a new prayer to be read for that month. His intent is to unify the Diocese in prayer each Sunday. So each Sunday, know that every church in the diocese is united by this same prayer. A good feeling!

Joy+,

Jennifer+



• 2024 HOLY NATIVITY STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN •



Let's work together to reach our \$200,000 goal!

Ahoy there mateys! Its that time of year when we focus on Stewardship. So our committee has been busy sending out pledge cards and letters to everyone outlining the importance of this year's campaign. As we **navigate** this period of transition, we find ourselves not only considering how we continue to grow together as a community of faith but also how we will lay the foundation to call our next full-time-priest.

Generosity is a hallmark of our Christian identity. There comes a time in each of our lives when Jesus asks us to do something extraordinary: to follow Him and be generous of our time, talent and **treasure**.

We hope you have enjoyed the brief messages from the Stewardship Committee these past weeks and are prayerfully considering your support for Holy Nativity in 2024. It is very important that we are **all on board** with this effort, and doing what we can to achieve this goal. Together, we **can** do this!

With warm regards from your Stewardship Committee

Richard Jones, Chairman
 Ken Reglin
 Nancy Hellstrom

Linda Shearman
 Janice Avera



“Tis The Season”
**HOLIDAY
 BAZAAR**

Mark Your Calendar!

- Friday, Nov. 3 | 10am—5pm
- Saturday, Nov. 4 | 9am—5pm
- Sunday, Nov. 5 | 10am—Noon

We will need pies and cookies to sell from our kitchen. If you would be willing to bake and help us with this effort, we'd be so, so appreciative.

Please and thank you



We'll have lots of **NEW** vendors this year, so there will be a wonderful selection of beautiful and unique hand-made items. Make sure to join us, bring a friend, stay for lunch . . . it's going to be great!

Please note - Holy Nativity will have a booth with a variety of items for sale. If you have anything you would be willing to contribute toward our booth it would be greatly appreciated. Questions, please contact Clare Barrett at (208) 867-0913. Proceeds will go toward the “Be Our Guest” Ministry.

Have questions or need more information?

- **Gladys Clymens**
 (208) 284-3736 • gladysclymens@gmail.com, or
- **Sandy Koerner**
 (208) 870- 5392 • koerns@aol.com.

2023

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX PROGRAM

Every autumn, St. Vincent de Paul Sponsors a Thanksgiving food box program. Last fall, the St. Vincent de Paul Society distributed more than 2,500 boxed turkeys with all the trimmings that provided a complete Thanksgiving meal for about 13,000 people! The society works with Boise and West Ada school district counselors to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to over 450 of the districts' poorest families. With a 92% increase in clients at our Food Pantry, we are expecting an increase in need this Thanksgiving. Join us as we serve our Community this Thanksgiving!

Just like in 2022, we we will be contributing financially to St. Vincent de Paul so they can provide the Thanksgiving meals to those in need. If you have the ability and means to contribute to those less fortunate, it would be greatly appreciated.

**We ask that donations
be sent to the church by November 15th.**

Please send checks made payable to Holy Nativity, noting "Thanksgiving Box" in the memo and we will send one check for the total collected to St. Vincent de Paul:

Send contributions to:

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity
ATTN: Thanksgiving Box Project
828 W Cherry Lane
Meridian, ID 83642

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Buchanan at mkbdesigninc@gmail.com





• LADIES TIME OUT •

Let's get together and make

CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Lets spend a fun evening together making Christmas cards.

We'll bring refreshments to share and enjoy.

Thursday, November 30th

5 PM at Wood Creations Boutique
12624 Fairview Ave. • Boise, ID

Cost is \$15 per person - you will go home with three cards. If needed we can arrange for drivers for those who don't drive at night. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Parish Hall after the Holiday Bazaar.

Questions?
Contact Sue Pahlas
at (208) 891-3258



Christmas Eve Services

We hope you'll plan on joining us for one or both of the Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th:

10AM Christmas Pageant

"Touched by a Child, Touched by a King"

7PM Traditional Christmas Eve Mass

If you have children that would like to take part in this special service, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Anttonen.

Or, if you would like to join our choir during this wonderful time, please speak with Heidi Roberts, Musician.

More information to follow.



SEPTEMBER 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$103,975.81
Accounts Payable / Bills		683.53
Balance After Payment		\$103,292.28

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$9,287.71	
Be Our Guest	\$3,207.70	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$2,178.48	
Building Fund	(\$2,949.76)	
Memorial Fund	\$2,735.84	
Paradise Point	\$3,890.06	
Youth Mission	\$1,373.00	
Kitchen Improvements	\$7,808.56	
Kitchen: New Dishwasher	300.00	
Music Fund	\$95.00	
Altar Guild Donation	\$1,090.73	
Landscaping	\$1,050.00	
Sound System	\$2,300.00	
Discretionary Fund	\$4,196.73	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$100,875.47	
Total		\$140,447.43

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

New Commercial Loan	\$2,251.00	
Priest	\$1,760.68	
Total		\$4,011.68

November Birthdays



- Claudia Horn 11/2
- Kelly Mattson 11/3
- Elwyn Conger 11/5
- Jeff Willoughby 11/5
- Annamarie Lavieri 11/7
- Kayla Barkdull 11/12
- Diedre Votaw 11/12
- Bill Bulen 11/16
- Orve Hendrix 11/16
- Grant Sutherland 11/17
- Andrew Benson 11/18
- Adrian Lane 11/18
- Becky Rowell 11/18
- Hayley Bowring 11/24

November Anniversaries



- Mike and Carrie Magette 11/7
- John and Jennifer Anttonen 11/13
- Darwin and Mary Buchanan 11/14
- Adrian and Heather Lane 11/28

Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023 | 7:00PM | Library



Minutes of September meeting were approved by e-mail.

Meeting called to order by Mary Buchanan at 7:00pm
Cindy read the Prayer for Vestries.

Financial:

Mike prepared a profit and loss Budget statement and copies were distributed. Mike also left comments for the Vestry: \$50,000 was moved to a money market account and the interest was \$18.00 to this point. Total cash available is \$243,679. Income is in line with Budget, expenses were a bit lower than budgeted. Final payment was made for the pavers-\$1,550.00.

Convention Update:

Jennifer asked that we find volunteers to handle parking on Friday morning and Saturday morning for the Convention. Friday-10:00am and Saturday-7:00am. The refrigerator in the kitchen needs to be cleaned out as much as possible as well as counter tops before Convention. T-shirts have been put on hold until after Convention.

Christmas "Candles & Carols":

Several activities were discussed. Advent wreaths may be made again as we still have materials available. Possibly on the 3rd of December. No potluck. A "Candles and Carols" event on the 17th of December. Singing carols from 5:30 to 6:30pm with a potluck following.

Christmas Eve Service on the 24th

There will be the Children's Pageant at 10:00am. Late service will be at 7:00 or whenever Heidi is available, will check with Heidi.

Be Our Guest:

Donations needed for the Christmas bags for distribution at the last Be Our Guest meal in December. A vendor's table will be at the Bazaar again this year. Donations of items will be needed to sell.

Thanksgiving Boxes:

Mary contacted St. Vincent DePaul about this ministry. It was decided to once again give monetary donations instead of food stuffs.

Musician 2024 Contract:

Heidi asked that she have a copy of her 2024 contract before she meets with her accountant. Vestry discussed how much of a raise we should be giving this year. Cost of Living index is 3.2% this year. Last year was 8.7%. We truly value Heidi and want to be fair, but we are aware that we are paying Heidi more than other congregations in the diocese. After much discussion the consensus was to increase her pay by 3.7%, bringing her pay up to \$1,400.00 monthly with a Christmas bonus of \$400. This was passed by unanimous vote of Vestry. It was noted that Heidi receives \$350 for playing at events such as funerals.

Vestry Meeting:

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday the next meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th of November.

Interfaith Equality Coalition:

Vance received information outlining what it would take to sponsor a family relocating out of Interfaith Sanctuary. With all that we have on our plate right now it does not seem like something we can take on. We will continue our Christmas Family Ministry with the school.

Junior Warden:

Vance, his brother-in-law and Richard have completed the installation of all the driveway markers. Painting is completed in the Rectory and Vance will remove all his tools. Many thanks to Vance and Marsha for all the work they have done.

Fall Clean-up will be on Saturday the 28th

Vance will take that time to put on new switch plates, etc. in the Rectory, sweep floors and mop so Rectory will be ready for Convention.

Water Damage to Educational Wing:

There is major water damage on the walls of the Education Wing. In the near future, Vance will begin his investigation into methods to repair this damage. This may be a complicated project.

Holiday Bazaar:

The kitchen crew is prepared and ready to go. The tables used for the bazaar can be left where they are—to be used at Convention the next weekend. Sandra asked if we could ask for help from the children to help the Vendors on Saturday afternoon to take items to their vehicles, 4:30 or 5:00.

Fellowship:

Sandra wants to add one more person to each Coffee Hour Team. This will make cleanup easier and assure enough treats. The October Fellowship dinner was cancelled and no one has come forward for November and December. As these are Holiday months we can just start again in January. Will check with Carl and Judy Pierce going forward.

Cleaning Service:

The cleaning service has made strides to make up for the poor service in the past. Bathrooms are in dire need of deep cleaning, tile and baseboards. Narthex carpet has been cleaned as part of our contract. Will need to reschedule cleaning service for Thursday before Convention, instead of Friday evening.

HVAC proposals:

Vance and Jon outlined what is needed to replace hvac units, considering environmental issues, fuel prices, and what we can get by with short term, long term. There is so much to consider with using heat pump/furnace or furnace/ac unit or ac unit only. Repairing units is not an option. Two companies seem to come out on top with their bids, but one company's warranty was not as good. Vance will check to see if that company can do better with their warranty. The two companies that came out with the best bids are Diamond Heating and Cooling and DHL, who

usually does our HVAC work. We need to keep in mind that the furnaces and all but one of the AC units are 50 years old and one has failed.

We should be able to make a decision on this project at the next meeting. There is a very long lead time in getting some units, not available locally and need to be manufactured.

Jon will check with the Diocese to see if money is available to help with this project. Mary has applied for a grant a month or so ago but has not heard back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 with Vestry saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen

Karen Ryker, Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
 Interim Priest: Rev. Jennifer Anttonen
 Assisting Priest: Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
 Church Musician: Heidi Roberts
 Senior Warden: Mary Buchanan
 Junior Warden: Vance Wegner
 Finance Chairman: Mike Magette
 Treasurer: Sue Pahlas
 Office Manager: Cindy Wolfenbarger
 Ministry Schedule: Mary Buchanan
 Sunday School: Carrie Magette
 Altar Guild: Clare Barrett
 Food Bank: Richard Jones
 Fellowship: Sandra Koerner
 Women's Group: Sue Pahlas
 Worship: Rev. Jennifer Anttonen
 Newsletter: Mary Buchanan
 Website: Mary Buchanan