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The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

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Sunday Services 10:00am



Father Shibu & His Family Have Arrived!

Father Shibu and his family arrived on Tuesday, January 30th after a very long drive across the U.S.

Pictured here: Fr. Shibu, Amritha (wife), Athmika (daughter) and Anvidh (son).

As you know, the Rectory received a substantial facelift in preparation for their arrival. New window blinds were installed,

rooms painted, carpeting and linoleum laid, new bathroom fixtures installed, new kitchen appliances, and then very nice new-to-us furnishings were put into place. The catch-all garage was cleared out and a new shed was put into place. Then to top it all off, essential items such as cookware, dishes, utensils and small kitchen appliances were donated in order to make the kitchen ready to serve the needs of a young family. **They were thrilled with their new residence.**

This will be something new for us, since we haven't had a priest living in the rectory for quite some time. Fr. Shibu and his family are very excited about this. It will be very convenient for them and for us as well - ***maybe too convenient.***

As a reminder — although Father Shibu will be conveniently located right here on our grounds, we all need to be very cognizant of the fact that this is their **private** residence and that we need to respect their privacy. So with that, if you need to speak with Fr. Shibu about something, I request that we not simply show up on his doorstep. Let's try, as much as possible, to call him to schedule a time to come and meet with him. We do not want them to feel that their home came with a revolving door. We want them to feel welcomed and comfortable — that their home, is their space. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Mary Buchanan, Senior Warden



Friday, March 1st
Beginning at 6pm

WE'LL HAVE A POTLUCK FEATURING:

- **HOMEMADE CHILI**
- **CORNBREAD AND ROLLS**
- **DESSERTS (OF COURSE)**
- **BEVERAGES**

Then to top off the evening, we'll play Bingo!!!
Complete with great prizes! So bring a friend,
your family, your neighbor. This will be loads
of fun for young and old.

Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.

Proceeds from our Bingo games
will go towards our new HVAC system

Centering Prayer Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 17th
9AM to Noon

Rita Hess, a longtime member of Contemplative Outreach International, has been practicing Centering Prayer for over twelve years. And now, All Saints is offering to host an Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop for anyone who may be interested. **The Workshop is the first Saturday in Lent, Feb. 17th, from 9AM until noon, in All Saints Parish Hall.**

Pamphlets, that feature Centering Prayer and Contemplative Outreach will be arriving soon to provide additional information for your reference.

Questions or want more info?

Contact Rita Hess at
(208) 342-0488, or email:
ritamariehess@gmail.com

Registration: Contact Nicole
All Saints Office, 208-344-2537,
churchoffice@allsaintsboise.org
Free Will Donation (Basket at the
door) \$5.00





Delish!!! Shrove Tuesday!

It's back!! Hot pancakes, sausages, bacon, eggs, coffee and juice. Come and join us as we enjoy these familiar favorites in celebration of Shrove Tuesday - prepared and served by the fabulous men of Holy Nativity.

Tuesday, Feb. 13th
5PM - 6:30PM
In the Parish Hall



Mark your calendar for the

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14 • 12:00 noon

During the service we impose ashes as a sign of penitence and as a reminder of our mortality. The Ash Wednesday service is one of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days in the Book of Common Prayer, found on page 264).

As quickly as time seems to be moving, Easter will be just around the corner. But until then, we have the Season of Lent through which to journey – a time for self-evaluation and reflection, and a time to ponder, pray, and discern what God is calling us to do next. *What is the Spirit whispering to you?*



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR 2 AMAZING PRIESTS!

The celebration continues!



We simply cannot thank these two amazing women enough for all they do for Holy Nativity.



With Sincere Appreciation

Vance Wegner (pictured left) and **Mike Magette** (pictured right) have given many years of dedicated service to Holy Nativity as the Junior Warden and Finance Chair.

Vance Wegner spent many, many long hours over the past six years at Holy Nativity refurbishing the Rectory, the Grotto, making repairs and doing all he could to maintain the buildings.



Mike Magette has served as our Finance Chair for the past 10 years and has been a truly wonderful asset to all of us at Holy Nativity. His expertise with financial matters has been greatly appreciated.

These two gentlemen have been so very generous of their time and talents. To simply say thank you hardly seems enough. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for all they have done for us over the years. They are both tremendous blessings to us all.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday was such fun. Jane Garza and Grant Shutherland served as Readers and did an excellent job. Lauren and Bryson Sutherland were our Ushers carrying the bread and wine forward. Then a fun, thought provoking and entertaining reading of the Lord's Prayer by Taylor and Jonathan Mullin topped off the service. It was a fun twist, enjoyed by all.



New Vestry Members and Delegates to Convention

At the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 28th, new vestry members were elected. **They include Jerrod Horn and Phil Street.** We know they will be wonderful additions to the vestry and are very pleased to have them join the team. On the same token, we wish to thank Vance Wegner and Mike Magette for their years of service and dedication as vestry members. We have truly appreciated their service and can't thank them enough for all they have done.

Also elected at the Annual Meeting were the delegates to convention. They are Darwin Buchanan, Linda Czarkowski and Christian Hungate. Judy Pierce and Linda Shearman will serve as alternates. We thank all of these individuals for their willingness to serve.





DECEMBER 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance		\$81,706.89
Accounts Payable / Bills		0.00
Balance After Payment		\$81,706.89

FUND BALANCES

Operating Reserve	\$8,537.71	
Be Our Guest	\$2,924.35	
Caring Closet Fund	\$2,162.83	
Children's Ministry	\$645.08	
2 Cents A Meal	\$814.62	
Building Fund	\$56,924.60	
Memorial Fund	\$2,161.28	
Paradise Point	\$2,932.30	
Youth Mission	\$1,373.00	
Kitchen Improvements	\$8,018.56	
Music Fund	\$95.00	
Altar Guild Donation	\$50.00	
Landscaping	\$5,686.72	
Sound System	\$2,300.00	
Discretionary Fund	\$1,925.00	
Full Time Priest Fund	\$21,520.00	
Total		\$119,036.78

MONTHLY RECURRING EXPENSES

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



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- Janice Avera 2/2
- Angelo Samperisi 2/4
- Robin Horn 2/5
- Judy Pierce 2/5
- Brady Mullin 2/11
- Steve Sanders 2/14
- Marie Carlisle 2/18
- Linda Morris 2/18
- Darlene Stattner 2/22
- Marsha Wegner 2/23
- Nancy Hellstrom 2/24
- Donna Lofton 2/26



FEBRUARY Anniversary

- John and Joan Cey 2/19
- Jeff and Janet Willoughby 2/20
- Jerrod and Claudia Horn 2/21

Ladies Time Out at

Cafe de Coco

Join us on Monday, February 12th for Ladies Time Out at this delightful Tea House

117 13th Avenue South • Nampa, ID 83651

We will carpool from church; meet at 12:30pm

Questions: Please contact Sue Pahlas at 208-891-3258



It's Girl Scout COOKIE SEASON!!

Lillian, daughter of Greg & Jennifer Dwight and granddaughter of Jacqueline Dwight, is not only a member of our parish, but also the Silver Sage Girl Scout Troop 100 and is selling Girl Scout Cookies.



“ Hi, I am currently working toward my Silver Award. My project is playing my violin for rescue animals because they are stressed and afraid. So I will play calm, soothing, quiet music that helps them to relax.

I am also making animal blankets and beds to donate to each place that I visit. ”

“Thank you for supporting me last year. I would love to be your go-to cookie girl in 2024!”

If you would like to support Lillian, you can order cookies NOW in a variety of ways:



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Crunchy oatmeal sandwich cookies with peanut butter filling



Toast-Yay®

French toast inspired cookies dipped in delicious icing



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Gluten free! Rich, buttery cookies with sweet, crunchy toffee bits



Adventurefuls™

Brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored crème with a hint of sea salt.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity
JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

January 24, 2024 | 7pm



Minutes of December meeting approved by e-mail.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with Mary reading the Prayer for Vestries.

Financial report:

Mike distributed the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual for December. Church income for December was \$20,073.48. This is \$4,300 over the budget. Extra expense was incurred with the demolition of the old shed and purchasing the new shed. The money market generated about \$200 in interest last month. Mike suggested that we put more money into a money market account. The mortgage balance is \$133,000.00. That needs to be refinanced in two years. Mike suggests that we consider paying off the mortgage in a year or two if we have sufficient cash. The Two-Cents-a-Meal cash that Wilma Ellensohn had collected over the years (*but did not get it to the church*), amounted to \$1,627.

Annual Meeting 2024 Budget:

The budget that Mike prepared shows a loss of \$54,000.00 but we have enough cash on hand to cover this. The pledge amount for 2024 is \$177,000.00. With other contributions, the projected income is \$213,920.00.

The Diocesan Assessment @21% will need to be paid as we begin paying our Priest from the designated fund. Mike suggests not paying the entire salary from the designated fund as that is not assessed until it is spent. Jon assures us that the assessment percentage will not be lowered anytime soon. The \$10,000.00 from the Diocese is approved to assist in paying for the HVAC replacement.

\$2,500.00 is allotted for moving expenses for Father Shibu and family. This budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28th.

Priest report:

Bishop Jos will meet with Jennifer and Father Shibu on the 1st of February to discuss the mentorship Jennifer will be involved in. Jennifer spoke of the changes that will be happening when Father Shibu is our Priest-in-Charge. We have been so used to doing for ourselves as we have not had a full-time priest for so long. We must now defer to Father Shibu before anything is done or decided in the church. Everything must be discussed with the priest first. He is in charge, and we must support him to make his ministry with us a success. It will be important to wear name tags and introduce yourself each time you speak with him.

Senior Warden:

The documents for the annual meeting are printed.

Internet for Office—Sparklight was called to give us an estimate of what it would cost to run the internet to the church in preparation of moving the office. The bid came in at \$17,240.00. Other solutions need to be considered.

New Laptop for Priest—Our contract with Father Shibu states we will supply him with a laptop. The laptop that Father Case used is no longer functional and needs to be replaced. Richard Bowring said it will cost about \$ 700.00. This expense was voted on and approved.

Rectory—Mary will be in the Rectory on Friday to clean the floors. Help will be appreciated.

Leap Year Bingo Party—set for Friday, March 1st . 6:00pm. There will be a sign-up for Chili, bread and desserts. Donation of prizes will be needed. Proceeds will go to the HVAC fund.

The commercial dishwasher will be ordered. A grant was received to pay for this.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th and the ashes have been delivered.

Junior Warden:

Cleaning Service — Vance reported that our cleaning service, ResCom, has not been cleaning satisfactorily. They are still working on the bathroom floors, the Men's room in the church has been completed. A meeting needs to be held, as a new contract is needed. The Rectory will no longer need to be in the contract. If there is no resolution, a new service will have to be found.

Snow removal has been a bit of a problem. The company we contract with only plows if there is 2" or more and then only on Sunday. Vance did call them after the last major storm, and they did come and plow. We have the option of increasing the frequency of service which means higher fees. We could ask the groups that rent our facility to help with the cost, perhaps by increasing the rent. The Snowblower that was gifted to the church sometime back and never used, needs repaired. The cost was \$225.00. Vestry voted to go ahead with repairs.

Fellowship:

Sandy reported that her quilting group has completed the quilts for the two beds that Father Shibu's children will use and are in place.

Shrove Thursday Pancake dinner:

Jon said he needs more volunteers (male members). He will purchase all the food.

Mary read Thank You notes from Jennifer (Christmas gift) and Heidi Roberts (bonus). The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Vestry recited the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Karen

Karen Ryker, Recording Secretary

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October 1 thru December 31, 2023

26 Households

\$52.59 Total Donations

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Bishop of Idaho: The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
 Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Shibu Reginold
 Priest-in-Residence: Rev. Jennifer Anttonen
 Priest-in-Residence: Rev. Alice Farquhar-Mayes
 Church Musician: Heidi Roberts
 Senior Warden: Mary Buchanan
 Junior Warden: Phil Street
 Finance Chairman: Jerrod Horn
 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: Father Shibu Reginold
 Newsletter: Mary Buchanan
 Website: Mary Buchanan