

# St. Jude's Announcements

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December 3, 2017

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**Wilma will be gone Nov. 30 to Dec. 5** to visit Saint Patrick's School in Haiti with Peter Troop, Kathy Yates and Susan Witherspoon. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Advent Resources**, including our Giving Guide and Home Advent Wreath Prayers: [www.saintjudes.org/advent-2017](http://www.saintjudes.org/advent-2017)

**Interactive, intergenerational, Christmas Eve Pageant meeting, practice, 11:45 am** | Think *The Sound of Music Sing-along* meets *Rocky Horror* meets *The Christmas Story*. Children AND Youth invited to be speakers (or non-speaking angels or shepherds), with ADULTS invited to join the clergy in being animals. Additional practices: Dec. 10, 17 11:45 am-12:30 pm and 12/24, 3:15 pm. Contact Matt Matthews or Sarah+

**GOTS Bible Study | Dec. 17, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.** Join Bruce Bramlett in the Fireside Room. Bring a Bible for our study of the Gospel of John.

**Food Truck Sunday | Dec. 10, following 10:30 am worship** Come, buy lunch from our **Senior Warden Carlos'** top pick, then a) Take it home, b) Hang out with friends, former and new. c) All of the above. Lunch offered by Oaxacan Kitchen, <http://www.oaxacankitchenmobile.com>; bring cash or credit card. See clergy for financial assistance. Contact: Mary Hultquist.

**GOTS | Dec. 10, 12:30 pm -2:00 pm** Join a small group, political letter writing-cancelled 12/10 only. See list of active GOTS [here](#), including dates. Child care offered, Room 1. Contact: [Linda Morris](#).

**Parent Potluck | Dec. 17, Noon-1:30 pm** ALL parents are welcome to join in a conversation around "Gift Giving: expressions of service, justice or toxic charity?" Child care offered, Room 1. Come even if you cannot add to the potluck lunch.

## Procedure Update

**An Important Reminder from your new Treasurer about Checks and Reimbursements:** All reimbursement requests MUST be pre-approved by your ministry lead. As a reminder, here's the process:

1. You incur a reimbursable expense (flowers, paper goods, food, maintenance materials etc.) on behalf of the church.
2. You get a Reimbursement Form from the Office Manager's box in the Farmhouse (the wall of boxes).
3. You fill out the Reimbursement Form and attach your receipts. You indicate how the reimbursement check should be addressed or delivered.
4. **You take the Reimbursement Form to your Ministry Lead and ask them to sign it, indicating they approve the expense AND that it will be charged against their ministry budget.** (Note, if you are the Ministry Lead, indicate that in the Person Making Request line and leave the Approved by BLANK)
5. You put the completed form back in the Office Manager's box by **Friday 4:00 pm.**
6. Donna will run checks on the following **Monday.**
7. Checks are signed by two designated signers.
8. For amounts *less* than \$500 you can expect the check that week; larger amounts require additional approvals or review. Jeffrey Pugh (Treasurer)

## Mission Covenant Corner

**This week St. Jude's honors the Community Forums Ministry.** These are held in the Parish Hall most Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am. The timing allows parishioners from both the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am services to attend. Child care is provided.

Topics range from the application of Christian principles in our daily lives; Spirituality; and church history. Some speakers come from outside the St. Jude's community, while some are St. Jude's parishioners and Clergy. All are experts in their field. A few of the recent talks include Religion & Pop Culture; Asian & Black Liberation Theologies; The Resurrection of Jesus: What Did & Didn't Happen?; The Science of Genetic Modification; Advent Poetry. During Lent the Sunday forums and sermons are connected to the Wednesday evening Lenten themes.

There are other chances to attend seminars and workshops at St. Jude's. For example, the upcoming Jesus Seminar on the Road, sponsored by Westar Institute, will be held February 2-3, 2018, with a forum on Sunday Feb. 4. This Seminar includes a section on The Wisdom of Jesus.

Forum committee members are Judy Bailey, Carolyn Bowker, Emily Holton, Jan Panell, Karen LeBlanc, Susan Witherspoon, Dianne Rhudy, Anne Mahler, Kathy Yates, Jan Hill, Howard Hill. For questions and information contact any of the committee members.

## Pastoral Care

**Clergy Visit?** In addition to offering urgent pastoral care, Wilma and Sarah enjoy visiting with parishioners at home, near their office, or another place of their choosing. Bruce also visits with parishioners as his schedule allows. If you would like a visit, please contact them directly or let the office know.

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Wilma, [wilma@saintjudes.org](mailto:wilma@saintjudes.org)  
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**The holidays** are coming. Holidays can be stressful: expectations, family gatherings, relationships and unresolved conflicts, commercial hype, financial constraints, the pressure to be happy, loneliness, remembering happier times, difficult memories, and on and on. What can we do to help each other? In times of stress or emotional challenges, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts, and that's what Stephen Ministers do. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a caring Stephen Minister listen and walk with you through this stressful time call Judy Bailey at (650) 242-6965. *A simple resource is also provided in the Narthex if you are grieving or walking with someone who is struggling this holiday season.*





*Come Worship, Learn, Creatively Pray, & Rejoice together!*

### Pre-Advent | Nov 26

#### Advent Wreaths & Angel Tree

Make home Advent wreaths in the Parish Hall between services. \$10 wreath base & \$5 candles.

### Advent 1 | Dec 3



**Worship - 8 & 10:30a**  
At 10:30, children wear pajamas & then, when coming for the Eucharist, leave their shoes in the Narthex for a little treat.

**Forum - 9:15a**  
Clergy offer an introduction to the Gospel of Mark as we begin a new lectionary year.

#### Jazz Vespers - 5p

An evening of reflection, rest, poetry, prose, & jazz.

### Advent 2 | Dec 10

**Worship - 8 & 10:30a**  
++ Food Truck Sunday & GOTS

**Forum - 9:15a**  
Clergy discuss theological themes; comparison of Mark with other gospels & questions such as, Why is there no birth narrative in Mark?



#### Pick & Pray, followed by Taizé

*Enjoy one or more prayer offerings:*

- 2:00-4:30p "Remember a loved one," walk the Labyrinth, Knitting comfort station, & more! Available throughout the campus (map & descriptions will be posted).
- 2:30p Joy Hayter & Mair Dundon lead a special time of Mindfulness/Welcoming Prayer.
- 3:30p Deacon Robin Poppoff leads special prayers at the labyrinth.
- 5:00p Taizé prayers

### Advent 3 | Dec 17

**Worship - 8 & 10:30a**

**Forum - 9:15a**  
Barbara Simmons & GOTS writers share Advent poetry & prose.

**Lessons & Carols - 5p**  
Candle lit service, with cookies, hot chocolate & brass ensemble carols following. As able, bring an item for the local food pantry.



### Advent 4 | Dec 24



**Worship - 9:15a**  
ONE contemplative service in the Parish Hall with poetic reflections, contemplative music & communion.

In this full holiday season, ways to give back are outlined on an alternate flier.

### Christmas Eve | Dec 24

**Worship - 4p**  
Interactive, intergenerational pageant & carols, with communion.



**Worship - 10:30p**  
Festive Choral service with sermon & communion; carol singing at 10 pm.



### Christmas Day | Dec 25

**Worship - 10a**  
Simple service with carols, sermon, & communion.

### Healing Service | Dec 31

**Worship - 9:15a**  
Centering worship service with sermon, communion, & healing prayers to start the new calendar year.

Whoever you are, wherever you are  
on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

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