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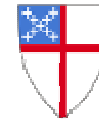
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Dear Friends in Christ,

The brief and lovely season of Advent is nearly here. The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year. Once again, Christians find themselves in liminal space – the space between sacred time (*kairos*) and secular time (*chronos*).

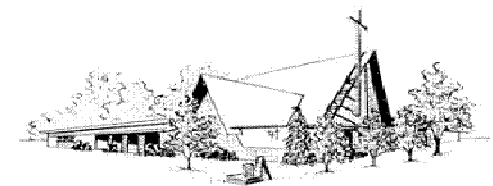
During Advent we wait in three ways. We wait for the celebration of the holy birth of Jesus. We wait for the final redemption of the universe by the same Jesus Christ who became human in love for our sake. As we say in the creeds, “he will come again to judge the living and the dead.” In the meantime, we wait for the coming that has immediate meaning for us – the coming of Christ as the Church, his body on earth. Of course, Christ comes to each of us individually, but much more important is the way in which he comes to the Church, known by his name.

Without this coming, and our recognition of it, Christ cannot do his work in the world. St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

**Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
is to look out to the earth,
yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good
and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now**

In this holy season, let us joyfully remember and anticipate the coming of Christ among us. Let us acknowledge him here, with us now. Let him be made known through our community, as part of his body on earth. Even as we wait for him, let us actively make him known to those who, perhaps without even knowing it, hunger and thirst for him, and long for his presence.

Faithfully,
Mother Christine+





Sometimes snowflakes aren't pretty.

Help us provide items to **youth in need** in **Butler Co.** to help them keep warm this winter.

Donated items can be dropped off at **Trinity Church.**

400 W. Ash
El Dorado, KS 67042

Episcopal Social Services
Venture House

Christmas Concert

David Josefiak, Organ
Teresa Kirkendoll, Piano

Sunday, December 16,
3:30 p.m.

Reception following



Frequently Asked Questions Refugee Co-Sponsorship

Q. Why are faith communities called "Co-Sponsors?"

A. When a faith community decides to sponsor a refugee family, they do so in partnership *with* EWARM. EWARM and the faith community are co-sponsors together. This ensures the smoothest transition possible for refugees, and helps keep faith communities from feeling burdened by their ministry to recently arrived refugee families.

Q. How long are we supposed to help the family?

A. A co-sponsor works with the family for up to 120 days. Payment of rent and utilities during this period is a great help because it gives the refugee family a chance to get jobs and "get on their feet." At the end of 90-120 days, the family members who are employable should be working.

Q. What does the co-sponsor do in the co-sponsorship commitment?

A. The U.S. government requires that certain "core services" be delivered to every refugee who is admitted here. These services include meeting the refugee at the airport, providing safe and decent housing, providing food or a food allowance, providing essential furnishings for the home, providing necessary clothing, referring the refugee to a medical exam within the first month after arrival, registering children in school, and helping the refugee find employment. These services can be delivered by a faith community co-sponsor or by Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry staff in circumstances where there is no faith community co-sponsor for the refugee family.

Q. Is there anyone who can help us get organized after we commit to co-sponsorship?

A. Organization of co-sponsorship duties can be accomplished in several ways, depending on various factors, including the size of your faith group. Each faith community is different and you will have your own ideas about how to organize your resettlement ministry. EWARM is ready to partner with you in this process by providing an initial orientation to the co-sponsorship team and by guiding you in each step after.

Q. Who finds jobs for refugees?

A. Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry will assist refugees with seeking employment. EWARM staff takes the refugees for job applications and interviews to aid in securing employment. Co-sponsors can assist by researching employment opportunities and relaying this information to EWARM for follow-up.

Q. Who pays for their travel to the United States?

A. Refugees sign a promissory note overseas that they will repay the cost of their airfare to the United States, as they are able through employment.

Q. What if a family is uncooperative and won't accept jobs or work to help themselves?

A. Co-sponsors make a commitment of 90-180 days to help families. If the refugees will not support themselves, then at the end of this time, the co-sponsors are strongly encouraged to withdraw support.

Q. What is the co-sponsorship likely to cost?

A. Faith groups usually spend about \$3000 for a family of four, which amounts to three months of rent, deposit on an apartment, utilities, and miscellaneous expenses. Other items needed by the family, such as furniture and clothing, are almost always donated.

Q. What services does Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry provide?

A. EWARM provides translation services, job placement within 90-120 days of arrival, help in transportation to medical appointments, counseling, and English classes for employable adults. EWARM also provides access to contract language service providers. To assist the co-sponsor we offer continual involvement and expertise in identifying and accessing local resources for refugees.

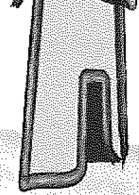
Q. Do the refugees have medical insurance?

A. Refugees who have children age 19 and under can qualify for a package of benefits which includes nominal cash assistance, medical insurance, and food stamps. If a refugee does not qualify for this package of benefits, they are typically eligible for food stamps and EWARM staff assists in securing medical care through local clinics.



Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry - 401 N. Emporia - Wichita, KS - 316/977-WARM (9276)

EWARM



EPISCOPAL WICHITA AREA REFUGEE MINISTRY

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ♦ Consider Financial Sponsorship
- ♦ Refugee Family Mentorship
- ♦ Volunteer to assist with training refugees—cooking, cleaning, etc.
- ♦ Donate office skills
- ♦ Donate new or gently-used household items—kitchen utensils or small appliances, furniture, towels & linens, television, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc.
- ♦ Tax-deductible monetary donation
- ♦ Offer employer partnership
- ♦ Designate corporate sponsorship
- ♦ Donate time & labor to set up initial living arrangements

AGENCY SERVICES

- ♦ Cultural Orientation— Norms
- ♦ Health & Safety Training
- ♦ English as a Second Language Instruction
- ♦ Employment Training & Placement
- ♦ Navigation of Transportation System
- ♦ Financial Literacy



Members of our Parish Family "Tagged"

Betty Kirkpatrick, with many volunteer hours at the Coutts Museum.

Ted Dankert, Veteran of the Year and Business Entrepreneur of the Year at BCC.

Ned Ellet and Carol Turner recognized as Butler County History Center Volunteers.

Ned Ellet showing the sword and commission papers of his great great grandfather Brigadier General Alfred Washington Ellet to the DAR. The papers were signed by Abraham Lincoln.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 p.m.

What is Taizé?

Taizé is an ecumenical religious community that was begun in France right after World War Two to pray for peace and reconciliation. It has become known worldwide for its distinctive style of worship, and attracts several thousands of pilgrims, especially young people, from around the world every year. Songs and chants from the Taizé Community have enriched the musical repertoire and hymnals of many Christian traditions, including the Episcopal Church.

The Taizé service is a time of quiet, contemplative worship. In Taizé chants, the simple texts and melodies are repeated, so they center our spirits and penetrate our hearts.



Advent/Christmas schedule

Evening Prayer 5:30 beginning Monday 11-26 through Friday 12-21

- Dec 1 Cookie Fair, and Alternative market
- Dec 2 Public Library Centennial Open House 2:30 - 4:30
PKHLS Offices
- Dec 8 2:00 Fr. Richard McCandless celebration of
50th Anniversary of ordination
- Dec 9 5:00 p.m. Advent Taizé
- Dec 16 3:30 Christmas Concert and Reception
- Dec 23 Advent Lessons and Carols with Eucharist at 10:30
(8:00 will be "as usual")
- Dec 24 7:00 Christmas Eve service. Reception following
- Dec 25 Christmas Day service 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 30 Fr. Gar Demo supplies at 8:00 and 10:30

Mother Christine in Missouri Dec 26 – Jan 3

FREE MEAL

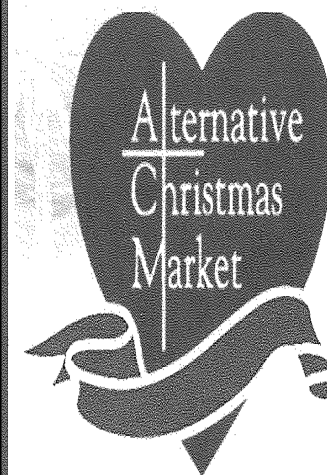
Park Avenue Baptist Church
1101 S. Arthur
is hosting a free meal
the 2nd Saturday of each month
5:00-6:30 pm



El Dorado Main Street

December First Savings

December First Friday will be here soon. December 7th will be the downtown Christmas parade. It will begin in the old Food 4 Less parking lot and end at the Butler County Oil Museum. The Butler County Oil Museum will have carolers, Santa Claus, and much more Holiday fun. The parade normally brings quite a few families downtown, so this would be a great month to be creative.



*"Honoring those
who have enough
by giving to those
who have too little"*

Saturday, December 1
10:00am-2:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church
430 Eunice Street, El Dorado

Alternative Christmas Market is filled with unique gift ideas designed to delight the recipient and help the less fortunate in Butler County and beyond experience better lives. There will be over a dozen local and international non-profit projects that benefit the less fortunate locally and around the world. Ten Thousand Villages® will also offer arts and crafts from around the world.

All gifts are tax-deductible. When finished shopping, write one check (or pay with MasterCard or VISA) and then select from several attractive holiday cards, ready for you to put under your tree or mail. You will also receive an insert to place in your card that describes the project given in the recipients' honor. All of this in a relaxing atmosphere with Christmas music, cookies and hot beverages!

Questions? Contact Bill O'Connell at 316-321-3790



Happy Birthday!!!

- 1 *Janice Price*
- 4 *Steven Denny*
- 5 *William Kloeblen*
Morgan Metcalf
- 6 *Melody Haines*
- 7 *Carol Ritter*
- 8 *Dave Billingsley*
Benjamin Bradley
- 9 *Isaac England*
- 10 *John Pratt*
- 11 *Lois Ballance*
- 14 *Cally Varner*
- 15 *Gene Adams*
- 23 *Eric Shipman*
- 24 *Steve Adams*
- 25 *Shirley Patton*
- 28 *Tad McLaren*
- 30 *Ralph Lurie*

Happy Anniversary!!!

- Bill & Virginia Amend (19)
- Tad & Amber McLaren (22)
- Dave & Sandra Adams (27)
- Preston & Christine Gilson ((27)
- Ron & Cherilyn Chiaro (29)



Trinity Episcopal Church

Lay Ministries Assignments

December 2012

8:00 A.M.

- December 02... Ned Ellet
- December 09... Ted Dankert
- December 16... Preston Gilson
- December 23... Clay Calhoun
- December 30... Ned Ellet

10:30 A.M.

December 02

Lay Eucharist Minister... Matt Kirkendoll

Lector 1...David Reynolds

Lector 2...Fran Pykiet

Intercessor... Clay Calhoun

December 09

Lay Eucharist Minister... Clay Calhoun

Lector 1...Bill Kloeblen

Lector 2...Jerry Demo

Intercessor... Fran Pykiet

December 16

Lay Eucharist Minister... Annette Gurney

Lector 1... Brent Nearhood

Lector 2...Wilma Don McGinnis

Intercessor...Bill Kloeblen

Readings will be mailed

December 2

Lay Eucharist Minister... Preston Gilson

Reader 1... Carol Turner

Reader 2... Brent Nearhood

Reader 3... Peter Storandt

Reader 4... Starlene Nearhood

Reader 5... Jerry Demo

Reader 6... Clay Calhoun

Intercessor..... David Reynolds

December 24 Christmas Eve

Lay Eucharist Minister... David Reynolds

Reader 1... Clay Calhoun

Reader 2... Starlene Nearhood

Intercessor... Carol Turner

December 25 Christmas Morning

Preston Gilson

December 30

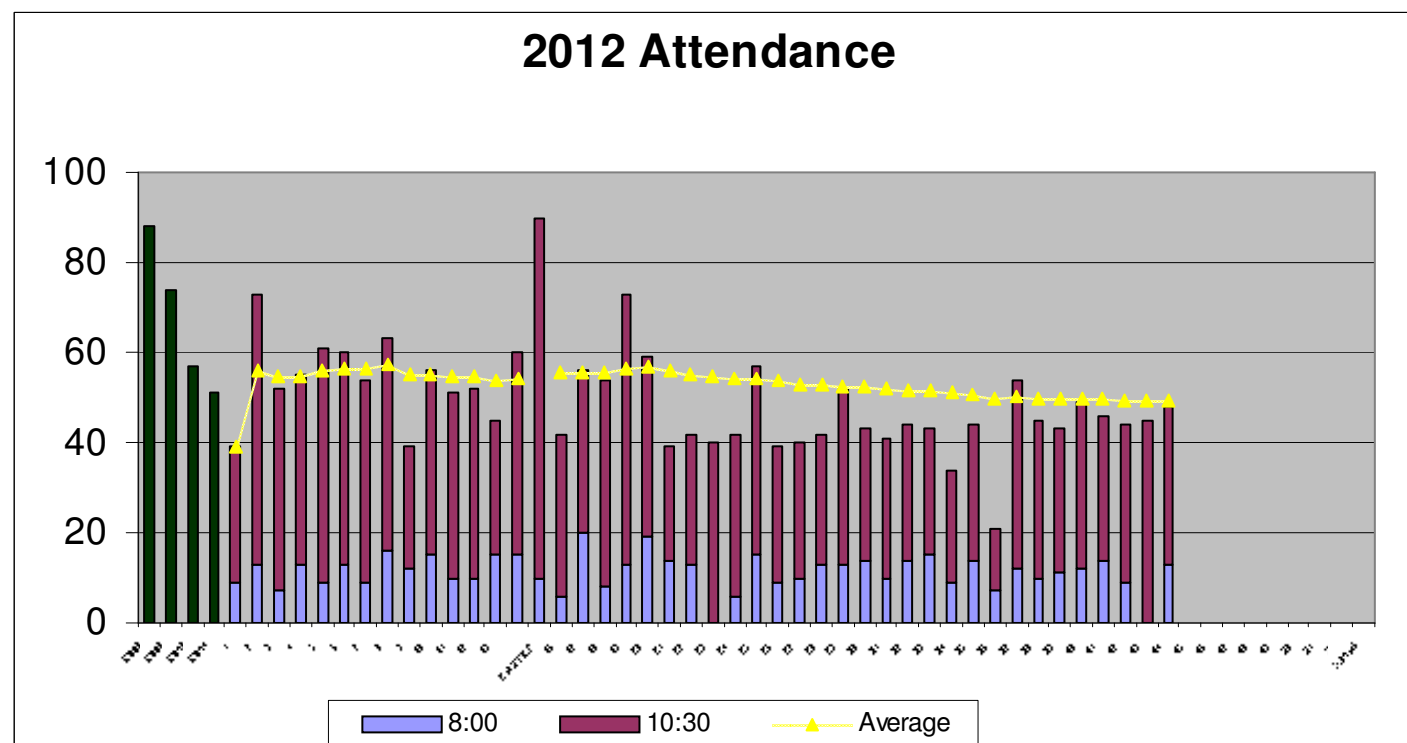
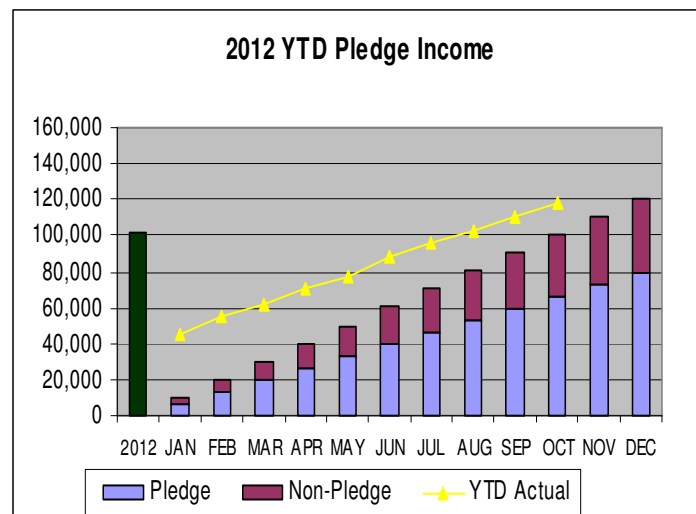
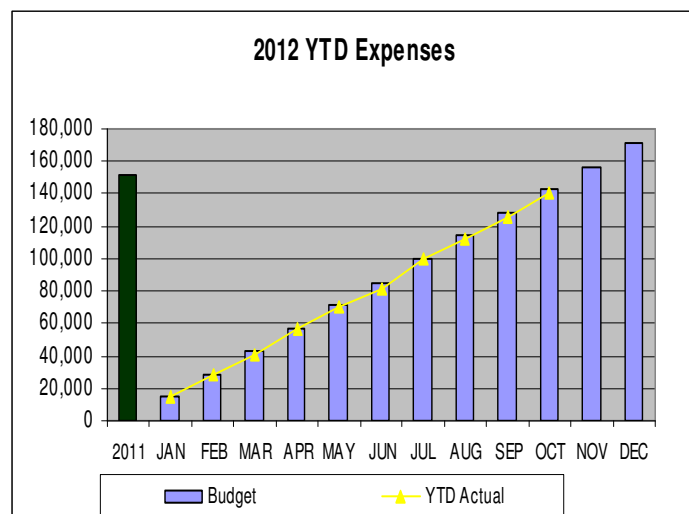
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Thank you all for all your faithful service.. As always, if you cannot serve as assigned, please secure your own substitute.



Vestry Minutes

October 25, 2012

The Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church met Thursday evening, October 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirkpatrick Room.

Members present:

Carol Turner, Shelley Shipman, Richard Chase, Glenda Giro, Cindy Badwey, Clay Calhoun and Mother Christine Gilson.

Absent:

Richard King and Pat Riffel

Mother Christine opened the meeting with prayer.

Vince Haines, architect, presented detailed plans for the proposed renovation of Trinity Church. It was noted he had met several times with a renovation committee and once with the parish about ideas and input. The Vestry had much discussion about the detailed plans. At this time the renovation cost is estimated to be \$519,000 total for all phases. The timing for bids right now is good. Further decisions about renovating in phases can be decided after the fund drive.

Clay Calhoun moved and Carol Turner seconded to accept the renovation plans as presented by architect Vince Haines. Passed 5 to 1 with Shelley Shipman opposing.

Vince Haines will make available 8 1/2" x 11" prints. The Vestry will be responsible for introducing the plans to the parish. The large plan will be on display in the parish hall with a suggestion box. A letter will be mailed to all parishioners noting the Vestry approval of the renovation plans. The letter will include the announcement of a parish meeting on November 18, 2012, following the 10:30 Church service. This includes a pot luck dinner.

A special Vestry meeting will follow on Monday evening, November 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

The Vestry nomination committee is Cindy Badwey, Richard Chase and Richard King. The nominees should be confirmed members or letters of transfer and faithful in attendance and giving.

Clay Calhoun and Richard Chase volunteered to give remarks about Stewardship in November.

Glenda Giro moved and Shelley Shipman seconded to accept the September minutes. Passed as corrected. The correction was that the minutes for September should read "August minutes passed."

The treasurer's report showed a Cleared balance of \$37,850.98

Available funds of \$28,447.38

They were submitted for audit.

Senior Warden, Clay Calhoun, announced he was beginning the process toward "Holy Orders" to become an Episcopal priest. Mother Christine and the Vestry pledged to help in all ways possible.

Cindy Badwey presented information regarding a City-wide "Chili-Cookoff" on November 24, 2012 sponsored by Main Street, El Dorado. Carol Turner is looking into the Church's participation.

Father Mitchell will hold Services on Sunday, November 11, 2012.

The next regular Vestry meeting will be November 15, 2012.

Meeting adjourned.

Faralane Chase

Clerk