

Word to the Wyes Weekly **December 11th, to December 17th, 2011**

Worship Service December 11th – 3 Advent

St. Luke's Chapel – 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Choir)
Old Wye Church – 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Worship Service December 18th – 4 Advent

St. Luke's Chapel – 8 a.m. Holy Communion
Old Wye Church – 10 a.m. A Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols

Prayer for Annual Parish Stewardship

Accept, O Lord, these ~~gifts which we bring to you, inspire and increase~~ our love and gratitude for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our lives. We commit our church to your praise and honor, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be worshipped, and His ministry of compassion, healing, and new life bring hope to all people. Amen.

Coming Events & Scheduled Meetings ~

Kerygma: The end is near! Our study of Revelation concludes this week. We gather on Monday at 10:00a.m., at the Hafner's home in Queenstown, and on Wednesday at 8:00a.m., at Old Wye library.

Hanging of Greens at Old Wye: The parish tradition of "greening Old Wye" is scheduled for Thursday, December 15th, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Jackie Saunders at 410-827-8516.

Sunday School News: Preparing for Christmas Eve, on Sunday, December 18th, children will be rehearsing, "What shall I give Him." Come join us for games, goodies, and presents under the tree during Sunday School. Following Sunday School, families are asked to gather at St. Luke's for a dress rehearsal. Contact Jen Depp at 410-810-1797.

Parish Christmas Services- December 24th 25th:

December 24th: St. Luke's -Family Christmas Service, 5:00 PM

Old Wye -Candlelight Holy Communion, 10:30 PM

December 25th: St. Luke's -Christmas Morning Communion, 8:00 AM

Worship Service January 1st – New Year's Day:

Old Wye Church –10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Announcements ~

Parish Stewardship Letters: Letters have been mailed. Enclosed were pledge cards to be returned to the parish. These are the weeks of prayer and commitment leading to the formation of an annual parish budget. We depend in faith upon the Lord's people for the adoption of a balanced budget in 2012. If you have questions about parish giving, or did not receive our vestry's annual letter, please contact me, our senior warden, or as a practical matter, the parish office. Blessings and joy be yours in the ministry we share together. - Rev. Charlie

"Greening" the Churches: Each year, the Altar Guild beautifully decorates St. Luke's and Old Wye for Christmas with greens and poinsettias. If you wish to make a donation to our efforts, please complete a Christmas Poinsettia form. By giving a donation, you can offer your intentions to remember and honor those people you hold dear to you. See Flower Form attached. Contact Mary Campbell at 410-758-3071.

Volunteer(s) Needed: Our weekly Bulletin is printed at the end of day on Thursdays in the Parish office. If anyone can spare 30-45 minutes on Fridays to fold and stuff the bulletins, please contact the office.

Lectionary Study Guides: This Sunday, the Synthesis CE Lectionary Study Guides are available at the Usher's desks. This two-sided page guide provides interpretation and implications of the scriptures for the Sunday readings. For those interested, this serves as a weekly resource for worship in the Episcopal tradition.

Outreach-Samaritan House Donations: Please remember our neighbors who visit the Samaritan House for bagged groceries. They accept non-perishables and monetary donations (checks should be made payable to "United Concerned Christians of Caroline Co."). Leave your bag of food or monetary donation at either church, and we will deliver them. Thank you and blessings, Bill & Jean Peterson. Phone: 410-533-5796.

Feeding Those in Need-We are asked to fill a grocery bag with items listed below and bring the bag to church. Please save your receipts, with donated items marked, for your charitable contributions on your tax returns.

Suggested Items: Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Tuna, Cereal, Coffee/Tea, Pork and Beans, Cookies, Soup, Raw Beans, Canned Ham/Spam, Pasta Sauce, Uncooked Rice, Pasta *Thank You Very Much!*

Parish Prayers~

In our Prayers: Mary Ann Massey, June Zepp, Tony Quarterio, Jill Brimhall (June & Erve Easton's daughter), Jarrett Smith, Arnie Hafner, Robin Downes Pilli, Bill Helms, John Carey (Bonnie Forgacs's brother-in-law), Jack Valdez (Salena Barrett's brother), Ron Franks, Marc (Betty Montgomery's brother), Pam Perry (Lowell & Barb's daughter-in-law), Brenda Dean Abel (Debbie Scott's sister), Dylan Carson, Lewis Scott (Jeff's father), Richard Tillman, Beth Rupp (Jackie Saunders's sister), and Geri Hennessey (Jack's sister).

Usage of Wye Parish Buildings: Various activities occur weekly and monthly in our two church buildings. Note the following events when you are considering visiting or scheduling events in the buildings. To schedule other activities in the buildings, please call the church office at 410-827-8484.

- **St Luke's –**
 - Monday, 2:00-5:30 p.m. – Conservatory of Music
 - Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Young Life Meeting
 - Tuesday, 2:00-5:30 p.m. – Conservatory of Music
 - Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Wye Youth Chorale
 - Thursday, 2:00-5:30 p.m. – Conservatory of Music
 - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. - We Are Not Alone Group Meeting
 - 1st Wednesday of the month, 3:00-9:00 p.m. – Conservatory of Music and Choir
- **Old Wye –**
 - Monday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Kerygma (seasonal-when in session)
 - 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Vestry Meeting in Vestry Cottage
 - Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. – Kerygma (seasonal-when in session)
 - Wednesday (except 1st Wednesday), 3:00-9:00 p.m. – Conservatory of Music and Choir
 - 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meeting
 - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
 - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. – Acorn Group Meeting

Getting the Word Out: Please address items for publication in the following manner:

>**Sunday Bulletin:** by Wednesday to Parish Office at wyeparish@toad.net.

>**Word to the Wyes Weekly E-Newsletter Email:** by Tuesday to Parish office at wyeparish@toad.net.

>**Word to the Wyes Monthly Newsletter:** by the 2nd Friday of the month to Vicki McPeters at vmcpeters@verizon.net.

HoneyBaked Ham/Turkey Pre-Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Please Print

Please use the following code: T = Thanksgiving Order C = Christmas Order
 N = New Year's Order

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Ham/Turkey Description:</u> | <u>Code</u> | <u>Other:</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| _____ | 8 lb. Half Ham, \$55 | _____ | 2 lb. Ham Salad, \$14.99 |
| _____ | 10 lb. Half Ham, \$70 | _____ | Bone/Soup Mix, \$14.99 |
| _____ | 3 lb. Boneless Half Ham, \$32 | _____ | Hickory Mustard, \$6.99 |
| _____ | 4 lb. Mini Ham, \$30 | _____ | Honey Mustard Mayo, \$6.99 |
| _____ | 2.5 lb. Roasted Turkey Breast, \$25 | _____ | Vanilla Rum Cake, \$24.99 |
| _____ | 2.5 lb. Smoked Turkey Breast, \$25 | _____ | Gift certificate, \$50.00 |

HONEY BAKED HAM/TURKEY PICK-UP DATES AND TIMES AT . . .

Wye Parish Episcopal Church, 14114 Old Wye Mills Rd., Wye Mills, MD

| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Thanksgiving Orders | 11/21 AND 11/22 | 4 - 7 p.m. |
| Christmas Orders | 12/22 AND 12/23 | 4 - 7 p.m. |
| New Year's Orders | 12/29 AND 12/30 | 4 - 7 p.m. |

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____ Cash Circle One Check

Signature: _____

NOTE: Make check payable to: ECW of Wye Parish

Deadlines: Thanksgiving- Nov. 18th, Christmas- Dec. 18th, New Years- Dec. 28th

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Call 410-490-8062 or 301-752-2323



Community Outreach

The QACCA board has made the Our Haven Shelter service date announcements; and the dates they have chosen for Wye Parish are as follows:

The mandatory training session for all volunteers will be held at Kent Island Methodist Church in the shelter (fellowship) area, on **November 17, 2011 beginning at 7 p.m.** If you have an interest in serving with us this year, please plan to attend the training event. It is not mandatory for those who plan to serve dinner only; but it is helpful especially for those who will be serving as evening shift monitors.

Dinner Service:

December 7th and 8th

January 25th and 26th, and

February 29th and March 1st

As in the past, we will divide into teams, so volunteers will not be asked to cook and serve all six nights. On those six evenings, our volunteers will prepare and serve the dinner meal as we have done in the past, and will provide items for breakfast and lunch for the two days following the assigned dinners. On the nights we serve, we are also asked to provide three volunteers (two men and one woman) for each night to monitor the shelter guests from 6 p.m. until midnight. So, we are especially looking for those who are willing to serve in that capacity.

Krista Petit, the QACCA Executive Director, will assign a seasoned volunteer to serve with our 6 to midnight volunteers, so they will not be uncomfortable about any procedures. There must be one woman volunteer on each shift. Krista has mentioned that service at the shelter dinners will count towards your high school age children's community service requirements. Be sure to ask about it at the meeting. And, if you have friends who might like to join us, please urge them to do so. Many hands make.... well, you know.

The QACCA Board has also begun a series of Wednesday night "Need Is Here" carry-out dinners on Kent Island to further augment their shelter funds. The food is being donated, so that all the proceeds raised will benefit the QACCA/ Our Haven Shelter. We'll be delivering to businesses in the industrial park, and we have a delivery going out to USA Fulfillment in Chestertown. Our QACCA/ shelter staff wanted to help raise money for the shelter so they came up with this carry out dinner idea; and all the preparations & deliveries will be done by them.

Dinners will be available on Fridays and may be picked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. at:

Union Wesley United Methodist Church

110 Union Wesley Circle (across from Chester post office)

Price: \$9.00

To place an order, please call Pam Boyce at 443-480-5798 or Sandi Wiscott at 410-739-7859.



Samaritan House

Please remember our neighbors who visit Samaritan House for bagged groceries. As it grows colder, we are even more mindful of the importance of sustaining meals for those in need. Bill and I will deliver any bag of food left at either church.

Peace Friends,
Jean Peterson
(410) 533-5796



Christmas Flowers

In Memory of

OR

In Honor of

Donated by _____

Address _____

Return form with check payable to:
Wye Parish Altar Guild

P. O. Box 98
14114 Old Wye Mills Road
Wye Mills, MD 21679

Deadline: December 18, 2011