

Church of Our Father

Weekly Announcements

December 8, 2017



Sunday, December 10

8:30 am- Morning Prayer, 9 am –Advent Study, 10 am Rite II ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent
We have entered our winter schedule during which one Sunday Eucharist will be offered at 10am

✦ **The Rev. Kathleen Killian; The Rev. Mary Carol-Griffin, Deacon; Tony Sousa~ Pianist**

- **Eucharistic Visitors:** Sue Olson & Kate Berry
- **Altar Guild - 8 am:** Mike Bullard **10 am:** Sue Olson & Joanne Sousa

	<u>10 am Greeters/ Ushers</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>10 am Acolytes</u>	<u>Tellers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent	Jane Adams & Carol Johnston	Jen Caeti & Barbara Craighead	Crucifer/ Server Mary McEnroe Gospel Carol Johnston	Mary McEnroe & Larry Johnston	Sue Olson & Gina Farnsworth	Isaiah 40:1-11 : Sue Olson 2 Peter 3:8-15a : Gail Leland POP V : Jane Adams

Next Sunday's Readings: *Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28; POP III*

Church of Our Father Events:

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2017

The Christmas Tree with tags for gifts are up in the Parish Hall. The tags will be for children at the Emmaus Center and adults at the Mountain View Correctional Center. Tags are still on the tree.
Gifts will need to be brought in no later than Dec 17.
 Christmas Outreach includes giving to the Fuel Fund

Please pick up your printed copy of the Updated Church Member Directory.

Check your e-mail box for a pdf copy
(for purposes such as, To reference in case you misplace printed copy)

Fr. John's Office Hours are:

- ✦ Tuesday, 11am-2pm
- ✦ Wednesday, 9 am—Noon
- ✦ Thursday, Noon-2 pm
- Out of the office every third Thursday for Ministry meetings)*
- ✦ Friday, Noon-2 pm

Additional hours by appointment
 Call **207-669-2033**
 E-mail: fr.jallison@gmail.com

Church of Our Father - Men's Christmas Party

Attention!! The Men's Christmas Party, will be held **Friday, December 15th** at the **Town Hill Fire Station.**

Join us at **6:00 p.m.** for appetizers, singing, dinner and a Yankee Swap. Bring your own bottle and of course a gift to swap. Chef Steve Biggers will provide a Prime Rib Dinner! Cost \$15.00 p.p. We will need help setting up and clean up. Please contact Tony Sousa at 812-0910 by Sunday December 10th. Please come and bring a friend!

**Church of Our Father
 E.C.W. Christmas Party &
 Potluck Luncheon**
 Let us Celebrate the Season!

Friday, December 15th ~ 12:00 noon
Jane Adam's Home
Lopaus Point, Bass Harbor

Please wear red and bring a gift for the Yankee Swap. Something to share for the Luncheon would be great.
 Please bring your baby picture in an envelope!
 Come for the fun – All Welcome
 Jane Tel. 244-540

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You may reach **Lena** via e-mail ShalomCOOF@gmail.com
 You may text or call her at:
207-469-8872

This Week's Birthdays

12/9 Tara Hodgson 12/11 Jen Caeti
 12/16 Katherine Sawyer

Services at the Partnership Parishes:

St. Andrew & St. John
 The Rev. Kathleen Killian (718) 775-6069 Southwest Harbor, Church Office (244-3229) www.saintsmdi.org The church office is open from Monday- Thursday
Sundays—9:00 a.m. Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Tuesdays — 4:00 pm—Meditation
Thursdays—12:00 noon—Saint of the day & Healing Prayer Eucharist
Fridays - 1 pm Mahjong

St Dunstan
 The Rev. Johanna-Karen Johannson, Priest; The Rev. Joan Preble, Deacon Ellsworth, 207-667-5495 www.St.DunstansEllsworth.org
Sundays - 8 and 10 am Eucharist (with Sunday School)
Wednesdays - 6 pm Eucharist

St Mary & St Jude
 *St. Mary's Chapel 5 Kimball Rd. Northeast Harbor • Closed for renovation
 The Rev. Jane Cornman P.O. Box 105, 20 South Shore Dr. Northeast Harbor Maine 04662
 Tel: 207-276-5588 Fax: 207-276-3220 E-mail: ssmaryjudemdi@gmail.com
Sundays - Worship - 9 am
Thursdays - 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry: All are welcome!

St. Saviour
 The Rev. Tim Fleck. St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor 207-288-4215 www.stsaviours.me
Sundays—7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am—Morning Prayer
Wednesdays, 12:00 noon—Saint of the day & Healing Prayer Eucharist



MIRUS ACADEMY BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER

The Mirus Academy (now in Ellsworth) is conducting a blueberry fundraiser. The money raised will support tuition assistance, supplies, books, etc. Mirus Academy exists to mature students in their love of truth and their true love of others in a true classical, Christian manner. Many of you have been to the school or heard presentations. Fr Chuck and Beth Bradshaw are teachers at the school. A sign-up poster is up on our church bulletin board explaining the details of how to make an order for the fundraiser. Kate Berry is handling the orders for us to the Mirus Academy. "Who doesn't like blueberries – and they are good for you."

Please send us your e-mail address if you would like to receive Father John's Publication of a "Weekly Update" Via e-mail-shalomcoof@gmail.com

Available to view online at www.churchofourfather.org or on our [Facebook](#) Page

We invite you to listen to our **YouTube** Channel And sermons by The Rev. John Allison Which will be posted weekly on our church web site and Facebook pages Follow this link to listen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXD7IPUtBoY&t=10s>

MDI Parish Partnership Offers - Advent Book Study: *Let Every Heart Prepare,*

All four Episcopal Parishes will be reading this book, and we'll be joining in worship and study Wed's in Advent @4:30 pm

For centuries the words and poetry of our hymns have spoken deeply to us. Many people find that what is heard in poetry and music sinks deeper into the soul than does ordinary prose. And so it is to the beautiful seasonal hymns that the Reverend Barbara Cawthorne Crafton turns for inspiration for daily meditations on faith, prayer, forgiveness, and healing during Advent and Christmas.

† **December 13** at St. John's

† **December 20** at St. Saviour's

The book is available from Amazon.com for \$10.

Advent & Christmas at St. Saviour's

The Holy Eucharist

**Sundays at 7:30 (spoken) & at 10:00 am (sung)
Wednesdays at 12 noon**

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 am

**Advent Service of
Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm

The Longest Night

**Prayer and Contemplation for those who grieve
Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 pm**

ADVENT IV

**Sunday, December 24 at 10 am
Rite I Eucharist**

Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 24
Family Eucharist at 4:00 pm
Festal Eucharist at 10:00 pm**

Christmas Day

**Monday, December 25 at 10:00 am
Rite II Eucharist**

**41 Mt. Desert Street, Bar Harbor
www.StSaviours.me**

St. Saviour's is handicap accessible

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Friday, December 8, 2017

- **Down East Festival of Trees**, noon-8 p.m., Franklin Veterans Club. \$1. Info: 565-2977.
- **Holiday High Tea**, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or www.woodlawnmuseum.com.
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.
- **Bagaduce Chorale Concert**, "Epic Glorias!" 7:30 p.m., Blue Hill Congregational Church. \$20. Info: www.bagaducechorale.org.

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- **AA meeting** 9:30 am, Parish Hall, St Mary's NEH
- **Holiday Craft Fair**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Parker Ridge. Info: Alma Mote, 374-5789.
- **Down East Festival of Trees**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Franklin Veterans Club. \$1. Info: 565-2977.
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 2 & 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.
- **"Christmas in Gold"** Open House, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Old Hancock County Jail. Hosted by Ellsworth Historical Society. Info: Linda Grindle, 667-5716 or Terri Cormier, 667-8235.
- **Free Screening of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War," part nine**, 1 p.m., Moore Community Center. Sponsored by Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363 or www.ellsworth.lib.me.us.
- **Holiday Storytime and Craft Session for pre-K children**, 1-3 p.m., Jesup Memorial Library. Sponsored by Island Readers & Writers. Info: 244-5111 or tmace@islandreadersandwriters.org.
- **"The Nutcracker,"** presented by Robinson Ballet, 2 & 7 p.m., The Grand. \$15 adults/seniors; \$12 Grand members; \$7 youth (12 and under). Info: 667-9500, www.grandonline.org.
- **Bagaduce Chorale Concert**, "Epic Glorias!" 3 p.m., Blue Hill Congregational Church. \$20. Info: www.bagaducechorale.org.
- **Dance featuring Sentimental Journey**, an 18-member swing band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Down East Family YMCA. Sponsored by DownEast Dancers. \$12 per person; \$10 seniors/students. Info: 667-1319.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- **Weekly Popover Service** 9 a.m. – noon Common Good Café, 19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor. Live music will be provided. For info Call 266-2733
- **Holiday Open House and Carving Show**, noon-4 p.m., Wendell Gilley Museum
- **Kids Craft Fair**, noon-1:30 p.m., Bar Harbor Congregational Church.
- **"The Nutcracker,"** presented by Robinson Ballet, 2 p.m., The Grand. \$15 adults/seniors; \$12 Grand members; \$7 youth (12 and under). Info: 667-9500, www.grandonline.org.
- **"The Grinch,"** presented by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, 2 p.m., Criterion Theatre. \$5. Info: 288-0829 or www.criteriontheatre.org.
- **Acadia Choral Society 2017 Holiday Concert**, 3 p.m., St. Andrew Lutheran Church. \$15. Info: www.acadiachoralsociety.org.
- **Alanon/AA 7 pm** St John's SWH
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 2 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.
- **Down East Festival of Trees**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Franklin Veterans Club. \$1. Info: 565-2977.

Monday, December 11, 2017

- **Free Community Meal, "Everybody Eats"** 3 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 134 State Street, Ellsworth 3 p.m. All are welcome. Info: 667-5495.
- **Alanon Noon**, in the Rectory Library at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **Concert by Acadia Handbell Choir**, 7 p.m., Southwest Harbor Public Library. Info: 244-7065.
- **AA 7 pm** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- **12 Step** at Noon in the Rectory Library, at St Saviour's Bar Harbor

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- **AA Noon** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **The Welcome Table Free Community Meal** 3-6 p.m., First Congregational Church of Ellsworth, 2 Church St, All are welcome. Info: 479-7294.
- **Holiday High Tea**, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or www.woodlawnmuseum.com.
- **Artist Reception and Holiday Open House** for Small Works 2017 exhibit , 5-7 p.m., Courthouse Gallery Fine Art. Info: 667-6611 or www.courthousegallery.com.
- **Talk, "Walking in the Lake District,"** 5 p.m., Northeast Harbor Library. Speakers are Herbert and Sari Thomas. Info: 276-3333.
- **Acadia Astronomical Society Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Jesup Memorial Library. Info: 288-4245.


Thursday, December 14, 2017- Thanksgiving Day

- **Community Lunch**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Common Good Cafe. Admission by donation. Info: 244-9897.
- **Holiday Storytime and Craft Session for pre-K children**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Bass Harbor Memorial Library. Sponsored by Island Readers & Writers. Info: 244-5111 or tmace@islandreadersandwriters.org
- **Discussion, "Rising Seas and Changing Ecosystems: The Impact of Climate Change on MDI,"** 6:30 p.m., Jesup Memorial Library. Sponsored by A Climate to Thrive. Info: 288-4245.
- **AA** – @ St John’s SWH, 7 pm

Next Week...Friday, December 15, 2017

- **Art Program for school-age kids**, 2-3:30 p.m., Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363.
- **MDI Winter Farmers Market/FarmDrop Preview**, 3-5 p.m., Floret’s New Florist Shop. Info: www.aclimatetothrive.org.
- **Holiday High Tea**, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or www.woodlawnmuseum.com.
- **Holiday Wine Tasting**, 4-7 p.m., House Wine. Info: 288-1200.
- **Hancock County Democrats’ Holiday Party**, 6 p.m., Moore Community Center. Info: Kent Price, 469-1903.
- **Hancock County Republicans’ Christmas Party**, 6:30 p.m., Primavera Restaurant. \$28. Dinner and Yankee swap. Info/RSVPs: Sherm, 326-8545.
- **Verse Unleashed! Poetry Slam**, 7 p.m., Jesup Memorial Library. Open mic for poets to share their work in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Info: 288-4245.
- **"It’s a Wonderful Life," a live radio play**, 7 p.m., The Grand. \$20 adults/seniors; \$18 Grand members; \$10 students (17 and under). Info: 667-9500 or www.grandonline.org.

Help Decorate the Church With Poinsettias & Greens



Poinsettias & Wreaths/Greens may be given in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for some event (anniversary, birth, marriage, etc.). If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the altar, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, December 17.

Please make your check out to **Church of Our Father** and mark the memo line "Christmas Greens". Any amount is welcome!


Unspent funds will be set aside for Christmas Greens for next year.

In Great Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of:

From: _____ **Phone #** _____
Amt \$ _____ **Ck#** _____ **Cash** _____ **Date:** _____

ON December 24, after the 10 am service any volunteers able to stay to help decorate for the 4 pm service would be appreciated ~ COOF



Families First Community Center
 501(c)(3) Organization
 P.O. Box 951, Ellsworth, ME 04605

For consideration:

Families First Community Center

Families First Community Center has received a \$1,000 grant from the Yoakum Fund of the Maine Community Foundation for general support at the recommendation of Alice B. Yoakum.

"This generous grant will certainly help the workers keep warm and the pipes from freezing inside the home this winter as renovations begin," said Dawn Carter Coffin, FFCC Board President. "We are in the unfortunate position of having to renovate in the cold weather and this will definitely help us! We are indeed indebted to Ms. Yoakum!"

Renovations are about to begin on the big farmhouse at 41 North Street in Ellsworth. As soon as they are finished, FFCC can begin to house homeless families with children and teach them the skills needed to become self-sufficient.

For more information, to donate funds or materials, or to volunteer for renovations or hospitality (feeding the workers), call 460-3711, mail PO Box 951 in Ellsworth, email familiesfirstellsworth@gmail.com or visit www.familiesfirstellsworth.org.
www.facebook.com/Families-First-Community-Center-1007010682682336/
www.ebay.com/usr/ffccellsworth
 (207) 460 – 3711
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Community Meals

Everybody Eats for Free

Location: St. Dunstan’s Church (enter around back), 134 State Street, Ellsworth
 Days and Hours: Mondays (3-6pm)
 Services: Free meal, eat-in or take-out
 Donations: Drop off Mondays (11am-3pm)
 Contact: Marion or David Wells, Ron King, Valerie Kenney ~ 664-3568 or valeriekenney19@yahoo.com

The Welcome Table

Location: First Congregational Church, 2 Church Street, Ellsworth
 Days and Hours: Wednesdays (3-6pm)
 Services: Free meal, eat-in or take-out
 Donations: Wednesdays (11am-3pm; can meet earlier in the day if necessary). If doesn’t need refrigeration, can drop off at church office on Tuesdays.
 Contact: Kara Ibarguen ~ 565-3674 or krowholla@gmail.com

Common Good Soup Kitchen

Location: 566 Seawall Rd, Southwest Harbor
 Days and Hours: Winter, 1 meal a week; Thursdays (12-2pm) and Saturday (6-9pm); Summer every day (7:30-11:30am) breakfasts, donation only
 Services: Soup and Salad, distribute soups, live music
 Donations: Wednesday and Thursday mornings are best, but pickups can be arranged at other times
 Contact: Larry Stettner ~ 266-2733; Arnold Weisenberg ~ 244-0632; Soup Kitchen ~ 244-3007 or commongoodsoup@gmail.com

Ways to respond to Stewardship Goals-

- **See the [Pay Pal](#) Button under the “Stewardship” tab on our web page for your online giving convenience...**
- **Remember to address mailed pledge card responses: “Attn to: James Kitler”**
- **Stay in consideration of participation in helps related ministries to the church and community**

**Thank you for the promises and fulfillments of the pledges that help Church of Our Father continue and to grow.
 You are all very much appreciated!**

FROM YWCA

Good afternoon all,
 Our volunteers are second-to-none in helping to provide vital YWCA programs and services for the MDI community. Thank you again for so generously donating your time and talent.

I hope you'll mark your calendars and consider helping out with these important upcoming community events: **DECEMBER**

- Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:00 - noon: Children's Christmas Bazaar. Volunteers needed to be shopkeepers, shopper helpers, and gift wrappers.

Please contact me if you would like to sign up or have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!
 Thanks as always, Annie