

Church of Our Father

Weekly Announcements

December 15, 2017



Sunday, December 17

8:30 am- Morning Prayer, 9 am –Advent Study, 10 am Rite II ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

We have entered our winter schedule during which one Sunday Eucharist will be offered at 10am

Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am

✦ The Rev. John Allison; The Rev. Mary Carol-Griffin, Deacon; Tony Sousa~ Pianist
Eucharistic Visitors: Mike Bullard & Gail Leland Altar Guild - 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 17 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mike Bullard Jen Caeti	Sue Olson Mike Bullard	Crucifer/ Server Liz Libby Gospel Mike Bullard	Tony Sousa Barbara Craighead	Carol Johnston Mike Bullard	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11: Bill Krenicki 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: Larry Johnston POP III: Jen Caeti

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38; POP IV

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

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

This Week's Birthday/Anniversaries

12/18 James Kitler
 12/18 Joel & Sharon Linscott
 12/20 Brad Thompson
 12/22 Anthony Smoker

Services at the Partnership Parishes:

St. Andrew & St. John

The Rev. Kathleen Killian (718) 775-6069 Southwest Harbor, Church Office (244-3229) www.saintsmidi.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>

**Reminder – This month the MDI Joint Partnership Worship meets as unified parishes
Held at St. John in SWH December 31, 2017 at 10 am**

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 20** at St. Saviour's

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

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

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 1 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

See end of newsletter for special offerings to our community.....

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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/Farm-Drop 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.

Saturday, December 16, 2017

- **Christmas Craft Fair**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Franklin Veterans Club. Featuring 40-plus crafters and vendors. Info: Beverly, 565-2764.
- **AA meeting** 9:30 am, Parish Hall, St Mary's NEH
- **Fire Gathering Event/ Pop-up Marketplace**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Atlantic Art Glass. Glass blowing, blacksmithing and pottery demonstrations and more. Info: 664-0222 or www.artsworth.org.
- **Holiday Storytime and Craft Session** for pre-K children, 10 a.m.-noon, Somesville Library. Sponsored by Island Readers & Writers. Info: 244-5111 or tmace@islandreadersandwriters.org.
- **Family Craft Program, "Felt and Embroidered Bird Ornaments,"** 10-11:30 a.m., Wendell Gilley Museum. \$5. Free with admission or membership. Info: 244-7555.
- **Holiday Support Program, "Pearls of Wisdom for Hope and Healing During the Holiday Season,"** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Program is for those grieving the death of a loved one. Sponsored by Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. Group support, food, remembrance service and more. Info/registration: 667-2531.
- **Cookie Walk**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth. Info: 667-4393 or office@uuelsworth.org.
- **Free Screening of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War," part 10**, 1 p.m., Moore Community Center. Sponsored by Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363 or www.ellsworth.lib.me.us.
- **"It's a Wonderful Life," a live radio play**, 2 & 7 p.m., The Grand. \$20 adults/seniors; \$18 Grand members; \$10 students (17 and under). Info: 667-9500 or www.grandonline.org.
- **Children's Christmas Party**, 2 p.m., Henry D. Moore Library. Christmas crafts, activities, hot chocolate, light snacks and more. Info: 546-7301 or www.moorelibrary.org.
- **Open Mic Event**, 6-9 p.m., Lamoine-Bayside Grange. Doors open at 5:30. Read your favorite poet or play a musical instrument.
- **Contra Dance**, 7:30-11 p.m., Trenton Grange Hall. Beginners and all ages welcome. \$8. Info: 244-4193.

Sunday, December 17, 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
- **Christmas for Kids**, noon-3 p.m., Ellsworth Elks Lodge. Food, gifts, games plus lunch with Santa. Info: 667-3073.
- **Alanon/AA 7 pm** St John's SWH
- **"It's a Wonderful Life," a live radio play**, 2 p.m., The Grand. \$20 adults/seniors; \$18 Grand members; \$10 students (17 and under). Info: 667-9500 or www.grandonline.org
- **Holiday Concert by Ruby Morrow**, 2 p.m., Henry D. Moore Library. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Info: 546-7301 or www.moorelibrary.org.
- **Bagaduce Chorale Concert, "Epic Glorias!"** 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School auditorium. \$20. Info: www.bagaducechorale.org

Monday, December 18, 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
- **AA 7 pm** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

- **12 Step** at Noon in the Rectory Library, at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **Coffee's On! Senior Coffee House**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., YWCA MDI. Info: 288-4457.
- **Musical Program, "Jazz for the Longest Night – Longing for Light,"** 7 p.m., St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Sponsored by Ellsworth Area Ministerial Association. Featuring music by members of the Jazz Collective. Info: 667-7641.

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

- **AA Noon** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **Secret Santa Film**, 1 p.m., The Grand. A Christmas-themed film to celebrate the holiday season. Free admission. Info: 667-9500 or www.grandonline.org.
- **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.
- **Travel Talk**, 5 p.m., Northeast Harbor Library. Anna Carr and George Mack will speak about their bicycle trip through Norway, Finland and Sweden. Info: 276-3333.

Thursday, December 21, 2017- Thanksgiving Day

- **Community Lunch**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Common Good Cafe. Admission by donation. Info: 244-9897.
- **Holiday Sing-along with Ruth Grierson and friends**, 2-3:30 p.m., Southwest Harbor Public Library. Info: 244-7065.
- **AA** – @ St John's SWH, 7 pm

Next Week...Friday, December 22, 2017

- **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.
- **Live Nativity**, 5:30-7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Blue Hill. Carol singing plus hot chocolate and cookies for visitors.

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: _____

At St Saviours for Christmas Day Dinner

You are invited to our annual Christmas day dinner. This dinner is especially for parishioners, couples or singles, who might otherwise be alone on Christmas day because their families are dispersed or unavailable. Don't spend Christmas alone. Join us at 1 pm Christmas day for good food and fellowship in the Rectory Common dining room. Ham, turkey and potatoes are provided, while attendees provide side dishes, appetizers or desserts. It's also BYOB. If you are interested, please contact me, Linda Foster. I can be reached at home at 288 2720, email at linda@foster.net or by text at 207 412 9700. Hope you will join us for this event.

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 Iburguen ~ 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

For consideration:



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

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.

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www.ebay.com/usr/ffccellsworth

(207) 460 - 3711

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

St. Saviour's Church offering service of comfort for those who mourn

Thursday, December 21, 6:00 PM, St. Saviour's Episcopal Church, 41 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor, is offering a service of comfort on the longest night of the year.

Advent and Christmas are joyous times for many, but for others they are a time heavy with grief, anger, and sadness. While our culture tells us relentlessly that we should be celebrating a perfect Christmas, our very human feelings of loss or loneliness may make joy difficult.

If Christmas is a hard time for you, please consider joining the community at St. Saviour's Church for a service of quiet prayer and remembrance, for sharing grief with one another and with the God who knows what it is to be human.

"The Longest Night:" Thursday, December 21, 6:00 PM,

St. Saviour's Church in the chapel. All are welcome, and no one will be asked to share more than is comfortable.

St. Saviour's Episcopal Church was founded in 1876, and strives to be a lively spiritual resource for the entire Bar Harbor community. Sunday worship is at 7:30 and 10:00 AM, as well as Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM, and a healing Eucharist on Wednesday at 12 noon.