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Deaths

Margaret Black, on November 21, 2022.

Martha Cooper, mother of **Claire Rebouche**, on November 28, 2022.

Sara Hearne, wife of **Henry Hearne**, on November 30, 2022.

Happy Birthday

December 4	6	8
Bambi Trickett	Charlotte Gaffney	Nancy Montgomery
Marie Kalmbach	Janet Harrell	Amy Hodges
Emma Nuckolls	Kathryn Beaird	Jan Briscoe
William Childs	Campbell Siskron	
Morris O'Brien	Christian Rabalais	9
Mosty O'Brien		Jim Vozzella
Ean Burch	7	Elizabeth Davis
	Melody Duncan	Bill McIntyre
5	Allen Marsalis	Susan Campbell
Marian Dehan	Sarah Margaret	Wiley Crockford
Bruce Lowe	Shemwell	Edward Stroud
Polly James	Lila Demech	Chad Hill
Carol Reyenga	John Mazur, Jr.	
Riggs Arnold		10
		Carroll Joffrion
		Katie Gordon White
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Community

The Community of the Cross of Nails, founded by Coventry Cathedral, is an international partnership dedicated to reconciliation among the peoples of the world. The Community of the Cross of Nails focuses on three priorities: healing the wounds of history; Living with differences and celebrating diversity; and building a culture of peace.

The Dean has called for us, here at St. Mark's Cathedral, to form a community. We will be having a meeting for those interested on **December 4** after the 10:30 service in the parlor to learn about the Community and discuss what such a community would be like here. The Rev. Paul Martin, who served on the staff of Coventry Cathedral, will facilitate this meeting.

Our new Advent Meditation Booklet is available!

The meditations were written by your fellow parishioners to help us all to a more faithful and prayerful Advent season. You can access the online version at <https://online.fliphtml5.com/wdxuo/zemd/> We will also be printing a few of the booklets for those who prefer a paper version, there are some in the back of the church.

EYC meets this Sunday in the Youth Room 5:30-7:00 pm. All grades 6-12 welcome! Bring a friend and come enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

Turkeys! More turkeys! The Cooking Crew is in need of 35 turkeys to cook for Christmas meals. Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen **by December 7**. If you would like to help cook for the holidays, Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

The Cathedral is working on creating a "living document" of a digital directory for our parish. What we need is for you and your family to upload photos that might be used in a Church directory. We also need you to update any defunct contact information. Priscilla McLean can help you with the navigation of the Realm site. Please email her - Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you need some assistance.

God is calling each of us. For Inquirers and Visitors with questions about membership, Confirmation, and parish life, please contact our own "M," {James Bond}, Cynthia Anderson in the Cathedral Offices – Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net. Inquirers/Confirmation begins in January 2023.

The Wednesday Night Book group will be studying Adam Hamilton's Advent Book: Prepare the Way of the Lord from November 30-December 21 from 6:00- 7:00 pm in the Library. The author invites the readers to look at the life and ministry of John the Baptist as well as how he calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for His coming. Anyone interested in more information or needing a copy of the book should contact William Weaver at 302/276-3750 or william.weaver@uhsinc.com.

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on **Sunday, December 18** during the 10:30 am service. Please join us!

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk! We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of **Becky Deverts, no later than Friday, December 16.**

If you want to mail your 2021 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be postmarked by December 31. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in by December 30 when the office closes for the holiday.

Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10 * Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We need to be good stewards of Christmas in our own homes, in our own families, and in our own churches. Let the theme of this Christmas be giving and receiving. Receiving first, the amazing grace of God in the gift of Jesus Christ. Then to give. A gift for someone in need. A thank-offering of money for the Lord's work at your church. What do we have that we did not receive?

In all the hustle and bustle of the season, we need to take time to meditate on the significance of the holy day. We need to make sure that we are exchanging love, in addition to our gifts.

Upcoming Events

December 15	Baroque Artists	7:00pm Cathedral
December 18	Christmas Pageant	10:30 am Cathedral
	Lessons & Carols	4:00 pm Cathedral
December 24	Holy Eucharist	5:30 pm
	Holy Eucharist	10:30 pm
December 25	Holy Eucharist	10:00 am