

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

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## *Advent!*

The Season of Advent begins Sunday, December 1. It is also the beginning of the Church year. The word “advent” comes from the Latin “adventus” meaning “arrival” or “coming,” particularly of something having great importance. In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, December 24.

Advent is a time of contemplation and anticipation of the birth of Christ. Our days of light grow shorter and the darkness can seem overwhelming at times on many levels. One way of celebrating this season of Advent is through the creation of an Advent spiral for walking during the Advent

season. The tradition of Advent Gardens or Spirals is thought to have originated in Scotland. Evergreen boughs are set up in a spiral shape and seasonally decorated. The space is dark except for a single candle in the center of the spiral. Each participant is given an apple holding a candle. Against the backdrop of quiet seasonal music, participants walk through the spiral to the center, carrying their apple. They light their candle and place it along the spiral path on their return to the start. The surrounding space moves from darkness to light. This is a lovely, quiet way to commemorate the Advent season in the company of others, and to remember to carry the light within the dark.

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During St. John's annual Christmas tree cutting trip on December 14th in the Big Horns, we will collect pine boughs to use for our Advent Spiral. The Advent Spiral will take place on Sunday, December 22, at 4pm. The McEvoy's will be hosting this event at their house. Please watch future bulletins for further details.

The Rev. Megan Nickles (754-4218) is available at any time. Please call to make an appointment or for any emergency.

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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## December Birthdays

3 Adele Doughty  
 4 Patricia Kling  
 6 Claudia Hassler  
 7 Kim Dillivan  
 12 Jane Woods  
 30 Margaret Clabaugh

## December Anniversaries

24 Deb & Pete Chidsey

## January Birthdays

1 Jim McEvoy

## January Anniversaries

3 Cynthia & Martin Garhart

St. John's Thrift Shop will be closed for the Holidays Dec. 20 - Jan. 4.

There will be a cleaning day on Fri., Jan. 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Shop will open to the public on

Mon., Jan. 6, 2014!

Congratulations to Elaine DeBuhr and her students for the successful "Empty Bowls" event. More than \$5,000.00 was raised for Powell Valley Loaves & Fishes.

# Thrift Shop contributions for 2013:

\$2,000 • Heart Mountain Volunteer Medical Clinic  
 1,000 • Backpacks, Union Presbyterian Church  
 1,000 • Powell Loaves and Fishes  
 1,000 • Northwest Wyoming Family Planning  
 500 • Crisis Intervention Services  
 500 • Boys and Girls Club in Powell  
 500 • Powell Valley Hospice

500 • Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming  
 500 • Christmas Baskets/ Powell Community Services  
 500 • Thomas the Apostle Center  
 100 • Community Thanksgiving  
 200 • March of Dimes (Justine's Drive)  
 366. • St. John's for window washing

## Altar Guild:

December: Shared  
 January: Jo DeWitt and Dolores Woods

## News, etc.

Thanks to Elaine DeBuhr, Rob Rumbolz and Meg Nickles for an excellent convention report. Special Thanks to Rob for the video from Tanzania!

A huge *thank you* to those who donate, purchase or volunteer!!

The annual Altar Guild meeting (polish and brunch) will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the Undercroft.

We would like to give a big thank you to Tim, Lynnae and Brandi Seeley for preparing the delicious soup for the St. John's Birthday Party!

# St. John's Schedule • Advent 2013 • December & January

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 24	December 29	January 5	January 12
<b>Day</b>	Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	Eve of Nativity <b>6PM Service</b>	Christmas 1	Christmas 2	Epiphany 1
<b>Greeters</b>	Pete Chidsey Deb Chidsey	Josephine DeWitt Adele Doughtrey	Martha Moewes Walter Johnson	Jim McEvoy Susan McEvoy	Dylan McEvoy Laura Greathouse	Genny Bettger Chester Bettger	Pete Chidsey Deb Chidsey	Rob Koelling Deb Koelling
<b>Acolyte</b>	Walter Johnson	Grant Dillivan	Natalie Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy	Dylan McEvoy	Grant Dillivan	Natalie Dillivan	Dylan McEvoy
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rob Rumbolz	Diana Anderson	Mary Dillivan	Carra Wetzel	Laura Greathouse	Jan Lenhard	Rob Rumbolz	Mary Dillivan
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Koelling	Jim McEvoy	Deb Koelling	Steve Nickles	Tim Seeley	Bill Hassler	Josephine DeWitt	Scott Larsen
	Katy Lytle	Mickey Waddell	Rob Koelling	Genny Bettger	Jane Woods	Elaine DeBuhr	Katy Lytle	Justine Larsen
<b>Presider</b>	Megan Nickles	Ron Lytle	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Megan Nickles	Warren Murphy
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jan Lenhard	Charlotte Patrick	Diana Anderson	Rob Rumbolz	Carra Wetzel	Laura Greathouse	Jan Lenhard	Charlotte Patrick
<b>Preacher</b>	Charlotte Patrick	Mary Dillivan	Carra Wetzel	Megan Nickles	*	Megan Nickles	Charlotte	Warren Murphy
<b>Sound</b>	Miles Rumbolz	Grant Nickles	Rob Rumbolz	Scott Larsen	Monte Nickles	Miles Rumbolz	Grant Nickles	Rob Rumbolz
<b>Flowers</b>		Dillivan	Moewes	Moewes	McCauley	McCauley	Koelling	Koelling
<b>Coffee</b>		Lytle	Soup Sunday • Seelys			McEvoy		