

# FOOTPRINTS



**November/December 2018**

## Footprints? Why the Name?

St. Aidan, the man who our church is named after, was a famous walker. In general people walked a lot back then. Only important people had enough money to buy horses. One ruler gave St. Aidan a horse because he thought of him as an important man deserving of a more suitable transportation. St. Aidan gave the horse to the next poor man he met. St. Aidan wanted to walk because it was the humble way. St. Aidan wanted to walk because that was the way that he would meet new people and hear their stories, their hopes and their concerns. It was the place where he could have enough time and space to talk about Jesus in an honest, authentic and natural way.

This means a lot to us in this church. We are a church that chooses the humble way, that meets people along the road and shares a story of Christ who is saving our lives each and every day. This newsletter is the impression, or footprints, left from our journey together.



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# Christmas Party



## December 9th, Cole's Crossing

Our annual Christmas party is December 9! It will be at the Cole's Crossing Community Center (corner of Barker Cypress and Jarvis) 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction, Live Auction, Christmas crafts for the kids, and lots of food!

Santa will be making a trip down from the North Pole for family pictures as well!

If you have any questions, please contact [info@aidanschurch.org](mailto:info@aidanschurch.org)

The food is potluck and there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

# The Rev. Les Carpenter

## Ready or Not

This time of year is known for its kindness, its jolly, but for me it is different. Blame it on the minor tones of Advent hymnody or weeks of staring at an unfinished ring of candles, but Advent for me is much fiercer. It's more like the crisp winter air than it is like enjoying a cup of hot chocolate by the fireplace.

Of course this is by design. In church we don't read about shepherds or gifts or angels until Christmas Eve. No, the Messiah's opening act is John the Baptist and that guy is rock and roll. While the radio is bopping away to "Jingle Bell Rock" the lectionary (our series of Sunday readings) is dropping hits like "Repent!

God is Coming", "the Chaff will be thrown into the Fire," and "The Axe is at the root of the tree." The time approaching Christmas is wonderful but it is also awe inspiring and even a little scary to think

about how much the world changes when Christ shows up.

One slogan we have heard a lot in the recent years is "put the Christ back into

Christmas." I would encourage you to make that be about more than just a stray syllable. Let this time be a time of prayer, devotion and wonder not just for the miracles of ages past but for the beautiful untamed grace of the kingdom of God here now.

**"No, the messiah's opening act is John the Baptist and that guy is rock and roll."**





# Gift of Time

## GIFT OF TIME, December 8th

Calling all 4 year olds-5<sup>th</sup> graders! This is your invitation to Gift of Time on Saturday, December 8. We will start in the church building at 9:00 a.m. and finish up in Classroom 3 at 12:00 p.m. We will have games, crafts, snacks, etc. Please let me know if your child(ren) will be attending so that we can plan supplies accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Durr at [taylor@aidanschurch.org](mailto:taylor@aidanschurch.org).

## YOUTH

### Grades 6-12

Nov 3:	Service project at church, 12:00-1:30 p.m.	Dec 9:	Set up for Christmas party, 12:00-1:30 p.m.; Christmas party- 5-8 p.m.
Nov 9-10:	Lock in, 8 p.m.-9:30 a.m.	Dec 16:	Bible study, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Nov 18:	Bible study, 12:00-1:30 p.m.	Dec 23:	No youth group, Merry Christmas!
Nov 25:	No youth group, Happy Thanksgiving!	Dec 30:	No youth group, Happy New Year!
Dec 2:	Service project at church, 12:00-1:30 p.m.		
Dec 8:	Gift of Time, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.		



# Taylor Durr

## Director of Youth and Family Ministries

It is always so interesting to see how the children of Saint Aidan's react and participate in Sunday School and Children's Chapel. This year has been absolutely incredible so far in both, but especially Sunday School.

We are using a Lego based curriculum for our prek-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, which they love (I mean, who doesn't love Legos?). The way it works is the teachers tell the children the Bible story for the day, and give some context for where the story falls in the Bible, who the main characters are, etc. While every Sunday has been wonderful, there are three stories that I want to share with you about Sunday school this year.

**Story number 1:** It was getting near the end of class and I was getting pictures of the children's lego creations, and reminding the children how much time is left. One of the parents came in, and after bringing the child's attention to his parent's presence, he bursts into tears. He was not finished with the Bible story and he hadn't put himself in his Lego creation yet. He wasn't done and didn't want to leave Sunday School. The parent then went and helped him put the finishing touches on his Bible story Lego creation. It was incredible to see a child having so much fun with Sunday School and reluctant to leave.

**Story number 2:** This particular Sunday we talked about Mary visiting Elizabeth while they were each pregnant with Jesus and John, respectively. When the teacher was giving context, she spoke about Mary and Elizabeth being cousins, which meant that Jesus and John were

also cousins. That in itself caused great excitement with the children as they thought about their own cousins and how cool it was that Jesus had a cousin too. As they progressed in the story to talk about John leaping in Elizabeth's womb as he felt Jesus' presence, the children became even more engrossed in the story and what was happening. The way the teacher worded the children's response to this part of the story was "You literally could see the little wheels turning in their heads. They were pretty amazed to know that Jesus and John were cousins but they were gob smacked that the babies reacted to

one another while in the womb." The children weren't just sitting and waiting for the Legos. They were fully involved in the story and soaking up every bit.

**Story number 3:** This one is short, but shows just how much the children love Sunday school. One parent told me every Sunday her children are excited to go to Sunday school, and skipping Sunday School is not an option in the children's opinion. Simply going to Children's Chapel isn't enough, Sunday School is a requirement in their minds.

I have been told by numerous parents that on the way home from church, their kids spend the time telling them about Sunday School and what they learned, and what they built, and why they chose that part of the story. I always love seeing the children having fun, but seeing them fun, learning the stories, why they are important, and still talking about them when they leave church brings me so much joy, and appreciation to all those who help to teach (not just in Sunday School) our children these Bible stories and what it means to follow God.





# Rehearsal Free Christmas Pageant

Join us at 4:00 PM Christmas Eve as we celebrate Christ's birth. This pageant allows all kids to participate in the telling of Christ's birth, costumes and all! There are no practices leading up to the pageant just show-up and step into the greatest story ever told. The pageant concludes with traditional Communion and candlelight prayer. It is such a fun pageant and so great to see all of the kids take part the miracle of Christ's birth. If you have any questions, you can email [taylor@aidanschurch.org](mailto:taylor@aidanschurch.org).



**From the Finance Committee**  
**Year to Date**  
**As of September 30, 2018**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date Difference</b>
<b>Pledge</b>	\$ 195,519	\$ 202,500	\$ (6,981)
<b>Plate</b>	\$ 41,767	\$ 45,000	\$ (3,233)
<b>Property</b>	\$ 77,967	\$ 78,000	\$ (33)
<b>Other</b>	\$ 16,980		\$ 16,980
	\$ 332,234	\$ 325,500	\$ 6,734
<b>Special Offerings</b>	\$ 71,867		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date Difference</b>
<b>Administration</b>	\$ 24,778	\$ 27,150	\$ (2,372)
<b>Staff and Clergy</b>	\$ 179,585	\$ 184,632	\$ (5,047)
<b>Ministry</b>	\$ 45,723	\$ 49,784	\$ (4,060)
<b>Property</b>	\$ 99,027	\$ 84,630	\$ 14,397
	\$ 349,113	\$ 346,195	\$ 2,918
<b>Capital Campaign Expenses</b>	\$ 155,347		
<b>Income Less Expenses (normal)</b>	\$ (16,879)	\$ (20,695)	\$ 3,816
<b>Income Less Expenses (including Special giving)</b>	\$ (100,359)	\$ (20,695)	\$ (79,664)



# Christmas Eve Services

	December 24th Christmas Eve 4 PM	December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9 PM
Altar Ministry	TBD	TBD
Vestry	Larry Dick Mark Jones	Haydee Penn Patti Foucha
Minister of Ceremonies	Dale Smothers	Lauren Bergeron
Sound Booth	Grace Gabriel Jack Gourges	
Greeters	The Papes	The Coopers
Ushers	Mark and Ellen Jones	TBD
Acolytes	Ryan Pape Chloe El-Katsha	Jordan Penn Drevyn Klapat Emmi Klapat Ty Van Atta
Wine Servers	Wendy Bowser John Patton	Paula Harvey
Lector ~ Readings	Lisa Pape	Lorraine Rogers

# New Year's Eve Service

	December 31 <sup>st</sup> New Years Eve
Altar/Vestry	Larry Dick Colleen Wells

# November Schedule

	November 4th All Saints Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup> Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	November 18 <sup>th</sup> Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	November 25 <sup>th</sup> Last Sunday After Pentecost
Celebrant	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Cannon Joan Saylor
Preacher	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Cannon Joan Saylor
Nursery ~ 7:45-Noon	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay
8 AM WORSHIP				
Altar Ministry	Colleen Wells	Gwen Klorer	Colleen Wells	Laurie Schwarzbach
Vestry	Patti Foucha Jennifer Hoffman	Larry Dick Dave Lancaster	Mark Jones Dave Lancaster	Liz Bear Mike Arnold
Ushers	John and Colleen Wells	Debbie Haluch & Dale Smothers	Mike Owens	Princess Ojji Mike Owens
Acolyte/Wine Server/Prayers	Paula Harvey	Michelle Becker	Dave Lancaster	Liz Bear
Lector - Readings	Paula Harvey	Lorraine Rogers	Renita Dubois	Liz Bear
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Pre-K - Third Grade	GIFT	Kristin Odell Cindy Clothier	Taylor Durr Earma Underwood	Dustin Durr Jenny Ellis
Uncurriculum				
10:30 AM WORSHIP				
Altar Ministry	Linda Barry	Jenifer Hoffman	Jolynn Baughman	Earma Underwood
Vestry	Jennifer Hoffman Patti Foucha	Larry Dick Dave Lancaster	Mark Jones Haydee Penn	Liz Bear Mike Arnold
Minister of Ceremonies	Lauren Bergeron	Mary Young	Dale Smothers	Mary Young
Sound Booth	Marcus and Brenda Finch	Joni Buck Lauren Lugauber	Mike Arnold Grace Gabriel	Joni Buck Jack Gourgues
Greeters	Joni Buck	The Lancaster's	The Joneses	The Langford's
Ushers	John Patton Josh Powel Paddy Langford Jim Varnado	Larry & Jean Dick Laurie Schwarzbach Doug Neaves	Jesse Underwood Lou Cooper	Brandon Hoff Johnathan Cowen Ruth and Stephen Mohyla
Acolytes	Meagan Harris Jordan Penn	Sarah O'Dell Ian Hoff Brandon Hoff Jr.	Jordan Penn Ian Hoff Brandon Hoff Jr.	Brandon Hoff Jr. Ian Hoff
Wine Servers	Mike Arnold	Mario Villarreal	Jonathan Cowen	Mike Arnold
Lector ~ Readings	Taz Criss	Barbi Cooper	Haydee Penn	Lorraine Rogers
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL				
Leader	Erica Cornejo	Eileen Hoff	Taylor Durr	Erica Cornejo
Music Leader	Suzanne Garza	Jordan Penn	Paige Patton	Natalie Cornejo Megan Cornejo
Shepherd	Jennifer Hoffman	Carrie Villarreal	Kristine Virene	Taylor Durr
Junior Acolytes	Evelyn Buck	Gabriel El-Katsha	Chloe Dillon	Addison Travis
Helper	Addison Travis	Evelyn Buck	Olivia Cowen	Emma Gourgues

# December Schedule

	December 2nd First Sunday of Advent	December 9 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent	December 16 <sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent	December 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 30th First Sunday After Christmas
Celebrant	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter
Preacher	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter	Rev. Les Carpenter
Nursery ~ 7:45-Noon	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay	Meena Jay Subadra Jay
8 AM WORSHIP					
Altar Ministry	Colleen Wells	Gwen Klorer	Gwen Klorer	Laurie Schwarzbach	TBA
Vestry	Patti Foucha Jennifer Hoffman	Trey Pryor Liz Bear	Mark Jones Haydee Penn	Liz Bear Larry Dick	Mike Arnold Colleen Wells
Ushers	Colleen & Johnny Wells	Debbie Haluch Dales Smothers	Mike Owens	Mike Owens	James and Janice Stanberry
Acolyte/Wine Server/ Prayers	Paula Harvey	Jonathan Cowen	Mike Owens	Paula Harvey	Michelle Becker
Lector - Readings	Lorraine Rogers	Liz Bear	Haydee Penn	Lorraine Rogers	Renita Dubois
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL					
Pre-K - Third	GIFT	Kristin Odell Cindy Clothier	Taylor Durr Earma Underwood	Dustin Durr Jenny Ellis	GIFT
Uncurriculum					
10:30 AM WORSHIP					
Altar Ministry	Linda Barry	Jenifer Hoffmann	Jolynn Baughman	Earma Underwood	TBA
Vestry	Jennifer Hoffman Mark Jones	Trey Pryor Liz Bear	Haydee Penn Larry Dick	Liz Bear Colleen Wells	Mike Arnold Haydee Penn
Minister of Ceremonies	Mario Villarreal	Trey Pryor	Brandon Hoff Jr.	Dale Smothers	Jack Gourges
Sound Booth	Jeff Klorer Cori Cooper	Jeff Klorer JJ Jagneaux	Jack Gourgues Lauren Lugbauer	The Finches	Jeff Klorer JJ Jagneaux
Greeters	The Joneses	The Lancaster's	Dave & Jennie Ryan	The Langford's	The Bucks
Ushers	John Patton Josh Powel Paddy Langford Jim Varnado	Larry & Jean Dick Laurie Schwarzbach Doug Neaves	Jesse Underwood Lou Cooper	Brandon Hoff Johnathan Cowen Ruth & Stephen Mohyla	Youth
Acolytes	Ty Van Atta Drevon & Emmi Klapat	Nathan & Trinity Guerrero	Ian Hoff Megan Harris	Chloe El-Katsha	Jordan Penn
Wine Servers	Simon & Carl Gardner	Wendy Bowser Lauren Bergeron	Michelle Becker Laurie Schwarzbach	Liz Bear	Lauren Bergeron Mike Arnold
Lector ~ Readings	Taz Criss	Dave Lancaster	Joni Buck	Liz Bear	Joni Buck
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL					
Leader	Eileen Hoff	Erica Cornejo	Eileen Hoff	Taylor Durr	Taylor Durr
Music Leader	Suzanne Garza	Natalie Cornejo Megan Cornejo	Paige Patton	Jordan Penn	The Stucker's
Shepherd	Carrie Villarreal	Cindy Clothier	Kristen Odell	TBD	TBD
Junior Acolytes	Scarlett Thompson	Olivia Cowen	Ryan Odell	Evelyn Buck	Scarlett Thompson
Helper	Evelyn Buck	Emma Gourgues	Sarah Odell	Gabriel El-Katsha	Emma Gourgues



# Worship Services



**8:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Rite II Traditional Music**

**10:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Rite II Contemporary Music**

## Children's Chapel



Children's Chapel is provided on Sundays during the 10:30 am service as an opportunity for children ages Pre -K through 3rd grade to worship, age appropriately. The Word of God is presented with imagery that younger children can comprehend. Your child may follow the Children's chapel Cross during the Song of Praise if they would like to attend. The children will return to their families during the Passing of the Peace.



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