



WELCA Combined Meeting ... Saturday, December 9th

*Plan ahead to attend the combined WELCA meeting at **10:00 AM**;
our theme is a “**Vintage Christmas**” with **BRUNCH!***

Our morning will begin a lovely BRUNCH in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to wear any “Christmas clothing” that you have to get into the ‘feel’ of the season—sweaters, blouses, skirts, socks, hats, ‘deely-boppers’ (fancy Christmas hairbands), and such.

We’ll have a short business meeting and then enjoy listening to our guest speaker, the **Rev. Heidi Eickstadt** from Abiding Presence Lutheran Church—though we still count her as “our own”!



We’ll sing some carols (your requests), work together on a service project of putting together small Christmas gift bags*, and just enjoy ourselves and each other’s company.

All St. Mark’s women are invited—and bring a friend!

Unsold Holiday Bazaar items will be available at the gathering. After that, appropriate “leftovers” will be given to the Prince William Juvenile Detention Center for their Santa Shop where the teens “shop” for gifts for their families.

We will collect the Lynbrook children’s Christmas gifts at the meeting.



Have a favorite **Christmas carol or Advent song** you’d like to sing? Please pass that information on to your program committee representative.

NEED A RIDE? Contact Cherry Moser 703-690-8177 or Cheryl Dwyer 703-690-4409.

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*** MORE INFO ON THE GIFT BAG SERVICE PROJECT ***

We will complete a service project *after the sing-along* that will involve assembling small gift bags that could be given to a friend, a neighbor, or a shut-in that could use a bit of cheer—the bags will hold a couple of cookies, a couple of pieces of candy, and a card with a Bible verse and a note from St. Mark’s WELCA.



- The Board will supply the gift bags and the blank notes.
- So far, we have two volunteers to bring wrapped candy.
- We would appreciate if each Circle could provide six dozen Christmas cookies as follows: bakers should pack one or two cookies in a snack baggie so that each gift bag could have a baggie with cookies and a couple of pieces of candy.

