

December 10, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Advent and Christmastide

Hungars Cure Parish Path



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CURE CORNER

Advent is already well underway as this Parish Path goes to press on Monday, December 9, 2024. On Sunday, December 1 we were treated to a beautiful Evensong at Christ Church. Eric and the Cure Choir continue to bring us musical offerings that not only gratify our senses but feed our souls. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to support these events and offerings; we could always use a few more. Contact [Eric](#) or [Croxtan Gordon](#) if you are able to help (All highlighted names in Parish Path are hyperlinks to the email of the named person).



As we move forward into Advent, please take note of our new office, music, and rector email addresses. You can reach me at rector@hungarscureparish.org; Eric can be contacted at music@hungarscureparish.org and emails and notices you were sending to the parish office can now be sent to office@hungarscureparish.org. Don't worry, you can still use the old addresses; they're now forwarded to these addresses to help bring a more unified approach to our parish communications.

Our Tuesday emails, the weekly e-blast, will begin to run again next week on December 17 and our next Parish Path newsletter will be sent out on or about January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. The bulletin for Sunday worship services will now be a part of a Friday morning email to the Cure along with service

times, locations, the lessons appointed, and a piece of visual art with a connection to the lessons.

Finally, some notes of gratitude to those who have made special efforts and contributions to the life of Hungars Cure Parish these last few weeks. Thank you to the volunteers who helped clean and organize the Christ Church Parish House and Cure Offices. Thank you to the altar guilds of both churches for their dedication and hard work throughout the month of December. Thank you to the successful stewardship teams at both parishes for their work securing the future of Hungars Cure Parish. And finally, thank you to each and everyone of you in this Cure of souls for your kindness and welcome.

Stephen+



CHRISTMAS *MUSIC* IN THE CURE
LESSONS & CAROLS

The secular world around us has mostly abandoned the season of Advent, which is disappointing in its own right, but this has also caused an ironic abandonment: **Christmas!** *On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...nope!* Christmas for many seems to end promptly on December 26. The Christmas season *begins* on December 25 and goes on for 12 days. Traditionally, the Christmas season was observed for 40 days ending on February 2, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple, commonly called Candlemas. Maybe I come off as the organist version of Scrooge, but I would love us to observe Advent and recover the real season of Christmas. Would it be a bad thing to stretch some of that *comfort and joy* further into the gray, windy months of winter?



Though it may seem funny to some, we are celebrating our service of **Christmas Lessons & Carols on January 5**, the 12th day of Christmas. Furthermore, we are moving this service to the evening, beginning at 4:30, preceded by a 30-minute prelude. Many “big churches” across the bay have evening Lessons & Carols services (most being in the middle of Advent...), which serve as wonderful community events. I am not aware of similar offerings here on the Shore. This presents us with a “two birds, one stone” opportunity: move our Lessons & Carols to the evening, allowing it to be a community event; and do it **in** Christmas, allowing us all to enjoy the season right to its end.

After all that, some of you may be reading this and asking, “What is Lessons & Carols, anyway?” In short, it is a service of nine Lessons (scriptural readings) telling of the fall of humanity, the coming of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, with Christmas carols interspersed throughout the service. The service as we know it today is attributed to Kings College, Cambridge, and it is celebrated widely throughout the world, most commonly in Anglican cathedrals, collegiate chapels, and large parish churches. It is one of the most cherished gems of the Anglican tradition.

Please mark your calendars and join us at **4:00 PM in Hungars Church** on the 12th day of Christmas, **January 5**. And please invite your friends! This is a wonderful opportunity to share a little more Christmas joy with our neighbors.

-Eric Dolch, Sr. | *Director of Music & Organist*



Worship Schedule (through January 5)

Sunday, December 15 - **The Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Hungars Episcopal Church

11:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Christ Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 22 - **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Hungars Episcopal Church

11:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Christ Episcopal Church

Tuesday, December 24 - **Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II - Christ Episcopal Church
8:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II - Hungars Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 29 **The First Sunday after Christmas Day**
(5th Sunday of the month)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Christ Episcopal Church

Sunday, January 5 - **The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - Christ Episcopal Church

4:30 pm - Lessons and Carols - Hungars Episcopal Church
(a recital precedes the service at **4 pm**)

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

A service of scripture readings, Christmas carols, and choral music



Sunday, January 5 – the 12th day of Christmas

4 o'clock in the Evening

4:00 Prelude – 4:30 Service

Free and open all – Reception to follow



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**The Hungars Cure Outreach Committee
will not meet in December
but will tentatively meet on Monday, January 13th
at 10:30 am at Hungars Church Parish House.**

The Outreach Committee welcomes parishioners to their meetings to share ideas for ways to put our resources to work in the community.

December Collection

If you are holding an angel from the Silver Angel Tree for one of the patients at Nassawadox Rehab, please have your gift bag at the Cure Office by Friday, December 13 or at Hungars Parish House by Sunday, December 15. The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 16.



Please join us for this month's service on **Wednesday, December 18 at 1:45 p.m.** Come join in the service and music, and share the love of God with those who can no longer attend their home church.

Thank you to Lou Negretti for providing live music and Cel Harmon providing recorded music before and after the service this past October.

For information contact [Nancy Gonzalez](#).

DOS SANTOS FOOD DISTRIBUTION Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm

Distribution is back to 2:00 pm at Christ Church.
Thank you to all who continue to help this food distribution ministry.
Volunteers are welcome and needed to help pack the food boxes.
Please consider giving the gift of your time during this season of Advent.

[Dos Santos Web Site](#)

EXMORE SOUP KITCHEN

Vivian Custis heads up this part of our Outreach Committee's ministry. On the telephone today, she shared with me that they are feeding more



and more hungry people, between 140 and 160 meals at a time. 4 to 5 additional volunteers would add some extra hands to each of the 5 teams as they are now doubling and tripling recipes to feed the hungry. Please contact [Vivian Custis](#) if you're able to lend a hand.



THE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosna, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30 am Christ Church Parish House

December 11 Micah
December 18 Zephaniah

We won't meet on December 25 or January 1 but will come together again on January 8, 2025



Christmas Poinsettias

This that time of year. Christmas poinsettias as Memorials/ Thanks- givings that decorate both churches. Order forms will be coming soon to the back of each church.

For names to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin, the forms need to be received at the Cure office by December 18.

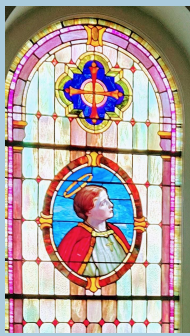
[Poinsettia Order Form](#)



The **Head Start** program in Hare Valley, would like volunteers. You can read a book to a classroom of children, or help in a classroom as an extra set of hands.

Head Start is Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please contact: Barbra Brown: 757-442-9652 Ext. 49 for more information or to volunteer.

Christ Episcopal Church



The November Food and Crafts Fair sponsored by St. Cecilia's Guild of Christ Church raised over \$1500. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and the hands that put it all together (Mary J. Moses, Diane Crockett, and Lenore Poyer).



The Rooted in Abundance Capital Campaign for Christ Church has now been completed and exceeded its \$50,000 goal. Kudos to Avis Gates, Ralph Dodd, Randy Burton and the rest of the Stewardship Team for their hard work.

Hungars Episcopal Church



Thank you to Sue Thatcher and her team of volunteers who partnered with the American Red Cross for a successful blood drive at Hungars Parish House on December 3.



Hungars Parish House is the proud owner of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). A special thank you to Spencer Brudno and Linda Leatherbury for this gracious donation. The AED will talk you through the steps one at a time, making it easy for anyone to use.



Hungars Vestry is looking into having the Red Cross come to and give CPR /AED training. We look forward to having this upcoming opportunity.



Prayer list

Abby Brassfield
Louise Boss
Mary Beth Briggs
April Dolch
Quincy Dix
Karen Foley
Maggie Glickman
Walter Jones
Rita Henning
David Kableer
Helen Kinbacher
Emma Little
Elizabeth Moore
Hill Moore John Robinson
Jim Shaeffer
Alison Tankard
Lloyd Thatcher

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 831.

Birthdays in December

01 – Elizabeth Freund
02 – John Crockett
02 - Leonard Smith
04 - Martha James
07 – Anne Holland
17 – Kelsey Bisker Lewis
18 – Lenore Poyer
19 – Francis Leigh Barnes
21 – Linda Leatherbury
21 - Jimmy Stewart
22 – Ronald Lewis
24 – Patty Kellam
27 – Megan Rose-Jensen
29 – Croxton Gordon
31 - Gee Floyd

January (til' Epiphany)

02 - Mary Blair Tankard
04 - George Bryan
04- Cindy Trower
04 - Joie Tankard
04- Carolyn Jones

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their

trust in your goodness all the days of their
lives; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 831.

Give to Christ Church

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Christ Church Vestry

Ralph Dodd, *Sr. Warden*
Randy Burton, *Jr. Warden*
Mary J. Moses, *Acting Register*
Riki Burton, *Treasurer*

Mary J. Moses
Mike Ash
Avis Gates
Pres Trower

Hungars Cure Parish Vestry

Jim Townsend, *Sr. Warden*
Ralph Dodd, *Jr. Warden*
Croxtton Gordon, *Register*
Riki Burton, *Interim Treasurer*

Tom Wescott
Randy Burton
Mary Floyd
Dolores Blackburn
Pres Trower

Hungars Church Vestry

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Tom Wescott, *Jr. Warden*
Sue Ingram, *Register*
Croxtton Gordon, *Treasurer*

Joe Canada
Jim Long
Megan Rose-Jensen
Dolores Blackburn
Mary Floyd

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