

**Church of Our Father  
Weekly Announcements  
December 1, 2017**



Sunday, December 3 ~ 10 am Rite II ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**\*This Sunday marks the beginning of our winter schedule during which one  
 Sunday Eucharist will be offered at 10am**  
 In Advent Please join us at 8:30 am for Prayer & 9 am for an Advent Book Study

✦ **The Rev. John Allison; The Rev. Mary Carol-Griffin, Deacon; Tony Sousa~ Pianist**

- **Eucharistic Visitors:** Dick & Nancy Salisbury
- **Altar Guild - 8 am:** Mike Bullard **10 am:** Sue Olson & Joanne Sousa

	<b>10 am Greeters/ Ushers</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>10 am Acolytes</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
<b>December 3 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Joanne Sousa Sue Olson	Joanne Sousa Gail Leland Karin Maag	<b>Crucifer/ Server</b> Carol Johnston <b>Gospel</b> Liz Libby	Mike Bullard Gail Leland	Gail Leland Mary McEnroe	<b>Isaiah 64:1-9: Karin Maag</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1:3-9: Bob Raymond</b>  <b>POP V: Barbara Craighead</b>

**Next Sunday's Readings:** [Isaiah 40:1-11](#); [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#); [Mark 1:1-8](#), [Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#); POP V

**Church of Our Father Events:**

**Christmas Outreach**

The Christmas Tree with tags for gifts is now up in the Parish Hall. The tags will be for children at the Emmaus Center and adults at the Mountain View Correctional Center. Instructions regarding the gifts will be posted on the tree and the bulletin board.

Gifts for both the Emmaus Center and the Correctional Center need to be brought to the Parish Hall tree by no later than Sunday Dec 17

Christmas Outreach includes giving to the Fuel Fund.

Let's Provide Hope, to others, this Christmas.



**MIRUS ACADEMY BLUEBERRY FUNDRAISER**

The Mirus Academy (now in Ellsworth) is conducting a blueberry fundraiser. The money raised will support tuition assistance, supplies, books, etc. Mirus Academy exists to mature students in their love of truth and their true love of others in a true classical, Christian manner. Many of you have been to the school or heard presentations. Fr Chuck and Beth Bradshaw are teachers at the school. A sign-up poster is up on our church bulletin board explaining the details of how to make an order for the fundraiser. Kate Berry is handling the orders for us to the Mirus Academy. "Who doesn't like blueberries – and they are good for you."

**Fr. John's Office Hours are:**

- ✦ Tuesday, 11am-2pm
  - ✦ Wednesday, 9 am—Noon
  - ✦ Thursday, Noon-2 pm  
*Out of the office every third Thursday for Ministry meetings)*
  - ✦ Friday, Noon-2 pm
- Additional hours by appointment  
Call **207-669-2033**  
E-mail: [fr.jallison@gmail.com](mailto:fr.jallison@gmail.com)

You may reach **Lena** via e-mail [ShalomCOOF@gmail.com](mailto:ShalomCOOF@gmail.com)  
You may text or call her at:  
**207-469-8872**

**Office hours:**  
*Lena will be back in the office Dec 5*

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**Services at the Partnership Parishes:**

**St. Andrew & St. John**

The Rev. Kathleen Killian (718) 775-6069 Southwest Harbor, Church Office (244-3229)  
[www.saintsmidi.org](http://www.saintsmidi.org) The church office is open from Monday- Thursday

**Sundays**—9:00 a.m. Eucharist at St. John the Divine

**Tuesdays** — 4:00 pm—Meditation

**Thursdays**—12:00 noon—Saint of the day & Healing Prayer Eucharist

**St Dunstan**

The Rev. Johanna-Karen Johannson, Priest; The Rev. Joan Preble, Deacon Ellsworth,  
207-667-5495 [www.St.DunstansEllsworth.org](http://www.St.DunstansEllsworth.org)

**Sundays** - 8 and 10 am Eucharist (with Sunday School)

**Wednesdays** - 6 pm Eucharist

**St Mary & St Jude**

\*St. Mary's Chapel 5 Kimball Rd. Northeast Harbor • Closed for renovation  
The Rev. Jane Cornman P.O. Box 105, 20 South Shore Dr. Northeast Harbor Maine 04662

Tel: 207-276-5588 Fax: 207-276-3220 E-mail: [ssmaryjudemdi@gmail.com](mailto:ssmaryjudemdi@gmail.com)

**Sundays** - Worship - 8 and 10 am \* At the Neighborhood House

**Thursdays** - 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry: All are welcome!

**St. Saviour**

The Rev. Tim Fleck. St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor 207-288-4215 [www.stsaviours.me](http://www.stsaviours.me)

**Sundays**—7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 8:30am—Morning Prayer

**Wednesdays**, 12:00 noon—Saint of the day & Healing Prayer Eucharist

**ECW Announces:**

**Christmas Fair Luncheon  
Saturday Dec 2, 2017  
9 am – 1 pm**

- ❖ Creations
  - ❖ Wreaths
  - ❖ Home Baked Goods
  - ❖ Christmas Collectibles
  - ❖ Prayer Shawls Available
- Gladly accepting any of the above mentioned items*  
See Gail for further detail

**This Week's Birthday**  
12/2 Mike Blythe

**MDI Parish Partnership Offers - Advent Book Study: *Let Every Heart Prepare,***

**All four Episcopal Parishes will be reading this book, and we'll be joining in worship and study **Wed's in Dec @ 4:30 pm****

For centuries the words and poetry of our hymns have spoken deeply to us. Many people find that what is heard in poetry and music sinks deeper into the soul than does ordinary prose. And so it is to the beautiful seasonal hymns that the Reverend Barbara Cawthorne Crafton turns for inspiration for daily meditations on faith, prayer, forgiveness, and healing during Advent and Christmas.

† **December 6** at Church of our Father

† **December 13** at St. John's

† **December 20** at St. Saviour's

***The book is available from Amazon.com for \$10.***

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

**Friday, December 1, 2017**

- **Island Arts Association 43rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Atlantic Oceanside Conference Center. Info: [www.islandartsassociation.com](http://www.islandartsassociation.com).
- **Holiday High Tea**, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or [www.woodlawnmuseum.com](http://www.woodlawnmuseum.com).
- **Village Holidays and Midnight Madness Sale**, 4:30-11:55 p.m., downtown Bar Harbor. Info: [www.barharborinfo.com](http://www.barharborinfo.com).
- **Christmas Open House and Silent Wreath Auction**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Maine Seacoast Mission Colket Center. Info: [www.seacoastmission.org](http://www.seacoastmission.org).
- **Seal Harbor Christmas Tree Lighting**, 5:30 p.m., Village Green.
- **"The Grinch,"** presented by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, 6 p.m., The Grand. \$9 adults and seniors; \$6 youth (12 and under). Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).
- **The Gift of Reading Book Giveaway, 5:30-7 p.m.**, MDI YMCA. Sponsored by the Mount Desert Islander. Children are invited to come pick out a free book to take home and visit with Santa. Info: 288-0556.
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528
- **Concert by The Blake Rosso Band, 7 p.m.**, Coda Restaurant. \$10. Info: 244-8133 or [www.codasouthwestharbor.com](http://www.codasouthwestharbor.com).
- **Midnight Madness Wine Tasting, 8-10 p.m.**, House Wine. Info: 288-1200

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

- **AA meeting** 9:30 am, Parish Hall, St Mary's NEH
- **The Northeast Harbor Christmas Festival is scheduled.** Events will include a 5K, Santa's workshop and Santa and Mrs. Claus coming in on the *Sunbeam*. Come join your community as we start off this holiday season!
- **Christmas Fair, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, First Congregational Church of Ellsworth. Crafts, books, puzzles, attic treasures and more. Tea room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 667-8321.
- **Christmas Fair**, 8 a.m.-noon, Tremont Congregational Church. Bake sale, crafts, white elephant, quilt raffle and silent auction.
- **Island Arts Association 43rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Atlantic Oceanside Conference Center. Info: [www.islandartsassociation.com](http://www.islandartsassociation.com).
- **Holiday Book Sale**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Southwest Harbor Public Library. Info: 244-7065.
- **Alpha Rho Craft Fair**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ellsworth City Hall. Info: Bonnie Moulard, 667-8653 or Kelley Tupper, 667-9572.
- **Downtown Ellsworth Christmas Parade**, 11 a.m., downtown Ellsworth. Info: [www.ellsworthchamber.org](http://www.ellsworthchamber.org).
- **The Joy of Reading**, noon-1:30 p.m., The Ellsworth American. Children are invited to stop by and take home a free book. Info: 667-2576.
- **DIY Gifts Workshop**, noon-2 p.m., Moore Community Center. Sponsored by Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363.
- **Free Screening of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War,"** part eight, 1 p.m., Moore Community Center. Sponsored by Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363 or [www.ellsworth.lib.me.us](http://www.ellsworth.lib.me.us).
- **"The Grinch,"** presented by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, 1 p.m., The Grand. \$9 adults and seniors; \$6 youth (12 and under). Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).
- **26th Annual Poinsettia Ball**, 5:30-11 p.m., Acadia Event Center. \$125 per person. Proceeds to benefit Mary Dow Center for Cancer Care. Info: 664-5311, ext. 2305 or [www.mainehospital.org](http://www.mainehospital.org).
- **Acadia Choral Society 2017 Holiday Concert**, 7 p.m., St. Saviour's Episcopal Church. \$15. Info: [www.acadiachoralsociety.org](http://www.acadiachoralsociety.org).
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.
- **The Empty Pockets' Holiday Wonderland Concert**, 7:30 p.m., The Grand. \$20 general admission. Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

- **Weekly Popover Service** 9 a.m. – noon Common Good Café, 19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor. Live music will be provided. For info Call 266-2733
- **Alanon/AA 7 pm** St John's SWH
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 2 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.
- **Concert by the 195th Army Band, "Songs of the Season,"** 2 p.m., The Grand. Free admission. Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).
- **Holiday Concert** by Mike and Susie Fay, 2 p.m., Jesup Memorial Library. Info: 288-4245.
- **Acadia Choral Society 2017 Holiday Concert**, 3 p.m., St. Saviour's Episcopal Church. \$15. Info: [www.acadiachoralsociety.org](http://www.acadiachoralsociety.org).

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

- **Free Community Meal, "Everybody Eats"** 3 p.m., St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 134 State Street, Ellsworth 3 p.m. All are welcome. Info: 667-5495.
- **Alanon Noon**, in the Rectory Library at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **Free AED/Hands Only CPR Class**, 5-7 p.m., Southwest Harbor Public Library. Info: 244-7065.
- **AA 7 pm** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

- **12 Step** at **Noon** in the Rectory Library, at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **Coffee's On! Senior Coffee House**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., held at the YWCA MDI. 36 Mt Desert St., BH. Info: 288-4457.
- **"Tuesday Readers"** Meeting, 2 p.m., Ellsworth Public Library. Info: 667-6363.
- **Film, "Maudie,"** 6 p.m., The Grand. All tickets \$5. Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

- **AA Noon** in the Parish Hall at St Saviour's Bar Harbor
- **The Welcome Table Free Community Meal** 3-6 p.m., First Congregational Church of Ellsworth, 2 Church St, All are welcome. Info: 479-7294.
- **Secret Santa Film**, 1 p.m., The Grand. A Christmas-themed film to celebrate the holiday season. Free admission. Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).
- **Holiday High Tea**, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or [www.woodlawnmuseum.com](http://www.woodlawnmuseum.com).

**Thursday, December 7, 2017- Thanksgiving Day**


- **AA** – @ St John's SWH, 7 pm
- **NT Live: "Young Marx,"** 2 p.m., The Grand. \$15 adults; \$12 Grand members; \$10 students; \$7 seniors. Info: 667-9500 or [www.grandonline.org](http://www.grandonline.org).
- **"The Little Mermaid,"** live on stage, 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.

Next Week...

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

- Holiday High Tea, 3 p.m., Woodlawn. \$22 Woodlawn members; \$25 nonmembers. Admission includes cost of museum visit. Reservations/info: 667-8671 or [www.woodlawnmuseum.com](http://www.woodlawnmuseum.com).
- "The Little Mermaid," live on stage, 7 p.m., Ellsworth High School. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors/students. Info: 667-4722, ext. 5528.

**Help Decorate the Church  
With Poinsettias & Greens**



*Poinsettias & Wreaths/Greens may be given in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for some event (anniversary, birth, marriage, etc.). If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the altar, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, December 17.*

Please make your check out to **Church of Our Father** and mark the memo line "Christmas Greens".  
Any amount is welcome!

Unspent funds will be set aside for Christmas Greens for next year.

**In Great Thanksgiving for:**

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**In Memory of:**

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Families First Community Center  
501(c)(3) Organization  
P.O. Box 951, Ellsworth, ME 04605

For consideration:  
**Families First Community Center**

Families First Community Center has received a \$1,000 grant from the Yoakum Fund of the Maine Community Foundation for general support at the recommendation of Alice B. Yoakum.

"This generous grant will certainly help the workers keep warm and the pipes from freezing inside the home this winter as renovations begin," said Dawn Carter Coffin, FFCC Board President. "We are in the unfortunate position of having to renovate in the cold weather and this will definitely help us! We are indeed indebted to Ms. Yoakum!"

Renovations are about to begin on the big farmhouse at 41 North Street in Ellsworth. As soon as they are finished, FFCC can begin to house homeless families with children and teach them the skills needed to become self-sufficient.

For more information, to donate funds or materials, or to volunteer for renovations or hospitality (feeding the workers), call 460-3711, mail PO Box 951 in Ellsworth, email [familiesfirstellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:familiesfirstellsworth@gmail.com) or visit [www.familiesfirstellsworth.org](http://www.familiesfirstellsworth.org), [www.facebook.com/Families-First-Community-Center-1007010682682336/](https://www.facebook.com/Families-First-Community-Center-1007010682682336/), [www.ebay.com/usr/ffccellsworth](http://www.ebay.com/usr/ffccellsworth)  
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We invite you to listen to our **YouTube** Channel And sermons by The Rev. John Allison Which will be posted weekly on our church web site and Facebook pages Follow this link to listen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXD71PUtBoY&t=10s>

**Ways to respond to Stewardship Goals-**

- See the **Pay Pal** Button under the "Stewardship" tab on our web page for your online giving convenience...
- Remember to address mailed pledge card responses: "Attn to: James Kitler"
- Stay in consideration of participation in helps related ministries to the church and community

**Thank you for the promises and fulfillments of the pledges that help Church of Our Father continue and to grow.**

**You are all very much appreciated!**

**Community Meals**

**Everybody Eats for Free**  
Location: St. Dunstan's Church (enter around back), 134 State Street, Ellsworth  
Days and Hours: Mondays (3-6pm)  
Services: Free meal, eat-in or take-out  
Donations: Drop off Mondays (11am-3pm)  
Contact: Marion or David Wells, Ron King, Valerie Kenney ~ 664-3568 or [valeriekenney19@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriekenney19@yahoo.com)

**The Welcome Table**  
Location: First Congregational Church, 2 Church Street, Ellsworth  
Days and Hours: Wednesdays (3-6pm)  
Services: Free meal, eat-in or take-out  
Donations: Wednesdays (11am-3pm; can meet earlier in the day if necessary). If doesn't need refrigeration, can drop off at church office on Tuesdays.  
Contact: Kara Ibarguen ~ 565-3674 or [krowholla@gmail.com](mailto:krowholla@gmail.com)

**Common Good Soup Kitchen**  
Location: 566 Seawall Rd, Southwest Harbor  
Days and Hours: Winter, 1 meal a week; Thursdays (12-2pm) and Saturday (6-9pm); Summer every day (7:30-11:30am) breakfasts, donation only  
Services: Soup and Salad, distribute soups, live music  
Donations: Wednesday and Thursday mornings are best, but pickups can be arranged at other times  
Contact: Larry Stettner ~ 266-2733; Arnold Weisenberg ~ 244-0632; Soup Kitchen ~ 244-3007 or [commongoodsoup@gmail.com](mailto:commongoodsoup@gmail.com)

**FROM YWCA**  
Good afternoon all,  
Our volunteers are second-to-none in helping to provide vital YWCA programs and services for the MDI community. Thank you again for so generously donating your time and talent.  
I hope you'll mark your calendars and consider helping out with these important upcoming community events:  
**DECEMBER**

- Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2: IAA Christmas Craft Fair at Atlantic Oceanside. Volunteers needed for food service, baking, and sales.
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:00 - noon: Children's Christmas Bazaar. Volunteers needed to be shopkeepers, shopper helpers, and gift wrappers.

Please contact me if you would like to sign up or have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!  
Thanks as always, Annie