

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY

The Act of Consecration of Man is celebrated:
Sundays and Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (not on January 10, 17 and March 13)

The Sunday Service for Children (Grade 1-8) at 10:30 a.m.
will be held every two weeks on Religious Instruction Sundays. More than one child needs to be present.
Religious Instruction will take place before the service at 9:30 a.m. Dates: November 27; December 11,
December 25 (Special Christmas Service, no religious instruction on that day), January 8 and 22, February 5
and 19, March 4.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011/12

Unless otherwise noted events start after Sunday Service and potluck refreshments at 12:30 p.m.

First Advent Sunday, Nov. 27

Advent wreath workshop

With Elizabeth Trocki and Cynthia Stillinger

Make your own Advent Wreath to take home. Donation for greens are welcomed. If you know in advance please let us know that you will be coming. (Call Elizabeth at 617 835 7681)

Second Advent Sunday, December 4,

Preparation of the Advent Garden

Stay after potluck and help to set up the wonderland of the Advent Garden. Many hands make light work!

The Advent Garden, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

A heartwarming afternoon event with story, music and walking the spiral to the source of light. For children over four years of age and all who are seeking an Advent experience.

Third Advent Sunday, December 11

Christmas Crafts Workshop: Stars, Beeswax candles and more...

With Elizabeth Trocki and Cynthia Stillinger

Tuesday, December 20

11:00 a.m. The Act of Consecration of Man, afterwards refreshments and setting up for Christmas.

Your help is very much appreciated!

Christmas Services

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Midnight

The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, December 25,

7:30 a.m., Dawn, The Act of Consecration of Man

[9:00 a.m., Lighting of Christmas Tree, Potluck breakfast with coffee, eggs and bacon...]

10:30 a.m., The Christmas Service for Children

The Christmas Story is retold from the altar, as it lives now. The words of this special service are spoken only once a year, bringing children blessings for the entire year to come

11:00 a.m., Day, The Act of Consecration of Man

The Act of Consecration of Man during the 12 Holy Days

The daily service starts at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by potluck refreshments and a gathering at our beautiful candlelit Christmas tree with a study about

The Angels...

Presented by Rev. Julia Polter (12:30-1:00 p.m., themes below)

Sunday, December 25, **Divine messengers**

Monday, December 26, **How they appear**

Tuesday, December 27, **God's co-creators**

Wednesday, December 28, **the heavenly hierarchy**

Thursday, December 29, **Our life's guardians**

Friday, December 30, **Archangels Uriel, Gabriel and Raphael**

Saturday, December 31, New Years Eve, **Archangel Michael**

Sunday, January 1, **Spirits of time**

Monday, January 2, **Revealers and World Powers**

Tuesday, January 3, **World Guides and Thrones**

Wednesday, January 4, **Cherubim and Seraphim**

Thursday, January 5, **Fallen Angels** (afterwards chapel set up for Epiphany)

Friday, January 6, Epiphany Day, **Our angelic task on Earth**

New Years Eve, December 31

7:00 p.m., The Dream Song of Olaf Asteson

presented by Ben Gregg and Jason Healy at the candlelit Christmas Tree

8:15 p.m. Festive Potluck Fondue Gathering for young and old at the manse's fireplace in Jamaica Plain.

Feel free to join us any time during the evening. For details please contact Rev. Polter at 617 522 2972.

Second Epiphany Sunday, January 15, 11:00 a.m. :Lay Service with Gospel Reading and Conversation

(No Act of Consecration of Man that day)

Third Epiphany Sunday, January 22 (Snow Date: Sunday, January 29)

Server's meeting for all who serve at the altar or wish to learn it

Wednesday, February 1 (Snow Date: February 8)

"Aphrodite and the Gods of Love" at the Museum of Fine Art

We will meet with Rev. Julia Polter in the museum (465 Huntington Save, Boston) at the "Sharf Visitor Center" **at 7:15 p.m.**

There is no admission fee on Wednesday nights, but a donation for the Priest Retirement Fund is greatly appreciated.

Bring your friends and explore the fascinating world of Greek gods and goddesses.

Sunday, February 12

What constitutes a (Christian) Community?

Presentation and conversation with Rev. Julia Polter

Sunday, February 26, (Snow date, March 4)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

"Worshipping and Worshippers" at the Museum of Fine Art

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Bring your friends and explore the sacred customs of various cultures and times. What can they tell us about our own spiritual path?

Sunday, March 11 – Daylight savings time begins: Turn clocks forward!

Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17, Spring Valley Congregation (NY)

The Sacrament of Priest Ordination

Please mark your calendar. We would like to arrange carpooling for our congregation members.

More information to follow.

Christian Community Choir Forming!!

Come and join us for a **20 minute songfest at 10:00 a.m.** on Religious Instruction Sundays (**November 27; December 11, January 8 and 22, February 5 and 19, March 4.**)

We'll go over the Adult and Children's Service music as well as seasonal pieces, like the Advent Garden Songs.

After a break, we'll go to support the children and their families during the Children's Service. We will have another brief break before attending the Adult Service, where we will be able to sing with confidence.

As we get more secure and used to singing together, there will be the opportunity to learn more songs to perform during the Adult Service.

For more information, please contact Diane McGary at [978-686-5189](tel:978-686-5189) or dimilhome@gmail.com.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

New Hampshire (Wilton and Greenfield, Plowshare Farm)

The Gospel Study Group meets on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:45 p.m. at the home of Jeanne Hawthorne (phone: 603 654-7826). Questions regarding the dates may be addressed to Jeanne.

A Lay Service is held monthly. For more information contact Margaret Chambers (phone: 603-654-5708)

The work of the Christian Community is solely supported by your pledges and donations, offerings and legacies. Contributions may be sent to our new treasurer:

Lou Rossi, 222 Isaak Frye Hwy, Wilton NH 03086, phone: 603 425 3650

HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO REMEMBER OUR NEEDS!

Contact for community office, questions, appointments, spiritual counseling or sacraments:

Rev. Julia Polter, 16 Greenview Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, phone: 617-522-2972

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