



New Song Notes

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mission: To invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and be Christ's body in the world.

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Calendar



TODAY		-Holy Eucharist —10:00 a.m. -Community Hour, Downstairs — 11:15 a.m.
Dec.	24	-Community Carol Singing Around the Piano — 4:30 p.m. -Christmas Eve Service — 5:00 p.m. -Christmas Reception, Downstairs— 6:00 p.m.
Dec.	25	-New Song Office Closed
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Jan.	16	-TED Talk: "Why do we fall for charismatic leaders?" with light meal — 5:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m.
Jan.	17	-Morning Prayer Service at Lantern Park — 10:00 a.m.
Jan.	20	-Vestry Meeting — 11:30 a.m.
Feb.	3	-New Song Annual Meeting following Eucharist

News and Announcements

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ADVENT

The most striking application of the Christian mystery to the cycle of time occurs at the beginning of Advent when the church year calendar begins. The whole year from its beginning on the First Sunday in Advent to its close at the end of November is arranged to focus our attention to the Christian mysteries. These are preparation, incarnation, revelation, resurrection, ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the life of the Church and of all Christians in the world.

In Advent we look forward to the great and familiar recitation of the story of God's saving act of incarnation. It is this birth which reaches its fulfillment in the Cross, a cross which seems to come all too quickly, which defines Jesus as the saving Christ and us as his people. It is by the telling of this story that we learn once again who we are and by what name we are called.

In this Advent season of hope we wait and watch for Christ's coming and for Christ's coming again. We are "pregnant" with anticipation. These four short weeks, now nearing an end, call us to share what Mary must have felt — a sense of discomfort, uncertainty, concern. Yet in Advent God also calls us to share the vision Mary must have had — that trust in God will lead to new beginnings and possibilities never imagined.

This liturgical season is a time of active, joyful preparation, a time we set aside preparing to welcome Jesus into our lives. There is a bit of Advent in each of our lives — a time of waiting and preparation. While Advent is a period of time, at a deeper level it is a state of faith, a time of awareness that God is both at the end of our journey and a companion through it. "Emmanuel," said the angel, "God is with us."

NEW SONG AND TRINITY PLAN JOINT EVENTS FOR SPRING 2019 & BEYOND



6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, Nancy Reincke and Bob Sessions provided food and drink for a large gathering of New Songers and members of Trinity to greet Iowa Bishop Alan Scarfe and the Rev. Meg Wagner. Purpose of the meeting was to plan ahead for the upcoming year called "Engaging All Disciples" in which Iowa churches will gather to talk about where God is giving us energy and hope. Saturday, May 4 was set as the date when members of Trinity and New Song will gather. Exact times and the venue remain to be set.

In addition, both churches expressed great interest in developing themes for Growing Iowa Leaders meetings in 2019. New Songers expressed interest in developing broader relationships with area peo-

ple of color, and members of Trinity expressed great interest in building relationships with others through programming and planned interactions, all built on the firm foundation of God's love.

TED TALK SET FOR JANUARY 16, "WHY DO PEOPLE FALL FOR CHARISMA?"

Mark your New Year calendar now for the TED Talk set for 5:30 p.m., Jan. 16. The topic "Why do People Fall for Charismatic Leaders?" will focus on techniques used by leaders to sway audiences and persuade them to do things they might not ordinarily do. A provided meal will greet participants at 5:30 p.m. and the TED talk, followed by discussion will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don't miss!

SPECIAL PROGRAM INTRODUCES CRC TO NEW PROGRAM FOR AREA YOUTH

Christopher Epting, who represents New Song at the CRC (Consultation of Religious Communities) shares this report from the Dec. 19 meeting. A new program, "Fifth Ward Saints North," is available. It is an athletics-based program using sports to build relationships and engage participating youth and their families to local community services. Carlos Honore, a West High football star, built the successful program in Houston's "Fifth Ward" (hence the name). It now serves over 2,000 young people. The new program in Iowa City already has 35 students from minority communities and five local elementary schools. Students are picked up after school, taken to a central location to learn soccer, wrestling, arts and crafts, then returned home. For a brief films and more information about this brand new ministry in Iowa City, go to www.fifthwardsaintsnorth.com.

CONSIDER A SPECIAL DONATION TO NEW SONG BEFORE YEAR'S END

What can we do to strengthen New Song in the year ahead? Here are two suggestions for extra giving:

1. Help pay down the mortgage. You can speed up the conclusion of New Song's mortgage by simply adding a check for any amount in the offering envelope and a memo instruction for "mortgage."
2. Donate to the Growth/Building Fund. Again, a check for any amount will be invested in the Building Fund. Just use the offering envelope with "Growth" either outside or on the memo line of your check.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY — Aaron Frerichs
Dec. 29 — William "Liam" Dutcher (2005)
Dec. 29 — Cindy Harrington