



the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

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Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

January 6 is The Epiphany, the day we celebrate the magi presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. The Scripture tells us that Jesus was in all probability a toddler, as Herod ascertained that boys two years and younger should be slain to eliminate the possibility of a usurper to his throne. It is also the season when we are reminded that Jesus is the Savior who came for Gentiles as well as Jews.

The Anglican Church in North America, indeed all Evangelical Christians, are reaching our neighbors with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ! Archbishop Foley has challenged Anglicans to make a special effort in reaching neighbors within a one mile radius of our church facilities. Erlene is the only member of Good Shepherd so far who lives within a one mile radius of the church. During February and March we will be reaching out to Erlene's neighbors and ours. Our neighbor's names and addresses have been gathered, we will pray for them by name, form and train teams of two to visit door to door, and distribute brochures inviting folks to worship with us. More details will be shared during January.

One of the great symbols of Epiphany is the Christmas Star which shed its light to guide the magi to Jesus. We too will let our little lights shine in the hopes that others will be led to Jesus as well. Will you pray about your part in our outreach? We will need folks to pray, prepare brochures, form and train teams, and follow up with those whom we visit. I pray this Christmas season of holy and family celebrations is all that you hoped it would be.

We are securely Christ's own forever,

*Reaching the Individuals and Families of Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!*

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## **JANUARY 2015 NEWS BRIEFS REPLACE AGNUS DEI**

### **ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS FEAST**

Sunday, January 4, 2015 we will have a festive Christmas dinner in the parish hall at 6:00 pm. All members of the parish and their guests are invited. This is an annual outreach to invite folks who live alone or have no family in the area to celebrate the Birth of the Lord with us. Dinner menu will be roasted pork with the trimmings. Members are asked to bring a homemade dessert to share. There is no charge for the dinner, but reservations are required. Please sign up in the Narthex of the church. For more information or to help set up and clean up, contact Jean Yarbrough (325) 651-3252 or [risky128@suddenlink.net](mailto:risky128@suddenlink.net).

### **PROJECT EMMANUEL BABY CLOTHES**

Dr. Alekcey and Judith are in need of baby clothes for the Emmanuel Development Center. The midwife and prenatal and postnatal care of mothers and infants has been very well received and successful resulting in healthier babies reaching and being delivered. All sizes and types of baby clothing are welcome; special needs infant include sleepers in feet. Second hand items washed and in good condition are welcome - from area thrift stores or yard sales. Please place the items in the box provided in the Narthex. Donations to help defray the cost of shipping may be made to the Discretionary Fund.

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION**

Sunday, January 25 at Noon we will conduct our Annual Congregational Business Meeting, the election of three new members to the Vestry and a delegate to the Diocesan Synod. It's a pot luck dinner, so bring one of your favorites to share!

### **HILL COUNTRY RETREAT**

The parish retreat will be held February 6-8, 2015 at The Great House in Junction, TX. The retreat leaders are Bishop Mark and Cindy Zimmerman. There is no charge for the weekend but donations are suggested. Retreat begins with supper at 6:30 PM and concludes around 11 AM. You may register in the Narthex, and please take note of the type of bed linens and bath accommodations you choose. Information sheets will be available on the Narthex table. If we run out of space motel accommodations are available in Junction.

### **THANK YOU OFFICE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF**

Special thanks to Rosemary Holm, Pam Jennings, and Nancy Shaw who are helping with the office during April's maternity leave. Thanks too to our "Temp" Teresa, and Maryann who prepared the bulletins for this busy season of the church year.

### **THANK YOU TO RETIRING VESTRY MEMBERS**

Nan Barber (Christian Formation), Teddye Read (Communications) and Jean Yarbrough (Fellowship) serve with devotion, excellence and faithfulness! We appreciate you so much, and all you have done and do to make our life and ministry life and hope giving. Thank you.