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Deaths

Ulfeta Poljak, mother of **Denis Poljak,** grandmother of **Thomas & Laura Charlotte Poljak,** on November 18, 2019.

James Davis Boyd, M.D., husband of **Laura Boyd**, on November 22, 2019.

Happy Birthday

December 1
Steve Allen
James Jackson
Andrew Porter

2
Lou Palmer
John Pou
Aimee Aaron
R. Dean Elston
Melissa Flores
Lauren Thibodeaux
Caroline Brainard
Abigail Jackson
Robert Quinn

3
Betsy Roberts
Lee Collier
Scott Deupree
E.C. Latch
Virginia Q=Petersen
William McMurry

4
William Weaver
Douglass McKay
Bambi Trickett
Marie Kalmbach
William Childs
Ean Burch
Emma Nuckolls
Morris O'Brien
Mosty O'Brien

5
Carol Reyenga
Gifford Smith
Polly James
Bruce Lowe
David Crider
Marian Dehan

6
Kathryn Beaird
Charlotte Gaffney
Janet Harrell
Campbell Siskron
Christian Rabalais

7
Lloyd Overdyke
Melody Duncan
Allen Marsalis
Sarah Margaret Shemwell

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The St. Mark's Messenger

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of he who brings good news! Isa. 52.7

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

If we are going to serve the Lord, we should do so wholeheartedly, and see what God will do in response.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Community

EYC this Sunday - we will meet in the Ministry Center at 5:45 pm for activities, dinner and compline.

Our annual Children's Christmas pageant will happen during the Sunday 10:30 am service on December 22. – It's open to all kids ages 2-11. There will be three rehearsals: **Wednesday, December 11** from 4:00 – 5:15 pm, **Sunday December 15** from 12:30 -1:30 pm and **Wednesday December 18** from 4:00 -5:15 pm. Dinner will be served after the two Wednesday evening rehearsals. There are both speaking and non-speaking roles. Roles will be assigned before the first rehearsal. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. For more information, contact Fr. Drew Christiansen at **drew@stmarkscathedral.net.**

Don't forget, if you can't be here on Sunday you can hear us on the radio!- Catch us at 95.7 on the FM dial.

The Nominating Committee will meet in December to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. - If you wish to nominate someone for their consideration, **nominations have to be to the Senior Warden by December 13, 2019.** To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. **Nominations can be e-mailed to Senior Warden Lad Shemwell at shemwell@weems-law.com.**

St. Mark's Community Outreach Committee is seeking donations for our support of Jewell House, Hope House, Hope Connection and Cara House. – Suggested items include: men's socks (white), laundry detergent pods, towels, coffee, 8 oz Styrofoam cups, dishwashing detergent, diapers, baby wipes, baby powder, twin sheets and blankets. Donation boxes will be by the office.

On Sunday December 22 at 4:00 pm the St. Mark's Cathedral Choirs will present A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols as sung at King's College Cambridge, England. - Readers for the service will be parents of St. Mark's Boys and Girls Choir choristers and former St. Mark's Vestry Wardens. Music presented will include works of John Tavener, Boris Ord, Andrew Carter, David Willcocks, Richard Purvis and John Rutter.

The Cooking Crew thanks those who donated turkeys for Thanksgiving meals! But we aren't done yet! - We need of 30 turkeys to cook for Christmas meals. Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen by **December 10.**

There will be a dinner and presentation for all our Ushers, Grand Friends, and Vergers on December 3, at 6:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. - We do hope that you will plan to attend as we will be updating you on a few additions to our Cathedral Safety and Security ministry, as well as have time to visit about future plans and trainings.

The Young Adults Growing in Grace class resumes this Sunday.- Fr. Thomas Nsubuga will be leading an Advent Series which runs through December. We meet Sundays at 9:30 in the Ministry Center Garden Room. Everyone is welcome.

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. - This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of Becky Deverts, **no later than Friday, December 13.**

Sunday Readings

The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 * Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday Christian Formation

For Kids

9:30 – 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30)
First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums
9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade)
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
First floor of Parish Building- Rooms 105 & 106
Level I Atrium (K-3 – Kindergarten)
Level II Atrium (1st-3rd grade)
9:30 am Outlaw Bible Study for Teenagers
Ministry Center

10:30 am Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

For Adults

9:30 am Soul Keeping
Taught by Dean Alston Johnson
Ministry Center Room 101

9:30 am Growing in Grace: Advent Series
Facilitated by Fr. Thomas Nsubuga
Ministry Center Garden Room