

ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

COUNTING THE DAYS

BY THE VERY REV. VIRGINIA TYLER SMITH

Advent is one of my favorite seasons. It's a time when we know that good things are coming, and we count each day as a special treat. Of course, even outside of Advent, every day in God's world is something special to cherish. For proof of that, see the photo below, of Gloria Loomis and Ray Locke at Gloria's 91st birthday parade on November 14.

During Advent we make a point of marking the days as we get closer to the coming of the Christ Child. Perhaps you have a special Advent Calendar, or maybe you get a new one each year that has little candy treats inside. In either case, this is your invitation to spend a moment remembering why this season is special.

This Advent, as we start a new liturgical year in the church, we have two new ways for you to count the days. On page 3, you'll find the Way of Love Advent Calendar. This calendar divides the week into seven ways of living (and loving) as a Child of Jesus. The seven ways are: worship, go, study, pray, bless, turn and rest. Look at that calendar, and see how simple it is to mark the days by being present to God in your life.

The second way is #AdventWord. This is a world-wide program that occurs every year at Advent. Every day has an Advent-related word assigned to it--the list is on page 4. Each day, reflect on that word, and what God is saying to you through it. We will post the meditation for each day's word on the St. John's Facebook page. You can also find the meditations at https://adventword.org/en/home/.

Whether through an Advent calendar, an Advent wreath, bible study, Evening Prayer, Sunday worship, or some combination, listen carefully this season. The spirit of hope, faith, love and joy is coming to us, so listen for where it calls!

Wishing you a blessed Advent and happy, happy Christmas--Virginia+

JOIN US!

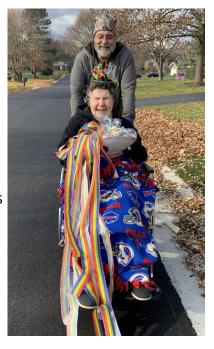
SUNDAY SERVICE, 10 AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 11 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER, 6 PM

ALL EVENTS ARE ON ZOOM:

MEETING ID 532-398-8617



watch the announcements and email for a possible caroling event...we might even come to your front door! Date to be determined.

GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR THE FISH FOOD CLOSET

Due to COVID-19, the Fish Food Closet is asking for monetary or gift card donations so that their clients may plan and shop for their their own holiday meals! Those families would receive their gift cards with their monthly food. If you are in need, please call FISH at 585-484-7103.

Gift cards can be to HFMP, Family Dollar, Walmart, Target, etc., or checks made out to FISH Food Closet if you are able to help. You can drop your donations off at the church in our secure mailbox at the office or mail them to FISH at 153 East Street, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health and well-being:
Theresa, Turi, John,
Keith, Renee, Elaine,
Sarah, Roger, Josie,
Paul, Julie, George,
Bev, Nick, Becky,
Anthony, Maria, Chris,
John, Connie, Michelle,
Audet, Chelsea
Patricia, and Stephen.

For those who have died:
Hazel, Allen, Theresa,
Ronnie and David



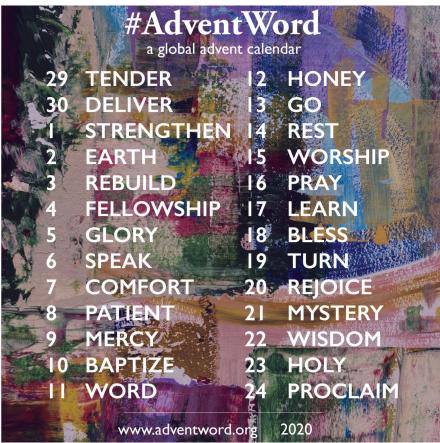


Keep our Veterans Warm!

We continue to gather gently-used coats and warm clothing for male and female clients of the Veteran's Outreach Center. Please call the office at 624-4074 to arrange a drop off, or to have us come pick up from you!

ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent I What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with a friend or family member.	Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously or someone with a different perspective than you. Pray that you hear this person as God does.	Read Luke 1:30. What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying "yes" to God?	2 Pray Set a timer for three minutes. Silently repeat this prayer — "Here I am, God" — until time is up.	3 Bless The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence.To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?	4 Turn In giving generously, St. Nicholas turned from a sense of scarcity to a posture of abundance. From what do you need to turn in order to be generous of heart?	From what could you rest in order to receive renewed life? Find that rest today, and do it for as long as you are able.
6 Worship Advent 2 What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?	7 Go Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.	8 Learn Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.	9 Pray Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.	Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with this person how they are a blessing.	Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends? Give thanks for the gift of fresh starts that we have through God's grace.	Set aside 30 minutes to rest, pause, and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love in relationship.
Advent 3 Pray for each person as they receive Communion. Imagine whom you would like to see at church next week. Invite that person to join you.	I4 Go Today, choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play. Whom or what did you encounter differently?	Read Luke 1:64. When Zechariah could finally speak, he began by praising God. For what can you praise God? Share on social media or with a friend.	Keep a lookout for anyone who might seem lonely, stressed, or sad. Offer this simple invitation: "May I pray for you?" Then offer prayers – silently or aloud – on the person's behalf as you move through your day.	I7 Bless Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.	18 Turn Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.	In Genesis I-2, God calls the creation "good" and rests. What can you proclaim to be "good" instead of "not enough" as a witness to God's love for the world today?
20 Worship Advent 4 Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you on a journey into the world to witness to God's love.	Go out into your neighborhood today. Where do you see God at work? What attributes of God's love are visible? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate and join in that love.	22 Learn Read Luke 2:8- 10.When has God surprised you? Share with a friend.	23 Pray Set aside a time today to pray for others. Include three minutes of intentional silence, asking God to speak to you.	24 Bless If you are gathering with others today, take turns naming a way the person on your right or left has blessed you.	25 Turn Christmas Day Read Luke 1-2. Give thanks for the birth of the Christ- child. Pray that you may follow Christ Jesus on his Way of Love with your whole heart, mind, body, and spirit.	



Check out the st. John's Facebook page every day to find a meditation on that day's word. You can post your own thoughts, memories, photos, or whatever that word brings up for you. Information on #AdventWord is also available at https://adventword.org/en/home/

Have you pledged for 2021 yet? Pledge cards are available by calling the office at 624-4074, or on the website, www.stjohnshoneoyefalls.org.

Wreath pick up Pre-ordered wreaths

Pre-ordered **wreaths**will be ready for pick up
in the Parish House on
Saturday,

December 5, between

12-3. pm

TUESDAYS, 11 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Questions Insight Discussion. Join us on Zoom!





DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* *	* *	1 11 am Bible Study	2 6 pm Evening Prayer	3	4	5 12-3 pm Christmas Wreath Pickup
6 2 Advent	7	8 11 am Bible Study 7 pm Vestry	9 6 pm Evening Prayer	10	11	引2 12-3 pm Christmas plant Pickup
13 3 Advent 12-3 pm Christmas Plant Pickup	14	15 11 am Bible Study	16 6 pm Evening Prayer	17	18	19
20 4 Advent	21	22 11 am Bible Study	23 6 pm Evening Prayer	24 4pm Christmas Eve Service	25 christmas	26
27 1 Christmas	28	29	30	New Year's Eve	* *	*



ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

The Right Rev. Prince G. Singh,
Bishop

The Very Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith,
Rector
11 Episcopal Avenue
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472
www.stjohnshoneoyefalls.org
Info@stjohnshoneoyefalls.org
585-624-4074