



# 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

## DECEMBER READERS

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Prayers
12/6	Mary Jo Smith	Gina Hurley	Valerie Schillinger	John Rutkowski
12/13	Eileen Locke	Jan Metcalf	Allan Shafer	Kaelin Richards
12/20	Catherine Faurot	Judy Haravitch	Valerie Schillinger	Jan Metcalf
12/27	Jan Metcalf	Gina Hurley	Eileen Locke	Kaelin Richards

*Readers for Christmas Eve: it's a surprise!*

### CHRISTMAS flowers for church

Please consider a donation for the church Christmas flowers. Let the office know by 12/21 who you are commemorating.



## 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
<b>29 Worship</b> <b>Advent 1</b> What word or words from worship today have found a home in your heart? Share these words with a friend or family member.	<b>30 Go</b> 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.	<b>1 Learn</b> Read Luke 1:30. What are you afraid of that keeps you from saying "yes" to God?	<b>2 Pray</b> Set a timer for three minutes. Silently repeat this prayer – "Here I am, God" – until time is up.	<b>3 Bless</b> The angel blessed Mary with the gift of presence. To whom can you give the gift of presence this week?	<b>4 Turn</b> 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?	<b>5 Rest</b> 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.
<b>6 Worship</b> <b>Advent 2</b> What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?	<b>7 Go</b> Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.	<b>8 Learn</b> Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.	<b>9 Pray</b> Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.	<b>10 Bless</b> Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with this person how they are a blessing.	<b>11 Turn</b> 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.	<b>12 Rest</b> 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.
<b>13 Worship</b> <b>Advent 3</b> 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.	<b>14 Go</b> Today, choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play. Whom or what did you encounter differently?	<b>15 Learn</b> 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.	<b>16 Pray</b> 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.	<b>17 Bless</b> Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.	<b>18 Turn</b> Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.	<b>19 Rest</b> In Genesis 1-2, 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?
<b>20 Worship</b> <b>Advent 4</b> Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you on a journey into the world to witness to God's love.	<b>21 Go</b> 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.	<b>22 Learn</b> Read Luke 2:8-10. When has God surprised you? Share with a friend.	<b>23 Pray</b> Set aside a time today to pray for others. Include three minutes of intentional silence, asking God to speak to you.	<b>24 Bless</b> If you are gathering with others today, take turns naming a way the person on your right or left has blessed you.	<b>25 Turn</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 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.	



# #AdventWord

a global advent calendar

29 TENDER	12 HONEY
30 DELIVER	13 GO
1 STRENGTHEN	14 REST
2 EARTH	15 WORSHIP
3 REBUILD	16 PRAY
4 FELLOWSHIP	17 LEARN
5 GLORY	18 BLESS
6 SPEAK	19 TURN
7 COMFORT	20 REJOICE
8 PATIENT	21 MYSTERY
9 MERCY	22 WISDOM
10 BAPTIZE	23 HOLY
11 WORD	24 PROCLAIM

www.adventword.org 2020

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.stjohnshoneyefalls.org](http://www.stjohnshoneyefalls.org).

*Wreath pick up*  
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!

*Plant pick up*  
**Pre-ordered poinsettias and Christmas cactus will be ready for pick up in the Parish House on Saturday, December 13, between 12-3 pm**

*Happy Birthday!*

- 1: JUDIE KNIGHT
- 10: NEIL HOUGHTON & REBECCA TERRY
- 19: CONNIE WHITE
- 20: BEV SMITH
- 22: GRACE INGLE & JULIE WALKER
- 23: JOHN RICHARDS
- 27: JEAN SIMMONDS


*Happy Anniversary!*

- 29: CYNTHIA & PETER ARCHBOLD



# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>11 am</b> Bible Study	2 <b>6 pm</b> Evening Prayer	3	4	5 <b>12-3 pm</b> Christmas Wreath Pickup
6 2 Advent	7	8 <b>11 am</b> Bible Study  <b>7 pm</b> Vestry	9 <b>6 pm</b> Evening Prayer	10	11	12 <b>12-3 pm</b> Christmas plant Pickup
13 3 Advent  <b>12-3 pm</b> Christmas Plant Pickup	14	15 <b>11 am</b> Bible Study	16 <b>6 pm</b> Evening Prayer	17	18	19
20 4 Advent	21	22 <b>11 am</b> Bible Study	23 <b>6 pm</b> Evening Prayer	24 <b>4pm</b> Christmas Eve Service 	25 <i>MERRY</i> <i>christmas</i>	26
27 1 Christmas	28	29	30	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>		



*Christmas Eve at St. John's*

VIRTUAL SERVICE  
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE  
AFTERNOON

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/5323988617](https://zoom.us/j/5323988617)  
OR

FACEBOOK LIVE  
@STJOHNSEPISCOPALCHURCH  
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