

# The AGAPE Newsletter

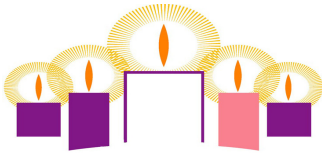
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## Christmas Eve Services



4:30 pm & 7:00 pm



## Advent Sermon Series

### Light from the Darkness

Christmas can be a hard time for many. The great hymns of Christmas teach us how joy can enter our lives even in cold bleak settings.

Nov. 27: "The Silent Word is Pleading" from "What Child Is This?"

Dec. 4: "God Rules the World with Truth and Grace" from "Joy to the World"

Dec. 18: "Love's Pure Light" from "Silent Night"

Dec. 24 (7:00 pm): "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All" from "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Dec 25: How Silently, How Silently the Precious Gift is Given" from "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



The church season named "Advent" is a gift not wrapped in tinsel but in wisdom. While the history of the Christian Church is fraught with egregious errors, nonetheless wisdom born of Love's compassion is the light that illumines the Church's story. The Advent gift comes from that wise and loving light. Midst the noisy rush of daily life, which gets pushed to a frenetic pace by holiday preparations, Advent's gift is quiet time, time set apart for a different and deeper preparation. In the quiet we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, whose teachings illumined a sacred, world-loving life path which honors Creator and created. We prepare ourselves to better walk that path, freely and with joy.

Like the Church season named "Lent," Advent is a time set apart for deep self-exploration, to uncover inside ourselves any attitudes and behaviors which are inconsistent with the path. Hence, Advent is a "penitential" time, a time for confession and repentance. The paraments which hang from church pulpits, lecterns and communion tables are purple, the color the Church uses to symbolize penitence. Three of the candles on the Advent wreath are purple, too. (The candle for the third Sunday is pink, purple lightened with white, the color the Church uses to symbolize joy; on "Joy Sunday" during Advent, we take time to remember that, no matter how much we have to confess, Love is embracing us always, no matter what!)

Yet, despite its mostly purple hue, Advent does not invite us into four weeks of self-bashing – surely there's no gift in that, only sickness. Advent invites us into four weeks of self-discovery. Yes, it requires an honesty which can be painful, in which we recognize our own wrong-doing, and experience appropriately the feeling of guilt, resisting our propensity to become the mythological "she-made-me-eat-it-Adam" and "it's-all-the-snake's-fault-Eve." But then, we take a new and renewing breath, to put the past behind us, let that burden go, to learn from the self-reflection we've done, and prepare to move on, with a commitment to make the necessary changes toward better living the path, to be the people we really want to be.

As you prepare your Christmas gifts to be given to others, consider giving yourself some time in which to receive the gift of Advent.

Love, Ilene Dunn



Dear Friends,

As we begin to eagerly anticipate and celebrate this season of Christmas, many hearts are filled with loving memories. But for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, this can be a very difficult time of the year. It can be hard to know what we can do or say to bring some comfort to a friend who is grieving. Below are a few ideas that might be of help.

- Remember there is no one right thing to do or say that will make the pain go away. A phone call, a kind word, a brief note of care can help.
- Be willing to just be present.....sit quietly with them and listen. Perhaps you will be hearing their story again. Let them tell it.
- Take your cues from your friend. If they need to cry and feel sad, let them. Don't feel like you have to "cheer them up."
- When they need to hear words of comfort, be ready to speak them.
- Words that might be of help...."I've been praying for you" brings comfort in the knowledge that others are praying and thinking of them.
- "You must be lonely (or hurting) since.....died." This can leave the conversation open for them to pick up and continue if they are so inclined.
- "I have really missed seeing you in church and I miss....." Name the name of the person who has died. "I remember when....." Then relate something about the person you are remembering.
- It is always helpful and thoughtful to remember anniversaries....the six month date, the one year date, the first Christmas, birthday, etc.

One of the most meaningful ways to honor those who have suffered a loss is to be fully present as you share God's love and kindness through listening and remembering their loved one. It is a great privilege to be able to share in this time of friendship and healing. --Love and Blessings, Donna

*We can do no great things---only small things with great love. Mother Teresa*



The holiday season can be a difficult time for people who have experienced the death of someone they love. Join Hospice Austin on Dec. 8, 7 – 9 pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive, for a free panel

discussion on tips for getting through the season, from honoring past traditions to creating new rituals for healing.

"The holiday season after a loss can be exceptionally difficult when everything around you is all about parties, and togetherness, and being happy," said Nancy McCranie, Hospice Austin's Director of Bereavement and Volunteer Services. "We hope the suggestions shared in Surviving the Holidays will give people comfort and hope for moving through this poignant season. Sometimes something as simple as lighting a candle in memory of a loved one can help ease the pain of that person's absence." Contact Doran Oatman, Hospice Austin Bereavement Coordinator, at (512) 342-4784 for more information.



Babs and Suze Miller welcome the birth of their granddaughter, Magnolia Elani born to Meg and Paul Sessums on Nov. 19. Maggie weighed in at 6lbs 15oz. and is also welcomed by her big sister, Aimee.

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Are you looking for a meaningful Christmas gift that helps to make the world a better place? Are you tired of the commercialism of the Christmas season? Make plans to participate in the Alternative Christmas by making a contribution to a charitable organization in honor of your friends and/or loved ones.

Look for the table in the foyer after church on Sundays in December. You may make contributions to any of the following organizations: ADAPT, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT), CESSMAQ, Manos de Cristo, Presbyterian Children's Home, Safeplace, That All May Freely Serve, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), and St. Andrews. Write checks to the organization of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Graf at [Mary\\_Graf@att.net](mailto:Mary_Graf@att.net) or by phone at 238-9162.



*Fill Up Your Bucket*, **Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 to 10am** in the Welcome Room. Take an hour to begin to prepare physically and spiritually for the holiday season. Join Barbara

McCarty and Donna Rutherford to share prayer, music, meditation, and relaxation with friends from our St. Andrew's community. *Fill Up Your Bucket* will meet again on the first Saturday in the New Year, January 7. We welcome everyone.



Early morning meditation, Kundalini Yoga Style! **Wednesday and Friday mornings--starting promptly at 5am.** (The session for Dec. 9 has been cancelled.)



Meditation Group

St. Andrew's Meditation Group meets from 6-7pm **Wednesdays** (except for Dec. 28) in the upstairs youth room. Meditation can help restore harmony and quiet restless minds, while leading us to deep insights. You may arrive and leave according to your schedule and needs. If you have questions, contact Yvette Shelton at [yshelton@austin.rr.com](mailto:yshelton@austin.rr.com)



St. Andrew's Garden Project

If you are a composter, you can help the St Andrew's Gardens AND help yourself at the same time. When you are cooking or eating, just save all the veggie ends and clippings. Save every food scrap that is NOT meat or dairy (We do take egg shells but not leftover eggs). Save the leftovers after the meal... or those that have been in the fridge ENTIRELY too long. Then bring it all to our compost bins. They are made of concrete blocks at the end of the parking lot near the gardens. Pour your compost into the bin where you see the red reflector, then shovel some sand/dirt over it to keep the bugs at bay. Voila! You have helped us make soil for our next garden project or food for the gardens we have now.

If you are interested in helping with the gardens then we have several ways you can participate beyond the composting: 1) You can come join us on Thursdays at 8:30 as we work in the gardens; or 2) you can come to our meeting on **Dec. 4** following the 10:45 service; or 3: you can ask to join our list-serve by e-mailing Meredith at [mer\\_lancaster@juno.com](mailto:mer_lancaster@juno.com); or 4) you can work in the gardens at any time convenient to you. If you want company, just let us know. We are sure someone would love to join you at that time.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to our wonderful Lyn Whitcomb who has been the backbone of our garden this past year. She got us going and has been a tireless and invaluable worker. She is a trooper, but has decided it is time to move to 'greener' pastures! (Get it?) At one point she was the only one who was still going... picking beans and picking beans and weeding and ... she did it all! ...and, we are going to miss her. Ron Knoll has agreed to take over her spot. We are looking forward to our coming year with Ron, the water man, at our helm.

We hope you will stroll down to the gardens built to feed our homeless and the people of the food pantry. In one day we got 8.7 pounds of fresh, organic vegetables and herbs from our garden including: okra, butternut squash, tomatoes, peppers, greens, basil, etc. While at the gardens, please notice that we have added rain barrels... yes, we have faith it will rain again! At some point we hope to construct some stone water tanks so our little 'food factory' can be totally sustainable. If you want more information contact Meredith Lancaster at 921-9725 or [mer\\_lancaster@juno.com](mailto:mer_lancaster@juno.com).



**Twilight Hotel  
with Paper Moon Shiners  
Friday Dec. 2**

Twilight Hotel is the musical

partnership of Brandy Zdan & Dave Quanbury. Together they possess an elusive chemistry and musical style that is dark, moody and rooted in a nostalgic passion for scratchy records and vintage guitar tones. They combine a rock n roll sensibility, compelling songwriting, and haunting arrangements while standing comfortably outside your predictable genre box.

Hailing from the fertile music scene of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Zdan & Quanbury have been combining their talents for 8 years and now make their home in Austin, Texas. In 2008, they released their sophomore album 'Highway Prayer,' which received critical praise both nationally & internationally, including a debut at #2 on the Euro Americana Chart, a Western Canadian Music Award for Outstanding Roots Album Duo/Group, and a 2009 JUNO nomination for Roots & Traditional Album of the Year.

Their latest release 'When the Wolves Go Blind' further defines Twilight Hotel's sound and received 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards nominations for Contemporary Album of the Year and Pushing the Boundaries. From the hypnotic ride of the title track to the cinematic landscape of 'The Darkness,' the album is infused with a sense of travel and reflection. "Most of the songs on the album were co-written between the two of us while we were touring 'Highway Prayer,'" says Zdan. "The experiences we had out there on the road and the feeling we'd have coming home to Winnipeg in the winter informed the lonely lap-steel lament 'Frozen Town,' and the odyssey 'Mahogany Veneer.' In the past we'd written third person narratives about seedy characters and Americana but this time around we realized that we were becoming the subjects of our writing."

Paper Moon Shiners is a collective of some of Austin's finest and most in-demand musicians. Elena Antinelli, Frank Meyer, Oliver Steck, and Stanley Smith perform a thoroughly entertaining mix of Jazz, Blues, and Skiffle. Paper Moon Shiners will open the show at 7:30pm and Twilight Hotel goes on at 8pm. Come early and bring a snack to share if you like. \$10 suggested donation, but no one will be turned away.

**Youth Hayride**



Dec. 10: Luminary Festival at Wells Branch Community Center 6pm-9pm followed by Scrooged at 9:30pm at St Andrew's.

Experience the glow of the holidays as the Wells Branch trails are illuminated with luminary bags around the Katherine Fleischer Park. Santa will visit the Homestead from 6-9 p.m. both nights. Come join us outdoors for a caroling hayride or a trip around the trails on the holiday express train to see the luminaries up close. There will be live entertainment and indoor refreshments for all to enjoy in the Community Center. Meet at the church at 6pm.

Join in the fellowship for the First Sunday Potluck on Dec. 4. You can't beat the cooler temperature, good food and sizzling conversation. The 1st Sunday Potluck will be cancelled in January since it falls on New Year's Day.



1st Sunday Potluck



December Concerts

Two special concerts will take place at St. Andrew's in December that will please everyone but especially brass/woodwind fans.

On Monday, Dec. 12, at 7pm, the Austin Brass Band will perform. (see [www.austinbrassband.com](http://www.austinbrassband.com)) Be transported by the lively sounds that once could be heard in communities throughout the U.S. If you haven't yet fully embraced the season, this will certainly help!

Our second concert is our annual hosting of the Austin Civic Wind Ensemble on Dec. 17 at 7:30pm. (check out [www.acwe.org](http://www.acwe.org)) Come fill your Saturday night with lush holiday themes that will surely solidify your Christmas spirit and give you strength to finish your shopping.

Both concerts are free. Please make plans to come support these talented musicians with your presence.



## Progressive Christian Library Shelf

The shelf in the library, on the side left of the back wall, is dedicated to progressive Christian books/DVDs/reading materials. Each month we will feature new books and/or DVDs; we certainly welcome your suggestions and donations. (See Linda Rowold.) After they have been highlighted for a period of time the books will be mixed in with others in the library. Reviews are online and also on cards next to the books. The back side of the card is set up for check-out and books go back on the “progressive” shelf when you return them. Keep these December books in mind as possible gifts. We are featuring:

### ***Let There Be Peace: Prayers from Around the World*** compiled by Jeremy Brooks

Jeremy Brooks gathers prayers from Bosnia to Northern Ireland, from China to World War II Germany. They range from Taoist and Hindu lines to a prayer by St. Francis of Assisi, and from words by Archbishop Desmond Tutu to a daily prayer said by Muslims everywhere. With beautiful illustrations that depict varied lands and cultures, this thought-provoking collection makes a perfect prayer book for any child.

### ***Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*** by Karen Armstrong

While compassion is intrinsic to all human beings, Armstrong believes we need to work diligently to cultivate and expand our capacity for compassion. She suggests concrete ways of enhancing our compassion and putting it into action. Armstrong makes clear that a compassionate life is not a matter of only heart or mind, but a deliberate and often life-altering blending of the two.

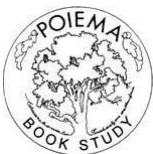
### ***Everything Starts From Prayer*** by Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa’s actions of caring for the poorest of the poor was the natural consequence of her devotion and deep inner life. She was a servant to all but also a great ecumenical teacher of prayer. In this collection of her writings on prayer Mother Teresa offers guidance and inspiration for people of all faiths seeking to walk the spiritual path.

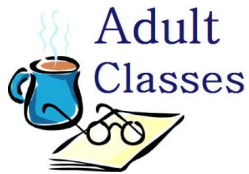
### ***Grateful: A Song of Giving Thanks*** by John Bucchino

*Grateful* is a perfect union of words, images, and music—a picture book plus accompanying CD that speaks to the soul. It is a loving reminder of the gifts available to us when we approach life with gratitude. With vocals by Art Garfunkel, this is a set to be appreciated by both adults and children.

The Poiema book study will meet on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the home of Jean Fox. We are studying *The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You’re Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are, Your Guide to a Wholehearted Life* by Brene Brown. We will discuss the guideposts 4 and 5: *Cultivating Gratitude and Joy: Letting Go of Scarcity and Fear of the Dark* and *Cultivating Intuition and Trusting Faith: Letting Go of the need for Certainty*. We begin with a meal and fellowship at 5:30 p.m. and start our discussion about 7. All are welcome. It is not necessary to have read all or any of the material. Jean lives at 7215 Geneva Dr. 78723. If you have questions, call her at 512-926-1132 or contact Barbara McCarty at [barbaraRMc@austin.rr.com](mailto:barbaraRMc@austin.rr.com). An offering for the meal goes to St. Andrew’s food pantry.



**For Sermons in Print**, The Transcription Team works weekly to make the pastor’s current Lessons in Living available for those who might enjoy reading them or sharing them with a friend or prospective member – perhaps someone who is homebound. You will find them in the church foyer in the circular brochure near the office window. These are also available on the church’s website: [staopen.com](http://staopen.com).



## Adult Classes

### Sunday Adult Education, December

#### **Sunday with Jim Rigby:**

Dec. 4 – Dec. 18, Jim Rigby teaches a lesson that closely relates to that day's sermon. Class meets in the sanctuary.

#### **A Year Through the Bible ( Karen's Office):**

This class looks at how the Bible came to be, with an overview of each book of the Bible. The goal is to become more familiar with all the books of the Bible. You can join in at any point. The class meets in the second room on the left in the education wing Dec. 4 and 18. Babs Miller serves as convener.

#### **Blue Christmas: Managing the holidays while in grief (St. Andrews Library):**

Some of us may dread the upcoming holidays (or know someone who does ) because we may feel blue or "down" for the holidays. Come to this Sunday school class On Dec. 4, if life is such that the upcoming holidays are a time that you (or someone you know) might not look forward to, or are uncertain how to "manage" feelings. We will talk about grief, listen to each other and our stories, listen to music and think about some ways to "handle our grief (or support others) with compassion." Come join chaplains Babs Miller, Peggy Stoll, and Miranda Fontaine for this class; to think about unconditional positive regard.

#### **Becoming a Love and Logic Parent (Welcome Room):**

Love and Logic helps parents and their children establish a rewarding relationship based on love and trust so you can: have a better relationship with your children, help your children succeed in school and cope in the real world. It also facilitates reflection on one's behavior, and you to raise responsible kids!

The class concludes in the Welcome Room of the foyer on Sunday Dec. 4. The class is being taught by Carla Harringer, a parent, former teacher and retired school counselor. She has been trained in, and has taught, three parenting programs and she is a Licensed Professional Counselor.

#### **The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have by Mark Nepo (St. Andrews Library):**

The time when we walk in the shadow of death is, ironically, a time when we feel illuminated by life's true meaning. Poet and philosopher Mark Nepo has firsthand experience with this mystery--he had cancer. During his arduous recovery, he sought inspiration and guidance that would reflect his growing appreciation of life. Although this daybook is exactly what Nepo longed for as he struggled with a difficult disease, it can be appreciated by all readers. Join Pam Wagner for a one class overview of this book in the St. Andrew's Library on Sunday Dec. 11.

#### **Across the Threshold, into the Questions: Discovering Jesus, Finding Self by Ted Voorhees and Caren Goldman (St. Andrews Library):**

*Across the Threshold, Into the Questions* by Caren Goldman and Ted Voorhees is a thought-provoking book. The authors' penetrating open-ended questions are an invitation to interact with the gospel characters in a new and deeper way. Their personal stories show how the age-old tales are relevant today, and their choices of quotations allow the reader to see how people through history have engaged these same questions. Class is facilitated by Art Rutherford will meet in the St. Andrew's library on Dec. 18 and will continue again in January.

*There will be no Children's, Youth or Adult Sunday School Classes held on Dec. 25.*



Our St Andrew's Giving Tree this year will once again support families from Workers Defense Project. These are families working hard to do well for themselves who have suffered injustices such as denied wages, unsafe working conditions, and denied workman's compensation following accidents. All but three of the twenty families we helped last year are no longer in need of this support this year. Each year, we help to make a very difficult holiday season a little better for these families, and our support helps give them the chance to move past a difficult year. Thank you, St Andrew's, for that meaningful and loving support.

This year, there are 23 families in need of support. Christmas wishes for 73 children and young adults are hanging on the tree in the foyer. In addition, eight families have requested help with late electric bills. The need for help with electricity in particular is greater this year due to the long, hot summer.

There are many ways that you can help these families:

- 1) Choose an ornament from the Giving Tree with a child's Christmas gift wish, and drop it off under the tree by Sunday, December 18. Gifts should be wrapped and should have the tag from the tree attached.
- 2) Make a donation to support electric bill and grocery payments. Identify "Giving Tree" when placing it in the donation basket. The need for electric bill support is particularly high this year.
- 3) Volunteer to deliver gifts on Friday, December 23 or Saturday, December 24. Deliveries are scheduled for 12/23 2pm-6pm or 6pm-10pm, or 12/24 10am-2pm. E-mail Lisa Ward at [lisa@runward.com](mailto:lisa@runward.com) or sign-up by the Giving Tree if you are able to help deliver.
- 4) Volunteer bilingual (Spanish and English) skills to make calls to help support gift delivery. There is always something that comes up, and fluent Spanish speakers help to get everything set. E-mail Lisa Ward at [lisa@runward.com](mailto:lisa@runward.com) or sign-up by the Giving Tree if you are able to help with calls.

You may notice an increase in requests for electronic toys this year. I think that is a sign of our times. Technology is pervasive with even school textbooks moving entirely to electronic media. In several cases, children asked for an electronic toy like a Nintendo DS as a family. These are on the tree as family ornaments. Know if you choose them that they are bringing the fun of game based learning to an entire family.

These families and the Workers Defense Project have also invited all of us at St Andrew's to share in their holiday party. Contact Lisa Ward at [lisa@runward.com](mailto:lisa@runward.com) or 512-461-3948 for more details. Many thanks to all for helping these families enjoy the holiday season.

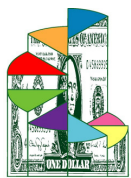


Time for Tamales!! The Annual Tamale sale to benefit the programs sponsored by Manos de Cristo begins Nov. 20 and continues through Dec. 4.

There will be a table in the foyer each Sunday where you can place your order. Tamales are \$12 per dozen and are available in Pork, Jalapeno Pork, Bean, and Chicken. These are great for holiday gatherings and also make an awesome Christmas gift. Cash or check only. Checks should be made out to Manos de Cristo. Orders can be picked up at St. Andrews on Sunday, Dec. 11.

#### Mission of Manos de Cristo

Manos de Cristo empowers low-income individuals with a loving hand of assistance and welcomes all regardless of age, gender, race, or religious preference. Inspired by the Christian ideals of service and compassion, Manos promotes dignity and self-reliance by providing essential oral care, furthering educational development, and meeting basic needs with food and clothing.



### Financial Report

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2011 is short of goal. Through November, the 2012 Stewardship Campaign had received just over \$246,000 in pledges. But because not everyone has turned in their pledges, we remain behind our goal of \$305,000. Without additional commitments, we will have to reduce our spending next year, which would have a huge impact on programs and services. If you have simply been meaning to 'get around to it,' now would be a great time to finalize, or enhance, your commitment to St. Andrews' for the year ahead.



The groceries were purchased, the side dishes were prepared, the turkey, ham, and pies were delivered, and the Annual St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Dinner was another success. This event could not happen (certainly not successfully) without the generous giving of time and talent by this congregation. We also want to thank the volunteers from St. Mary Baptist Church (they come through for us every year) and Girl Scout Troop 1937, for providing immeasurable assistance.

June Oliver and Sharon Mock  
Dining Room/Hospitality Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator

### Parking Request



Please leave the circle area outside the front doors reserved for those who might be in need of being closer to our door. We encourage you to use this area for quick use if you are just dropping off items at the church. Our designated handicap parking area is adjacent to the circle. If you need assistance, we have a wheelchair in the Sunrise Room (to the right of the Sanctuary). Pastoral Care Team members wearing purple stoles are available to assist.

### Session, November 29, 2011

The Session met for their regular stated meeting with newly elected Elders attending as guests.

An ad hoc Master Plan Committee for building renovations was established. Other items discussed included setting up a Social Justice Conference Fund, reviewing and revising the building rental policy for non-church functions, reimbursing employees and the Congregational Nurse at allowed IRS rate for business mileage, and moving members who have not attended in at least two years to the inactive rolls

A proposal for a new homepage for the website was approved and work on that should now go forward.

The Session will have their next regular stated meeting on Dec. 20.

*ST. ANDREWS' PRESBYTERIAN  
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
4:30 O'CLOCK*



**History of the  
Gospel Pageant**

In Medieval times the majority of the population could not read, so the Christmas story was acted out in a pageant. The actors and singers posed in a still life to form the story while the verse of a carol was being sung. The entire congregation joined in the chorus while the players moved to the next part of the story. Often the pageant began at one end of a village and gathered people as they moved toward the church in the

center. When everyone arrived, they entered together for mass.

Our service this year continues this ancient tradition with our children as the actors. Our pageant combines the Godly Play story that the children have been learning in Sunday spiritual formation with lessons and carols. This simple drama invites not only the children but each one of us into the story.

We are all on our way to Bethlehem to greet the Christ child. Who will show us the way? Little children dressed as prophets, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels and Magi shall show us the way to the newborn king.

“...and a little child shall lead them.” Isaiah 11:6



Christmas Eve  
4:30 p.m. Service  
Invite your friends and neighbors.  
This will be a very special time.



*Procession to the crib on Christmas Eve*

**ATTENTION PARENTS  
OF ALL CHILDREN**

New this year! Our 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service will include a pageant lead by your children, lessons and carols and candle light. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite character—a prophet, Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, Magi, donkey, sheep, camel or any animal. A few costumes will be available at the church for visitors and anyone who needs a costume.



**ATTENTION PARENTS  
Of BABIES 0-2**

We celebrate the newborn child as a sign of God's presence among us by including our newest members—our babies. Families are encourage to bring their infants to the pageant for presentation to the congregation during the 4:30 p.m. service.

Please bring your baby to the sanctuary during the Gospel reading/story time which begins the service. You will be invited to follow the last candle with your child to the front of the church.

We will have nursery available so your child can come and go as needed so that you and your child can enjoy this very special occasion.

**ATTENTION YOUTH**

Our 4:30 o'clock service this year is a pageant/liturgy that needs 5 people to lead the children with a candle.. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Gaudet (258-5730)

