



The Good News

Clergy Annual Report

As your part time and short term Interim Priest I have a different perspective and a different role here at the Church of the Transfiguration. By the time my appointment ends I will have had a full six months serving among you. During that time I have witnessed your gifts and strengths and challenges.

It is most perplexing that you have lost three priests under "crisis" circumstances. You have sustained compound losses. With each priest you also lost friends and parishioners who made the Church a vibrant faith community. The loss of those relationships may have been much more difficult than the loss of your priests.

With crisis comes opportunity and I believe you have already demonstrated an eagerness and commitment to undergo yet another transition. I have attend-

ed several Search Committee meetings and was struck by how consistent the group is identifying the priorities of the church and the qualifications needed in your next Rector.

I see you as a basically very healthy congregation, but with some wounds that still need healing. I think the spirit on Sunday's mornings is infectious and I shake my head in wonder that such a small choir puts out such a first class, beautiful sound! The hunger for spiritual formation is evident in the turn out for the *Contemplative Compassion* class between services.

Any priest would be privileged to serve you. Your history and property are both unique. So many of you have gifts and talents that just need to be valued and ignited by a good, healthy priest. Keep up your good work.

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Special points of interest:

- Lessons & Carols*
- Sunday School help needed*
- Christmas Caroling*

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In the next few months I would like to see you *live into what you want to be* rather than wait to see what magic the next Rector might perform.

My word of encouragement to you can best be expressed in Philippians 4:8 & 9:

“Finally beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard...and the God of peace will be with you.”

I know God is with you and you will continue to be in my prayers and in my heart.

The Rev. Sarah Berlin

Join us for Christmas Caroling at Rocky Mountain Village

Wednesday, December 18th at 7 pm

In the Genesee Building

We will be singing with the
residents

Cookies and punch to follow



EChO Stone Soup

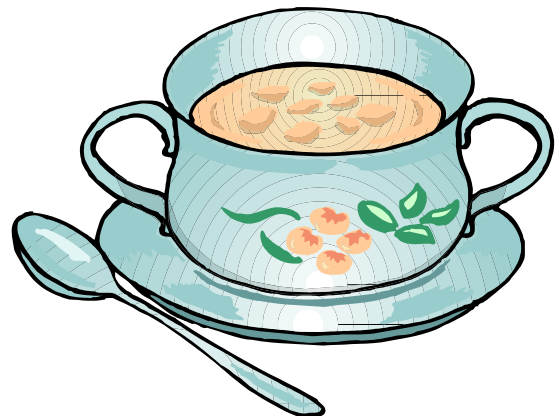
Mexican Meatball Soup for EChO Stone Soup

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 1 cup tortilla chips, crushed, plus more for serving
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus sprigs for serving
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 3 cups mild jarred salsa (about 1 1/2 16-ounce jars)
- 1 avocado, cut into pieces

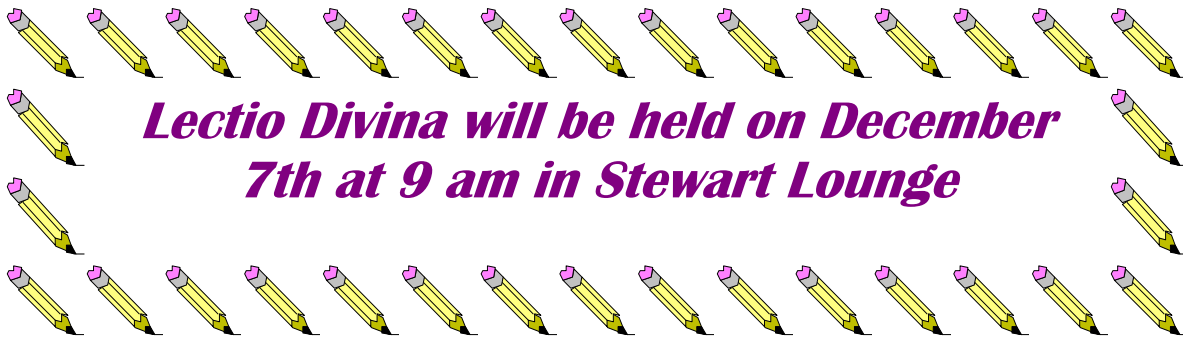
Directions

1. Heat broiler. In a bowl, combine the beef, scallions, tortilla chips, chopped cilantro, cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
 2. Shape the mixture into 1-inch balls (about 24) and place on a broilerproof baking sheet. Broil until beginning to brown, 5 to 6 minutes.
 3. Meanwhile, in a blender, puree the salsa with 1 cup water. Transfer to a large saucepan, add 2 cups water, and bring to a boil.
 4. Add the meatballs, reduce heat, and simmer until cooked through, 2 to 4 minutes.
- Serve the soup with the avocado, cilantro sprigs, and tortilla chips (if desired).

MULTIPLY BY 8 FOR EChO STONE SOUP



Check This Out!!!



Lectio Divina will be held on December 7th at 9 am in Stewart Lounge

Don't forget EChO during your Christmas shopping! Items for teens, children and adults will be gladly accepted!

Merry Christmas!!!



Church of the Transfiguration Staff and Vestry

Interim Priest - The Rev. Sarah Berlin

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Parish Administrator—Jerri Avery,

303-674-4904

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303-674-4904

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Building & Grounds Administrator—

Ken Schmidt, 303-598-6128



Office Hours

Monday 1-5

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 10-5

Thursday 12-7

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2013 Vestry

Co- Senior Wardens: David Black & Randy Reznik

Junior Warden—Stephanie Park

Michael Coriden

Mary Hatfield

Arwen Berry

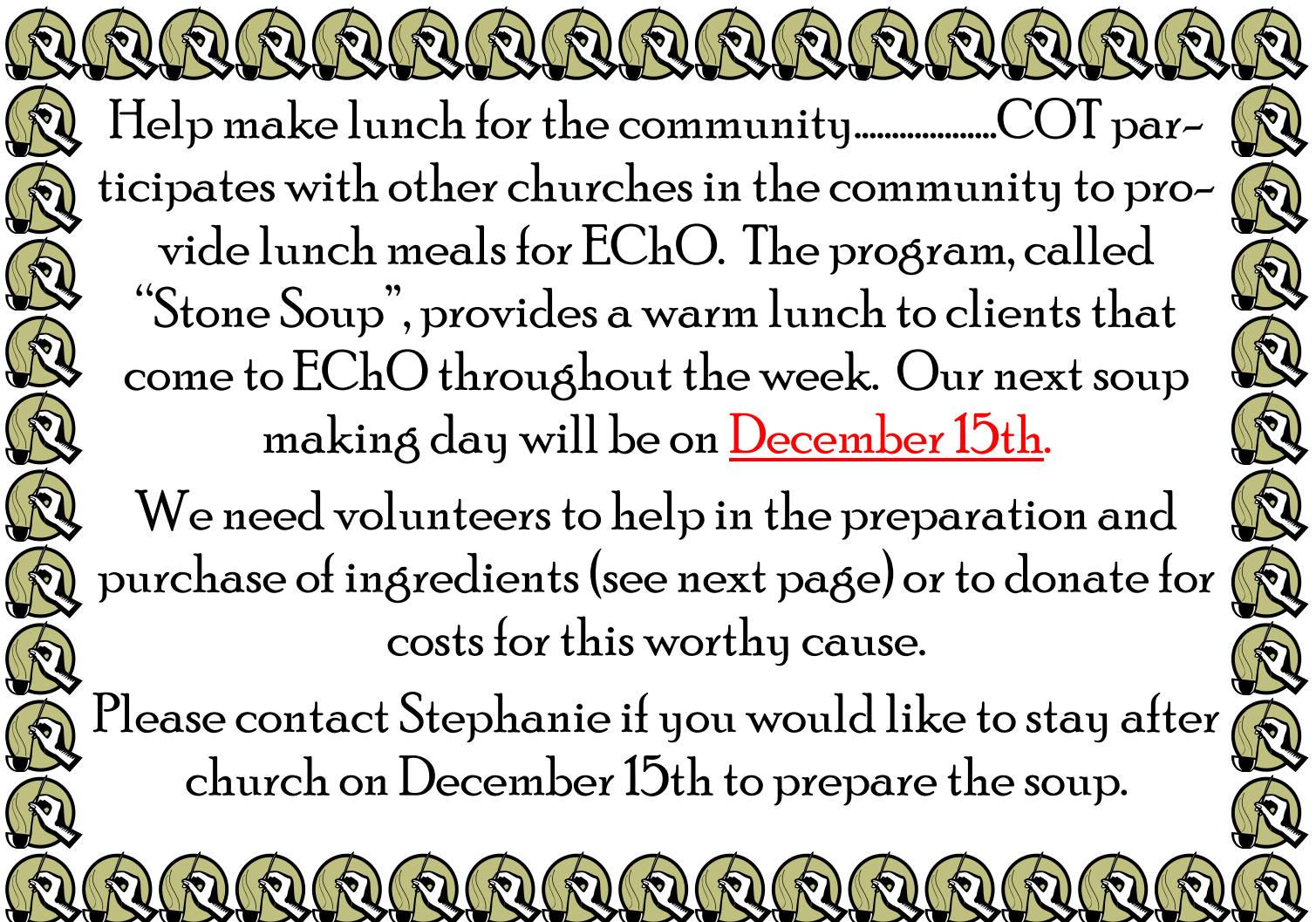
Treasurer—Ted Terry

Vestry Clerk—Sara Gadeken



Soup Ministry

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are on the top shelf of the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.



Help make lunch for the community.....COT participates with other churches in the community to provide lunch meals for EChO. The program, called "Stone Soup", provides a warm lunch to clients that come to EChO throughout the week. Our next soup making day will be on December 15th.

We need volunteers to help in the preparation and purchase of ingredients (see next page) or to donate for costs for this worthy cause.

Please contact Stephanie if you would like to stay after church on December 15th to prepare the soup.

Christmas Eve Services

5 pm—with children's
homily

8 pm—Chorale
Eucharist Celebration

No Christmas Day services



November 18, 2013

*The Vestry welcomes Ted Terry as the new
Treasurer*

*The Vestry welcomes Arwen Berry as a new
Vestry member, Class of 2014*

*Thank you to Mary Hatfield for remaining on Vestry for
another year*

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON THE OPEN
SESSIONS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS.**



The Transfiguration Book Club

There will not be a book club meeting for December....

We look forward to meeting again in the New Year!!!

If you have question or concerns, email

Shelley Black—Shelley_Black@att.biz

Kit Snyder—snyderkit@hotmail.com



Need some Christmas gift ideas? Check out Stephanie's Mary Kay page for some ideas for you and your loved ones!

www.marykay.com/sharris92803



Special Thanks to JP Total for the beautiful Christmas lights on the Belltower!

Get your Christmas Tree there—open from 9am-10pm



*You are invited to a festival service of
Lessons & Carols*



*Time: Four O'Clock in the Afternoon
Sunday, December 8, 2013*

*Place: Church of the Transfiguration
27640 Highway 74
(east of Meadow Dr. –
Hwy. 74 intersection)
Evergreen, Colorado*

Greening of the Church after the 10:15 service on Sunday, December 1st!!!



22ND ANNUAL DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY WALK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 : 5-9 PM

- 5:00 p.m. Tree Lighting at the Lake House
- Join Santa and & Ms. Claus as they walk to Downtown Evergreen for fun and live entertainment.
- 5:30 p.m. Road closed from the light at Hwy 73 and Hwy 74 through downtown to Meadow Drive.
- Shuttles will be running from Church of the Hills, Lake House, Christ the King Catholic Church, Hiwan Homestead, Mountain Home and Church of the Transfiguration.



Prayers



Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Mother Sarah and the Daughters of the King during the 10:15 service on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to come to the front of the church after communion for this special offering. This month the prayers will be on December 29th.

Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered on **THURSDAY** mornings at 8:30 AM in the church. The Daughters and Friends of the Episcopal Day School extend an invitation to all to attend this wonderful service. Please feel free to walk the Labyrinth after.

Evening Prayer Service

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer services will be December 9th and 23rd.

Thank you to the Avery family and to all who helped with the haunted house. Thank you also to Shelley Black for putting the announcement below in our local newspapers!

IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY! THE COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE HELD AT THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AND ALL PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO J.P. TOTAL OF EVERGREEN.

MOVIE NIGHT—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 7 PM

BOWFINGER

featuring

Steve Martin & Eddie Murphy

Share the movies with family and friends!

BYOB—popcorn provided

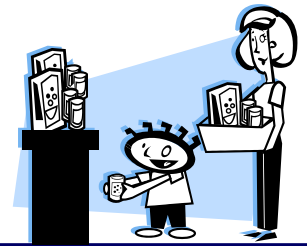




Evergreen Christian Outreach

Needs List-December 2013

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| Small Peanut Butter | Toothpaste | Cider |
| Hearty Soups | Boxed Pasta | Butter |
| Mac & Cheese | Toilet Paper | Pies |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Cold Cereal | Gravy |
| Tuna | Canned fruit | |
| Laundry Detergent | Tooth Brushes | Dish Liquid Soap |
| Helper Meals | Green Beans | |
| Canned Vegetables | Bar Soap | |
| Hams | Green Beans | |
| Stuffing Mix | Instant Potatoes | |



Other Items for St. Raphael's House

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| Coffee Makers | Telephones |
| Pots & Pans | Mens Jeans |
| Spoons & Forks | King & Queen Bedding |
| Sleeping Bags | Blenders, Toasters, Microwaves |
| Tarps | Blankets |
| Winter Clothes | Hats, Gloves, Scarves |

Note: *No after hours donations accepted due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.*

Volunteers Always Needed!

Call: 303-670-1796

Open Mondays 10-6

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-4

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!!!!

Sunday School help needed! The Diocese requires that there be 2 people present for each Sunday School class (see rules segment below). We need volunteers to sign up to help out with this wonderful ministry! Kit and Susan will have all lesson plans made and will always give detailed instructions and ideas for classes.

Please tell Kit and or Susan if you will help! We need to have extra hands available so that no Sunday School classes will have to be cancelled due to sickness, travel, etc. and so that we help support our youngest generation of Episcopalians!

Policies for Parish Ministries With Children or Youth

6.8. Sunday School classes must meet one of the following two criteria:

6.8.1. *Two-person rule:* each Sunday School class must have a minimum of one regular church worker and one additional regular or occasional church worker who are not related.

6.8.2. *One-person-plus-supervisor rule:* each Sunday School class must have at least one regular or occasional church worker. In addition the rector or the rector's designee(s) must also designate one regular church worker to supervise, and be available to, classes throughout the scheduled activity. This designated individual must not be responsible for a class and must regularly visit each class during the scheduled activity to assist as necessary and assure no reasonable expectation of privacy for each class.

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We can follow all Diocesan regulations—we just need volunteers! Kit and Susan love providing this ministry—but need to be able to have a substitute in the event of their absence. A calendar of needed dates may be made—or you can just let them know that you will be available to help whenever needed. THANK YOU!!!!

Celebrate!!!

December Birthdays

Georgine McCarthy 12/4

Torrey Coriden 12/6

Susie Gordon-Lathrop 12/13

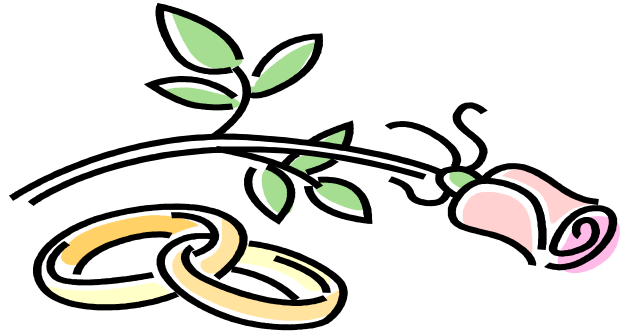
Addison Kerper 12/13

Tom Lukich 12/13

Cindy Cusack 12/19

Emma Thomas 12/24

Ream Thomas 12/24



December Anniversaries

Randy and Janet Reznik
December 1st

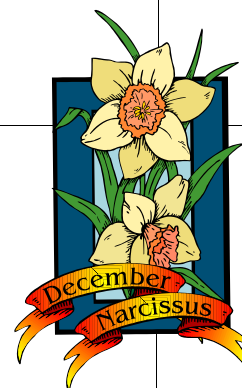
Bill and Susie Lathrop
December 5th

Jerry and Joan Shrimpton
December 30th



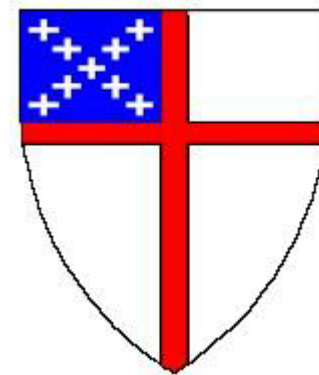
December 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| | | | Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's | Meadow Chapel Stewart Lounge | | |
| 1 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -10 Community Conversation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Sunday School Church Greening | 2 9-3 EDSE 6:30 EDSE Board Meeting | 3 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Movie Night | 4 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA | 5 9:30 am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir | 6 Evergreen Holiday Walk | 7 8 am AA 9 am Lectio Divina 10-12 Choir practice |
| 8 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -10 Community Conversation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Sunday School 4 Lessons & Carols | 9 9-3 EDSE 5:30 pm Evening Prayer | 10 8-4 ECHO 9-3 EDSE 7-10 ECHO Board Meeting 4-6 Property Committee | 11 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA | 12 9:30 am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir | 13 | 14 8 am AA |
| 15 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -10 Community Conversation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Sunday School | 16 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Vestry | 17 9-3 EDSE 5:30 pm Friendship Bridge | 18 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA | 19 9:30 am Morning Prayer 9-3 EDSE 7 pm Choir | 20 | 21 8 am AA |
| 22 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -10 Community Conversation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Sunday School | 23 5:30 Evening Prayer | 24 5 pm Family Service 8 pm Choral Service | 25 No Church Services 7:30 pm AA | 26 | 27 | 28 8 am AA |
| 29 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 -10 Community Conversation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist, Sunday School | 30 | 31 | | | | |



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Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Stephanie Park with ideas, suggestions and monthly reports for the newsletter. Monthly reports to be submitted no later than the 22nd of each month.

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**Have something to add to the newsletter?!?!
Please contact Stephanie (see contact information to the left).**

**Upcoming ideas for pages: recipe exchange,
community coupons, trivia and games**

**ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED!!!**