

# The Season of Epiphany

In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as Three Kings' Day (Span: el Dia de los Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de Reyes, or el Dia de los Reyes Magos; Dutch: Driekoningendag). Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both Christmas and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Today, most of the Eastern Orthodox traditions follow the western church calendar. The exceptions are some Greek Orthodox Churches and related traditions (for example, Russian and Serbian Orthodox) that still follow the older calendar and celebrate Epiphany as the Theophany on January 19th.

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#), which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the Twelfth Night. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special King's Cake as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of [Mardi Gras](#) in French Catholic culture of the Southern USA).

In some church traditions, only the full days are counted so that January 5th is the Eleventh Day of Christmas, January 6th is the Twelfth Day, and the evening of January 6th is counted as the Twelfth Night.

In traditional Christian churches [Christmas](#), as well as [Easter](#), is celebrated as a period of time, a season of the church year, rather than just a day. The Season of the Church Year associated with Christmas actually begins with the first Sunday of [Advent](#), four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent is marked by expectation and anticipation in preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. [Christmas](#) begins with Christmas Day December 25 and lasts for [Twelve Days](#) until [Epiphany](#), January 6, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity. The one or two Sundays between Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes called Christmastide.

For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until [Ash Wednesday](#), which begins the season of [Lent](#) leading to [Easter](#). Depending on the timing of Easter, this longer period of Epiphany includes from four to nine Sundays. Other traditions, especially the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day, with the Sundays following Epiphany counted as [Ordinary Time](#). In some western traditions, the last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany/Theophany occurring on January 19th.

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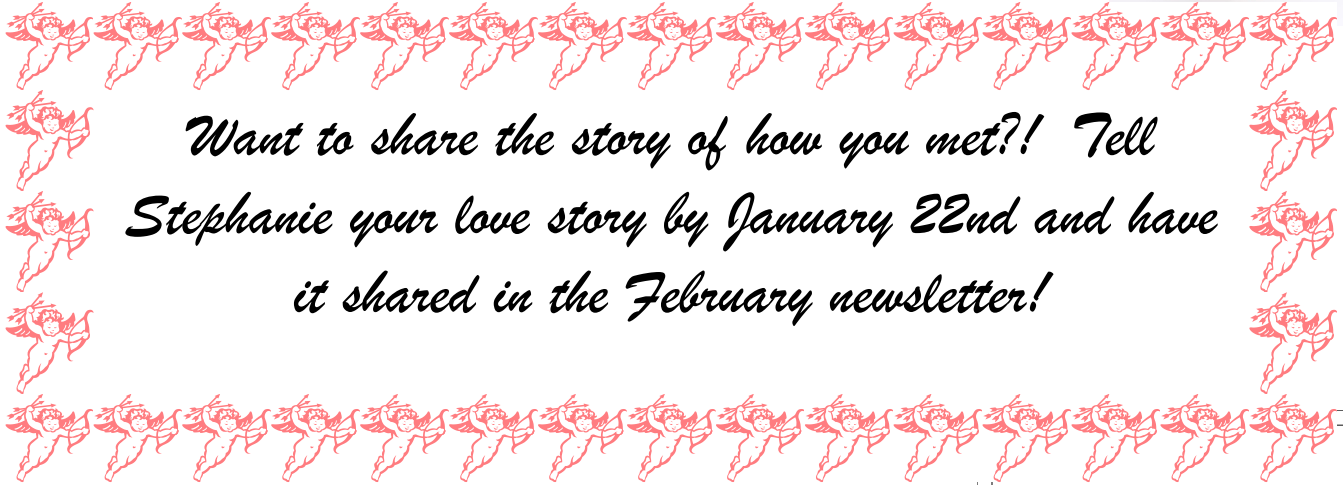
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## Special points of interest:

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# Check This Out!!!

JOIN THE THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY CLASS LED BY FR. MARK USING FREDERICK BUECHNER'S BOOK "**WISHFUL THINKING: A THEOLOGICAL ABC**". THE CLASS IS HELD IN STEWART LOUNGE (IN ST. MARK'S) BETWEEN SUNDAY SERVICES FROM 9:00 TO 10:00.



*Want to share the story of how you met?! Tell Stephanie your love story by January 22nd and have it shared in the February newsletter!*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 8th**

**One service—9 AM**

**Please bring a dish to share at the pot-luck afterwards**

*Lectio Divina is offered on the first Saturday morning of each month at 9:00 am in the church. Please join us this month on Jan. 7th.*

### Church of the Transfiguration Staff and Vestry

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### 2012 Vestry

Senior Warden—Dick Wilson  
 Junior Warden—Emil Gadeken  
 Wayne Grider  
 Mary Hatfield  
 Dawn Barr  
 Treasurer—Bill Braun  
 Vestry Clerk—Jane Wilson

# SOUP'S ON



## 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



## Turkey Cranberry Stew

(made for the December EChO Soup Contribution)

Sweet and earthy, turkey cranberry stew is a delightful combination of turkey, fruit, and vegetables. Healthy and low fat, but full of flavor. A simple recipe that makes good use of leftover turkey.

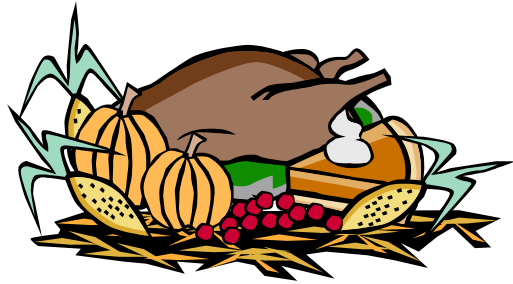
**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 45 minutes

**Total Time:** 60 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1 Pound Turkey Breast, cooked and shredded with fingers
- 10 Ounces Fresh Cranberries, rinsed and picked through
- 1 Can Great Northern Beans (15 Ounces), rinsed
- 1/2 Sweet Yellow Onion, sliced thin
- 1 Cup Corn
- 4 Ounces Mushroom, sliced
- 4 Cups Chicken or Turkey Stock
- 1 Cup Dry White Wine
- 1 Tablespoon Fresh Thyme
- 2 Tablespoons Honey
- 2 Tablespoons Butter, unsalted
- Salt and Pepper, to taste



### Preparation:

Melt the butter in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onions and sauté until soft (about 5 minutes). Add the mushrooms and corn and cook for another 10 minutes.

Add the white wine. Scrape the bottom of the pan with a spoon to loosen any caramelized bits. Add the stock, turkey, cranberries, honey, and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook for 15 minutes. Most of the cranberries will burst. Add the beans and cook an additional 10 minutes. Reduce the heat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with cornbread or another bread.

# Did you know????

On January 1, 1977, Indianapolis resident Jacqueline Means became the first woman ever ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church.

The ordination took place on New Year's Day because the Episcopal General Assembly had approved the new rules in September 1976 and they went into effect on Jan. 1. Dozens of other women across North America were ordained soon afterwards.

After her ordination, Means served as Chaplain at Indiana Women's Prison and later as parish priest at St. Mark Episcopal Church in Plainfield. In 1999, she left Indianapolis to become Director of Prison Ministries for the Episcopal Church.

January is National Soup Month in the UK! So, for the EChO monthly soup contribution, we will be making an Irish Potato Soup!

Ingredients needed below—amounts to be determined after I make a batch this weekend!

*milk*

*vegetable stock*

*butter*

*diced potatoes (hash brown section)*

*chopped onions*

*salt and white pepper*



\* 1/6 (OC 1/19): Epiphany--Christian feast recalling the adoration of Child Jesus by the Magi, and the beginning of Rabbi Jesus' ministry of love to humanity - when He changed water into wine at Cana. [See [Glory Be](#) prayer and [Epiphany prayers](#).] [Orthodox Christians celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.] [a/k/a Epiphany of the Lord, Three Kings Day, Theophany]

\* 1/7: Orthodox Christian Christmas. [See [Thrice-Holy Prayers](#) and [Jesus Prayer](#).] [a/k/a Nativity of the Savior]

\* 1/8: Death day of Galileo (1642), astronomer; day to mourn the persecution of scientists by religious authorities. [Birthday 2/15/1564]

\* 1/15: Feast of the Black Christ. [Originated in Guatemala and celebrated by Catholics in Central America and the Caribbean and immigrants and African-Americans in the U.S. Pilgrims travel to the Church of the Black Christ of Esquipulas annually during the week leading up to the feast.] [a/k/a Feast of Christ of Esquipulas, Fiesta Del Senor de Esquipulas]

\* 1/15: World Religions Day--Day to contemplate all religions as different paths to the one universal Deity of many names and aspects.

\* 1/19: Theophany--Orthodox Christian celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. [See [prayers and litany from the Great Blessing of Water](#).]

# The Transfiguration Book Club

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Monday, January 23rd from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

The book is: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group—ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come.....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email

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February's book will be *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein



## Prayers

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### Anointing and Healing Prayers

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark 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 January 29th.

### Morning Prayer Service

sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM in the church. Everyone is invited to attend. The next Morning Prayer service will be Wednesday, January 4th. Please feel free to walk the Labyrinth after.

### Evening Prayer Service

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer service will be Monday, January 23rd.

## Evergreen Polar Plunge

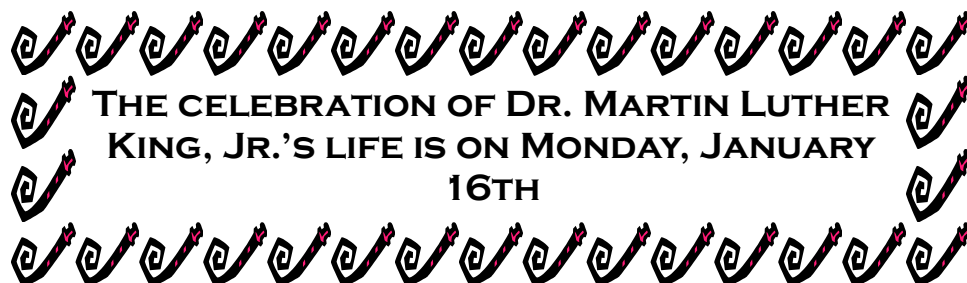
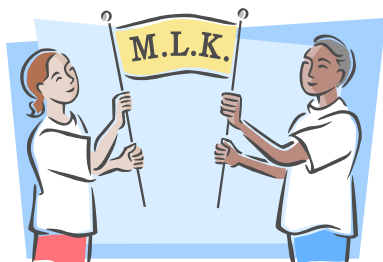
New Year's Day

At the Lake—Jump at Noon

Come join or watch your neighbors jump  
in the lake to start the new year!!



Father Time



THE CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.'S LIFE IS ON MONDAY, JANUARY  
16TH

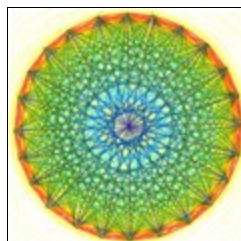
## TWO KINDS OF TRUTH: EXPLORING THE INTERWEAVING OF ART AND SCIENCE

JANUARY 6—JANUARY 14

PRESENTED BY 910 ARTS

EVENTGALLERY—910 ARTS

910 SANTA FE DRIVE, DENVER



THE SHOW IS AN EXPLORATION OF THE INTERWEAVING OF ART AND SCIENCE IN WALDORF EDUCATION. IT BEAUTIFULLY REPRESENTS, AS RAYMOND THORNTON CHANDLER (1888-1959) SAID, "THE TRUTH OF ART KEEPS SCIENCE FROM BECOMING INHUMAN, AND THE TRUTH OF SCIENCE KEEPS ART FROM BECOMING RIDICULOUS."



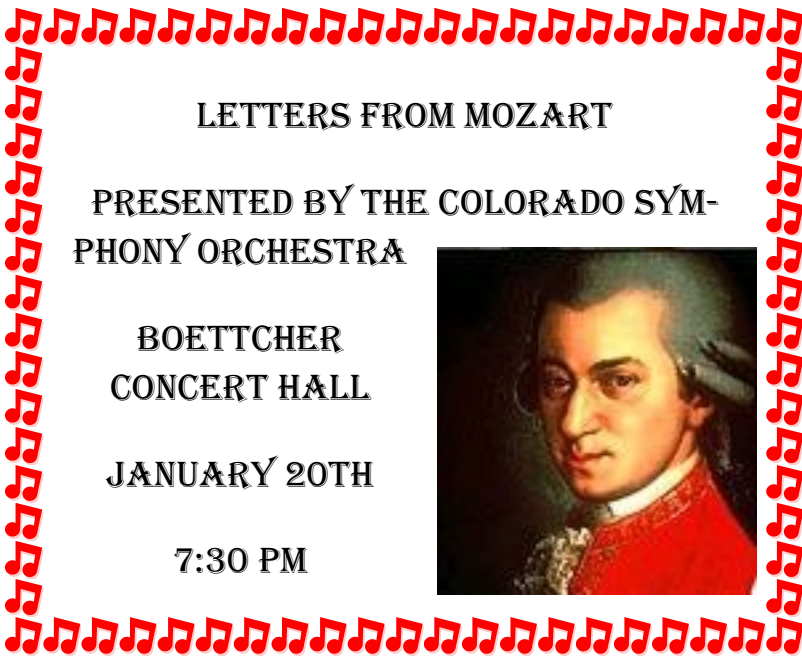
LETTERS FROM MOZART

PRESENTED BY THE COLORADO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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JANUARY 20TH

7:30 PM

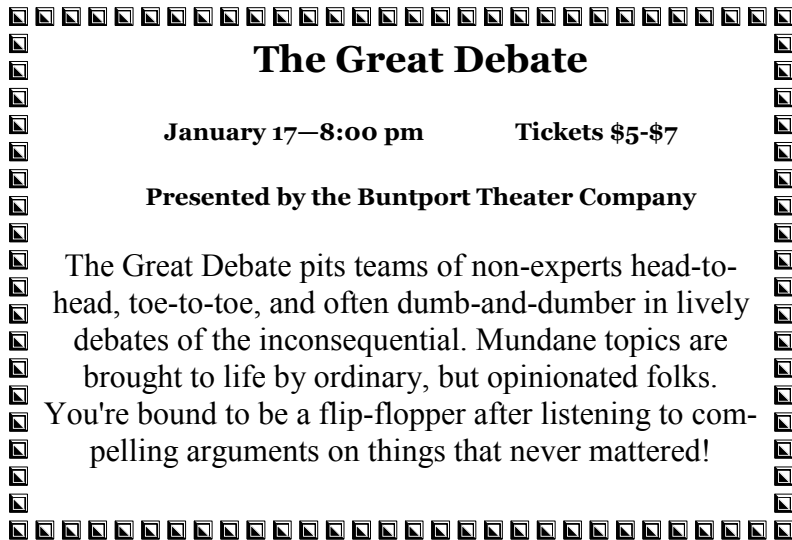


The Great Debate

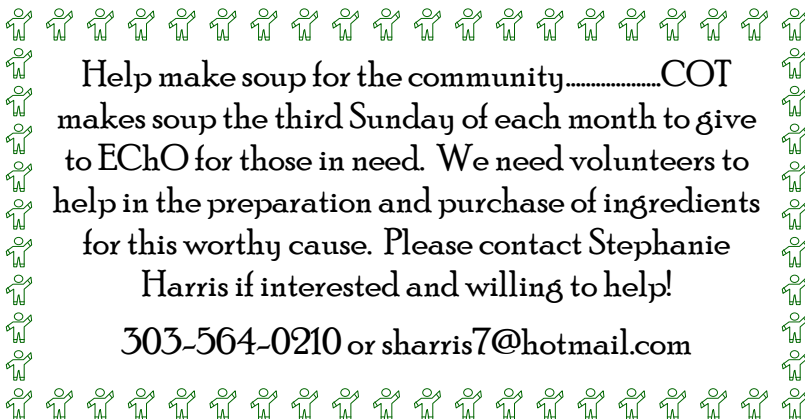
January 17—8:00 pm Tickets \$5-\$7

Presented by the Buntport Theater Company

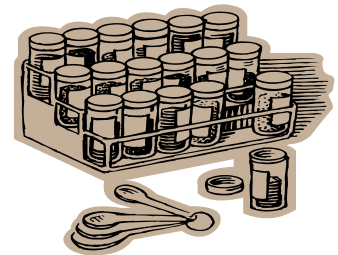
The Great Debate pits teams of non-experts head-to-head, toe-to-toe, and often dumb-and-dumber in lively debates of the inconsequential. Mundane topics are brought to life by ordinary, but opinionated folks. You're bound to be a flip-flopper after listening to compelling arguments on things that never mattered!



Help make soup for the community.....COT makes soup the third Sunday of each month to give to EChO for those in need. We need volunteers to help in the preparation and purchase of ingredients for this worthy cause. Please contact Stephanie Harris if interested and willing to help!  
303-564-0210 or sharris7@hotmail.com



Thank you for all of the help and donations for the monthly EChO soup donation! We still have money on a gift card that was given, but can still always take both monetary and time donations for this wonderful service! Herbs and spices will be purchased for the church kitchen to help in the preparation.



# Evergreen

## Christian

### Outreach

#### Needs List-January 2012



Sugar	Toothpaste	
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Boxed Pasta	
Canned Pork & Beans	Spaghetti's	
Spaghetti Sauce	Paper Products	
Canned Chili & Stew	Canned fruit (esp. pineapple)	Cold Cereal
Laundry Detergent	Tooth Brushes	Bath Soap & Deodorant
Dish Soap	Canned Meats	Shampoo/Conditioner

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#### Other Items for St. Raphael's House\*

Winter outdoor living equipment: tent, sleeping bags, camping gear, wool

\*\*Children's Coats

\*\*New Underwear & Socks for all

\*\*Snow Pants—Adult and Children

Men's Work & Snow Boots

Men's Shoes

\*\*Men's Jeans

Space Heaters

Pots & Pans

Sweaters

Area Rugs

\*\*Women's Snow Boots

King & Queen bedding

\*\* Clean Winter Clothing for All

Bath towels

Kitchen gadgets & silverware (can openers)

Drinking Glasses

**\*Donations appreciated during regular business hours only! We no longer accept donations after hours due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.**

**Volunteers Always Needed!**

Call: 303-670-1796

Evergreen Christian Outreach

P.O. Box 1515

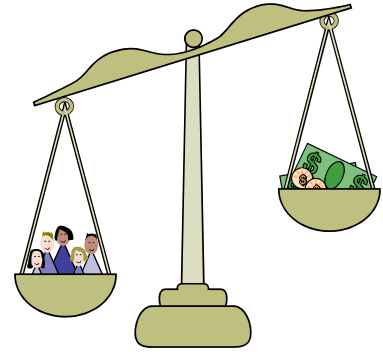
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## News from your Treasurer—Bill Braun

### **COT Bank Checking Account (includes all funds (General Fund, EDS, Property Fund, Restricted Fund)**

**Dec 2010 \$38,707.14**  
**Jan 2011 \$44,604.46**  
**Feb 2011 \$36,502.19**  
**Mar 2011 \$24,989.44**  
**Apr 2011 \$26,154.44**  
**May 2011 \$26,807.55**  
**June 2011 \$26,313.89**  
**July 2011 \$21,614.28**  
**August 2011 \$23,035.05**  
**September 2011 \$25,566.92**  
**October 2011 \$25,987.65**  
**November 2011 \$26,277.82**  
**Net -\$12,429.32**



### **General Fund (The fund that pays the COT bills)**

**Dec 2010 +\$21,059.17**  
**Jan 2011 +\$22,719.58**  
**Feb 2011 +\$17,666.54**  
**Mar 2011 +\$9,616.54**  
**Apr 2011 +\$5,731.29**  
**May 2011 +\$4,619.64**  
**June 2011 +\$3766.28**  
**July 2011 minus \$2,981.97**  
**August 2011 minus \$4,731.05**  
**September 2011 minus \$5,429.72**  
**October 2011 minus 9,516.86**  
**November 2011 minus 11,394.17**  
**Net -\$32,453.34**

**Thank you,**

*Bill Braun*  
*COT Treasurer*

*Celebrate!!!*

*January Birthdays*



Warren Berggren	1/1
Amy Thomas	1/2
Ivan Savanji Jeff	1/3
Kyle Kurt	1/4
Tara Newsom	1/8
Brian Williams	1/10
Sean Janka	1/14
David McDonald	1/14
Kit Snyder	1/17
Tyler Lemon	1/18
Henry James Jackson	1/20
Bob Barker	1/21
Grant Janka	1/21
Dylan Losche	1/31
Charlie Losche	1/31
Syd Nelson	1/31

*January Anniversaries*

Warren & Gretchen Berggren	1/11
Cort & Patsy Langworthy	1/28
Frank & Ginny Leitz	1/31



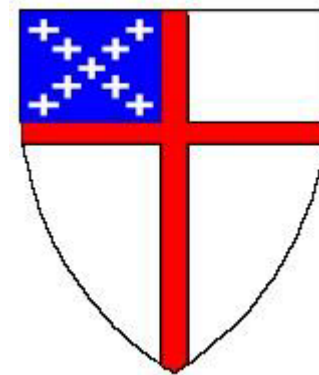
# January 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>4</b> 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	<b>5</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 12 <i>Meditation</i>	<b>6</b> 10 am -7 pm <i>Kitchen Use</i>	<b>7</b> 8 am <i>AA</i> 9 am <i>Lectio Divina</i>
<b>8</b> 9am Combined Eucharist and Annual Meeting followed by a potluck brunch	<b>9</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>10</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>11</b> 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	<b>12</b> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 12 <i>Meditation</i>	<b>13</b> 10 am -7 pm <i>Kitchen Use</i>	<b>14</b> 8 am <i>AA</i>
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<b>22</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Evening Prayer 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 6:30-9 Book Club	<b>24</b> 6-9 pm <i>Friendship Bridge</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>25</b> 8am Morning Prayer 9-3 <i>EDSE</i> 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm <i>AA</i>	<b>26</b> 12 <i>Meditation</i> 9-3 <i>EDSE</i>	<b>27</b> 10 am -7 pm <i>Kitchen Use</i>	<b>28</b> 8 am <i>AA</i>
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## Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Stephanie Harris 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!!!**