



Highlights

From St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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For week ending with Sunday, November 16, 2008

Many opportunities to say 'Thanks'

It has been many years since churches in the Fairview area got together in a *Community Thanksgiving Service*, but this year we will be hosting such a service. Our clergy and those from Holy Cross Roman Catholic, Fairview Presbyterian, and St. John's Lutheran will participate. Please plan on joining us on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 PM.

If you are unable to attend the Community Service, or want to receive the Eucharist as a part of your Thanksgiving worship, you are invited to a *Service of Thanksgiving* at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 AM. Fr. Geoff will be the preacher at this service and Bishop Rowe will be the celebrant.

Fall decorations wanted

Please save pumpkins, gourds, autumn branches with berries and appropriate greenery for use in Thanksgiving decorations. Donna Davis will be creating some arrangements and will use these materials on Saturday, November 22, so please drop them off as close to that date as possible.



It's Wreath Time

The Fairview Area Historical Society is taking orders for wreaths—fresh Fraser and Douglas Fir branches and boughs. Bows in Red, Green, Mauve, Blue, Gold or Burgundy. Contact Barb McLaughlin 474-2046. Pick up December 6

Prepare Ye the Way

Join Fr. Geoff and Laurie Hitt during Advent on Thursdays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 in the church to take a musical journey to Christmas.

Book Study Coming in Advent

Fr. Don will be leading a book study on Wednesdays in Advent. Join him on December 3, 10 and 17 for a discussion of Sr. Joan Chittister's new book "*The Gift of Years*" dealing with the process of growing older with grace. Books can be purchased for \$14.00. Please sign up in the parish hall. **NOTE: Attendance is limited to those who are actually getting older...**

It's Picture Time

The church is doing a new pictorial directory. Photos will be taken December 1 with a make up day scheduled for December 16. Photos taken and ordered on December 1 will be guaranteed for Christmas delivery. If you have not already done so, please schedule an appointment between the services in the parish hall. Sign up arrangements may also be made on-line at



www.signup.olanmills.com. There are a number of free items and discounts available. Please help us make this directory complete with photos of our entire church family. Arrangements can be made to photograph those who are unable to be at either time. Please see Gretchen Tome.

Inquirers' Classes

Conclude

Fr. Geoff is wrapping up the Inquirers' Sessions with a lively conversation about the Book of Common Prayer and its place in and use by the church in a session entitled "*Pray? From a Book?*" Come and ask your questions. There is a lot more to that book than we customarily use. Monday, Nov. 10—7 PM.