

The Keys

St. Peter's Parish Church

October 2011

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From the Rector's Desk

I've heard it said that "The Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism," like the section "Historical Documents of the Faith," is one of those sections of the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER that one explores only during a boring homily. Since (of course) there have been no boring homilies during the last five years, that section may have faded from memory! But we've had a lot of baptisms this year and have quite a few scheduled at this point for All Saints' Sunday, so let's take a moment to review what the Catechism says about sacraments in general and baptism in particular.

The Sacraments

Q. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Q. What is grace?

A. Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

Q. What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?

A. The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Baptism

Q. What is Holy Baptism?

A. Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Q. What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism?

A. The outward and visible sign in Baptism is water, in which the person is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Q. What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?

A. The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God's family the Church, forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit.

Q. What is required of us at Baptism?

A. It is required that we renounce Satan, repent of our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Q. Why then are infants baptized?

A. Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God.

Q. How are the promises for infants made and carried out?

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Wardens' Corner

We're Making Progress!

In my last article, I attempted to explain the various strategies and objectives we are pursuing in the renovation of St. Peter's HVAC systems. Since my last report, we have made remarkable progress, although as we continue to peel the onion back, we continue to find unanticipated needs.

As you read this, we should be under construction with the excavation of the previous refrigerant lines that run from the Parish House to the Church and installing a new Rhinoflex hydronic loop. In simple terms, we will be digging down to the leaking pipes that were buried in 1964 that send chilled or warm water from the Parish House to the Church and replacing them with new lines. As a result of a competitive bid, the Vestry authorized a contract with the Joe P. Clark Company of Mechanicsville to complete this phase of the work for \$42,000.

Other notable successes include the complete renovation of the boiler room under Richardson Hall, demolition of the previous boiler system and its ancillary piping, and removal of asbestos insulation. Another challenge that has been met was the removal of the fuel oil from the previous tank and a credit allocated back to St. Peter's for the oil. As chance would have it, the 1,000 gallon tank had been filled only a few days before the boiler failed which led to a significant effort in seeking a vendor that would reclaim the fuel and credit the church. Another success has been the renovation of the chimney which had previously served to exhaust spent gasses from the oil burner. With the renovation plan to replace the previous oil burner with a more efficient LP gas system, we identified the need to reline the chimney to exhaust the furnace which is basically water vapor. It is anticipated the LP gas system will be more efficient to operate than the previous fuel oil system and the exhaust condensation will be much cleaner and far less polluting to the environment.

At the time of this update, the culminating action for this project will be to order and install the LP gas boilers. Bids are anticipated to be advertised in September, with the objective of having the units installed and operational in October.

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From the Parish Register



Baptisms

Ainsley Elizabeth Allen, June 26, 2011

Gunner Ian Gregory, July 17, 2011

Camden Clay Evelyn, August 14, 2011

Confirmed by Bishop Gulick, September 11, 2011

Ashton William McEacharn

Received by Bishop Gulick, September 11, 2011

Charles Robert (Charlie) Detruit

Terry Alan Porter

Wanda Lee Porter

Mark Phillips Whidden

Reaffirmed by Bishop Gulick, September 11, 2011

Sarah Marie Harris



St. Peter's Parish Church

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Paul Rowles, *rector*

Sherri W. Hardiman, *parish administrator*

Samuel G. Bruce, *organist and choirmaster*

Stuart R. Burnett, *clerk & treasurer*

Mark P. Whidden, *assistant treasurer*

Susan E. Cheyne, *verger*

Mark P. Whidden, *register*

The Vestry

Bill Lindsey, *senior warden*

Denise Fazio, *junior warden*

Class of 2012

Stuart Burnett (932.3925)

Denise Fazio (932.9224)

Bill Lindsey (757.566.8132)

Class of 2013

Padgett Evelyn (932.3289)

Nancy Goodman (932.3609)

Rod Molina (932.3990)

Class of 2014

Peter Carlson (966.7251)

Karen Lange (966.2940)

Tony Wood (932.9516)

The Keys

Sherri Hardiman & Julie Vaisvil, *Editors*

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Adriane Marshall, *EYC Advisor*

Carol Nelms, *Church School Superintendent*



Oyster Roast is Coming Down the Tracks

Fall is here and the **2011 St. Peter's Parish Oyster Roast, Fish Feast and Shrimp Bonanza** is coming Saturday, October 15, at Whitehouse Landing.

The Oyster Roast will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary of providing the finest seafood creations on the Pamunkey! Tickets for the all-you-can-eat extravaganza are set at \$35 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Entertainment this year will be a truly special event with music provided by a number of St. Peter's finest. We don't want to give it away at this point, but you may be surprised at our talented performers!

Due to the sheer size of the program — it annually draws over 500 guests — every type of help and assistance is needed for the program. As an example, help is always needed in the following areas:

Parking Assistance, Ticket Gate Help, Moving Tables and Chairs, Cooking and Serving, Dessert Making, Oyster Shoveling, and Clean Up!

Like the last nine years, the Oyster Roast will likely sell out, so you need to get your tickets early. Tickets will be available from any Vestry member or you can obtain them from the church office or from Wood's Body Shop. If you have questions or want to participate, you are invited to contact anyone on the committee that includes Thomas Evelyn, Carrie Evelyn, Kendall Hatley, Abbitt Woodall, and Bill Lindsey.

One final note: Please offer a prayer for fair weather for this year's Oyster Roast — we are still drying out from the 2009 northeaster!!!

~ The Oyster Roast Committee



Fall Hayride

The annual Fall Hayride will be held Sunday, October 16, at 3 pm, at Whitehouse Landing. Catherine Stanley has once again agreed to head up this event. More information will be coming home with the children through their Church School classes.

This is a family event. It is not just for the Church School students! Everyone in the parish is invited to join in this afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship! For more information or to offer your help to Catherine, please give her a call at 517.1847.

~ Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative



Christian Education



Children's Choir

We hope all our children will join us this year to make a "Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"! Children's Choir practice will begin Sunday, October 9, at 10:30 am in the music room. That day, we will supply parents with an envelope containing a CD and printed copies of the words for the songs we will be singing this year. Many thanks to Hawthorne Davis who made these CD's. This should be a great way for the children to work on the songs between practices.

Harvest Feast Sunday, November 20, at 11 am, will be the children's first opportunity to sing. The October practice schedule is: October 9 and 23 at 10:30 am.

~ Hawthorne Davis, Jennifer Ezzell, Joyce Molina,
and Carol Nelms



Operation Christmas Child

We will sponsor the Shoe Box Project again this year. Sunday, November 13 is the deadline to turn in your gift-filled shoe boxes! Pamphlets can be found in the Parish House foyer.

Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the good news of the Savior with a hurting child. For more information, contact Edna Christian at 932-4622 or Carol Nelms at 932.4175.

Christian Education

I trust everyone had a restful summer and is ready to return to Church School when we begin classes on Sunday, September 25, at 10 am.

We welcome Carrie Evelyn and Kristin Swynford who have graciously volunteered to teach Church School this year. (They are an answer to prayer!) Thanks to all the dedicated, returning teachers. Classes will be divided as follows: Pre-school-Kindergarten: Karen Moore; Grades 1-4: Carrie Evelyn and Kristin Swynford; Grades 5-8: Kim von Hitritz; High School: Bill Lindsey and Steve von Hitritz, with Bobby Nelms as their substitute. We hope to see many smiling faces September 25.

I would like St. Peter's Church School to begin the year with a small mission project. My daughter, Mary Margaret, has a friend who is teaching as a first year teacher with the World Teach Program. Kendra has been placed on a remote atoll, Tobar, Aur, off of the Marshall Islands. The island is very primitive and we are told the children are in desperate need of dental care. That is where we come in! We could collect toothpaste and toothbrushes to send to Kendra for her to distribute to the children! I will place a box in the Christian Education hallway. Any contributions of this kind you make will be appreciated!



THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Fall Hayride, October 16

Christmas Craft Day, December 4

~ Carol Nelms, Church School Superintendent



Outreach

Matthew's Haven – Steaks and Steeds on October 8



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for Matthew's Haven Steaks and Steeds Benefit Dinner and "Chair"-ity Auction. It will be a very enjoyable afternoon at beautiful Millstone Farm in Quinton, Virginia! Arrive at 3:30 pm for a light beverage, live music, and the beginning of bidding for the "Chair"-ity Auction. We will have several vendors in attendance too! A steak dinner will be served from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and auction winners will be announced at 5:45. We will have some great items to auction that will raise money for a good cause! The requested dinner contribution is \$25 per person. All contributions are tax deductible. The Steaks and Steeds Benefit will be held at the outdoor pavilion overlooking two ponds. In the event of rain, it will be moved inside the beautiful "barn," which is no typical barn!

For horse enthusiasts who want to bring their horse, we will host a trail ride. Gates for the trail ride will open at 10 am and you may ride as long as you like until 4 pm. Allow up to three hours to complete the trails. All trail riders will receive a free e-photo of horse and rider at the covered bridge on the property, compliments of Ann Bradshaw of Say Cheeze! Photography. The requested Trail Ride fee per person is \$15.

For tickets or questions, contact Catherine Pierce at 804.400.4265 or you may make your contribution for tickets online at the St. Peter's web site DONATE NOW link <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1004229>. Click on MATTHEW'S HAVEN in the program destination block.

~ Catherine Pierce



STRIKE IT RICH FOR EDUCATION!

Please mark your calendar for New Kent Educational Foundation's 6th Annual "Strike it RICH for Education" Bowl-A-Thon, Saturday, November 5, at Hanover Lanes! All proceeds support public education in New Kent through scholarships, instructional grants, library books, promethean boards, and many other initiatives.

Please consider forming a five or six person team and come out for a fun-filled day of bowling action with loads of great prizes such as wonderful gift baskets and a wide variety of gift certificates! Each team member needs to raise at least \$50, a total of \$250 per five person team (\$300 for a six person team). Prizes will be given to the team that raises the most money and to the individual that brings in the most money. Crump's Crew was the winning team for the 5th Annual Bowl-A-Thon, raising \$1,575! And the 5th Annual winning individual was Kristen Lorden, raising \$580!



If you are interested in forming a team, you can either visit our website at www.nkeducationalfoundation.org to get a team packet, or you can call/e-mail Leigh Gutches at 804-819-9813 or sunny44newkent@yahoo.com.

We guarantee an exciting day of bowling with friends and family, with prizes and much more! All proceeds go to a most important cause – EDUCATION in New Kent County!

~ Carol Nelms and Steve Miles, 6th Annual Committee

Watch St. Peter's weekly E-Pistle
for information on the coming
Habitat for Humanity ground breaking
in New Kent County this fall!

In Appreciation and Thanks

A very special thank you to the Resource & Development Committee and Martha's Gift Shoppe for designing and supplying the paper fans now found in our church pews.



The fans have been a welcome addition as we have gone through the heat and humidity of this summer with no air conditioning in the church.

From all of us at St. Peter's, thank you so very much, R & D!

~ Padgett Evelyn, Parish Life Vestry Representative

Wardens' Corner (Continued from page 2)

As I have related to you in the past, the uniqueness of St. Peter's has presented many hurdles that may not be present in "normal" construction programs that are similar in nature to this effort. I can't think of one circumstance that the project team has not mastered in this challenge. Although this team and the Vestry has continued to best all of the issues, there is a 900 pound gorilla in the room which involves the financial resources to fund this project. St. Peter's continues to be blessed from many sources, but it is anticipated that this effort will significantly deplete our financial reserves for future maintenance needs. With the unanticipated failure of our HVAC system, we did not have a capital campaign in place to support such an effort. Therefore, the Vestry may be discussing a retro-active program of sorts seeking financial contributions for this important effort. We don't have a final figure that relates to the cost of this effort but it is expected to be about \$100,000.

I continue to thank and salute the effort of so many individuals that have stepped forward to champion this project. Ken Rubert's continuing leadership is second-to-none along with Tony Wood, Major Mansfield, and your Vestry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Vestry.

Faithfully Yours,

Bill Lindsey
Senior Warden

New Kent Humane Society

New Kent Humane Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization which incorporated in January 2009 to address the growing number of homeless animals in our county needing assistance. We are run entirely by volunteers and have no paid staff. Our organization relies entirely upon donations, adoption fees, and fund-raising efforts for support.

New Kent Humane Society, Inc. assists in the placement of animals from the county pound and does not accept owner surrendered animals, except in extreme and extenuating circumstances. Our greatest wish is to reduce the number of animals being euthanized locally. All of our animals are kept in temporary foster homes until permanent, loving homes can be found for them.

Thanks to the many hours put in by our dedicated volunteers and donations from concerned supporters, we are building a strong network of resources to provide for the many animals who need us. New Kent Humane Society, Inc. is very proud of its accomplishments so far and is dedicated to its service to the community and homeless animals.

Thank You,

Thomas Henry, President

[www.http://www.newkentpets.petfinder.com](http://www.newkentpets.petfinder.com)

[www.http://www.newkenthumane.org](http://www.newkenthumane.org)

Submitted by Lisa Guthrie



A. Promises are made for them by their parents and sponsors, who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him.

Concerning the Service (BCP 298)

- Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.
- Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

Additional Directions (BCP 312)

- Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present.

This has taken up more space than I thought, so we'll stop here and pick up next month, discussing baptism further. In the meantime, please keep those about to be baptized in your prayers.

Faithfully,

Paul †



**Regular Worship
RETURNS**

Services are now at
8:30 and 11 am.

Church School begins September 25.
Adult Christian Education begins

Vestry Nominations

Vestry nominations will open November 20, but the time to begin thinking about it is now. Begin to consider and pray about who you think has the skills, gifts, talents, and interest to be a member of St. Peter's Vestry.

Be sure to get the person's permission before nominating them! Fill out the nomination form, and return the form to any Vestry member or to the church office. Forms will be available by mid-November and nominations will be accepted through December 11.

Nominees must be a member of this parish, a confirmed adult at least 16 years of age, and a communicant in good standing, "known to the Treasurer."

Biographies of the Vestry nominees will be available in late December.

October 2011 Rota

Note: If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the office. Thanks!

Date		October 9, 2011	October 16, 2011	October 23, 2011	October 30, 2011	November 6, 2011
Service Type		HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 8:30 & 11	HE II @ 8:30 & 11
Proprs		Proper 23 17 Pentecost	Proper 24 18 Pentecost	Proper 25 19 Pentecost	Proper 26 20 Pentecost	Proper 27 21 Pentecost All Saints' Sunday (Baptisms @ 11 am)
Vestry Greeters	8:30 11	Rod Molina Stuart Burnett	Rod Molina Stuart Burnett	Rod Molina Stuart Burnett	Rod Molina Volunteer	Peter Carlson Denise Fazio
Acolytes	8:30 11	Kelly Gellings Chris McKinney Philipp von Hitritz Catherine Peterson Christine Best	Nancy Goodman Wil Miles Madie Miles Lilly Tyson Zach Quimby	Jon Gellings Ashley Pierce Caroline Nelms Torun Carlson Gunnar Carlson	Jon Gellings Chris McKinney Philipp von Hitritz Cameron Fazio Clayton Evelyn	Kelly Gellings Ashley Pierce Austin Pierce Catherine Peterson Christine Best
Peter's Heralds	11	Ella Ezzell	Jack Swynford	Grant Stanley	Trevor Evelyn	Lydia Danielson
Chalicers	8:30 11	Norm Valor Bruce Lange	Adriane Marshall Steve Miles	Larry Gallaher Bobby Nelms	Norm Valor Margie Harrison	Brett Marshall Susan Cheyne
Lectors	8:30 11	Norm Valor Linwood Gregory	Adriane Marshall Chris McKinney	Larry Gallaher Bobby Nelms	Julie Vaisvil Steve von Hitritz	Steve Peterson Stuart Burnett
Intercessors	8:30 11	Patty Peterson Cindy Greer	Brett Marshall Barb McKinney	Joyce Peterson Steve Miles	Norm Valor Jane Bahr	Lisa Guthrie Stuart Burnett
Sidesmen	8:30 11	Brian Gellings Steve Peterson Major Mansfield	Bill O'Keefe Lee Tyson Susan Cheyne	Tony Lewis Doug Begeal Linwood Gregory	Jim Noctor Thomas Evelyn Patrick Evelyn	Rod Molina Lee Brammer Chuck Evelyn
Oblationers	8:30 11	Lisa Guthrie Corinne Dorsey Cindy & Marvin Smith	Cynthia Rowles Kendall Hatley Edna Christian Karen Moore	Catherine & Craig Pierce Lindy & Lee Brammer	Norma & Tony Lewis Denise & Jeff Fazio	Janet & Larry Gallaher Kristin & David Swynford
Nursery	11	Cristi Lawton	Wanda Porter	Karen Moore	Kim von Hitritz	Stacey Wood
Altar Guild Group		V, Kim McLean	I, Edna Christian	II, Jay Francisco	III, Cyndi Burnett	IV, Betty Curling
Hangings		Green	Green	Green	Green	White
Garden Guild Group		4, Carrie Evelyn	1, Jayne Thomas Pinelli	2, Carol Nelms	3, Sally Smith	4, Carrie Evelyn
Altar Flowers		Miriam & Jon Ackley				St. Peter's
Coffee						



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October Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Smith
2 Chap Harrison
4 Dorinne Douglass
4 Hawthorne Davis
4 Victoria Brame
6 Madeleine Ashford
6 Kevin Buckner
9 George Gregory, Jr.
10 Susan Cheyne
11 David Swynford
12 Paul Rowles
13 Virginia Moore Morrow
15 Robert Hatley
15 Kim McLean
16 Doug Meyer
18 Bradley Moore
18 Sam Guinn
19 Cloyde Wiley
20 Dan Finch, Jr.
21 Catherine Peterson
21 Sam Mula
22 Kathy Lindsey
27 Sarah Lindsey Gupta
28 Stacey Wood
29 Thomas Evelyn
31 Renee' Philbates Ashford



Remembering Those Serving Our Country, Near and Far

Edward Allen,
Charles Bowery,
Zachary Crawford,
Mike Foley,
Justin Gallaher,
Julio Gonzalez, Jr.,
Sam Guinn,
Phillip Harrell,
Christopher Kopf,
T. J. Lowe,
Christopher Minter,
Christopher Quarles,
Carson Tyson,
and Brent Wolfe, II



October Anniversary Blessings

- 1 Ray & May O'Leary
2 Robert & Victoria Doucet
10 Jon & Miriam Ackley
15 David White and Lori Lindsey-White
27 Wayne & Cindy Greer

We Ask Your Prayers For Those in our parish family who are sick:

Lawrence Christian, Bob Carraway, Rollin Rosser, Sarah Lindsey Gupta, and Jim Douglass,

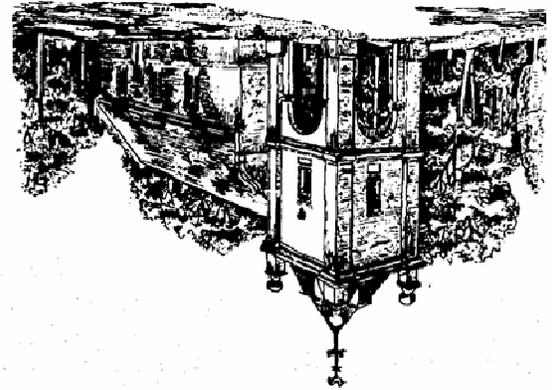
...and all others known and unknown.

Maria Nellie Bruce, mother of Sam Bruce;
Eric Valor, son of Norm Valor;
Steven Harrell, son of Sue Caldwell;
Charlie Cowins, brother of Kathy Lindsey;
Karen Dedomenico, cousin of Doug Begeal;
Dick and Kathryn Goodman, parents of Scott Goodman;
Sharon Hulsing, former parishioner;
Danny Crews, father of Kaitlyn and Kasey Crews;
Kathryn Callis, mother of Mava Miles;
Sandra Griffith, friend of Fred Bahr;
Christine Mattox, friend of Patrick and Jessica Evelyn;
Diane Spearman, friend of Kendall Hatley;
Barbara Felts, sister of Major Mansfield;
Tiffany Strath, friend of Kim McLean and Adriane Marshall;
Bryan Raybon, friend of Adriane Marshall;
Holli Falat, friend of St. Peter's;
Susan Ilch, friend of Catherine Pierce;
Dante Plange, friend of Major Mansfield;
Anita Goss, friend of Rod and Joyce Molina;
Mary Hayden, friend of St. Peter's.

**Give them courage and hope
in their troubles and bring them
the joy of your salvation.**

The Keys

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Church Erected 1701



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Upcoming St. Peter's Events To Note

October 2011

- 2 Adult Christian Education Begins at 10 am
- 2 Acolyte Training, 10:30 am in the Church
- 2 Blessing of the Animals, 5 pm
- 8 Steaks & Steeds Benefit Trail Ride
- 14 Last Day for Submissions to November THE KEYS
- 15 Oyster Roast
- 16 Fall Hayride, 3pm
- 17 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 21 Harris/Detroit Rehearsal, 5 pm
- 22 Harris/Detroit Wedding, 5 pm

November 2011

- 6 All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 10 Last Day for Submissions to December/January
THE KEYS
- 20 Harvest Feast Sunday, One Service at 11 am
Followed by Meal for All
Vestry Nominations OPEN
- 21 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 23 Community Thanksgiving Service
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, HE II at 10 am
- 24-25 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27 Advent I

December 2011

- 4 Christmas Craft Day
- 11 Vestry Nominations CLOSE
- 11 Children's Pageant, 10 am
No Christian Education
- 12 Poinsettia Sign-up Deadline
- 17 Hanging of the Greens, 9 am
- 18 Lesson & Carols, Time, 11 am
Followed by Reception
- 19 Vestry, 6:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve, HE I at 5 and 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day, HE II at 10 am
No Christian Education

