



ST. HUGH'S NEWS & VIEWS

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Generosity

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

Gratitude - Grace – Generosity

Rev. 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."



All we have comes from God and we should be thankful for the many blessings we have received. We give our most profound **gratitude** when we realize we have been blessed with abundance, unconditionally given. This is the **grace** of God given freely to us. God is not interested in just our gratitude, but also in what we do with our gifts. That's where **generosity** comes in; because generosity is the action we take from our gratitude for the grace we have received.

Sometimes generosity requires pushing past a feeling of reluctance because we all instinctively want to keep good things for ourselves. Even so, we can structure our lives in ways that make generosity more spontaneous and fun. When we intentionally "live below our means" and avoid over commitment, we cultivate a sense of bounty or surplus that makes us want to share.

When we give, we reap the pleasure of knowing we have made someone else's life a little happier. by Joseph Wardy

November is Stewardship month. Stewardship is the way you see your life in relation to a giving God and how, in all aspects of your life, you respond to God's tremendous generosity. You will be receiving a letter inviting your generosity in support of St. Hugh Ministries, financially and through volunteering of your time. Also, in this newsletter is an article on how we use the financial donations you trust us to use wisely. Stewardship, however, is much more than money. The many ministries St. Hugh provides and supports give each of us opportunities to also give of our time and talents.

In gratitude, think of the many blessings you have received:

With generosity, how do you share from your abundance: time, talent, treasure?

"Go give to the needy sweet charity's bread. For giving is living," the angel said. "And must I be giving again and again?"

My peevish, petulant answer ran. "Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through, "just give till the Master stops giving to you."

Anonymous

We cannot do great things on this Earth, only small things with great love— Mother Teresa

*Submitted by Jim Neal,
in gratitude for each of you being part of my life.*

Thursday Midweek Healing Worship 9:00 am

Please join us as you are able for our Thursday Morning Healing Worship. We will have an abbreviated Eucharist when we have clergy available, and are hoping to do Morning Prayer when this isn't possible. We share the readings, then spend some time to contemplate sharing on the readings, offer prayers of healing for those on our St Hugh prayer list and any intercessions or thanksgivings offered from those attending the service. The service is quiet, contemplative, and participative with assigned readings for the day from the new Episcopal book HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN. Each day celebrates a one of the saints or special folk who have served as servants and saints down through the history of the church. These interesting profiles are a reminder of how the Lord and Spirit are always working through God's people for healing in our lives and in our world. It also offers a nice way of reflecting on the history of the church down through the ages, and is a nice reminder that whenever two or more are gathered in the Lord's name, he is there with us. If you have questions and would like to participate call Christie.



*If you're feeling
resistance to change,
consider the wonder &
beauty of autumn.*

Seen a Church reader board in Tacoma



The Ministries Council met on Sunday October 9th and after quite a bit of discussion arrived at the following decisions regarding the parish e-mail and mailing list and information on political/social justice issues. The National church through the Episcopal News Service has "bulletin inserts" that it suggests be put in the Sunday leaflets. In the interest of conserving paper, and adding another piece of paper to the already laden leaflets, it was decided that the bulletin inserts will be posted on the website. Due to recent computer "hacking" incidents, it was decided that no one is to send attachments from or links to any site using the church directory. Dick mentioned that it was possible to attach a virus to a photo using only one pixel, so that it would be virtually unnoticeable. Unfortunately this means that all those cute animal photos and funny videos will have to remain in cyberspace. It was the consensus of the group that the Sanctuary and the Pulpit are sacred and our place of peace, and that political issues will not be addressed from there. We also decided that we would discontinue collecting items for the Seafarers' ditty bags, but will continue to support them financially through our parish outreach program. A few people have also volunteered to make ditty bags and watch caps with the patterns supplied from the Mission to Seafarers website. Of course we will continue to support all of our local charities, and we certainly thank and support all our members who contribute their time and talent to help our communities thrive.

In peace,
Garby

Dear Friends,

This is to let you know that I am retiring from the Sr. Warden position at the end of December this year. It is way past time for me to pass the torch. I have outlined the duties of the position as I see them. There is no reason why this job couldn't be shared, if two of you felt the call for the position. Since the folk at St. Hugh are so helpful, this really is an easy job, as everyone here fully takes on his or her commitment to the parish and our mission.

Sheri Simpson is also retiring from Jr. Warden, but Dick Moore has volunteered to stay on. The Jr. Warden is responsible for the physical plant - building and grounds. The administrative committee meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month at noon and approves all expenditures and capital improvements, unless an emergency comes up (like a flood in the basement or a heat pump malfunction) in which case we consult with each other by phone. This would be a really good year for someone who is thinking about becoming involved in the leadership of the parish to volunteer to work with Dick as co-Jr. Warden.

If you feel the Spirit nudging you in this direction, and would like to discuss either of these jobs further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In peace, *Garby*

Senior Warden

Gifts: Listening, communicating, engaged with what's going on in the congregation, balancing leadership with all congregation leaders -- ordained and lay, grounded in Baptismal ministry.

Duties:

- Leader of Ministries Council. This is the leadership group of the parish, composed of heads of all the ministry committees.
- Leader of Administrative Committee which is responsible for the annual budget, monthly budget, plant maintenance, contracts, employees. Also on this committee is treasurer, finance person (Linda Niles), a clergy person, and Jr. Warden (or co: Jr. Wardens) and lay person at large.
- Member of Memorial Committee this is optional, but the memorial committee is responsible for the Pritchard scholarship, the memorial garden and deciding how to use financial and other gifts that are donated in memory of a loved one.
- Interface with diocese when necessary.
- Make sure the Parochial Report is completed by due date - usually the end of February. This is the report required by the diocese which lists income and expenditures, committees, Sunday attendance, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths. The good news is that Linda has the financial information and Jim and Wilma all the other info, so all I've had to do is sign it! It is the Senior Warden's responsibility though.
- Lead Annual meeting (in January or February). The annual meeting is a diocesan requirement.
- Make sure delegates to the Diocesan Convention are "elected" at the Annual Meeting. We are given two delegates and two alternates. We usually select one man and one woman in each of the two positions. A person serves two years in each position, beginning with alternate. We elect by acclamation.
- Write articles for the newsletter when deemed necessary.
- Helpful but not mandatory: involved with TCM parishes and participant in quarterly TCM retreats.

Time Commitment - About 8 hours a week, which includes computer time as well as meetings.
Sometimes more, sometimes less.

Help Us Give You Spiritual Care in the Hospital

When I was a young woman, just returned to the church after my absent 20's, my dear priest learned that I was going to the hospital for some tests. I had to be there at 5 AM so was surprised to find him waiting for me at admissions. After our greetings and his getting on board with what was happening to me he gave me advice I've never forgotten. He said: "Call your doctor first and then call your priest." I've been reflecting on the meaning and theology of his advice and how his teaching fits in a Total Ministry congregation.

Hospital  Visitation

The priest is the sacramental icon of blessing, healing/reconciliation and celebration. The priest is the reminder of the holy connection between things of this earth and the things of heaven. Certainly, we need the medical profession in times of illness but we can get so caught up with the medical situation that we forget that God is the most important Being in the room. We also need the prayer and sacramental support of our community. When a priest is invited into the hospital room and the oil of anointing is administered, the entire experience is offered into God's hands and heart. The community prayers are incorporated into the entire experience.

In Total Ministry we understand baptism to be the foundational sacrament and we each have priestly and diaconal gifts. Any of us can represent the community in a hospital room as long as we go with the awareness of being a sacramental presence representing not just ourselves but our beloved community.

Things have changed since my priest's teaching so many years ago. As a priest I used to be able to call the hospital, identify myself and get a progress report on the sick person. Now no information can be given out unless the patient requests it be given and names who can be involved.

Please remember when you are admitted to the hospital to include St. Hugh clergy on the approved list of visitors. Then we will be able to call in to see how you are doing and where you are.

May the health and wholeness of God be with you.

Robin+

A HUGE THANK-YOU to our gardeners, Betty LaVigne, Roy Ferguson and Jim Neal who have been working so hard to make our outdoor *Sanctuary* a truly beautiful place. They have dug, removed, planted, shoveled and spread everything from shrubs, to mulch and bark, to rocks. WOW! What a difference this has made. Also many thanks to the gnomes who put in the pipes and water to the Community Garden – Jerry Ecklund, Jim Neal, Nathan Stout of Stout Plumbing in Shelton. And thank you to all the gardeners who have made our Community Garden such a success this year – especially to Cliff Cotey who built such magnificent boxes. All St. Hugh Thanks All of YOU!



September Financials

Income: \$4864.00
Expense: \$4666.06

We give thanks for the many ways God so richly blesses our St Hugh family and all who are assisted through our outreach programs. We are blessed in so many ways through the grace, gratitude and gifts of all who are a part of this praying, sharing and worshipping community. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Weekly Healing Service

All are invited and welcome to come to the church on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a quiet Healing and Meditation Service. This will be a regular weekly service.

I want to thank a St. Hugh "angel" who put a lovely surprise in my purse last Sunday (Oct. 16th). I am so very grateful for this lovely gift and just want to say "thank you." There are so many "angels" at our church-- what a blessing!
Love, Karen Kennedy

Tee-shirts

Roy Ferguson will again be ordering 'St. Hugh tee-shirts' as soon as enough people make their wishes known. In addition to the short sleeve ones we have now, he can obtain the identical shirt with long sleeves, which many prefer - especially for the fall and winter seasons. They will probably cost a few more dollars, maybe \$15, and the short sleeve shirts are still \$12. The quality is quite good.

Please write you order with size or sizes (SM - MED - LG - XLG) long or short sleeve, put your name on it and give it to Roy at church - or email him at royconnie@aol.com

Please Save These Dates:

Sat., Nov. 5th: FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY BAZAAR, 9 - 4, at the United Methodist Church just up the hill north of Belfair. Come to select unique gifts from around the world, gifts made by local vendors, gently used seasonal "treasures", SEASONAL COOKIES BY THE POUND...(can be frozen for later), a delicious lunch, and a chance to order beautiful wreaths, and MUCH, MUCH, MORE! (No admission charge.)

Friday, Nov. 11th: "Swing Fever" Big Band social at Theler Community Center, 7 - 10 pm, Light hors d' oeuvres, Awards to be given to supportive local businesses and others. Our Veterans will be honored, and we will have opportunities to provide food for kids who are hungry on the weekends! Admission, \$10.00 per person, free to Veterans with uniforms. Dance, visit with friends, enjoy the music!



Daylight-Saving Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 6

Stewardship of St. Hugh Resources

Part of being good Stewards of God's gifts is the assurance that we are managing the funds donated to St. Hugh efficiently and appropriately.

Below are charts showing our 2011 budgeted financial accounts. Take special notice of the following:

- Outreach is budgeted at \$7,000, but we also give from the proceeds of the ECW summer Patio Sale and fall Holiday Bazaar (in 2010 this amounted to an additional \$10,000.)
- Maintenance Reserve is a new account we are maintaining since we paid off our mortgage. This year we have budgeted from this account to paint the building but won't be able to accomplish the task until spring.

- Diocesan Assessment is our contribution to help finance the larger church. We have always paid our full assessment.

- Administrative Expense includes our Office Expenses and the salary of our part time secretary, Karen Headley. Because we are a TCM Congregation, we have no additional payroll expenses.

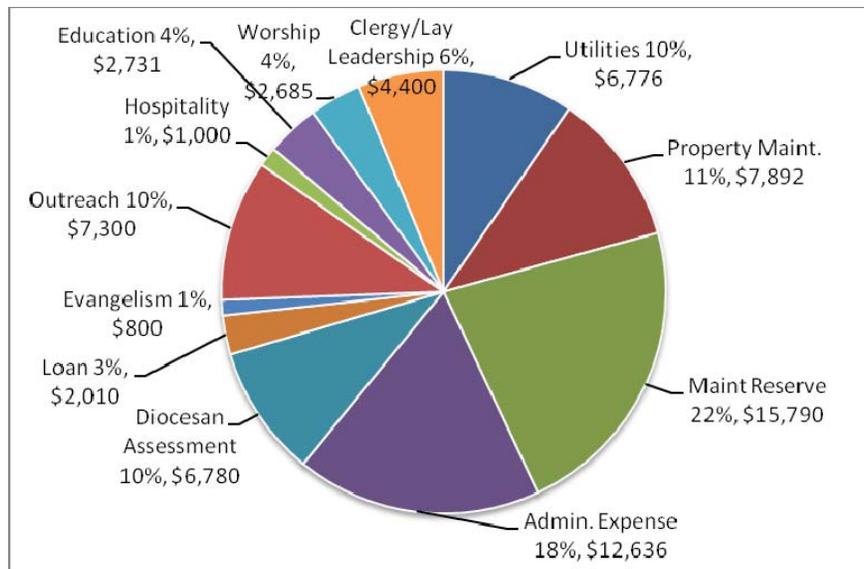
- Each year our financial records are audited. We give thanks to Beth Leedy for performing our audit for 2010.

- We have begun our 2012 Budget Planning. If you have comments please let us know.

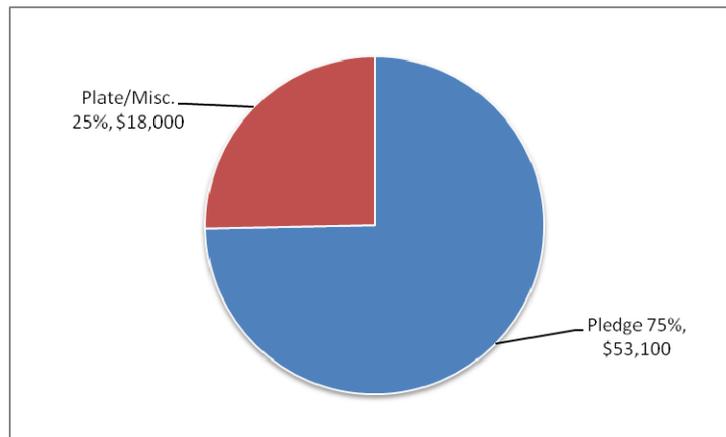
Detailed Year-to-Date reports are available each month.

If you have any questions, please talk with Ginny Green, Linda Niles, Garby Elmore or Jim Neal.

2011 St. Hugh Budgeted Expenses Totals \$71,100.



2011 St. Hugh Budgeted Income Totals \$71,100



Diocesan Convention 2011

The Eucharist as Spiritual Direction for Life in Community

Christie's Reflections

On the Sunday after the convention I shared with the congregation that there were two things I brought away from the convention for which I was especially thankful. I then promptly forgot what one of them was. I have since recalled and would like to share my reflections on these two subjects

This was not an idea I had ever heard voice but that made so much sense to me as I listened to the excellent presentation of **The Rev. Samuel Torvend**. He asked three primary questions and then gave some ideas to think about as answers to these questions.

What is the Eucharist and why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

"The Holy Three, is the Godhead with us, to serve the just, peaceful and joyful reign of God" (Roman's 14:17) in the church and in the world. He asked "Do we sometimes forget the world part in our church for fear some people will leave? The big picture is that God is with us, all of us.

Why do we celebrate the Eucharist?

Our Eucharist is an ensemble of actions and words, rooted in the life and mission of Jesus Christ orienting the worshipping assembly for life together in our daily life." The Spirit is the spiritual director and "every Eucharist is an economic transaction; in sharing the holy meal, we share with equity, no one gets more or less, each receives the same amount. In gathering together we sing and speak with one voice and are drawn together in a culture that focuses on the individual.

To what or to whom does the Eucharist direct us?

We are directed to the Risen Christ who is always with us in the Eucharist, in the community and in the challenge work of compassion, to the mystery of God that informs those acts of compassion in the world. We are directed beyond ourselves by the poetry, music, images and prayers. In the silence we learn to listen to the Spirit and to one another, and a culture that is filled with too much noise.

"In confessing our failure to love God and one another we experience mercy and forgiveness in a culture marked by the love of litigation." It is the one place where we are able to face the truth of our failings without being shamed or penalized.

In sharing the peace of Christ we are reminded that we are a people called and committed to live in peace in a culture that is often violent and discordant. It is that place where we stand together reconciled of our difference, asking of one another if I have done anything to harm you please forgive me.

At the table we give thanks for the earth's gift and Christ's gifts of life and love that draws us into gratitude and service to God and one another, moved to a place of thanksgiving in a culture of acquisitiveness. In receiving the bread and wines we are drawn into the equitable sharing of God's rich abundance in a time and place of marked by growing socio-economic inequity.

Rev. Torvend mentioned sacramental Christians it is often commented that we do the same things over and over again. His response is "we do the same things over and over again so that they get into our consciousness, we can get it quickly but it doesn't take root and become a part of who we are. He also reminded us how important the times of silence are to our liturgy. We need that time to reflect on our live in the holy, and the holy in our lives.

FATHER SAMUEL TORVEND coordinates and teaches in the many adult formation offerings

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scheduled throughout the year at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Seattle. He also serves as professor of the history of Christianity at Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma) he is the associate director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture in the Western United States. Within the Diocese of Olympia, he serves on the Commission on Liturgy and the Arts, the Committee on Liturgical Catechesis and Theology, and as a teacher in the Diocesan School of Theology and Ministry. During 2008-2009, he has been the Theologian in Residence at St. Mark's Cathedral, giving workshops on leadership in the community of faith. He is the author of ***Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion; Luther and the Hungry Poor; Praying in the Home***; and a variety of articles on liturgy, sacraments, beauty, the environment, and social justice.

From the Bishop's Address

In his address to the convention Bishop Rickle shared how an important focus on his work in the Diocese of Olympia has been finding a way to reclaim the participation of younger people in the ministry and stop the exodus 18 to 35 year olds from the church. He shared with us some statistics about this phenomenon and a list of reasons given by those in this age range to a survey taken and published in the book *YOU LOST ME*, by David Kinnaman

I am currently reading this book and would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the responses to this survey by those asked why as children raised in Christian homes for whom church as been a part of their family life, are struggling with their Christian faith, and rejecting their parents religions. This subject was also largely addressed at the Homiletics Festival which Garby and I attended in Minneapolis this past spring. It has been of interest to me for some time as my own children and now grandchildren also fall in this group. Bishop Rickle gave us a list of 6 reasons that were nearly universal in response to the questions asked in the survey. Those of us at our convention table discussed this and most

confirmed that if we asked our own grown children these same questions, their responses would be the same or similar to those on the Bishop's list. This seems to be valuable information for the Churches in looking at future mission and liturgy for our parish congregations. I would also be interested in your responses to this list, especially if you have had such conversations with your children or grandchildren. Here is the list of reasons the Bishop shared with us with a strong recommendation that we read the book. I pass them on to you for your reflection and prayerful consideration.

Reasons 18 to 35 year olds gave for their exodus from the religion and churches of their parents and their youthful church participation. This how they see and why they stay away from personal involvement in Church.

The Church is overprotective, and kills creativity.

The Church is shallow and boring.

The Church is anti-science (sees faith and science incompatible.)

The Church is repressive and stifling.

The Church is exclusive, they want "common ground."

The Church is doubtless, it is not safe to express doubts.

Submitted by Christie Logan



We should have pictures and info in next months News & Views of the Great Holiday Bazaar

2011 Labyrinth Feedback

In June of 2010 we completed the landscape improvements and the installation of our *Labyrinth Above the Bay*. At a considerable investment, we wanted this space to be an inviting place to bring peace and provide an opportunity to connect with God through the majesty of nature and this Labyrinth. One of our objectives was to make it available to the community. Have we been successful?..... You be the judge.



The following comments were made so far this year in the feedback notebook outside by the labyrinth. 20 persons provided feedback in 2010.

2/9: As I walked the Labyrinth, "You Will Never Be Alone" passed through my mind. Bill

3/6: My brother Tyler died at 3:00 this morning. I can't stop crying. I live just down the road and walked up here and a year from yesterday we had a house fire. Why do these things happen? Whitney

5/20: Thank you. I'm visiting the area from Las Vegas and each trip I look for a Labyrinth so I can connect with God. Thank You. Anne

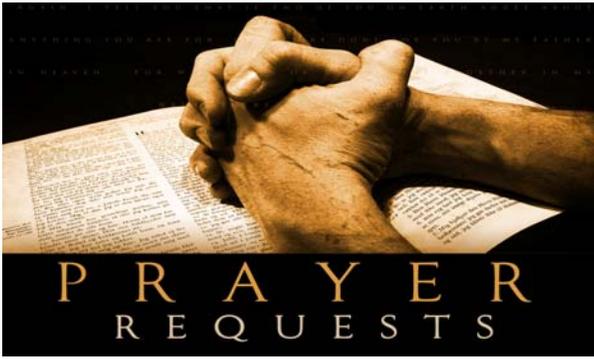
6/18: Beautiful Labyrinth & view, a wonderful spot for reflecting. Thank you for making it available. Phil & Cathy, Heidelberg, Germany

9/3: Wonderful experience – joy & peace, & of course gratitude. Thank you! Stephanie, Lakebay

9/3: Beautiful! Grew up in Lakeland Village and never once drove down this road. I look forward to my next visit. What a peaceful lovely place to hear or quiet myself before the Lord. Deb & Darian, Auburn / Port Orchard

10/15: Lovely to visit. Wonderful space you have here. Thank you for sharing this with the world. Daniel, Seattle (found you through www.labyrinthlocator.com)

Jim Neal



Joan & Chris, Linda Williams, Steve Wood, Lu Gidlof, Le & Family, Mary Beth Pyrholm, Mary Nance

All the people of the world, People in disaster torn areas, All the people of the world,

Formation Circle 2010, especially those called to Holy Orders Kim, Vicki, & Karen

those in service to our Country

Chris, Gary, Ian Larson, Jed, Nick, Richard, Tony, Zach, Malcolm McDonald, David Bean, Mark Bjorgen

those who have died

Pam Gidlof

those who mourn

The Gidlof Family

Prayer List Change

Names requested to be shown in the Prayer List will be shown for 30 days, then removed. They may be resubmitted for an additional 30 days. Thank you

November Lectionary Readings

November 6, 21st Sunday after Pentecost:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

November 13, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost:

Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

November 20, Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 2024, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

November 27, 1st Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37



Vicki Betsinger	11-1
Betty LaVigne	11-2
Kim Forman	11-9
JoAnna Meyer	11-10
Karen Kennedy	11-11
Kim McNamara	11-11
John McNamara	11-17

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Liturgy 3:30 Old Testament class 6:30	2	3 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30	4	5 Fair Trade Holiday Bazaar 9-4 @NMUMC
6  Worship 10:00 Palestinian Children Youth/Food Bank	7	8 Circle 3:30 Old Testament class 6:30	9	10 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30 Administration 12:00	11  Big Band Social 7-10 @ Theler	12
13 Worship 10:00	14 ECW 10:30	15 Clergy 3:30 Old Testament class 6:30	16	17 Worship 9:00 Choir 10:30 	18	19
20  Worship 10:00	21	22 Old Testament class 6:30 Office open 10-2	23	24  Office closed	25	26
27  Worship 10:00 	28	29 Old Testament class 6:30	30	 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Wed. & Thurs. 10-2		

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November Schedule

	Presider	Preacher	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour	Lectors
November 6	Jim	Janet Campbell	Sylvia	Brenda Carol	Brooke Barbara	Carol & Karen	Betty & Ginny W.	Virginia T. Virginia W.
November 13	Christie	Christie	Sylvia	Barry Vicki	Ginny G. Hazel		Jinx	Cheryl L. Barbara B.
November 20	Jim	Kim M.	Sylvia	Hazel John	Helen Donna	Donna F.	Carol Robinson	John C. Brooke
November 27 1 Advent	Kim F.	Garby	Sylvia	Karen Kim M.	Ginny W Cheryl	Advent	Donna F. JoAnna	Betty Hazel