

December Evangel 2018

A Note from Pickett...

Good People,

Winter is upon us! The cold weather has reminded me, as it does every year, just how fast time flies. Could Advent really be here already? Advent brings with it the start of the new church calendar and marks the halfway point for our program year. A program year that has been very successful. Our Wednesday night offerings have been popular and I know we all love the addition of breakfast on Sunday morning between our two services. We are blessed to share such a wonderful community and to join in the great work of building a place where our families can learn and grow in the Lord. These are special times at Grace Church. This is the result of the hard work that so many of our members put in. In late January we will take time to give thanks for their hard work, review our progress, and look to the future at our annual meeting. We will also vote on four new vestry members. Please prayerfully consider running for this office. This is a wonderful time to serve on vestry and to be a part of leading our growth and development. If you have any interest or questions about vestry please reach out to me or one of our excellent current vestry members.

Senior Warden: Karen Eckford (2018) **Junior Warden:** John Hungerford (2020), Jim Parrish (2018), Marti Wallace (2018), Kathy Sharp (2018); Tina Lockhart (2019), Meta Markley (2019), Amanda Robbins-Murphy (2019), Louis (Pnut) Truesdale (2019), Daphne Cantey (2020), Amy Kinard (2020), Walter Long (2020)

We can answer any questions you have.

See you Sunday,

Pickett+

Blessing of the Stockings December 5th at 5:30PM.



Visit from Saint Nicholas



Don't forget to bring your stockings



Please call the church to RSVP
by December 14th.

Club 55
December 19th
at 12PM
Catered

Come and join the fun!

**Arpad Darazs
Singers will
perform at
Grace Church
on Sunday,
December 2 at
4:00 pm.**



The Árpád Darázcs Singers was formed in 1987 in memory of Dr. Árpád A. Darázcs. A Hungarian immigrant, Dr. Darázcs was a member of the University of South Carolina faculty and the founder of the USC Concert Choir (1966) and its director until his death in 1986. As a tribute, several University music alumni formed The Árpád Darázcs Singers to honor Dr. Darázcs and to continue the musical excellence he had established.

The Árpád Darázcs Singers is a unique choral ensemble in the Midlands - a group of talented musicians who create a superior blend of mixed voices performing a varied repertoire of classical and contemporary works: sacred, secular, accompanied, and a capella. Concerts often include music by Hungarian composers to honor Dr. Darázcs' homeland.

The Árpád Darázcs Singers proudly presents formal concerts each year in May and December and performs at civic and community celebrations throughout South Carolina. The programs, planned with audience enjoyment in mind, consist of familiar music, as well as music which may not often be heard anywhere else.

The choir represents every walk of life: students, business professionals, homemakers, and retirees. Although coming from various backgrounds, the members share a common love of music and the desire to share it with audiences.

Membership is open, by audition, to all who enjoy singing in a small, intimate, mixed choral group and who strive for excellence.

The concert will be free and open to the public so please come and invite your friends to this wonderful opportunity. An offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the singers.



Please visit the Angel Tree in the church to help our community. The gifts need to be **returned by December 17th**. If you are unable to return gift by this time they will need to be taken to DSS, Sharon Cole.

Holiday Schedule of Services

December 24th

Christmas Eve 3:30PM HE Service with Children's Pageant

Christmas Eve 10:00PM HE Service with Carols

December 25th

Christmas Day 10:00AM HE Service

December 26th

NO Service

December 30th

8:00AM HE Rite I

9:00AM Breakfast (Continental)

10:30AM HE Rite II

Annual Meeting January 27th



Annual Greening of the Church

Date: December 23

Time: 1:00-2:30

You are invited to help the Flower Guild adorn the church for Christmas.

Materials provided.



January 2019 calendar/schedules will be out at the end of December.