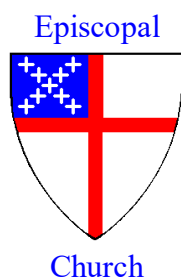


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November 29, 2022

Dear Friends,

Advent is a season of hope as we await the coming of the Lord. The Greek word for hope is only found once in the four Gospels and refers to Moses: [Jesus is speaking to Jewish leaders] Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say? (John 5:45-47) On reflection, the fact that the word appears only once should not surprise us, for our hope is based on the end of the Gospel story, Jesus' salvific death on the cross and his resurrection. However, as one might expect, the word hope appears a number of times in the rest of the New Testament.

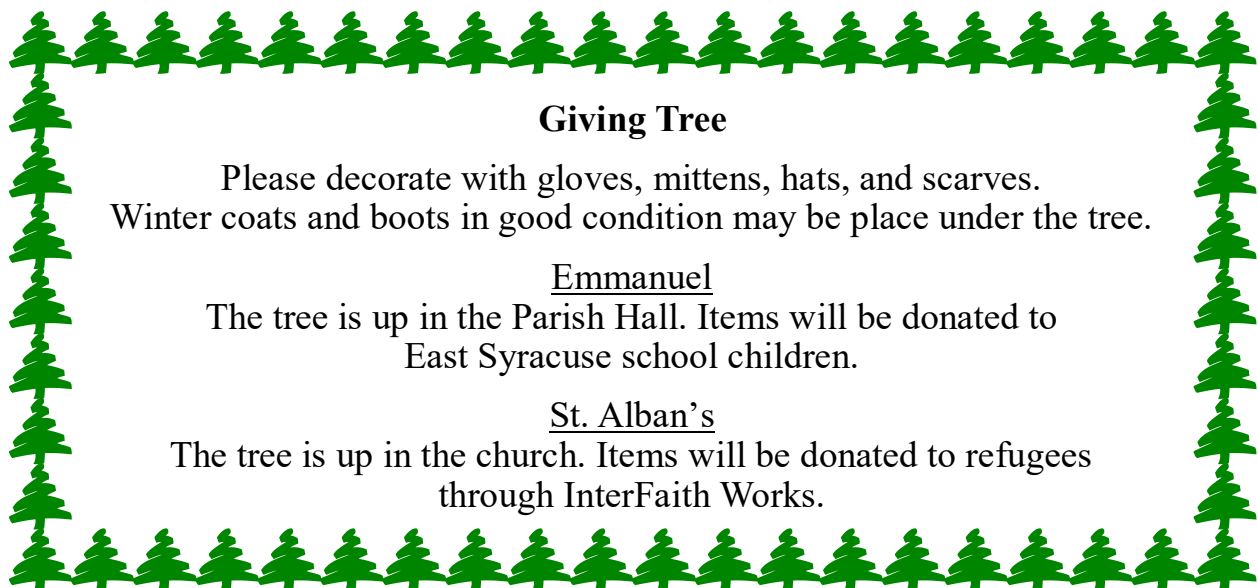
There are many words of Jesus which bring hope because we know the end of the Gospel story. "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7) "In my Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I will go and prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am you might be also." (John 14:2-3) "The high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" (Mark 14:61b-62)

In the powerful words of St. Paul, "For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ...Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:24, 35-39)

The hope Paul expresses is possible because it is based in the power of God, who proved more powerful than the power of death in raising Jesus from the dead on Easter morning. Only hope given by God is true and certain. Such holy hope sustains us in dark and uncertain times. God's got your back and will always be with you, loving and protecting you, from this time forth for evermore. And so we wait with hope for God to act once again.

Wishing you a blessed Advent,
Mother Julie+

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Giving Tree

Please decorate with gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves.
Winter coats and boots in good condition may be placed under the tree.

Emmanuel

The tree is up in the Parish Hall. Items will be donated to
East Syracuse school children.

St. Alban's

The tree is up in the church. Items will be donated to refugees
through InterFaith Works.



Quartet at St. Alban's on December 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Cornelia Brewster, flute
Jan Bookhout, oboe

Colleen O'Neil, clarinet
July Marchioni, bassoon

Rummage and Bake Sale Update: We are up to \$979.25 profit!



Altar Guild

Altar Guild Clean and Shine

Both churches' Altar Guilds meet on Dec. 10 at 10:00 a.m.



New Year's Eve at Emmanuel St. Alban's Members are Invited to Attend

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner, with a video of the 75th Anniversary
Radio City Music Hall Christmas program

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are welcome!

Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m.	
Thursday Dec. 8	St. Alban's	*Second Thursday Dinner and Service of Healing & Holy Eucharist Dinner at 6:00 and Service at 7:00 p.m.	
Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m. *Worship: 5:00 p.m.	
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. *Worship: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.	* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

<u>Tuesday</u> 10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer: 817 4372 7305 & 891158
<u>Wednesday</u> 2:00 p.m.	Bible Study: 840 0349 8213 & 586548
<u>Thursday</u> 7:00 p.m.	Healing and Holy Eucharist: 882 8070 7780 & 580518
<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 p.m.	Emmanuel's Holy Eucharist: 812 9701 3112 & 381729
<u>Sunday</u> 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study: 835 9000 0245 & 562087 St. Alban's Holy Eucharist: 826 9515 6305 & 446765

<u>Use your telephone for Zoom</u>	<u>Sunday at 9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>Other Events</u>
Dial 1-646-558-8656		
When prompted Enter	826 9515 6305#	First number#
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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.		

Mother Julie's Schedule December 2-9

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Monday & Friday</u>
Emmanuel 4:00-6:45 pm	St. Alban's 8:15-11:15	St. Alban's 9:45-5:45	Emmanuel Trinity, Fay. 10-11 am, Emmanuel 11:30-5:00	St. Alban's 12-8 pm	Days off