

Countryside Trinity Church

Dave's Moment

Blessed Advent to All of You.

Each year we come into this season with our own "Bucket List" of what we hope will be accomplished throughout this season before the great celebration of Christmas occurs. A bucket list is those things we hope to accomplish in the time we have. The irony is that it seems that this season of preparation and anticipation grows longer and longer and still we feel as if we don't have enough time. In turn this can occasionally lead to the desire to have it all over and done with, and the frustration that we have with that silly list which we return to again and again, one advent season after another.

There is hope though in that perhaps there may be a few simple adjustments to our "Bucket List" that could change the whole way we welcome the Christ Child. I am not sure who authored this "Holiday Bucket List" first but I am so grateful for it that I pass it on to you.



"Holiday Bucket List"

BE Buy presents

Wrap gifts SOMEONE IN A HUG

Send gifts LOVE

DONATE

Shop for food

Make cookies MEMORIES

BE

See the lights

May God grant you and your family a hope filled Advent and a joyous Christmas.

Pastor Dave



Four-Course Progressive Dinner
All Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Nov 29th-Hosted by Session
(Appetizers and Non-Alcoholic Cocktails)

Dec 6th -Hosted by Deacons
(Soup & Bread)

Dec 13th - Hosted by Pastor Dave & Youth Group (Main Course)

Dec 20th - Everyone (Desserts)

Program: The Redemption of Scrooge. The Redemption of Scrooge is a four week Advent study event that will look at how Scrooge finds his redemption in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting new format!

MISSION REPORT

The Missions of the month are The Christmas Joy (Presbyterian) and The Christmas Fund (UCC).

The Joy Offering is split between supporting critical financial assistance to church leaders in need and providing opportunities for future leaders at racially ethnic schools.

The Christmas Fund helps supplement pensions, subsidize health premiums, and gives emergency assistance.

These Christmas Offerings are an expression of our appreciation and caring for those who serve(d) as clergy and certain lay workers.

Angel Tree

We are filling Christmas food baskets for ten families. Five families will also receive gifts. Names, will be put on our angel tree. If you take a name, be sure to sign in with Judi Westendorf. Session is responsible for providing 5 names. Mission Committee will provide five. Watch for gift deadline and packing dates.

CROP

Thanks to our walkers and all those who donated so generously. We went over our goal and collected \$709.

Many groups have sent Christmas lists of needs and wishes. There is a wish list and a box in Fellowship Hall for items for HealthSource. Other wish lists will be posted on the bulletin board. We hope you will look these over and donate to your favorites.

News from your Women's Association

Countryside Trinity Church's Women's Association held their Fall Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. The Annual Cookie Walk will be Sunday, December 17, 2017, after the church service. Bake your favorite holiday cookies to donate and buy a dozen or so of other kinds to take home. There will be a baby shower (Baby Pantry)/birthday offering meeting during the winter - date to be determined. The women have decided **NOT** to have a rummage sale next spring. The group hopes to have a Spring Craft/Trunk Sale using the church and the parking lot. Monies from this sale will supplement funds earned at the rummage sale. The 2018 Bazaar will be on November 3, 2018. The lunch/kitchen service will be modified. Our Women's Association does wonderful work every year and makes donations to many charitable groups both local and on a national level. Listed below is a summary of the money raised in 2017 and where it is designated to be distributed:

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
\$1,390.25	\$3,914.78*	\$ 785.50**	\$4,669.53
<u>2017 Missions</u>			
Children's Christmas Store	\$ 100.00		
Child Abuse Council of Saginaw	\$ 100.00		
City Rescue Mission	\$ 100.00		
Countryside Trinity Church	\$ 2,000.00		
Good Neighbors Mission	\$ 100.00		
FINCA	\$ 100.00		
Smile Train	\$ 250.00		
Underground Railroad	\$ 100.00		
Total Donations		\$ 2,850.00	
		\$ 1,819.53	
<u>Balance Forward</u>			

* Income includes monies raised at Bazaar, Rummage Sale, Birthday Offering, Cookie Walk, Easter Breakfast, Homemade Card Sales, Funeral Donations, Blanket Sunday Offering, Thank Offering, and Least Coin.

** Expenses include monies which went to Crossroads, Evangelical Homes of Michigan, Presbytery of Lake Huron, Gifts to Church Staff, Church World Service Blanket Sunday, CWU in Saginaw County, UCC Women of Covenant North, and View Newspaper Ad for Bazaar. Some of these items remain to be paid for 2017.



GET INVOLVED

Fellowship and



Worship Opportunities

Express yourself and your faith by joining the worship, music, or usher team today.

There are so many meaningful and fun ways to get involved, and there is something for everyone to do. If you are interested in becoming a worship helper, sing in the choir or have any questions about how you can help, please speak with Darren Woodke, Dan or Barb Groom.

Backpack

Program

Volunteers from CTC continue to assist Weiss Elementary School every other Wednesday with filling 24 backpacks for under-privileged students.



STEWARDSHIP TIDBITS

- Givers can be divided into three types: the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. Some givers are like a piece of flint - to get anything out of it you must hammer it, and even then you only get chips and sparks. Other are like a sponge - to get anything out of a sponge you must squeeze it and squeeze it hard, because the more you squeeze a sponge, the more you get. But others are like a honeycomb - which just overflows with its own sweetness. That is how God gives to us, and it is how we should give in turn. - **Anonymous**
- No one has ever become poor by giving. — **Anne Frank**
- When we surrender every area of our lives-- including our finances--to God, then we are free to trust Him to meet our needs. But if we would rather hold tightly to those things that we possess, then we find ourselves in bondage to those very things. - **Larry Burkett**
- We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. — **Winston Churchill**
- God has given us two hands -- one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving - **Billy Graham**

Give
from
the
Heart



In Memory of Barbara Klein: It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you, the day God took you home. If tears could build a stairway, and heartaches make a lane, we would walk our way to heaven, and bring you back again. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill. From Your friends at Countryside Trinity Church.

From Clerk of Session

Mary Ann Parker

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of November 14, 2017, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Pastor Dave opened the meeting with a Psalm and prayer.

Deacons' Report: Ten families will be receiving Thanksgiving baskets of food which will be packed on November 20, 2017.

Clerk's Report: Church membership is 100. Session books were approved without exception by Presbytery on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Communion was served to 37 worshipers on November 5, 2017. The per capita tax from Presbytery for 2018 is \$26.94/member. Since we have never collected from our members for the UCC per capita tax, motion sustained to increase the amount to \$27.50 to help offset the deficit the church pays to UCC. Session decided not to pledge any money to the 2018 Basic Mission Commitment to the wider church of PCUSA as there is no money budgeted for it in 2018.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dave gave his report in serving the church, its members and friends and the community. He has now met with every committee except the Long Range Planning Committee since he started in September.

Building & Grounds: Pastor Dave reported that the alarm system, the kitchen drains and the furnace have all received attention this last month.

Finance & Stewardship: Stewardship will meet on November 16, 2017. Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated on December 3rd.

Christian Education: Pat Gndt reported that the 10 children involved with UNICEF Sunday collected \$118.38 from parishioners. The Christmas program will be December 17, 2017.

Mission: Kitty Blehm reminded us that Hidden Harvest is the November mission of the month. She also informed us that mission committee will be receiving items for HealthSource clients. Garth Westendorf reported that ten families from Weiss Elementary and Sherwood schools will receive baskets at Thanksgiving time. Session members are in charge of the Christmas baskets this year (with mission committee's help).

Nominating: Pastor Dave presented the slate of officers for this next year which was approved by session. Election will be December 10, 2017. Officer training will be January 6, 2018 with Session members meeting with the elected officers at 11:30 AM that day for examination. Ordination and installation of officers will be Sunday, January 7, 2018 during the service.

Personnel: Pat Gndt and Mary Ann Parker presented the work of the personnel committee as an "Employment Agreement" was drawn up and a few minor changes in the job descriptions of the church employees and the personnel policies were made. Session approved the afore mentioned items.

Worship: Darren Woodke presented the plans for the Advent Program. The dates for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper for 2018 were approved by Session.

Women's Association: Kathy Loviska reported that so far \$2300.00 was made from the Bazaar. Kathy was commended for the work that she put into this event. The money collected from the sales on e-Bay of the items that Carol Williamson donated to the church will go into the bazaar fund of the Women's Association.

Submitted for your information,
Mary Ann Parker, Clerk of Session

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Mari McKenzie

	October				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	16,265.10	8,136.39	8,462.26	1,580.00	17,519.23
Building	-	80.00		(80.00)	-
Memorial	16,556.83			(1,500.00)	15,056.83
Special projects	560.69	50.00			610.69
Mission					
Hunger	621.30				621.30
Heifer proj (Church School)	153.32	5.14			158.46
Christmas Joy/Peace	130.00	105.00			235.00
Good Samaritan	2,608.28				2,608.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	3,530.10	314.26			3,844.36
Miscellaneous	530.00	50.00	530.00		50.00
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40
	42,281.02	8,740.79	8,992.26	-	42,029.55
Endowment	174,363.20				174,363.20
	216,644.22	8,740.79	8,992.26	-	216,392.75

Per Capita - 2018

The amount due for each member for the year 2018 will be \$35.00. By way of explanation - in the past we have not included the amount due UCC although we have paid said amount to them each year. Therefore, it was decided by the Session/Council that we will combine the two figures so that the congregation will be aware of the actual total to be paid to both PUSA and UCC.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 10, 2017, following the Worship Service for the sole purpose of the election of Officers. Those nominated are as follows:

Session/Council - Class of 2020

Mary Ann Parker
Mary Longstreth

Deacons - Class of 2018 (1 Year Term Replacing a resigning Member)

Christine Greenwood

Deacons - Class of 2020

Sarah Gonzales
Aubree Mahan

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee annual reports are due by December 31, 2017, for inclusion in CTC's Annual Report. If you are unable to get your reports in by that time, please contact Kathy Loviska in the church office at 793-0125. The Annual Meeting will be held January 21, 2018, following Worship.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Gwen Henderson

KITTY KAISER BLEHM



Kitty Kaiser was born on June 19, 1942 to Bill & Lela Kaiser, Sheridan Road, Taymouth Township, Burt, MI. She has two sisters, Rosemary and Nancy, as well as two brothers, Bill and James. Kitty went to Becker School, a 2-room school house with no facilities, from Kindergarten through 8th grade, having to walk 1.5 miles to and from school.

The home she was raised in had no indoor facilities either. She was required to help her mother with cleaning, laundry, ironing, canning, working the fields and picking pickles, plus her school work. Kitty's parents are both deceased each having passed away at the age of 74. Her father never got to meet his grandson, Alex, who was her brother Bill's child.

Kitty was bussed into Central Jr. High for 9th grade and then for 10th thru 12th grades she attended Saginaw High School, graduating in 1960. Her parents bought their first house with indoor facilities in 1961 when they moved from Sheridan to the corner of W. Sloan Road and M-13, in Albee Township. Kitty later moved into Saginaw in 1963 and worked for several local business for 25 years.

Kitty met Randy Blehm on July 17, 1982, thru Remer Plumbing & Heating where they were both employed. They were married on July 17, 1983, at Countryside Trinity Church by Reverend David Wheeler. Kitty has been a member here at Countryside for over forty years.

For the next 25 years, Kitty babysat for four different families. The children she cared for are: Rob Halase, her nephew, Alex Kaiser, Claire Laurenz, Ellen Laurenz, Kenton Keyser, and Reagan Keyser. She has remained close to all of these children and over the years has followed them through their school functions and their extracurricular activities.

Kitty has been retired full time for 5 years. She says her most rewarding experience in life is the children she cared for over that 25 year span. She has enjoyed being with those children as they experienced the things in their life.

She enjoys her quiet time, working crossword puzzles, listening to audio books and helping at church. Countryside is very lucky to have such a dedicated member.

Christian Education News

"Sandra Redfield"

The Children's Christmas Program will be held during the Worship Service on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

Thank you to everyone who donated to **UNICEF Trick or Treat!!!** We collected \$118.38!!! Thank you for coming out to support the children!!!

COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30 6:00 PM Advent - 1 st Course Appetizers	31	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 10:25 AM Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 AM Worship Service, Stewardship Sunday 1 st Sunday in Advent 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Celebration of December Birthdays & Anniversaries	4	5 9:00 Reg/9:30 Mtg Presbytery Mtg @ Westminster in Bay City 6:30-8:30 pm Family Game Night (Bring a Snack to Share)	6 1:00 PM Book Study (Bring lunch if desired) 6:00 PM Advent 2 nd Course - Soup & Bread	7 6:00 PM Bible Study	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 10:25 AM Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 AM Worship Service with Congregational Meeting 2nd Sunday in Advent 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Kathy Loviska, Ainslee & Aubree Mahan	11	12 4:00 PM CE Education Meeting	13 1:00 PM Book Study (Bring lunch if desired) 6:00 PM Advent 3 rd Main Course (Dave Myers & Youth Group)	14 6:00 PM Bible Study	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 10:25 AM Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 AM Worship Service- Children's Program 3rd Sunday in Advent 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Cookie Walk	18	19 7:00 PM Session Council Mtg	20 1:00 PM Book Study (Bring lunch if desired) 6:00 PM Advent 4 th Course - Everyone Bring a Dessert	21 6:00 PM Bible Study	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 10:25 AM Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 AM Worship Service 4th Sunday in Advent 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Celebration of December Birthdays & Anniversaries 6:00 PM Worship Service w/communion	25	26	27 NO BOOK STUDY THIS WEEK	28 NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 10:25 AM Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Celebration of December Birthdays & Anniversaries	1	2	3	4	5	6

Christian Education

Countryside Trinity Church has been blessed over the years to have had awesome Church School teachers.

Our current teacher guiding our youth in their faith journey is Sandy Redfield. She is doing a wonderful job and the youth all love her! Here is a look back to 2010 at our youth. Do you recognize them?



Do you recognize these beautiful children?

Food Drive
for Hunger



We are collecting for Christmas Baskets. Please bring your donations to the church. If you would prefer, you can donate cash as our shoppers will be going out and purchasing the final items prior to filling the baskets. See Judi Westendorf for what items are needed or to make a cash donation.

FELLOWSHIP



Come join in the fun. Evangelism hosts this wonderful family event on the first Tuesday of each month starts at 6:30 pm til 8:30 pm. Bring a snack to share. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us.

Local Events

BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, are on **November 30** and **December 2** at 7:30 pm and December 3 at 4 pm. Freewill offering. Handicap parking available. www.BethlehemSaginaw.org

CHRISTMAS CANTATA "THE WONDROUS STORY" - Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, 4:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Performed by combined choirs of Faith & Countryside Trinity.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7:00 pm on Dec. 4th @ 2nd Presbyterian Church, the Saginaw Area Community Band will perform. Mary Ann Parker's granddaughter and our pastor, Dave Myers, are members of this band.

MID-MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY: Holiday Light Recycling Drive - Nov 15 - Jan 15. Don't throw out your old holiday lights - RECYCLE them! Look for collection carts - drop off sites are listed on the brochure posted in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance deploys National Response Team to Las Vegas

Team meets with pastors to discuss long-term care following mass shooting

by Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — It's been nearly two weeks since hundreds of rounds were fired into a large crowd at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas, killing 59 people and injuring 489, resulting in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Within hours of the shootings, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance reached out to the [Presbytery of Nevada](#) and, at the request of the Presbytery, deployed a National Response Team to meet with presbytery leaders and local pastors.

"We were fortunate that there happened to be a planned gathering of the Presbyterian pastors from the area the day after we arrived and we had a chance to meet and talk with them and help them to process how they've been affected and how they might minister to people in this situation," said the Rev. Ed Spence, NRT lead. "We were able to share with them and give them some thoughts about how to deal with this kind of situation. They were a very thoughtful and interested group of people and it was good to connect with them."

Spence says he and NRT member Gail Farnham arrived two days after the shootings and people were still in shock.

"Many were uncertain how to wade into this situation. They needed some understanding on how disasters work," said Spence. "This is a different kind of scenario than you have with a natural disaster and they were questioning how to get a handle on this."

Because pastors within the Presbytery of Nevada had talked together, Spence says it was important for he and Farnham to hear their stories of how they had been affected and how they had been working since the shootings. On Sunday, he and Farnham visited several churches in the area for worship.

"The pastors integrated parts of their journey into worship services. In the church I visited, a member of the choir was at the event where the shootings took place," said Spence. "Others had been touched in a distant way but had been affected by it. There were a lot of tears, an honest sharing of emotion and a desire to help the community move forward."

During their interactions with pastors and residents, the NRT said residents in the area are carrying a sense of guilt and anxiety following the shootings.

"Part of it was the feeling that if they had been a little more prepared, they may have been able to head off an event like this," said Spence. "They were also concerned that in the long run, people would not come to Vegas, attend shows and take part in the city's entertainment venues."

The NRT visit concluded with a list of recommendations to help the community and pastors cope with the tragedy and move forward. Among the recommendations was utilizing social media to reach the number of workers along the strip who may not have personal interaction to share feelings.

"How do you connect with people who may not be face-to-face, but often communicate through the social network system? We want to help them," said Spence. "There are only a few hospitals that have full-time staff chaplains and there was discussion on ways to resource and help them."

The ministers also want to provide support to casinos and hotels.

"We wanted to reach out to hotels and casinos because crises happen there from time to time due to the nature of the work," he said. "The ministers talked about trying to reach out or adopt a hotel or venue to say 'we are here for you who need support and spiritual care.'"

Spence says the pastors also talked about the wounded who live elsewhere.

"People come and go from Las Vegas and some who were there and affected will be carrying those wounds home with them," he said. "It will be important for other pastors throughout the country to be sensitive to how they might have been impacted."

"As with all of our responses, PDA will continue to offer support to the presbytery," said Jim Kirk, PDA's national associate for disaster response. "If needed, there are additional financial, liturgical and emotional and spiritual care resources that can be shared."



Bickford Assisted Living

Elaine Kraenzlein

Health Source

Bob Gulliver

Edgewood Assisted Living Center

Betty Huber

Meadowview Manor

Carolyn Pendell

Swanhaven Manor

Fern Evon Little

New Hope Valley Independent Living

Ed Iles & Dorothy Gray

St. Francis Home

Judith Lorenz

Shattuck Manor

Shirley Roof & Carol Williamson

In Hospital or Private Homes

Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Bessie Daugharty,

Betty Hauk, Fran Preuter, Fred & Kathy

Williamson

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Rhashell Hunter (1958)
- 8 Garth Westendorf
- 15 Tricia McLaren (1975)
- 16 Alexa Mahan (1992)
- 17 Nancy Easlick
- 18 Paula Plater (1970)
- 22 Ed Halase (1945)
- 25 Brecque Woodke

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Joseph & Doris Ruth (1956)
- 24 Bruce & Patricia Denno (1984)
- 27 Dick & Nancy Easlick



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

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INSIGHTS

Turnaround STRATEGIES FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH

by Tom Ehrich

As I consult with Presbyterian congregations, the same scenario keeps recurring: In 1966 the church was full; today, after five decades of relentless decline, the pews feel empty.

This scenario is painful for church leaders. They feel guilt, shame, frustration and fear. They wonder who is to blame. Is there any future for their beloved church?

The good news is this: There are "turnaround strategies" that a church can pursue. The hard news is this: Those strategies will change everything — not because what we're doing is all wrong, but because the world has changed and God needs different ministries from us.

In other words, working with God to find a new future for the Presbyterian Church won't be easy or comfortable, nor, in the absence of bold and self-sacrificial leadership, will a better future even be possible.

Here, briefly, are nine turnaround strategies that I have identified.

Overcome invisibility: We know what street corner our church occupies, but we have become invisible to the community at large. That community (our mission field and source of future members) isn't opposed to us — they just don't know we exist. Our response should be aggressive marketing, use of powerful digital and web tools, to speak in language people beyond our walls can hear and to answer the questions they are asking.

Look outward: We keep having the same internal conversations. People out there are different from us: more ethnically diverse, younger, not as prosperous, living in ways different from our ways. We cannot possibly serve this larger community unless we see and care for them as they are.

Outcome-based decision-making: No more nostalgia, no more magical thinking, no more pretending. See the data, see the trends, see reality — and then make a solemn vow that we will measure what we do and pay attention to whether it works.

Fresh leadership: Strong pastors working with strong laity, with neither cadre trying to control the other. We need younger and newer leaders.

Rethink affiliation: Move beyond Sunday morning worship as the primary marker of affiliation and, thus, as the primary focus of funding and effort. Work on relationships, such as those formed in small groups. Go deep with people.

Rethink stewardship: Adopt the biblical practice of harvest giving, and stop asking people for charity giving aimed at funding the church budget.

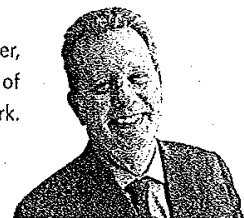
Communications that work: No more monthly paper. Instead, use the best modern technology to reach people. No more rehashing church news and church controversies. Convey faith with personal stories and words that inspire.

Stop the power struggles: Our conflicts are killing us. Control battles paralyze us.

Focus on young adults: Reach a world whose average age is 25, whereas our congregation's average age is over 60. Younger generations aren't like us. We need to serve them as they are, not as we remember being.

These strategies are eminently doable. But they would mean change. Is our will to thrive and serve stronger than our fear of change?

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BLESSINGS FROM COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

Isaiah 9:6: For a child will be born to us. a son will be given to us: and the government will rest on His shoulders: and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

*Let every heart prepare Him room ... Issac
Newton*

I bet you can't read these words without singing.

Advent is all about preparing; preparing for birth, planning for the celebration of new life, making arrangements for family celebrations, baking cookies and cleaning out the chimney for St. Nicholas.

