

CHURCH WORK DAY - THIS SATURDAY:

Parishioners, a work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8:30AM. We will be working on the beds in the front of the church, pressure washing tables, and organizing the shed out back. If you didn't sign-up and you are able to help, please come and join us. Many hands make light work!

VETERANS DAY

**THIS SUNDAY IS VETERANS DAY.
OUR VETERANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR
THEIR UNIFORM ON THIS DAY.**



LET THE MEN DO THE COOKING: The ECM will prepare your Thanksgiving Day ham or turkey as a fundraiser to support community outreach. Fried and smoked turkeys are \$35 each and smoked hams are \$35. A sign-up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board for you to place your order. All orders must be placed by Sunday, Nov. 18 and pick up will be Wednesday, Nov. 21. Please be sure to tell all your family and friends.

ECW ORNAMENT EXCHANGE: The ECW Annual Ornament Exchange will be Saturday, December 1st at 10:00am. Plan to join in the fun and fellowship! Bring a brunch dish to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$5. Also, 2019 dues (\$5) will be collected at this event.

SHINE SOUP KITCHEN: The SHINE Soup Kitchen Mission - *Serve the hungry by providing nutritious meals in a loving and welcoming environment.* Join us as we do just that on Monday, Nov. 12th. Please arrive between 4:30 and 5pm if you are helping. Contact Pam Giffin at 855-1138 if you have questions or need more information. SHINE is located in the Dream Center in downtown Easley.

**LOOKING AHEAD:
WE WILL BE COLLECTING CHRISTMAS DINNER BOXES
FOR UCM. WATCH FOR DETAILS.**

THANKSGIVING DAY

Join us for Holy Eucharist – 9:30a.m.

What a wonderful way to start your Thanksgiving morning by partaking in the Holy Eucharist and enjoying fellowship with one another. Volunteers are needed for this service. If you would like to help, please contact Shannon in the office.

NOVEMBER ECM: Join the men at the church tonight (Nov. 8) at 6:30PM for a Social and a meal at 7:00PM. The meal will be pork chops, sides and dessert. The cost will be split by those attending. Call Bubba at 414-9554 if you did not sign up.

MASTER SCHEDULE: Shannon Swanson will be putting the Master Schedule together for the first quarter of 2019 in early December. If you are a server and know of dates that you cannot serve from January through April, please email that info to office@stmec.org.

ABUNDANT LIVING REMINDER: Kathy Zaleski would like to remind the congregation that flu season is quickly approaching and the best way to protect yourself and your family is to get your flu shot. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/features/flu/index.html> for more information on the CDC's recommendations and who is at a higher risk. Also, don't hesitate to contact Kathy at 616-0160 if you have any questions.



We are collecting new, unwrapped toys through mid-December for Toys for Tots to distribute to needy children in the community. A box has been placed in the Narthex for you to put toys in. See Mark Browder if you have any questions regarding the Toys for Tots Ministry.

SERVING SUNDAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Lee Dudley

Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Elaine Parnell

Altar Flower: Margaret Copple

Eucharistic Minister: 8:30 Robert Pinkston 10:30 Bret Zaher

Lector: 8:30 Bob Atkinson 10:30 Pam Fowler

Acolyte: 8:30 Mark Browder 10:30 Emma Jane & Noah Zaher

Greeters: 8:30 JB & Kathryn Dansby

10:30 Ron & JoAnn Hicks

Children's Church: April Morris

Nursery: Ponda Stone

Coffee Hour: 8:30 No One 10:30 Hicks & Stone

November Vestry Lock-Up: Toby Capece

DOWN TO THE LAST SHOEBOX

On one particular February evening, they handed out the last 100 shoeboxes they had received. Their 3-year-old Giftlin had helped at each of these outreach events and understood that they were not for her. But being so young, she was naturally enamored with the boxes full of so many different toys.

After all the children in that location had received a shoebox gift, there was one left at the bottom of the carton. Giftlin could hardly contain her excitement when she learned it was hers. Inside this precious package, she found colored pencils, a miniature umbrella, and her favorite—a doll.

Looking back years later, Giftlin said, "It shows me how God is so faithful. Though I was a little girl and it was a very simple and selfish wish [to receive one of the shoeboxes], God still provided for me. I learned through it that He really loved me. "That was a seed that he planted back when I was 3. Little did I know where that seed would take me."



When Giftlin received her shoebox gift in South Asia at age 3, it taught her about God's love.

Giftlin speaks at Samaritan's Purse International Headquarters about the joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.



'EVEN ONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE'

Today, when Giftlin shares her experience of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift from Samaritan's Purse, she has a simple message.

"Definitely pack a shoebox! Even one makes a difference." She points out that she received the last shoebox distributed at her parents' outreach events. If that shoebox hadn't been packed, she wouldn't have received one.

She also tells shoebox packers, "Pray for it—one shoebox goes a really long way!"

Now's the time to pack your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts with love and prayer for children in need around the world! This Sunday, Nov. 11, is the last day to bring your boxes in. You can pay in cash or write a check to cover the \$9 shipping cost. **Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse.** If you have any questions, contact Dee Bradley at 644-8308.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY DAY DEC. 1: We welcome all who would like to help in the cleaning of the Highway that St. M's has adopted on Saturday, Dec. 1st 9am. We will meet at the church. Adults only please as we are working along a busy highway. Remember your work gloves. After the pickup, plan to join us for a late breakfast somewhere local! If you plan on participating, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that John knows who to notify if the clean-up is postponed.

CALENDAR

11/8	6:30	ECM Meeting
11/10	8:30	Work Day at the Church
11/11	11:30	Finance Meeting
11/12	4:30	Shine Soup Kitchen
11/12	5:30	Evening Bible Study
11/14	11:30	Midweek Eucharist
11/14	7:00	Choir Practice
11/15	6:00	Vestry Meeting
11/19	5:30	Evening Bible Study
11/21	11:30	Midweek Eucharist
11/22		Office Closed
11/22	9:30	Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
11/25	9:30	DOK Meeting
11/26	5:30	Evening Bible Study
11/28	11:30	Midweek Eucharist
11/28	7:00	Choir Practice
12/1	9:00	Adopt A Highway Clean Up Day
12/1	10:00	ECW Ornament Exchange
12/2	9:30	DOK Meeting
12/5	11:30	Midweek Eucharist

Welcoming all to a relationship with God through Christ; serving in our community



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