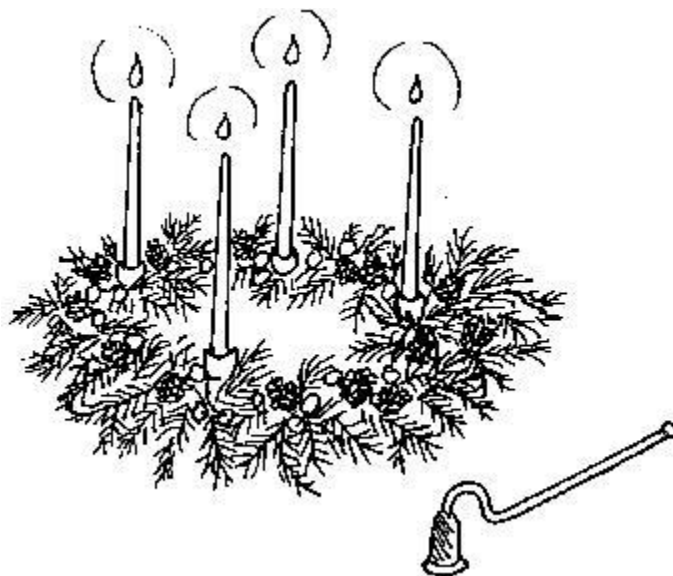




Today is the First Sunday of Advent.
Advent is the first season in the Church's Liturgical Calendar.
So Advent marks the beginning of the New Year in the Church.

This New Year of the Church begins at the darkest time of the year
(for those of us living above the equator).
This physical darkness reminds of the spiritual darkness of the world.
The world lingers in the darkness of sin and ignorance;
a deep gloom enshrouds the people, as the prophet Isaiah wrote.

During this season, as we prepare for the Advent of our Lord,
the coming of Christ,
we successively light the four candles of the Advent
to visibly represent the light that is coming into the world.



December Schedule

Acolyte Schedule

12/04 – Ethan Stiles, Nate Miles
12/11 – Cate Woods, Campbell Woods
12/18 – Griffin & Anne Rhodes Aderhold
12/24 – 5pm – TBD; 11pm – TBD
12/25 – TBD

Greeters

12/04 – Rob Stiles
12/11 – Scott Smythe
12/18 – Emily Dickson
12/24 – 5pm – Tony droppleman; 11pm – Mike Thomas
12/25 - TBD

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Advent Wreaths

On Sunday, Nov 27, we'll be making Advent wreaths after Worship.

The Meal Train

Thanks to those who've already gotten aboard.

We're hoping for more passengers. We still have empty seats.

The meal train is being organized to provide meals for those in need in our congregation.

All we need is your email address. To sign up or to notify of someone in need please email

Debbie Murphy at: murphydeb@embarqmail.com or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Stewardship

Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure!

For 2016, **49** members/families of our parish pledged.

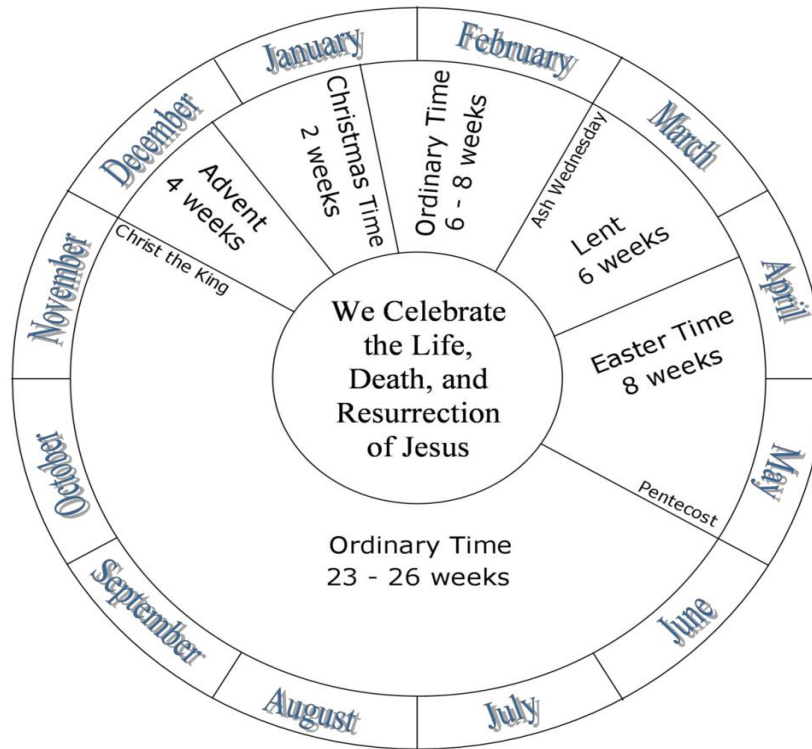
The total amount y'all pledged was **\$101,600**

(of which, we have received **\$75,300**).

For 2017, **42** members/families have pledged *so far*.

The total amount y'all have pledged (*so far*) is **\$93,410**.

The Liturgical Year



Nik's Calendar

- Monday, Nov 28 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Friday, Dec 2 – LARCUM Conference, Ashland
- Saturday, Dec 3 – LARCUM Conference, Ashland
- Monday, Dec 5 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm
– Peter Paul Development Center Chapel, 5:30-6:30pm
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm
- Thursday, Dec 8 – RMC Campus Ministries Council, 12pm

Looking Ahead

- Monday, Nov 28 – GS Troop 429, 6:30-8pm
- Tuesday, Nov 29 – Vestry Meeting, 7-9pm
- Thursday, Dec 1 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon
- Sunday, Dec 4 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
- Thursday, Dec 8 – Way of Discipleship, Small Group, 6:30-8pm
- Sunday, Dec 11 – Youth Group, (Wood Ministry) 2-5pm
– Confirmation Class 7pm