

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading:
Preaching: Mary Ellen
Presiding: Carolyn Schmidt

Readings this week:

Third Sunday of Advent, 17 December, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm: Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
To link directly to the readings (click)
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=50>



Advent Three: Dec. 17 - How might we 'preach good news, open the eyes of the blind, feed the hungry' in our community of Cook County?

Reflections:

By Mary Ellen

Advent Reflection from the Iona Community



Inviting Mystery, Embracing Compassion, Encountering Christ.

The land is waiting,
Waiting for the snow
To blanket and protect new shoots;
The world is waiting for the shortest day, the longest night,
For the turning of the year
And the return of light.
The people are waiting, waiting for justice—
To change their lives.
Refugees are waiting, in their in-between world,
To return home, for the past to be restored,
Or for the future to be different.
The landless are trying to build a better society
Starting from the *favelas* and on the rubbish heaps.
People are waiting for health care, for a full meal, for a loving word.
Victims of prejudice, hearsay, poverty, power misused—
The people are waiting
For a different kind of power to transform the land:
The gentle power of wisdom, of wonder, of God-with-us.
The people are waiting, yearning, eager, expectant...
The world is waiting.

Forums: 2016 - 2017

Forums — immediately following services we grab our coffee and treats and spend an hour learning.

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Coffee at Carolyn and Milan's

Thursday, December 14 at 4:00 pm
 1633 Croftville Rd
 Coffee Conversation
Topic: How do I cope with my aging parent?
 Who lives far away?
 Who needs more help?
 Who is drifting away slowly with dementia?
 Come and bring friends too.

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SPIRIT OF THE WILDERNESS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

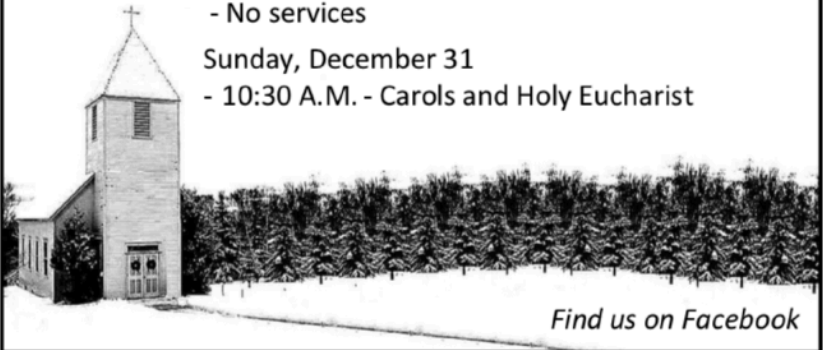
at Historic Maple Hill Church, four miles up the Gunflint Trail

All are welcome and invited to celebrate with us this Christmas season

Sunday, December 24
 - 10:30 A.M. - Morning prayer
 - 5:30 P.M. - Carols, lessons and Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 25
 - No services

Sunday, December 31
 - 10:30 A.M. - Carols and Holy Eucharist



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Notes:

- 1.) **Church decorating** after the service this Sunday.
- 2.) **Dave and Shawn Howe** are planning an open house/house blessing on Dec. 17th. It will start right after Church (decorating); but arrive as you are able up to 5:00 PM. Shawn will have a main dish prepared. Salads/sides/deserts are welcome. Bring your ice-skates, too.



Photos by
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