

FRIDAY UPDATES

December 20, 2019

COUNT DOWN IS ON. No, not the political one. Not my days until my Sr. Warden duties come to an end. Five days until we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Then we celebrate Christmas through the sixth day of January. We will begin to celebrate at St. Luke's at the 11:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve. Come join in.

FR. GENE has been recuperating at home following his trip to the Holy Land and nursing the cold that hit him near the end of the trip. He reports that he will be back at the pulpit this Sunday.

THE CHRISTMAS TEA at Gillian's home, Cornerville on the Little Muskingum, was once again a delightful gathering. Good food, good friends, great fellowship. Thank you Gil and Rebecca for sharing your lovely home decorated wall to wall in all the glory of Christmas.

THE ECW CHRISTMAS PILLOW RAFFLE came to a close at Gillian's party. Congratulations to Ann Amash's daughter-in-law for winning a one-of-a-kind handmade piece of art! Thanks again to all that purchased tickets and also to Larry & Judy Pfeiffer's daughter for donating so much time and talent to St. Lukes.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED next week, but as usual, if you need assistance in any way, call the numbers suggested on the telephone message.

THE SHORTEST DAY AND THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR occurs tomorrow, Saturday, December 21. Gradually over the next few days we will begin to see the lengthening of daylight. We will begin another count-down: Spring will begin in three months. Winter is officially here, but we can look forward to the brighter days to come.

PAUL BENNETT will be preaching to us on Sunday, December 29. Plan to come hear him and welcome his family back with us. Paul is also counting down as he finishes his studies at Seminary. His experiences at seminary, preaching in his nearby churches, his trip to the Holy Land, have all transformed him into an even deeper spiritual level. The light is shining in Paul.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Ann Amash, Dec. 21. Becky Wright, Dec. 23.

PRAYERS - For James Wright as he recovers from mysterious nose bleeding and is harnessed into an apparatus to correct the mysterious problem. He reports he looks as though he was in a losing fight with Ali, but assures us he had no run-ins with anyone or anything. Wishing a speedy, comfortable recovery for James.

Heavenly Father we thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us this year.

Help us in the days to come to live, love, and be happy. Remind us to laugh every day and give our problems and worries over to you. We continue to ask your comfort to all those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. All these things we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*