

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2010

Mexico Mission Information

There will be an Informational meeting about the 2011 summer mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico on Sunday, January 16th starting at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Molly Riedel will be there to review plans for 2011 and answer any questions. You can reach Molly at MollyRiedel@aol.com

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Notes of Joy

GreetingRick Dawson

The Gospel Read.....Matthew 2: 1-12

(NRSV) *In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, {2} asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." {3} When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; {4} and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. {5} They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: {6} 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. {8} Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." {9} When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. {11} On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. {12} And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Song.....We Three Kings.....No. 254

A Prayer for Epiphany.....No. 255

Peace

Sharing Joys, Concerns and God Stories

Please note the box for prayer joys and concerns in the back of the Great Room. Sam Girardi, our Prayer Team contact, can be reached at skgirardi@yahoo.com

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering Gifts to God through the Church

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Song.....Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine.....No. 2099

The Gospel Read.....Luke 2:22-38

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

The Word Proclaimed.....The Holy InnocentsPastor Chris Riedel

Go to www.ArcolaChurch.org for a pod cast of today's sermon.

Song.....Lord of the Dance.....No. 261

Blessing

Year End Giving Notes

- To be counted in 2010 offerings all checks need to be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2010
- Please contact Chris Slupe at (703) 661 5660 x 101 if you are interested in donating stock
- Year End giving statements will be available by January 20th
- Go to www.Arcolachurch.org to make your commitment for 2011 operating budget

Women's Group News

On Friday, December 31 from 9-11am we will meet to un-decorate the church. Please look for us in the Narthex or Great Room if you are able to help. The work will go quickly with a lot of helping hands. Woman's Group is not meeting in January but you can begin preparing for our Feb21st book discussion by purchasing and reading the book Final Gifts by Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelleyand. Pastor Chris will lead the discussion.

Confirmation for 8th Graders and older

Confirmation classes for youth in 8th grade and older will begin Sunday, Feb, 6th at 11 with join Sunday being March 27th. You can find all information and a place to register on www.ArcolaChurch.org or contact Katie Humphries.

Summer Mission Trips

- **Rio Bravo, Mexico (June 26-July 1)** Mollyriedel@aol.com *Senior High and older*
- **Habitat for Humanity (July 17-22)** KatieH@arcolachurch.org *Sr high & Mi school*

Arcola Christian Preschool

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will begin on January 3, 2011. Forms and information can be found on the church website or in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact the Preschool Director, Barbara Ladany, at BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org or 703-661-5660 x222.

Family Holiday Photos

This is the time of year when many people go and get a family photo for the holidays. If you have gotten this done, or plan to in the coming weeks, please share your photo with us for our data base. You can email them to beccit@arcolachurch.org or chris@arcolachurch.org.

A Night of Literacy

Arcola Christian Preschool is pleased to present "A Night of Literacy" on Monday, January 10 from 7-9 pm in Ruth Hall. Lenora Falciani, Owner of Innovative Ideas in Education, LLC, will present a two hour seminar for "parents and teachers only." Come learn exciting ways to engage your children in learning experiences that will support their literacy development. The workshop is free but you need to rsvp at BarbaraL@arcolachurch.org by December 23. Please bring: a pencil, scissors, a black sharpie, a ruler, markers, and stickers your child would enjoy. Bring a friend! Door Prizes!!!

Men's Dinner

Our next men's dinner will be Monday, January 17th starting with dinner at 6:30 followed by a time of worship, fellowship and a program. To RSVP email Mark Abel at abelmark@comcast.net.

