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St. Michael's Newsletter

From the Rector

Diocesan Convention this Nov. 4, 5, will celebrate two things: the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Bud Cederholm who retires after 30 years of active ordained, including the last 11 years as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Bishop Cederholm's first name is "Roy", by the way. That he goes by "Bud" is one testament to his view of ministry: the lifting up of the ministry of all the baptized, whether lay or ordained. At confirmations, ordinations, installations of new rectors, and even at his own consecration as Bishop, he was wont to say: "The most important certificate you have is your baptismal certificate." He regularly said that your baptismal certificate that should be framed and hung in a prominent place. "We are all ministers of Christ and Christ's church," he says.

Bishop Cederholm was familiar to many at St. Michael's. Part of his role as Bishop Suffragan was to deal with conflict and discipline in parishes. In the early part of this decade, Bishop Cederholm, along with then Archdeacon Mark Hollingsworth (now Bishop of Ohio), was actively involved in seeking resolution and a way forward in a troubling period at St. Michael's. Bishop Cederholm was celebrant at my installation as rector at St. Michael's, and still remembers with a laugh and a cringe my installation certificate naming me as rector of St. Andrew's. (This was subsequently corrected.) Bishop Cederholm held the difficult responsibility of investigating and ultimately

ruling upon the allegations of sexual misconduct regarding Franklin Huntress. Along with confirmations and episcopal visits, he has had an active ministry at our parish alone, not to mention many other parishes and people he has worked with throughout the diocese. He is also a tireless voice for care for the environment. He is an avid Red Sox fan.

I had the honor of being present at this election and consecration, and now will witness with thanksgiving and a touch of loss, his retirement from active ministry. I am thankful for his ministry among us. After a well deserved break, he will be returning to the diocese as an Assisting Bishop on a part-time basis (no more than two days per week, he insists).

The second focus of Diocesan Convention is the official public launch of "Together Now"—the diocese's \$20-million fundraising campaign for an array of diocesan initiatives for building up congregational life through mission, stewardship and collaboration. Many at St. Michael's, including our Vestry, are familiar with his campaign, especially as we consider what celebration and capital needs we might lift for our 300th celebration. At St. Michael's, we will have ample opportunity to talk about this in the months and years ahead. Meanwhile, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I am grateful for all who have pledged to support St. Michael's in 2012 in stewardship of this parish. Please see the article later in the newsletter with an update on our Stewardship efforts.

- Fr. Andrew

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November Calendar

Happy November Birthdays to

**Julia Christian
Oliver Riegle
Conrad Kleykamp
Elizabeth Ayer**

From the Music Director

**Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm
Choral Evensong and Benediction**

Choral Evensong for the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 6 at 5 pm, will include music by one of the Anglican Church's finest composers, Henry Purcell (1659-1695). He was Master of the King's Music and organist of Westminster Abbey, and composed many beautiful anthems for the church. We will sing his setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, which is full of energetic rhythms and beautiful and sometimes surprising(!) harmonies. Please come and bring a friend.

**Sunday, November 20 at 5 pm
Organ Recital: Christian Lane**

Winner of the prestigious 2011 Canadian International Organ Competition, Christian Lane is one of America's most accomplished and versatile young organists. Consistently acclaimed for his "driving energy and mature interpretation (The American Organist)," Mr. Lane also earned first prize in four major American organ competitions before reaching his twenty-first birthday: the 2000 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition/USA, the 2001 American Guild of Organists (AGO) Region III Competition for Young Organists, the 2002 Augustana Arts/Reuter National Undergraduate Organ Competition, and the 2002 Arthur Poister National Organ Competition. In 2004, he earned both second prize and the audience prize in the AGO National Young Artist Competition (NYACOP), widely considered to be the preeminent organ-playing competition in the United States.



As a soloist, Mr. Lane performs regularly throughout the United States and in Europe. Notable venues include St. Patrick's Cathedral (New York), both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London, and Washington National Cathedral. He was a featured performer at the 2005 AGO Region VI Convention in Colorado Springs and a "Rising Star" performer at the 2002 National AGO Convention in Philadelphia. The 2010-11 season featured the final gala concert on the monumental Fisk organ at Harvard before its removal, a tour of the United Kingdom, a week of teaching at the venerable Oundle for Organists program in England, and the recording of three separate discs with Harvard choirs. In the coming year, he will release his first two solo recordings and will perform extensively in the United States and Canada, including a highlighted performance in conjunction with the 2012 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists.

Christian Lane is currently Associate University Organist and Choirmaster at Harvard University. There, he works with the University Choir and the Choral Fellows in Sunday services broadcast on public radio and at the university's daily services of Morning Prayers, a Harvard term-time tradition since 1636. In addition, Mr. Lane serves as primary teacher to Harvard organ students and is resident tutor in music at Harvard's Lowell House. He is a member of the Executive Committee for the Boston Chapter, American Guild of Organists, and directed a summer organ festival, including two concurrent Pipe Organ Encounters, on its behalf in 2011.

Parish Groups



St. Catherine's Guild

Susan Butterworth presented her trip to Jerusalem at the Guild meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3rd and will be presenting to the youth later this month. Watch for recipes and more on the great dinner had by all. And consider joining St. Catherine's at its next meeting in December!

**Parish Aid Society
Tuesday, Nov. 15
at Noon**

The Parish Aid Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Bring a sandwich and join this convivial organization that has supported St. Michael's since the mid-19th century!



**Marblehead Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22
at 7:30 pm**

**At St. Michael's
Episcopal Church**

**All Thanksgiving
offerings for the
Marblehead
Food Pantry**



Church School & Youth—Aileen Ryder

Church School

Church School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Students in pre-K-1st grade use Godly Play. Weaving God's Promises is for students in grades 2-5.

The Supper Club

A gathering of Middle School Youth on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6pm.

High School Youth

Lunch on the last Sunday of the month

November Highlights

Chapel Children (and adults too!) will join Fr. Andrew for a special prayer service at 9:30 am in parish hall.

All Saint's Sunday The Church School will debut the new saints banners they have created.

Pre-Pageant Meeting Parents will meet to plan the Christmas pageant. Please note that the pageant will be during the Christmas Eve service.

Kids helping Kids Diane Christian, founder of Someone Else's Child Foundation will lead the One-Room Church School: "Kids helping Kids" in preparation for Christmas gift-giving.

Communion of Saints

The Church School has been studying the Communion of Saints. Each class choose a favorite saint and made a banner to grace our parish hall. Hope you enjoy sharing what they have learned.

St. Teresa of Avila was known as "The Eagle and The Dove. She was strict reformer of the Carmelites, yet was always ready with a laugh. Following recovery from illness she had an intense experience of the closeness of God. She wrote several books about her spiritual life. In *Interior Castle* she described the experience of meeting God as entering a large crystal castle that leads you into a central room shinning with God's light.

As Teresa travelled by donkey she would pray. One time she was so absorbed by her time with the Lord she did not notice that her saddle was slipping off her donkey until she fell into water. She laughed, "God, why do you treat your friends like this? No wonder you have so few friends."

The Church remembers St. Teresa on October 15.

Harriet Tubman was known as "The Moses of her People." After her own escape from slavery, she became a conductor on the Underground Railroad leading more than 300 people to freedom. She managed to free even more people from slavery while working as a cook, nurse and spy for the Union Army. After the Civil War she continued to support the rights of African Americans and women.

The Church remembers Harriet on July 20, along with 3 other 19th century women "liberators and prophets" who struggled for African Americans' and women's rights. The children fashioned their banner on the gospel hymn "Follow the Drinking Gourd." This song told enslaved people to follow the North Star across the Ohio River to freedom in the northern states and Canada.

Church School & Youth Schedule

Date	Special Event	Youth	Godly Play	Weaving God's Promises
Sunday, November 6	All Saint's Sunday Children's Chapel		The Flood and the Ark	Three Early Bishops: Nicholas, Martin & Ambrose
Tuesday, November 8		Supper Club "How Can God be 'three-		
Sunday, November 13	Veterans' Day Weekend		One-Room Church School	Gratitude: "Our Daily Gifts"
Sunday, November 20	Pre-pageant meet- ing @11:45		The Great Family	Constance & Friends: Mar- tyrs of Memphis
Tuesday, November 22		No Supper Club: Interfaith Thanksgiv- ing service		Church School @ 9:30
Sunday, November 27	Thanksgiving Weekend	High School Youth Lunch @ noon	One-Room Church School	Outreach: Kids helping Kids

Stewards of the Month: Avery & Nelson Russell

The Russells came to St. Michael's about 15 years ago after they moved to Marblehead, only two houses from the church, but it wasn't just the proximity. They were married in the Episcopal Church and attended Trinity when they lived in Boston. Their son Bryce attended nursery school in the Davenport House, and they met Father Westerberg. "It was a natural transition," says Avery.

They have been active from the first. Nelson says, "The Finance committee got me in the first year or two." He says of the committee that it gets hectic only at the end of the year with reports and a budget. Avery has taught Sunday school and so has Nelson. She initiated and taught the Rite 13 curriculum. She and Aileen Ryder also began the Supper Club. She serves on the Vestry and chairs the Stewardship Committee. She enjoys staffing tables at the Christmas Fair. Their children have attended Sunday School and have been acolytes.

One memory of St. Michael's that stands out in Avery's mind occurred when Blake was baptized. During the ceremony the sanctuary candle's chain suddenly gave way, startling everyone. Nonetheless, Father Johnson proceeded calmly as if nothing had happened.

They have four children. Bryce is a first year student at the University of Carleton in Ottawa in engineering. He graduated from The Bishop's College School in Lennoxville, Quebec, where his sister Ella is a senior. Interested in English literature, she currently is applying to schools in the US and Canada. Nicola also attends The Bishop's College School. The school is a family tradition: Avery and her mother also attended it. The girls visited Bryce there and liked it. "It lets them experience their Canadian roots," says Avery who grew up in Montreal.

Their youngest, Blake, is in the 6th grade in Marblehead. He likes video games, soccer, and badminton.

Avery is an at-home mom who volunteers at the Charter



Nelson, Nicola, Avery, Ella, and Bryce Russell.

School, working on the yearbook and enrichment programs. She is also finishing a certificate program in interior design at North Shore Community College. Nelson works in financial engineering. He says, "I work with those financial things called toxic. Unfortunately they do make movies about what I do."

The Russells are active in many sports: they both ski and play tennis. Nelson plays paddle tennis, badminton, court tennis, and racquet. About racquet, he says, "If you own a racquet, you are nationally ranked since there are only seven courts nationwide." It's like standing in a big room hitting a golf ball with a small racquet he says. In fact, he and Avery met at a racquet tournament in Montreal. In addition to running, Avery likes knitting and needlework.

They both like the "neighborhood feel" of St. Michael's. Living so close is usually an advantage, says Nelson, except when they arrive a bit late: "We can't blame it on traffic, but it is not so bad if Kate and Karl Renney (they also live next to the church) come in even later!"

- Marilyn Day

Parishioners in the News!!

The North Shore's October issue featured a "Salem Gothic" version of the painting "American Gothic." The photo by Mary Shea posed **Sarah Hunter** as the farmer's wife.

- www.nsartthrob.com/2011/10/

Our tenor **Tom Smoker** will be directing Oliver at the Marblehead Little Theatre three weekends in November—www.mtlive.com

Director of Music **Doug Major** will be accompanying Elisabeth von Trapp on her November/December tour.



Bryce, Blake, Ella and Nicola Russell

Stewardship Mid-Campaign Report

October was Stewardship month and the focus has been on the 2012 Stewardship campaign. As you have heard, our goal is to reduce the withdrawal of endowment principal over three years, from \$77,000 in 2010 to zero in 2013. Thank you all who increased your pledge for 2011 and are helping us reduce the projected 2011 draw to \$42,000. This has been tremendous!

The next stage of our goal is to reduce the 2012 draw to \$22,000. An increase in your 2012 pledge will help us reach that goal.

As of Oct. 31, 75 households or individuals have responded with a pledge, or approximately 44% of our total, out of a total of 172 letters sent out. Gratefully, the majority of the pledges received are an increase over the year before. As of Oct. 31, a total of \$137,000 of

\$230,000 has been pledged for 2012.

We are on the way to meeting our goal for 2012! However, we are not there yet. If you haven't submitted a pledge for 2012, or can't find your pledge form and would like a new one, please call the church office or any member of the Stewardship Committee. Pledge forms are also available at the web site.

The Committee also thanks Jeff Barnett, Aileen Day, Joe Oliveira, and Stephen Clay for sharing their stories about St. Michael's during the Sunday "Ministry Minute."

- Stewardship Committee: Avery Russell, Jeff Barnett, Harriett Magee, Karl Renney, Larry Robbins.

Thank you to those who have turned in their 2012 pledges!

St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair—Get Ready for a Fun Weekend!

Plans are underway to make this year's Heart of Christmas Fair a most exciting event! This is our primary fundraiser to benefit the programs of St. Michael's—worship, music, Church School and more. Come join the fun!

Heart of Christmas Preview Party

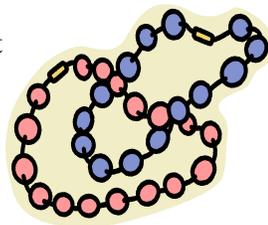
Tom Weber and Nancy Peirce are planning a wonderful preview party on Friday, December 3rd. Ian Hunter and Harpoon Brewery are providing an opportunity to taste their latest seasonal offerings. Wines will also be available for the tasting with hors d'oeuvres and desserts—watch for sign-up. Aileen Ryder will be coordinating entertainment downstairs for St. Michael's children. So hold the date and plan for a fun evening!

Jewelry Table

Remember when you bought that perfect piece of custom jewelry to go with that special outfit? Well, where is that outfit now? Still hanging in the closet, goodwill, thrift shop?

Ladies, time to re-visit your jewelry boxes and pull out those pieces you have not worn in a few years. We can use bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings for pierced and non-pierced ears and pins. Please shine up any silver pieces as they sell much better if they are not tarnished. Also if you know the value of any of your jewelry, include it with the piece so we can price it appropriately.

The Jewelry Table is one of the most popular tables in the Christmas Fair so let us keep up that tradition!!



Baked Table Early Events!

Monday, Nov. 7th - Apple pie makers are needed from 5:30 until we're finished! The more helpers the faster the time will go. Greg Bates will make all the pie dough but we need apple peelers.

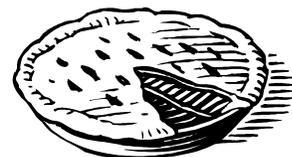
Please contact Pam Oppelt if you can come on Monday night. Bring your favorite apple peeling knife and Pam will supply a pizza dinner for all volunteers!

Pre-order your apple pie for Thanksgiving!

If you would like one of these homemade apples pies reserved for your Thanksgiving dinner, call Pam Oppelt and she will hold one for you! They will be all ready to pop in the oven complete with baking instructions! All profits will go towards the Christmas Fair.

Saturday, Nov. 12 - Chutney Choppers needed

from 8:30 am to approximately 2. Stay the whole or part of the time. Bring your favorite chopping knife. Pam will provide lunch for all volunteers! We need at least strong person to help with the heavy lifting. We will have pre-sales of chutney for Thanksgiving and chutney will also be available at the Christmas Fair. No cooking skills required, but be prepared to have fun! Please call Pam at 781/631-3106 or email Pam at poppelt@verizon.net if you can help.



The Heart of Christmas Fair

Home Baking for the Fair The Bake Table is always popular and we will be looking for breads of all sizes and kinds, biscotti, cookies in packages of 6 or 12, cupcakes instead of cakes, jams, preserves, home canned goods, casseroles and more!

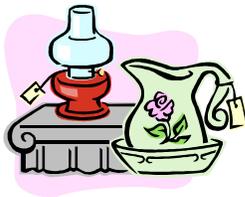
Bake Ahead! If you are making something for your family, think about doubling or tripling the recipe and freezing a few batches for the Christmas Fair. This can be a loaf of bread, a casserole, or a dessert that freezes well. You can bring it to church ahead of time as we have lots of freezer space downstairs. Just be sure that you mark what it is and key ingredients, particularly nuts for those with allergies.

Package your baked goods in a festive way as "eye appeal" is important. A Christmas bow or a sprig of green can make something ordinary look very special. Label what you are bringing including key ingredients or flavors, and particularly indicate "nuts" or "no nuts."

Delivery: Bring Bake Table items to the Church Friday during the day for preview party, or early Saturday morning. Cupcakes sell better than large cakes (unless the cakes can be sold as half cakes). The exception would be coffee cakes which could be frozen for the holidays. Breads of all sizes and varieties are always welcome.

Rich Uncle Antiques and Collectables:

"Only the best, better than all the rest!" and with your help stocking the A & C room, we can provide that experience. Hidden away in plain sight, or tucked into the back of your closets, cupboards or under the bed are wonderful items that you loved but are no longer used or needed. With your generosity we can recycle these treasures to delighted new owners.



Paintings or prints of local interest, distinctive pottery, small antique anything, fine china or crystal, please no cracks or chips, shiny silver or gold delights, garden statuary and bird baths, and unique items of charm and distinction provide our best selling inventory.

If your contribution is beautiful, unique or functional in perfect working order, we would be delighted to recycle your donation to a good home and directly benefit the programs of St. Michael's. Thank you for your generosity. We really need your help.

Please leave "Rich Uncle" items in the Parish Library. Sincerely, Peggy Bittermann, Carol Davidson, Aileen Day and Pat Spaberg.

Crafts at the Christmas Fair: We welcome handmade items: Christmas ornaments and decorations, wreaths, jewelry, scarves and hats (the knit hats with flowers sold well last year). Rose and Anne Clark are making feather jewelry. Please pass on to them any natural feathers you may have. Are



Fair Preparation

Monday, November 7, 5:30 pm

Apple Pie Making & Pizza
Order a pie for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 12

Chutney Choppers beginning 8:30 am
Available for sale beginning Nov. 13

Thursday, December 2

5:30 Set Up until done



St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair

Friday, December 3

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Harpoon Beer/Wine Tasting & Preview Sale
Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.
Children ages 2-12 are \$5.

Saturday, December 4

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Hot beverages & donuts 9am—11 am
Lunch 11am—2 pm
Silent Auction ends at 1:30 pm
Historic Church Tours 10am—2:00pm

Sign Up in the Parish Lobby
for shifts & activities.

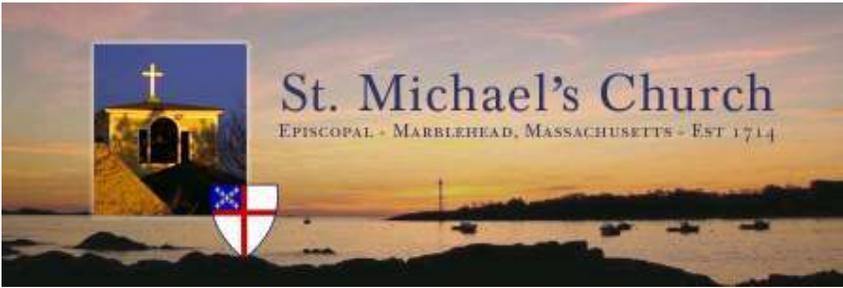
there other items you would like to see? Contact Frances Nilsson if you have ideas or need helpers.

Artisan Tables: Do you know an artisan who would like to place to sell items during the Christmas Walk? Artisans may rent a table for \$35 (new price in the new economy!) which includes one ticket to the Friday preview event. Artisans should contact Frances Nilsson for details and sign-up.

Christmas Fair Weekly Bulletin & Sign-Ups

From mid-October through November watch for the latest news on planning, tables and events for St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair!

- Frances Nilsson & Tom Weber, Co-Chairs



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**Marblehead Interfaith
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**Tuesday, November 22
7:00 pm**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

**Give thanks with a Marblehead
Food Pantry contribution.**

St. Michael's Church

Officers: *David Bittermann*, Senior Warden; *Frances Nilsson*, Junior Warden; *Sarah Bates*, Treasurer; *Larry Robbins*, Assistant Treasurer; *Walter Haug*, Clerk.

Vestry: *Jenny Armini*, *Stephen Clay*, *Susan Cool*, *Ian Hunter*, *Harriett Magee*, *Joe Oliveira*, *Avery Russell*, *Tom Weber*, *Victor Wild*.

Delegates for Convention: *Jan Barnett*, *Denise Shea*. **Deanery Delegates:** *Jan Barnett*, *Frances Nilsson*, *Denise Shea*

Staff: *The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel*, Rector; *Dr. Douglas Major*, Music Director; *Aileen Ryder*, Church School Director, *Jane Maihos*, Parish Administrator.

Saint Michael's Church

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Monday-Saturday 1 pm – 4 pm	1) ALL SAINTS' DAY 5:30 pm St. Michael's Team at My Brother's Table, Lynn 7:30 Property Committee Meeting	2) ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	3) 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild 7:30 pm Adult Choir	4) Diocesan Convention at Cathedral of St. Paul	5) Diocesan Convention at Cathedral of St. Paul <i>Turn clocks back one hour tonight.</i>
6) <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour</i> ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Holy Baptism 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	7) 5:30 pm Apple Pie Making	8) 6:00 pm Middle School Supper Club 7:30 pm Wardens' Mtg.	9) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	10) 7:30 pm Adult Choir	11) Veterans' Day <i>Office Open</i>	12) 8:30 am Chutney Making 11:00 am St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge, Salem
13) 22ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Proper 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am One Room Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	14)	15) 12:00 pm Parish Aid 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	16) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	17) 7:00 pm ECF Meeting 7:30 pm Adult Choir	18)	19)
20) LAST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING Proper 29 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital, Christian Lane Performing	21)	22) <i>No Supper Club this evening</i> 7:00 pm Marblehead Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's	23) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm AA Meeting	24) THANKSGIVING DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	25) <i>Office Closed</i>	26)
27) 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Begins Year B/Daily Office 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am One Room Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II John Skelton Guest Organist	28)	29)	30) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	December 1) 5 pm Christmas Fair Set-Up	2) 6 pm – 9 pm Heart of Christmas Preview Party	3) 9 am – 2 pm Heart of Christmas Fair