Oasis of Quiet:
Come away for a few moments of Advent rest and reflection between Sunday services on Dec. 15. Our rector will offer gentle invitation and instruction to begin. Stations (prayer beads, mandalas, art, scripture, meditation) available throughout the hour for individual ways to be prayerful and attentive to ourselves and God. 10 am - 11 am in Faulkner Hall.

Events:
Youth Caroling with Trinity
Come have fun celebrating the Christmas season on Dec. 6 with a night of caroling with Trinity Episcopal Church! Youth meet at Trinity at 6:15 and hop on a trolley through the area caroling at different stops. At 7 pm, we will head back to Trinity for a Christmas party with our new friends. The event is free, please bring a snack dish to share. RSVP to Emily no later than Nov. 24.

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Annual Meeting:
On Sun., Dec. 8, we will have a combined service and annual meeting at 10 am. In addition to worshiping together, we will review our year and elect new vestry members.

Chamber Concert:
Sun., Dec. 15 at 3 pm we will have a concert featuring the Music of St. George’s. Concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

The Red Door Fellowship:
(Our 18 - 35+ group) is hosting a Christmas party for four children in the area on Sat., Dec. 14. If you would like to donate a gift ($25 value) or some other way, please contact The Rev. David Casey at 646.416.0218 or dcasey@vt.edu. Time and location of event TBC. Also in Advent, we will begin a series of readings and discussions on Christian Mystics and other spiritual writings from our tradition. For more information, please contact David+ and follow the Red Door Fellowship page on Facebook. (@reddoorfxbg).

New Year’s Eve Haiti Benefit Concert:
St. George’s hosts two concerts on December 31 to benefit our outreach ministry and partnership with our sister church, Notre Dame Parish and School in Port-au-Prince, one of the oldest parishes of the Episcopal Church in Haiti. The organ concert begins at 8:30 pm and the St. George’s Jazz Ensemble performs at 10 pm. Concerts are free, with donations accepted. Every dollar raised helps support the 383 school children with food, clothing, supplies and medical care.

You are welcome at St. George’s Church:
Regardless of race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, or tradition.
**Worship Services:**

**Noon Prayer:**
Monday - Friday we offer noon prayer in our Nave. This short, prayerful service is a lovely way to add some time for reflection in your day. The Wednesday noon service also includes Holy Eucharist with optional laying on of hands and anointing by clergy for healing.

**Micah Services:**
Tue., Nov. 26 at 7 pm, there will be special service at St. Mary Catholic Church with the Micah Partner Churches. Fredericksburg Baptist will host a Noon Advent Service and lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 11. All are invited to attend.

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas Pageant, 4 pm:** Children and parents arrive by 3:15 pm to participate in the pageant. There will be overflow seating in Sydnor Hall with audio/video of the service and a station for Holy Communion. The pageant takes the place of the sermon at this service.

**7:30 pm Holy Eucharist:** With our jazz ensembles. This service is similar to our 9 am Sunday morning service. Music begins at 7 pm. This service includes an ASL Interpreter.

**11 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II:** With organ and the choir of St. George’s. Music begins at 10:30.

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**For Households**

**Advent Workshop:**
Sun., Dec. 1 at 10 am in Sydnor Hall is our Advent Workshop. Come and make a wreath to take home. We will also have a booklet of devotions to use when lighting each candle. Additional crafts as well.

**Giving Tree:**
Join us in making Christmas special by buying gifts for homeless youth covered under the McKinney–Vento Act in the Stafford County School System and youth from Habitat for Humanity. Take a tag from the tree in the Narthex, sign in and leave your contact information and please bring gifts to the church narthex by Dec. 15. Directions on the tag will note whether the gift needs to be wrapped or left unwrapped.

**Daily Prayer Time:**
Gather the household over a meal or at bedtime, spend time in prayer on a certain topic of your choosing, (e.g., the health of loved ones, members of your church, people groups close to your heart, etc.). The Nave is open during the day for prayer.

**Creché:**
As a family, set up a creché (or nativity set) in your home. Consider completing the set with the Magi for Epiphany (Jan. 6).

**Advent Calendar:**
Have a daily reflection together with an Advent Calendar. See our website to download a pdf calendar.

**Spiritual Practices in Community**

**Embrace Silence:**
For Sunday worship, we will incorporate intentional time of silence and reflection following the prelude and the sermon.

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**Study**

**Adult Christian Formation:**
For some dealing with loss and grief, the holidays can be a difficult time. On Sun., Dec. 15, Mike Fray will lead a “Blue Christmas” conversation at 10 am in the Library. Anyone struggling with loss is welcome to attend.