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Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

I Peter 1:13

Imagine, instead of a hectic Christmas season, if the next few weeks were all about preparing for the visit of a favorite friend or relative. You've not seen this person in a long while, though you talk and email often.

You want his visit to be absolutely perfect. You mull over menus—wanting all her favorite foods. You give the guest room a good cleaning, vacuuming up every last dust bunny. You pull out your best sheets, thick, luscious, cotton sheets like your grandma had, and IRON them. You set out flowers on the bedside table and add a couple of books you think he or she would like.

Maybe you're concerned about a previous conversation that didn't end well. It was a minor issue, but it bothered you. You know you disappointed your friend. You also know she loves you and you don't want anything in the way of that love.

Every thought until she arrives is consumed with making their stay wonderful. You want all everything aspect to reflect how important she is to you.

Wouldn't that be just lovely? To have that type of preparation to be the focus, instead of running around like crazy trying to make Christmas "happen?"

Good news! It's Advent. We all should be "preparing" for Christ's coming. Christmas is about His first coming, but during Advent, we have the opportunity to meditate, repent, and enjoy the anticipation of what His coming again will mean.

Please don't rush through the next few weeks only to slam into Christmas, then skate over Epiphany. There are Advent devotionals available online and in the Narthex. Slow down and let God guide you through Advent.

With joy,

Jill, DCE

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Monthly Mentions

The Gamers—will not be meeting this month. Enjoy your Christmas break.

Nursery Help is still needed. We have some holes this month. If you are willing to pull an extra duty, please call Jill Rich at 288-1911 to volunteer.

Don't forget—the volunteer schedules are now on the website, stmatthewsrichmond.org. The password is rockycat.

Christmas Pageant—If you're interested in helping out, call Virginia Witmer at 282-1250.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
December 5	Lynda Jenkins	Megan Lloyd	Adrian Hudgins
	Ann Harper Pittman	Chris Lloyd	Stacy Relyea
12	Ann Brown	Kathryn Martin	January Britt
	Boyd Brown	Natalie Axtell	Jeff Britt
19	Pam Roach	Laura Allin	Kaki Vint
	Nancy Knight	Danny Cox	Jacob Rich
26**	???	Katie Musick	Linda Wilson
	???	Bert Musick	Wendell Wilson