

Fincastle Community Twelfth Night Charity Concert
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Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's:

We are sad to announce that the 12th Night Concert will be cancelled for 2021 due to the pandemic; however, "*The Show Must Go On*" and we pray it will for 2022. This current situation has only increased our need to support the people in our community. Their needs have not decreased, inversely need has increased with more requests for monies to pay electric/fuel bills. Our past concerts have used the funds collected from the concert to aid our community by supporting the food pantry and the fuel/electric fund administered by the Botetourt Department of Social Services (DSS).

With this in mind, St. Mark's Episcopal Church comes to you this holiday season asking for your continued generous support of the Fincastle Community Twelfth Night Charity Concert. This community-based activity has filled a need and made a positive and substantial difference for many individuals and families in the Roanoke Valley, thanks to you. The name, "Twelfth Night," comes from the Feast of the Epiphany, which celebrates the twelfth day after Christmas when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Each year the Twelfth Night Charity has presented a concert of free family entertainment for the entire community. We are disappointed by our inability to present a concert this year and pray that next year we will be singing a different song. Our concerts presented at the Attic Productions Theater in Fincastle are admission free; however, we ask attendees to make cash and/or packaged food donations at the concert. This year your gifts will go to support the Botetourt County Social Services' Energy Assistance Program and the Covid19 Assistance Program, both administered by Botetourt DSS. 100% of all donations will benefit these programs.

We are appeal to your generosity in this time of pandemic and ask that you mail your donations **by January 5th, 2021.**

Please make checks payable to: Fincastle Twelfth Night Fund
Attn: Treasurer
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We accept credit card donations and bank drafts, too. Visit www.stmarksfincastle.org and click the Donate Button and select 12th Night Program in the drop-down box. The Twelfth Night Fund is a community ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. All gifts are IRS approved as a charitable deduction for tax purposes.

Recognition of our supporters will be acknowledged for 2021 in the next year's program and through a letter in the *Fincastle Herald*.

In this time of uncertainty, stay safe and best wishes to you and all whom you hold dear for a special Holiday Season of joy and remembrance.

Merry 12 Days of Christmas to you and yours –

Pam Garrison
Lead Coordinator of the 12th Night Ministries