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HONORING OUR PAST

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# Welcoming Our Future

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We enthusiastically believe in the vision that Honoring Our Past... Welcoming Our Future promises to accomplish. We believe that our history encourages St. John's to be "open to everyone" by making our church welcoming and accessible to all who wish to enter its iconic blue doors.

And we believe that St. John's has the opportunity to grow in its ability to serve God and His people while also enhancing its facilities.

As chairs of the campaign to raise the needed funds, we and many of our fellow parishioners will be inviting you to join us in prayer and sacrifice to achieve these goals.

The fundraising goal for the first phase is \$750,000 to be achieved through capital gifts and three-year pledges over the next few months. It is our hope that all members of St. John's will support this effort, realizing that not everyone can provide an equal share but that we all can make an equal sacrifice.

Please join us in this spiritual journey as we learn more about "Honoring Our Past... Welcoming Our Future" in the coming weeks.

*Prayerfully,  
Phil Becker  
Rosemary Coverly  
Gray Sellers  
Kent Strickler*

Chairpersons,  
Honoring Our Past...  
Welcoming Our Future

## A CHURCH WELCOMING ALL

Dear St. John's Family,

St. John's has always been the Episcopal Church where everyone is welcome. From our founding in 1853 we were the "First Free Church" in Pennsylvania where payment of pew rent was not a prerequisite for worship. In a neighborhood of newly arrived German immigrants and working class families, St. John's was from the first a church whose doors were open to all.

Today we continue that tradition with a congregation that is joyful in diversity and active in neighborhood ministry. Today we are called to meet the challenges of our 21st century.

At St. John's we seek to become a church that is totally barrier free and accessible to all. We look to become a church still more inviting and available to serve. We wish to be a church who welcomes all as a proclamation of the Gospel in this new century and in the centuries to come.

In the weeks ahead I ask that you hold St. John's in your prayers. You will be personally contacted by a member of our Prayer Team to invite your prayers. Should you have a particular prayer or thanksgiving to offer, these will be lifted up by the members of your vestry. Please join in our prayer for our church:



*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, hear our prayer for St. John's Church: join us together in your Holy Spirit, inspire us with a vision of greater mission and service, and give us courage and grace to follow where you lead; that we may continue to reach out to those in need and to welcome in all who come seeking you.*

It has been my honor to serve as your Rector these past ten years. It is my privilege to share with you in this historic campaign. It is my joy to be with you more deeply in the Spirit and in prayer.

*In Christ, John+*



## HONORING OUR PAST WELCOMING OUR FUTURE

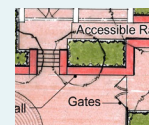
To honor our past and welcome our future, St. John's Church family seeks to provide a more inviting and accessible center for worship, fellowship and ministry that will offer a greater opportunity to expand our mission and enrich the lives of our members and community.

### IMAGINE A ST. JOHN'S THAT...



makes it easy for people with physical limitations to enter our doors and joyfully worship with us.

#### ACCESSIBILITY



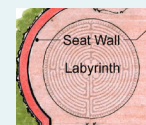
has a safe and inviting outdoor courtyard where current generations gather for fellowship and past generations are honored and remembered.

#### COURTYARD & COLUMBARIUM



has a warm internal gathering space adjacent to the church that beckons newcomers and embraces loyal members.

#### GATHERING SPACE



provides a serene space for contemplation and spiritual healing.

#### LABYRINTH

### IMPORTANT DATES

10/18 GRATITUDE SUNDAY

10/25 CELEBRATION  
OF ST. JOHN'S  
MINISTRY

11/6 PRAYER EVENTS  
11/7

11/8 CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY

11/15 COMMITMENT  
SUNDAY



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