



St John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA The Messenger -NOVEMBER

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS:

- 10.6 All Saints' Sunday Single Service at 9:00AM
 - Parish Breakfast & Annual Meeting at 10:15AM
 - Kickball Game & Chili Cookoff at 12:00PM at St. Thomas'
 - Choral Evensong Service at 6:00PM

10.20 - Christ the King Sunday

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Amanda Knouse

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."

- Melody Beattie

Dear St. John's friends and family,

Have you ever wanted to put on the brakes to life? Or take a brief time out from the hustle and bustle of what feels like constant chaos swirling around you? I'm there, right now, at this moment. I need a pause button just to catch my breath; a time out to remember that life is more than soccer practices, dinner planning (why do kids have to eat dinner EVERY NIGHT?), and meetings. Believe it or not, I'm about to get that time out in the unlikeliest of places: our annual pledge campaign.

Every year around this time, St. John's participates in an annual pledge campaign. It doesn't last long (just 3 short weeks), but it is vital to the continual heartbeat of our congregation. This year, I'm inviting you to view our campaign as a pause button to the ordinary activities you're currently involved in. Think of it as an opportunity to slow down and reflect on our priorities and our call to gratitude. As Crisswell Freemen, author of Hope for Everyday Living, reminds us "Life has a way of constantly coming at us. Days, hours, and moments are filled with urgent demands requiring our immediate attention. When the demands of life leave us rushing from place to place with scarcely a moment to spare, we may fail to pause and thank our Creator for the gifts we've been given. But, whenever we neglect to give proper thanks to God, we suffer and so do those around us because of our misplaced priorities."

Our annual pledge campaign is inviting us to celebrate the priorities that are in tune with God's kingdom. This year's annual campaign is also inviting us to give thanks for the abundant blessings that fill our lives, while reminding us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. We are a part of Christ's church. We belong to one another and the community that surrounds us. What a gift and joy it is to play a role in what God is doing in the world!

I hope this year's annual pledge campaign will provide you with the space to experience the grace of God as you consider investing in God's ministry here at St. John's. I pray as you reflect on the importance of our church and the impact this sacred space has on those around us, you find your hearts full of gratitude; the kind of gratitude that turns common meals into feasts, houses into homes, and strangers into friends...



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 Vestry Candidate Bios



Liz West

My career has been varied including accounting for several major firms, documentation and technical writing in the pharmaceutical industry, and a practice in Speech/Language Pathology both in a school district and public health. My husband Paul and I have been married for 44 years and have three children and four grandchildren. Since moving to the Lancaster area in 2019, we have attended worship services at St. John's, where I have been involved in Food Pantry, Choir, the Property Committee, and Eagles Nest. I hope to enjoy many more years of service to this wonderful faith community.



Kathy Kyper

Kathy J Kyper, a third generation Episcopalian, retired Critical Care Nurse, and mother of two.

I have been a member of St. John's since 1996, past Chair of the Property Committee, and currently Verger since 2017. As a "get 'er done" kind of person, I look forward to the honor of serving on the Vestry, if chosen.



Ted Loose

I married Pamela Martin Loose at St John's over 34 years ago. We have 2 amazing children - Eric (married to Kelsey) and Julia (married to Charlie) who both were fortunate enough to grow up at St John's. After I was baptized with Eric in 1991, I became active in numerous ministries including Property Committee Chair, 3 terms on the Vestry, Capital Campaign Committee Chair and Discernment Committee Chair. It was great experience to work with a diversified group of very caring, strong and intelligent people during this time.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, playing pickleball, going to the beach and I am currently in the middle of my 34th year of officiating High School Football. I am looking forward to working with other members of the St. John's community.



Leaving a Legacy

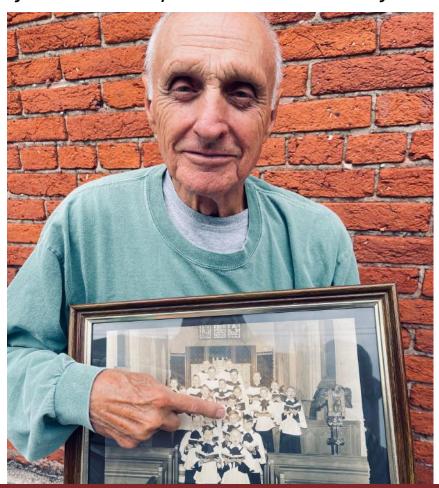
Interview with Dave Martin



"I was born into St John's, I was baptized here at St John's, I was born in November 1936. I wasn't eligible for choir until I could read around 1946, which is when I joined the choir. The Choir master at the time was Dick Faulk, he was choir master and organist. Phil Schnee and I joined around the same time, and we were paid. Our rehearsals were Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday evenings. Thursdays is when we were joined by the men, there were no women in the choir at that time."

"I used to sing at Rogation Days down in Churchtown. We would parade around the church yard, and there would be the farmers and the animals. Ascension Day was a big one, we would get off school to sing for the service. I can remember vividly the Christmas Eve services, Easter services, how ceremonial they were, with the full blown incense and all the smells and bells. Also we were eligible to go to a choir camp on Shelly Island on the Susquehanna River—St James owned part of the island, and the church paid for us to go to this camp called "Camp Rogers", and my wife Sue and I became directors of the camp."

"Sing on. Encourage young people to join and be a part of the community."



Pictured above: Dave Martin points to himself singing in 1947





I AM, WE ARE, ONE WORLD -HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

-Mother Teresa

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER 6TH

November 11th Veterans Day

It is a gift of service that many of us can only imagine, so take the time to thank any veterans you know or meet for their dedication.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER 13TH

World Kindness Day

"My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God, but as long as we love one another, God will live in us and His love will be complete in us." 1 John 7:11-12

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER 20TH

Thanksgiving - November 24th

At a time when our tables are filled with food for Thanksgiving, consider and act or a donation of any kind for those not so fortunate. There is no shortage of ways to do good and share caring.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER 27TH

Advent Begins

At a time when we are preparing for "what's coming", let us also find ways to share our caring with those in our community who could be fearful of what's ahead.

The smallest gift of food, clothing, shoes, smiles, caring could be a gift to those in our midst.

Blessing to ALL - Here, There, Everywhere

Gift Card Drive

No one should go hungry

Every gift card you donate will be used to purchase items for our food bank. The goal is to fill the shelves to overflowing with back up stock available for many months. Gift cards will give our food bank committee the opportunity to purchase the items most needed at that particular time.

Next time you are checking out at your favorite grocery store...purchase a store gift card. They are usually available right there at the register. So easy to do and such a blessing to those who are struggling to make ends meet.

The Gift Card Drive will start Sunday, October 30th and continue through November 20th. There will be a donation table set up in the Parish Hall. Another option is to mail your donation to the Church - mark gift card drive. You may also donate grocery items and/or money if you chose. Every donation provides us an opportunity to help someone in this time of need.



Join us for
St. John's 1st
Annual
Gift Card Drive
to benefit our
Food Bank



Election Day BAKE SALE

November 8th

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is not only an important day in our nation, but also at St. John's. We are a polling place for our neighborhood precinct and many of our community neighbors will be gathering in our courtyard to cast ballots AND to support our Eagle's Nest After School Program by purchasing baked goods.

The young bakers who come to Eagle's Nest will be guided to bake cookies for the sale. So, **No Chocolate Chip cookies are needed.** But many other items that are small enough to be carried away, can be inexpensive, and are mouth watering are requested from you.

Some gluten-free items are needed as well. Bring to church on Sunday, Nov. 6 or deliver to the courtyard on Nov. 8. See Sue Martin with questions.

Faith, Food & Fellowship

Meet Your F-3 Ministry Team!



Clockwise: Sea Macleish, (St. John's) Deacon Jan Brown, (St. Andrew's, York)

Deb Smith, (St. John's) Marian Martenas, (St. Thomas) Sue Heilman, (St. John's).

A new Women's Ministry sponsored right here at St. John's called: Faith, Food, and Fellowship has been sharing God's abundant love by...

- 1. Following Jesus' footsteps into a new space and place called Beth Shalom, House of Peace in downtown Lancaster.
- 2. Encouraging and nurturing young mothers and their children with homemade meals, prayer, art projects and Bible study.
- 3. Modeling community with gentle and compassionate fellowship.

Beth Shalom, a service of Tenfold, offers young mothers leaving prison a second chance by providing comprehensive Christian interim housing where they can reunite with their children and be empowered with the skills and opportunities necessary for long-term self-sufficiency. Last month, F-3 had its very first gathering with the moms and children of Beth Shalom.

Friends, it takes an act of faith to love people you never met before in a place you have never been to before but that is precisely what our F-3 Ministers did! Last month, they loved on young moms and their children where they were and as they were. They actively listened, didn't try to fix, laughed a lot, cried a little and ate alongside reunited families. One young mother was astonished that anyone would take the time to cook for them, another asked if

F-3 could keep coming back every month and finally, another nervously asked if F-3 would help celebrate their children's birthdays because she was always incarcerated for her children's birthday. She wanted to ensure she "got it right this time" and F-3 made her feel" maybe this time it was all going to be alright."

Presently, F-3 is planning their November visit which will include birthday cupcakes and a December Christmas party with our bishop handing out gifts thanks to St. John's Angel Tree! Thank you, St. John's, for your generous monthly donation and for being a loving parish family that has the faith to serve all of God's children. Without you, this ministry wouldn't be possible! Please keep F-3 in your prayers as we continue to share God's abundant love to those on the margins.

Questions/Suggestions/Donations? Please email Sea Macleish: si-sea@comcast.net

Peace and Good,

Stacey+

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHARLES WEAR

St. John's Episcopal Church										
Operating Income Statement										
September										
Cash Basis in \$000's										
	2022				2021					
	Sept	YTD	Budget FY		Sept	YTD	Budget FY			
Income										
Pledge Income	\$22.0	\$298.3	\$384.6		\$31.8	\$255.2	\$365.0			
Other Contributions	\$2.4	\$34.7	\$35.5		\$2.9	\$30.4	\$38.7			
Investment Draws	\$52.1	\$52.1	\$63.0		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$44.2			
Other Income	\$0.4	\$21.2	\$23.6		\$0.9	\$99.5	\$70.1			
Jubilee Ministries	\$1.5	\$11.2	\$16.9		\$0.4	\$10.4	\$58.9			
Total Income	\$78.3	\$417.5	\$523.5		\$36.0	\$395.5	\$576.8			
Expenses										
Clergy	\$21.5	\$148.3	\$205.6		\$14.0	\$117.3	\$160.4			
Lay Staff	\$9.1	\$63.7	\$90.8		\$9.3	\$91.1	\$132.1			
Vestry	\$0.0	\$0.3	\$0.5		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.4			
Finance	\$0.6	\$6.6	\$9.2		\$0.8	\$7.0	\$6.6			
Communications	\$1.0	\$8.1	\$15.6		\$0.9	\$12.4	\$14.3			
Utilities	\$2.9	\$30.5	\$29.5		\$2.3	\$21.5	\$29.0			
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$4.2	\$19.4	\$38.4		\$2.0	\$16.8	\$27.0			
Other Property	\$2.4	\$20.9	\$29.6		\$2.3	\$19.8	\$28.4			
Education	\$0.3	\$1.3	\$1.7		\$0.2	\$0.8	\$2.8			
Worship	\$0.5	\$8.6	\$9.8		\$0.9	\$6.5	\$10.5			
Community	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$2.6		\$0.1	\$0.7	\$3.1			
Outreach	\$5.6	\$50.9	\$65.8		\$7.0	\$59.1	\$79.8			
Jubilee	\$5.7	\$16.3	\$24.4		\$0.7	\$4.3	\$60.4			
Total Expenses	\$54.3	\$375.6	\$523.5		\$40.3	\$357.4	\$554.6			
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Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$24.0	\$41.9	\$0.0		(\$4.4)	\$38.1	\$22.3			

We took our annual, budgeted withdrawal from the endowment investment account in September. This income skews the month for comparative purposes. Otherwise, YTD contributions continue to run about \$40k higher than last year. Expenses, however, are accelerating due to higher staffing costs, utility inflation and building maintenance (bee eradication). We still have a good chance to end the year on budget, but 2023 will be a challenge.

CWear



The Abdi family: Bati and Halimia (Mom and Dad), Abidissa (16), Sutan (14), and Abdallah (8), continue to make progress on the path toward transitioning to life in Lancaster. Bati started a job (Urban Outfitters) earlier this month and while it's a bit of a bus trip commute, he's so pleased that his family now has an income and they can begin to budget for family needs.

Abidissa and Sutan have started school at McCaskey High School (a bit of a walk – 1.3 miles one way) while Abdallah is a student at Fulton (2 blocks away).

The Welcome Team's various groups continue to respond to settling-in needs and providing transportation to various appointments.

Seems the family, while wanting to do many things on their own, know they have people who care about them if help is needed. As the temperatures took a dive recently, Bati said it got cold at night in the house. We realized we had only provided lightweight blankets when they moved in. By the following week or so, after the call went out to the St. John's family, we were able to provide the Abdi's with eight very large bags of blankets.

The Team's groups will be holding a series of meetings with the Abdi family to see what appropriate help can be offered . Your prayers for a successful outcome are most welcome.

Hello St. Johns friends!

It's time to place your order for your holiday greens to support the St. Johns youth! The wreaths and greens supplied by Good Harvest Farms are always fresh and beautiful!

You can drop off your completed order forms at St. Johns any time before Sunday, Nov 20th. You can also email your orders to me at karen.dipace@gmail.com Please use the attached order form when ordering. All checks can be payable to St. Johns with "youth wreath sale" in the memo line. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting our youth!

2022 YOUTH WREATH SALE from GOOD HARVEST FARM & GREENHOUSE MONEY RAISED FROM THIS SALE WILL HELP OUR PILGRIMS!

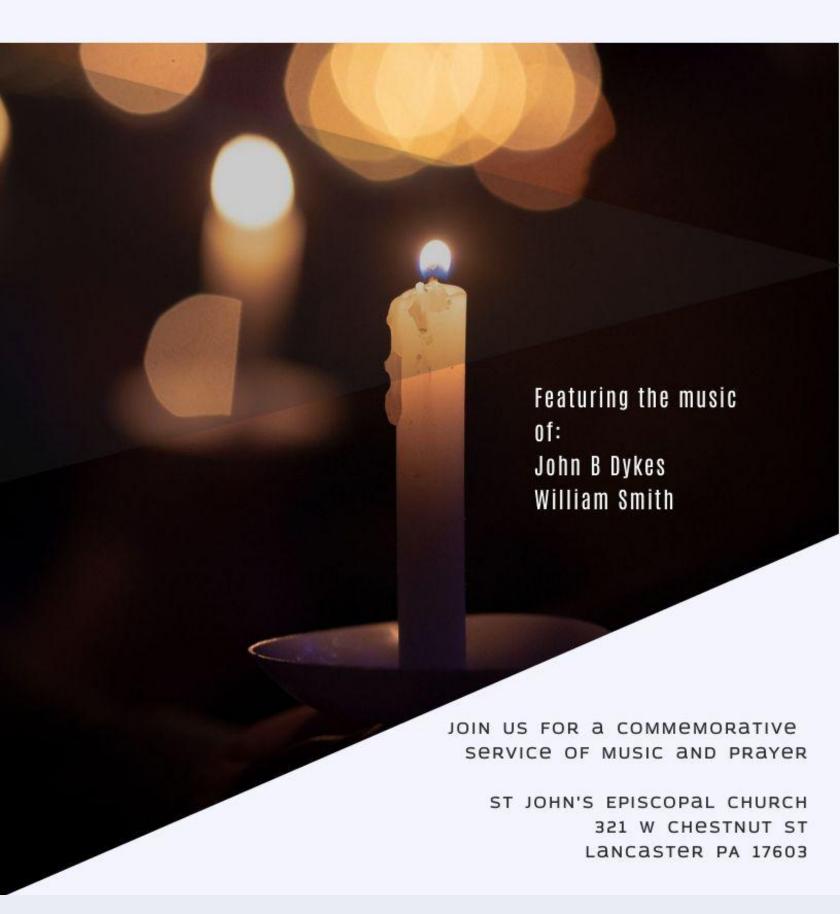
QUANTITY	ITEM	COST	TOTALS
	22" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$20.00	
	28" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$30.00	
	CANDY CANE WREATH 22" (outside dimension)	\$45.00	
	*Window Spray	\$22.00	
	POINSETTIA (5-7 blooms/6.5" pot) Specify color below: Red, White, Pink, Marble,Jingle Bells, Burgundy	\$13.00	
	CYCLAMEN (assorted colors)	\$14.00	
	TOTAL		

*WINDOW SPRAYS INCLUDE A WIRED, READY TO PLACE, VELVET BOW (NOT ATTACHED TO PREVENT CRUSHING) AND PINECONES.

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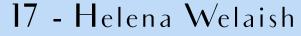
Choral Evensong

All Saints' Sunday, November 6th at 6:00PM



November Birthdays

- 1 Carole Humphrey
- 3 Barbara Landis
- 3 Sandra Patrone
- 3 Ian Thompson
- 6 Priscilla Farmer
- 6 Sarah Modene
- 8 Chloe Brown
- 8 Lois Gobel
- 8 Laura Stonerook
- 10 Dave Martin
- 10 Claire Phillips
- 13 Charlie Rahe
- 16 Drew Dorgan
- 16 Karen Ramella
- 16 Elias Rodriguez
- 17 Patricia Pankey



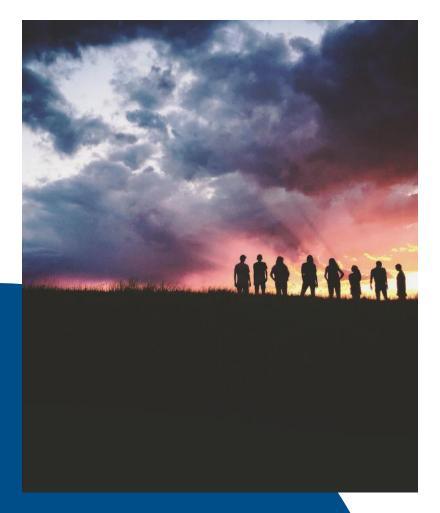
- 18 John Pankey
- 18 Barbara Weaver
- 19 Dianne Andrews
- 19 Carolyn Archer
- 19 Lauren Waskowicz
- 20 Linda Wallace
- 21 John Guetter
- 21 Karen Straub
- 22 Tammy Collier
- 22 Paul Hale
- 23 Marylee Sauder
- 25 Alex Alexander
- 26 Nate Schick
- 29 Evie Carroll
- 29 Danielle Di Pace
- 30 Daniel Kilp

November Anniversaries

17 - Don and Judy Durand 🌕 18 - Fran and John Gouveia



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



FOUR RESPONSIBILITIES OF VESTRY:

- 1. Discerning God's Call
- 2. Identifying new leaders
- 3. Stewarding and developing resources
- 4. Special duties in the absence of a rector

WHY DO WE HAVE A VESTRY? WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING ONE? HOW DOES THE VESTRY LIVE INTO ITS MINISTRY?

The Vestry is taking this time to address these and related questions. As a starting point to our conversation, we discussed the four basic responsibilities of a Vestry (left).

We have a rector in place, therefore are turning our attention to the first three. Our conversation included how our current structure aids or hinders us in living into these responsibilities. What are we doing well? What could we do better? How might the content of our meetings transform our work and our hearts? We will be examining these questions over the next few months.

In addition to a lively conversation about the content of our meetings and ideas for moving forward, we also planned for the upcoming annual meeting to be held on November 6. At our November Parish Meeting, we will be electing three new members for a three-year term. The nominees are Kathy Kyper, Ted Loose, and Liz West. John Gouveia and Joe Way will be completing their vestry terms.

Also in November, The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, will be visiting with us on November 20th. We have several adults and youth preparing to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church.



Bishop's Visit



Join us in celebrating the last service of Ordinary Time with our Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scalan.
Our services will take place at 8AM and 10:15AM and will include confirmation, reception, & Holy Eucharist.

FOOD PANTRY



NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

We've been very encouraged by responses after we shared information about our Food Pantry at recent meetings attended by members of local churches and other nonprofit organizations:

- Some organizations are planning to conduct toiletries drives in the near future.
- Some grant funds have come our way.
- We've received inquiries from individuals about volunteering during distribution.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Pray! We ask your prayers for all those who depend on the food pantry, and for the food pantry team, as it commits to trying to meet increasing need.
- Donate a turkey (perhaps from your favorite grocery store's rewards program).
- Buy: We can always use toothpaste, diapers of any size, stick deodorants, and other toiletries.
 Or you could order from our Amazon Wish List (which includes toiletries, as well as ready-toeat items for our Blessings Box): https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8J XNQ3ZQ547/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_3
- If you're able to contribute money to our Food Pantry, it will allow us to buy in bulk at excellent prices. (Please write "Food Pantry" in the memo line or on the envelope.)



Tuesday, November 1st 1:30PM Martha's Ministry 2:30PM Food Pantry 5:00PM Inquirers Class

Wednesday, November 2nd 12:00PM Healing Service 3:30PM Eagle's Nest 6:30PM Confirmation Class 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 3rd 9:00AM Staff Meeting 2:30PM Food Pantry 7:00PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, November 4th Rector's Day Off

Sunday, November 6th
All Saints' Sunday
Birthdays & Anniversaries
9:00AM Single Service
10:15AM Parish Breakfast & Annual
Meeting
12:00PM All Saints' Kickball Event
6:00PM Choral Evensong Service

Monday, November 7th 6:00PM Daughters of the King 7:00PM Ministries Council

Tuesday, November 8th
Election Day Bake Sale
1:30PM Martha's Ministry
2:30PM Food Pantry
4:00PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 9th 12:00PM Healing Service 3:30PM Eagle's Nest 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10th 9:00AM Minister's Meeting 11:30AM Silent Samaritan Luncheon 2:30PM Food Pantry 7:00PM Handbell Rehearsal Friday, November 11th *Veteran's Day* Rector's Day off

Sunday, November 13th 8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:30AM Sunday School 10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, November 14th 6:00PM Caring Ministry

Tuesday, November 15th 1:30PM Martha's Ministry 2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 16th 12:00PM Healing Service 3:30PM Eagle's Nest 6:30PM Open & Affirming Meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 17th 9:00AM Minister's Meeting 2:30PM Food Pantry 7:00PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00PM Men's Gathering

Friday, November 18th Rector's Day Off

Saturday, November 19th 9:00AM Community Breakfast at First Reformed Church

Sunday, November 20th *Christ the King Sunday & Bishop's Visit* 8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:30AM Sunday School 10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II 12:00PM Vestry Meeting Monday, November 21st 6:00PM Daughters of the King

Tuesday, November 22nd 1:30PM Martha's Ministry 2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 23rd 12:00PM Healing Service 3:30PM Eagle's Nest 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24th 9:00AM Minister's Meeting 2:30PM Food Pantry 7:00PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, November 25th Rector's Day Off

Sunday, November 27th 8:00AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:30AM Sunday School 10:15AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Monday, November 28th 6:00PM Daughters of the King 6:00PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, November 29th 1:30PM Martha's Ministry 2:30PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, November 30th 12:00PM Healing Service 3:30PM Eagle's Nest 6:00PM Advent Event 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal