

SEPTEMBER 2024

# THE MESSENGER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA



## HOMEcoming SUNDAY!

September 8 at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Please join us for our annual Homecoming Celebrations! On September 8th, we will return to two worship services! Come for worship and stay for fellowship.

Our 8:00 a.m. service is for our early risers. Using the Rite I liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, this service connects us to our roots through timeless prayers and the holy sacrament.

Our 10:15 a.m. Rite II service is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered.

Sunday School will also begin on Homecoming Sunday! Registration forms will be available in the classrooms where our teachers will be eager to meet you! Classes begin at 9:15 a.m.!



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



Dear St. John's,

The word "homecoming" stirs up memories of football games, dances, and the start of a new school year for many of us. As a teenager, I remember how excited my group of friends would get knowing that everyone would be together again after months of being apart. While some of us worked, others vacationed, or spent time at distant relatives during those short, hot summer months. The gang wasn't all together again until the school year began once more. As much as we loved summers, and trust me I really love summer, there is something about launching into a new program year that I find so exciting and sacred.

At St. John's, the first weekend after Labor Day, we celebrate our own version of "Homecoming". Our Homecoming celebrations aren't about friendly competitions on a football field or picking out the best outfit for a fancy dance, however we do have something in common with our school counterparts - homecoming is ultimately about connections and relationships.

*Jesus said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how good he has been to you." - Mark 5:19*

As we launch into a new program year at St. John's on September 8, my prayer is we will take the time to connect or reconnect with each other, to share stories about our summer experiences and where we encountered God's love, and to worship together. St. John's continues to be our home away from home, a place to encounter the love and grace of God through worship and service, a place to learn what it means to live into our baptismal covenants, and a place to return to often for rest and renewal.

Our Homecoming Celebration on September 8th is an invitation to choose relationships that inspire, challenge, and transform our lives. So come home and enjoy the familiarity of the bread and wine at the 8 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. worship services, discover bustling classrooms full of eager students, and a new or old friend waiting for conversation during fellowship hour. You are always welcome at St. John's and we look forward to welcoming you home.

I remain faithfully yours,  
Amanda+



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

Calling all kids and teenagers! Are you ready for another year of learning about Jesus, the church, and God's love for you?

Our Sunday school open house is on September 8. Wander down to visit the classrooms, figure out which classroom you'll be in (we'll fill you in that day), and get a registration form. Sunday school classes will begin on September 15th at 9:15 am! We are so looking forward to learning with you this year.

Orange room: Early Elementary  
Blue room: Upper Elementary and Middles  
J2A room: Rite 13 Crew and J2A

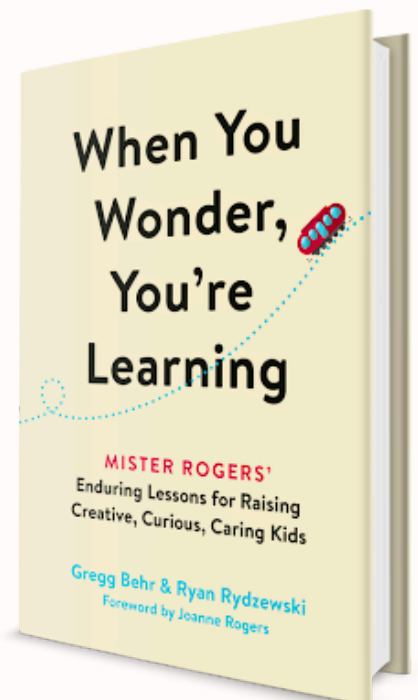
Children are an integral and cherished part of the St. John's community. Through our nursery, church school, and youth programs, children learn about Christ, the Bible, the Church, and what it means to "Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love" – the very mission of St. John's. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children in St. John's educational programs, attend church regularly so children may benefit from continuity of lessons, and register for special Provincial and Diocesan activities, including retreats and social events. Lessons learned — and friendships made — will last a lifetime!



## ADULT FORMATION - ALL PARISH READ WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 BEGINNING SEPT. 11

When You Wonder, You're Learning  
Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising  
Creative, Curious, Caring Kids (or in our case,  
disciples!)

Fred Roger's ministry has transformed entire generations and his teachings continue to inspire. Join us on Wednesday evenings in the parish hall for a light supper and discussion based off of Mr. Roger's life-giving work. This class is open to everyone! Copies of books are available in the back of the parish hall or order your own here: ["When You Wonder, You're Learning](#).



## THE POWER OF WARMTH AND LIGHT

If you've been on campus this summer, you surely would have noticed our campus is under construction! We wanted to share a progress report on all of the various projects happening!

HVAC - J&G is hoping to have our new HVAC system in the church charged and operational by the end of September. Only a few more weeks to go until we'll be moving back into our beautiful sanctuary.

Lighting - Eslinger Lighting will begin the installation of our new LED lighting system in the sanctuary on September 9th. This should take a little less than two weeks to complete.

Electrical - Lapp Electric will be on site with Eslinger to do the necessary electrical wiring/grounding running from our new panel which was completed this summer. We are up to code and will have safe electrical!

Flooring - Previously, we were planning to refinish the wood floors in the sanctuary ourselves. Unfortunately, the flooring used is an engineered floor with only an eighth inch of wood veneer on top of a plywood base. This makes sanding the floors for refinishing impossible. Estimates for replacing the floor with something similar but more durable are coming.



To date, we have received pledges and gifts totaling \$968,923 towards our goal of \$1,200,000. Thank you to everyone who has supported our campaign!

Stained Glass - We recently discovered the company we planned to use for our window restoration in the auditorium has gone out of business. New estimates were received from other local companies and were much higher than the previously enlisted company. We are looking at a +\$43,000.00 margin to the next closest estimate. Fortunately, this still puts us within the budgeted amount for window repairs the Vestry already approved. This work will most likely begin in October or November.

Please pray for all of the contractors and workers as they continue their work in making our campus a safer, warmer, and brighter place for all who gather here! Please also consider helping us reach our goal! If you haven't pledged to "The Power of Warmth and Light" it's not too late. Thank you for your steadfast support!

*Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;  
let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4*



## TLC TIPS

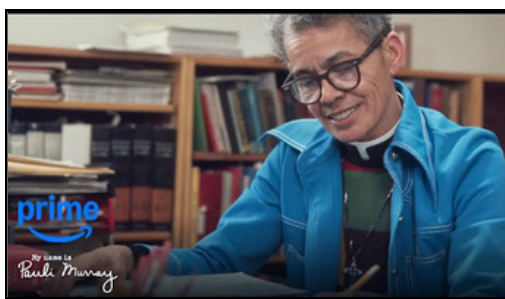
Thank you to the many people who made time to attend TLCs Adult Forum learning opportunities in June, Pride month! When St. John's was forming our Open & Affirming statement we knew that continuing education would be a vital part of the mission to create a more welcoming place for LGBTQIA+ peoples. For this month's Tips, we're sharing 3 online videos which we watched in part or discussed at these Forums. Please watch when you can, and share!

### ***Stonewall Uprising: American Experience***

You may have heard Pride started with "Stonewall" in 1969; what happened, what led up to it, and how does it still resonate in today's LGBTQIA+ rights movements? This PBS documentary dispels myths & clarifies the reasons Pride is still so important.

*Available free on YouTube or in the PBS app.*

<https://youtu.be/SLwE45vd80A?si=254-MZ4R3VUPnoPD>



### ***My Name is Pauli Murray***

The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray (1910-1985) led an incredible life: Activist, Lawyer, Professor, Priest and modern LGBTQIA + Episcopal Saint are just some of the titles this amazing person carries. Fifteen years before Rosa Parks, Pauli refused to give up their seat on a bus...and that's just the beginning! Find out about this incredibly important person you may never have heard of!

*Available on Amazon Prime video (free with Prime membership or "rent" for a fee )*

<https://www.amazon.com/My-Name-Pauli-Murray/dp/B09DMPMWCP>

### ***1946: The Mistranslation That Changed Culture***

The Bible has long been used as proof that being gay is sinful....yet the term "homosexual" did not enter any translation of the Bible until 1946. Who made this decision, why, and how does it continue to resonate? This documentary searches for the origins of a mistranslated word while touching on the spiritual harm it can cause to LGBTQIA+ Christians.

*"Virtual screening" tickets online for \$12.95: <https://www.1946themovie.com/> or from Amazon Prime \$12.95/\$14.95: <https://www.primevideo.com/detail/1946-The-Mistranslation-That-Shifted-Culture/OT92IZMVNFQD7658S24H2W0OSM>*

St. John's Trans Loving Community(TLC) group meets the first Monday of each month 4:30-6:00 in the parish hall. Anyone who wishes to affirm and support the LGBTQIA+ community as a member or an ally is welcome! (\*note: September's meeting will be on 9/9 due to Labor Day)

## MUSINGS FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

I am a subscriber to the periodical called “Music and the Brain”, thanks to one of my Reading Liederkrantz Singers members, whose husband, who was active in the chorus until shortly before his death, was affected deeply by Parkinson’s Disease. When I shared with her that my brother, at age 55 was diagnosed with the same terrible disease, she alerted me to this excellent source of information on all manner of diseases and disabilities related to the physical body and the brain. I can pass along information, by the way, for free subscriptions of magazine that focusses on all forms of brain disease, and injury.

In this particular, current issue, there is an extensive article by the wonderful opera star, Renée Fleming. Her focus is on the power of music to heal and to nurture the minds, whether we are “healthy” or “ill”. I think of how, in the Old Testament, David was called upon to play his harp for King Saul, when he had an obvious psychological time of suffering. I think of the many, who were touched by music as I led them in playing choir chimes at the Personal Care unit of the Highlands Retirement Community in Wyomissing. I also think, more recently of my visit with Jeannie Zeller, before she became unresponsive. Her choices in music were extremely important to her as, what I consider, a gift to all who attended her service, recently. It was a delight to meet with a member who was anxious to meet me before she passed, so she would know who would be presenting her musical wishes. It was a treat, and I am glad to have had this brief encounter with this special person.

I think of how Beethoven, even when he was profoundly deaf, was able to compose the incredible Ninth Symphony, arguably his greatest work. I think of people who, through the years, have had their spirits revived just by hearing a familiar hymn, like Amazing Grace, or one of the great Welsh hymns such as God of Grace and God of Glory. We all have favorite hymns and pieces of music that nurture our souls. One of the most wonderful songs that John Lennon composed (in my opinion) was his piece entitled “Imagine”. It was played at the request of Rosalyn Carter at her public Memorial Service. The words and the music fit like a glove. It is worthy of being quoted here:

*Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people living for today  
Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people living life in peace, you.  
(John Lennon, 1971).*

For Mrs. Carter, this song had a deeply spiritual meaning for her as she and Jimmy tried to live out their faith through the mission of the Carter Center and Habitat for Humanity for ALL people.

## MUSINGS FROM THE ORGAN BENCH CONTINUED

What songs, hymns, chants, touch you this day? Relish them all as a gift that God has given us. Through the choir year, I hope to share with you all, through the choir, hymns and the organ, new and old pieces of music that touch my soul. In that light, I conclude this article with the lyrics to the first verse and chorus of what is perhaps, my favorite hymn. By the way, like Amazing Grace, it works perfectly on the bagpipe and I frequently include it when asked to play the bagpipes.

At some point this year, you will hear an anthem by the choir, an arrangement of which, was on my desk when I came. It is a 19th century hymn that now appears in almost every hymnal. The first verse is this:

*My life flows on, in endless song,  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing. (Robert Lowry)*

For us as a congregation, please know that for me, worship music isn't about performance, but it is about having "soul" in what we sing, what we hear, what we experience. And, to all who sang and played so "soulfully" this summer, I say 'thank you'. Your music ministered to me personally.

To my St. John's Family

The Graeter family and friends join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the unceasing help you gave to me during the tragic accident and passing of my dear husband, John, over the past few months. I won't name names lest I overlook someone, but you know who you are :from my drivers on-call to take me and bring me home from the hospital, day and night; to the clergy for pulling the wonderful service together during a very busy week and the weeks ahead; for the beautiful music; to the ushers; to the readers; to the hospitality crew for the beautiful reception; and to all of you for your prayers, cards, notes, smiles and hugs. One last thing --- on our refrigerator is this to describe John --- "*That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.*" William Wordsworth. Thank you!

Barbara Graeter

*Thank you* 



## THE BLESSING BOX GETS BLESSED!



### How Can You Help?

*Suggested donations might include:*

- Granola/protein/breakfast bars
- Individual packets of peanut butter crackers
- Tuna or chicken salad snack kits
- Individual soups with pop-top lids
- Individual meals with pop-top lids (Beefaroni, chili, etc.)
- Individual packets of crackers, nuts, snack mix
- Individually wrapped sets of fork/knife/spoon/napkin
- Travel sized toiletry items like bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hand wipes, combs, and deodorant.

You can also make a financial contribution. Just indicate Food Pantry Blessings Box with your check or cash gift.



### Installation of the New Blessings Box

On July 28, 2024, Rev. Jen Trenary led us in a special after service event to “bless” the new Blessings Box built by Paul West and installed with the help of Tom Shevock.

The Blessings Box contains stable food and toiletry items that are easy to open and provided along with eating utensils/napkins so people who are homeless or don’t have a traditional kitchen where they live can still eat and enjoy much needed food. Available 24-7, the box is located on the corner of the Becker House in a safe, well-lit area.

Many of our neighbors donate supplies for the box.

Thank you to all who participated!



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE BY RICH GARON

Our neighbors, the Abdi family – Bati, Halima, Abidisa (18), Sutan (16), and Abdalla (9) – have lived at 209 N Concord just short of two years. St. John's program to assist refugee families settling in Lancaster envisioned 209 as transitional housing for a family for up to two years. Earlier this year, we were assisting the family in searching for housing within their budget. While Bati had been working since September 2022, in July, he received notice that he was among 200 people at his company that had been laid off. While his older son has found temporary part-time work, Bati is still looking. We've gotten him signed up for unemployment benefits, notwithstanding the Kafkaesque on-line application process, and he is actively seeking a job.

We've stressed things that he and Halima must do to find appropriate employment so they can transition to other housing. Moreover, we've spent considerable time assisting them. However, until work is found, plans now are for the family to remain at 209.

Decent-paying jobs are harder and harder to find. Anyone at St. John's who feels they may have a lead regarding employment for the family, please contact Rich Garon ([rich@richgaron.com](mailto:rich@richgaron.com)).

### Prayer for Refugees

Shared by the Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church  
of the Mediator, Diocese of Bethlehem

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local communities and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with those whose lives and livelihoods are under threat. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace and not division, and that they might realize the power they hold to do justice. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and bearers of hope, especially for those seeking refuge. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

## FINANCIALS BY CHARLES WEAR, TREASURER

A \$25k transfer from our investment account was made in July to support operations. This is the first budgeted draw of the year, which typically occurs in late summer to compensate for a drop off in contributions. This supplemental income resulted in a net surplus of \$3.8k for the month and provided a sufficient cash cushion to meet near-term obligations. YTD operating financials are running close to budget with a net surplus of \$4.9k, though this surplus is lower than last year (\$16.7k). A financial review of 2023 has been undertaken by independent auditor Ross, Buehler, Falk and Co. We undergo a formal review every three years. While costly, the review also qualifies the church for the ExtraGive in November.

Capital gifts of \$7.8k were received in July. Receipts for the entire project to date, including gifts, loans and savings total \$722.3k. July capital expenses of \$77.7k bring the project cost to date to \$605.0k. Projected near term expenses will probably require us to tap our line of credit with Orrstown Bank for the first time in late August.

### St. John's Episcopal Church Church Operating Income Statement

July 2024 vs 2023

Cash Basis in \$000's

	2023			2024		
	Actual July	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual July	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Income	\$25.6	\$261.9	\$415.0	\$20.9	\$284.4	\$428.4
Other Contributions	\$2.6	\$40.4	\$50.5	\$1.1	\$28.0	\$69.5
Investment Draws	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$63.6	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$66.3
Other Income	\$4.2	\$35.2	\$20.7	\$1.9	\$30.9	\$22.3
Income to Transfer	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.0	(\$2.4)	\$3.7	\$0.0
Jubilee	\$0.8	\$9.4	\$23.9	\$0.9	\$18.1	\$25.5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$63.9</b>	<b>\$377.4</b>	<b>\$573.7</b>	<b>\$47.4</b>	<b>\$390.0</b>	<b>\$612.0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Clergy	\$18.6	\$139.2	\$247.0	22.2	\$150.2	\$265.3
Lay Staff	\$9.5	\$58.3	\$116.5	7.3	\$63.1	\$102.6
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$2.8	\$16.9	\$27.6	\$1.9	\$16.2	\$34.2
Utilities	\$2.5	\$30.3	\$39.2	\$3.1	\$25.9	\$41.6
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$1.9	\$16.6	\$33.6	(\$2.8)	\$18.0	\$33.1
Other Property	\$3.1	\$19.4	\$28.9	\$0.0	\$18.0	\$31.1
Worship/Ed/Community	\$16.2	\$25.5	\$17.2	\$3.1	\$33.7	\$13.8
Outreach	\$5.2	\$36.6	\$64.6	5.5	\$35.7	\$62.3
Jubilee	\$5.4	\$18.0	\$34.2	\$3.2	\$24.3	\$28.1
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$65.2</b>	<b>\$360.7</b>	<b>\$608.7</b>	<b>\$43.5</b>	<b>\$385.1</b>	<b>\$612.0</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$1.4)</b>	<b>\$16.7</b>	<b>(\$35.0)</b>	<b>\$3.8</b>	<b>\$4.9</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>



## SEPTEMBERFEST

*You're Invited to the First Annual Bangor*

# SEPTEMBERFEST



*Featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music  
& a silent auction to benefit*

*Lancaster Farmland Trust*

*Bangor Church Social Ministries*

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT 21, 2024  
2 - 5 PM**



**THE INN AT TWIN LINDEN  
2092 MAIN STREET  
CHURCHTOWN**

*\$25 entry fee, limited to 75 tickets sold  
Please email [bangorseptemberfest@gmail.com](mailto:bangorseptemberfest@gmail.com) or call  
717-799-2700 for more info & to reserve your spot!*



## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**BRING YOUR PET (LEASHED OR CAGED),  
FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL, OR PICTURE!**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

# **THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!**

Join us as we give thanks for our pets, celebrate  
creation, and remember the ministry of St. Francis.

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**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 6:00 PM**  
**WHERE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (COURTYARD)**  
**321 W. CHESTNUT ST., LANCASTER, PA 17603**

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During the service, a free will offering will be collected for Lancaster City K-9 Unit.



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

# Wanted for the Holiday Bazaar

Our Holiday Bazaar is bringing some new craft elements into the mix of wonderful items for sale to benefit the Food Pantry and other Outreach/Inreach Ministries at St. John's!

Not a crafty person? You can still help us by donating a few unusual items for our "upcycling or repurposing" innovative new crafts. You can also participate in our Bazaar Maker Workshops to help assemble and make these innovative crafts with workshop leaders, materials provided, and fun/food/fellowship guaranteed. More information coming on dates and times!

Can you help us by providing the following types of items giving one or just a few of each style?

- Mismatched patterns of China plates in all sizes from dinner to bread plates
- Unique tea cups with saucers in all kinds of patterns and colors
- Pretty mugs and very small clay pots
- Second Time Around table offerings — unique items of higher quality such as pottery, crystal, brass candlesticks, designer purses, antique frames, wood crafted items, etc.
- Pet items like hand made toys, dog collar bandanas, like-new used toys/clothes/bowls or home made pet treats.
- Strings of small bulb white Christmas lights.

Your contributions help keep our costs low and the variety high in the crafts being created.

**You can place your items in the Convenient Collection tub  
in the church Atrium!**

**Questions? Contact Marion Wear for assistance at  
[mwear2016@outlook.com](mailto:mwear2016@outlook.com).**



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

Global Partnership Challenge for September 1st  
Labor Day

Take a moment and acknowledge those in the work environments, regardless of their position, and reflect on how we can give thanks for anyone helping in any way and then act on it. Peace to ALL.

Global Partnership Challenge for September 8th  
*"The more peace there is in us,  
the more peace there will be in our troubled world."*  
Etty Hillesum - Holocaust victim

Global Partnership Challenge for September 15th  
September 21st International Day of Peace  
*"Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his  
creatures; peace is our gift to each other."* Elie Wiesel  
Here, There, Everywhere - NO exceptions!

Global Partnership Challenge for September 22nd  
*"The time is always right to do what's right!"* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Global Partnership Challenge for September 29th  
September 29th International Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste  
USA discards more food than any other country in the world - nearly 60 million tons yearly. Take a personal oath to work on decreasing that number and personal pledge to help those without.  
Remember our Food Pantry and its mission.



## BIRTHDAYS

Sea Macleish	3
Leslie Morgan	4
Debbie Logan	6
John Waskowicz	7
Al Kuser	8
Barbara Snyder	9
Jeff Stone	11
Ross Clark	12
Katie Mausolf	12
Sue Heilman	13
Amy Dissinger	13
Carol Stigelman	14
Jay Noble	14
Graham Welaish	17
Emelia Hale	17
Sophia Hale	17
Mary Huber	17
Marianne Eckert	18
Fiona Mausolf	18
Steve Fory	19
Bob Springer	19
Natalie Visco	19
John Mann	21
Bob Lee	22
Henry Noble	22
Dana Sanborn	24
Max Lester	27
Kathy Novosel	29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Mia Welaish 5  
Jim & Barbara Snyder 7  
John & Rebecca Modene 8  
Ericka & Joel Sipe 10  
Amanda & John Knouse 13  
Neil Clark & Susan Burlingame 24

## OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith,  
Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue  
Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle  
Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove,  
Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, Peggy  
Zuke

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Alex Kelly, Brooks Morgan, Brian Hobbins,  
Joshua Watkins, Kirby Kinderwater, Kyle  
Kinderwater, David Wolfe

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Pat Pankey, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad,  
Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin,  
Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda,  
Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin,  
Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Kenan Cowling,  
Maria Sauder, Eamon Nelson, Mary & Chuck  
Byrely, John, Sylvia, Maggie, Sandy Patrone



Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Birthdays & Anniversaries 9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Summer Schedule) 10:30am Lemonade in the Courtyard	<b>2</b> 12:00pm NA	<b>3</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Dance Mosaic 5:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm AA (AP)	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Worship Committee 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm NA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	<b>7</b> 6:30pm NA
<b>8</b> <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> <b>Homecoming Sunday</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II 12:00pm Property Committee	<b>9</b> 12:00pm NA 4:30pm Trans Loving Community 6:00pm Ministries Council	<b>10</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 4:00pm Finance Committee 5:00pm Dance Mosaic 6:00pm AA (AP) 6:45pm Capital Campaign Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 5:30pm Adult Forum 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm NA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	<b>14</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Voyager's Meeting 6:30pm NA
<b>15</b> <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II 12:00pm Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b> 12:00pm NA	<b>17</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Dance Mosaic 6:00pm AA (AP)	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 5:30pm Adult Forum 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm NA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	<b>21</b> 9:00am Community Breakfast (First Reformed) 6:30pm NA
<b>22</b> <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II	<b>23</b> 12:00pm NA	<b>24</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Dance Mosaic 6:00pm AA (AP)	<b>25</b> MESSENGER DUE 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 5:30pm Adult Forum 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm NA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	<b>28</b> 6:30pm NA
<b>29</b> <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II	<b>30</b> 12:00pm NA 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>1</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Dance Mosaic 5:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm AA (AP)	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 5:30pm Adult Forum 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Worship Committee 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:30pm NA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	<b>5</b> 6:30pm NA