

NOVEMBER 2024

THE MESSENGER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA



An Election Day Prayer

Gracious God, our holy and life-giving Spirit, as we approach Election Day 2024, and the close of this election season, we pray that you would move upon every human heart of this nation to remove barriers that divide us, that walls of separation and suspicions may disappear, and all hatred and prejudice, which blocks us from the light of your love, would cease.

Help our elected leaders, O God, to promote love, and not fear, to act out of mercy, and not malice, to work for justice, rather than partiality and privilege. Help us all, Lord, to truly walk alongside and show care and solidarity to our neighbors through our vote in this season. Through Jesus Christ, our loving Lord and reigning Redeemer. Amen.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



Dear St. John's,

November is a month full of opportunities for worship, formation, and service. As I was looking at our church calendar, I couldn't help but to feel immense gratitude for the countless ways our parish family follows in the footsteps of Christ. We are a praying church, a church who takes seriously the call to seek and service Christ in all persons, and a church committed to proclaiming the Good News in word and deed. Thank you for having hands and hearts that are open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

I am so looking forward to our All Saints' Celebration on Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.. Every year at our Annual Meeting, we are reminded of the saints who have gone before us and the legacy they have entrusted into our care. I look forward to celebrating the vibrant ministries of our parish and the bright and beautiful future that awaits us.

*"Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped."
Jack Hayford*

I'm also looking forward to opening our church doors on Election Day. With so much enmity and variance in the world, I believe strongly in our call to be a place of peace and reconciliation. Therefore, our church will remain open all day on Tuesday, November 5th so folks can cast a prayer before casting their ballot, or just spend some time in this sacred place to offer prayers for our leaders, our nation, and each other.

Brother David Rutledge and I will be offering a simple service of Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m., Noonday prayer at 12:00 p.m., and Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. Please stop by when you have a chance and join us in giving thanks for democracy, the privilege of being able to vote, and this beloved place we all call home.

Friends, worship is what grounds us, unites us across differences, and empowers us to be Christ's hands and feet in this big, beautiful, and broken world. May we all find ourselves on our knees this month giving thanks for all of God's wonderful and marvelous deeds and the gift of sharing life together. I look forward to seeing you in church!

I remain faithfully yours,
Amanda+

VESTRY NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2027



Sarah Jones

I believe I would be a valuable addition to the St. John's vestry due to my strong commitment to our community and my ability to bring people together. Lara and I have been actively engaged in the Episcopal church since moving to Carrollton, GA in 2010. We were married in the church and all our children were baptized in the Episcopal faith. We love the way the church embraces its members and moves towards access, affirmation, and inclusion of all God's people. My strengths include my relational skills gleaned from practice as a teacher and mental health counselor. I am dedicated to supporting the spiritual growth and well-being of our congregation. I'm excited about the potential opportunity to grow in faith and work in love with a community of likeminded Christians.

Lara and I have 5 children between the ages of 9-25. We live in Strasburg and moved here a little over 2 years ago for Lara's job at Millersville University. Before moving to Pennsylvania, I was a classroom teacher and coach for 10 years in North Carolina public schools. Since moving to Lancaster county, I am pursuing my PA licensure in professional counseling. Currently, I am a mental health counselor at Samaritan Center.



Mary Huber

I was transplanted to Lebanon County from my native Pittsburgh in 1980. After spending a number of years teaching special education and as an Educational Therapist at Philhaven Hospital, I returned to school and received my law degree. I practiced for over 20 years at Buzgon Davis Law Offices in Lebanon until my retirement in 2016. I served as President of the Lebanon County Bar Association and was active in the Family Law Section of the PA Bar Association.

Tim and I moved to Lancaster County eight years ago and became parishioners at St. John's in 2017. We feel blessed to be a part of the St. John's community. As a Vestry member, I hope to help shape the continued growth of our remarkable Parish through prayer, discernment and positive leadership.



Dani Myers

Hello, my name is Dani Myers. After attending St. John's for almost two years I decided to apply for the vestry. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I have attended many churches and have taught Rite 13 at St. James. I served eight years on active duty in the Army and then taught Social Studies for 26 years at Penn Manor High School. I am now retired and have three adult daughters who are in this picture. Since joining St. John's, I have volunteered at the food pantry, am a member of Martha's Ministry, and helped to start TLC. If elected to the vestry, I see my mission as furthering our social justice ministry.

ALL SAINTS' DAY!



All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 3
at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for a festive joint celebration at 9:00 a.m. as we remember the saints who have gone before, break bread with the saints among us, and gather as a parish family for our annual meeting & celebration!

*Breakfast & our annual meeting
will follow the service.*

Don't forget to turn back your clocks!

EfM IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S!

Education for Ministry

A new opportunity for adult formation will begin at St. John's in January: Education for Ministry.

What is the purpose of EfM?

- First and foremost, to help you explore your gifts and call for future ministry, understanding that we are all called to ministry through our Baptism.”
- Second, to belong to a community where you can support others doing the same thing.
- Finally, to build a deeper personal foundation. Reading scripture, understanding how and when it was written, reflecting on its meaning. Especially for everyday life.

EfM is a four-year program administered by the University of the South, Sewanee, School of Theology. In content, it mirrors the core curriculum at an Episcopal seminary. Now entering its 50th year, EfM is one of the best adult formation programs in the Episcopal Church.”

EfM is structured like old Agriculture Department extension courses. Sewanee contracts with and trains mentors to lead seminar groups throughout the country and around the world.

EfM at St. John's will be in-person, weekly on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Each EfM year is 36 weeks of reading and assignments:

- Year 1 – Old Testament and its origins
- Year 2 – New Testament and its origins
- Year 3 – Church History
- Year 4 – Theology, Ethics and Interfaith Encounter

Readings also include Interlude texts, books that everyone reads and discusses together.

Cost: for St. John's parishioners, none. St. John's will cover tuition and books. For non-parishioners, tuition is \$350/year + books.

It's not a four-year commitment. Decide each year if you want more. If you are a newcomer, you will have to register for years in numerical order (cannot do Year 1 then Year 3). If you are a prior EfM graduate, sign up for any year you want.

Classes are led by mentors trained and accredited by Sewanee. Mentors are not “teachers.” EfM is self-study and group learning. Mentors structure the year and the meetings, keep things organized, and are resources. The St. John's mentors will be Wade Hinkle (2014 EfM graduate; 8 years' experience as a mentor) and Drew Dorgan (2024 graduate and being accredited as mentor).

First class meeting: January 12, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

Want to know more? Come to the information meeting on Sunday, November 10, at 9:15 in the parish hall. Want to sign up? See Wade (wphinkle@gmail.com, 571-533-8151), or Drew (d.dorgan@globalhmma.com).

FINANCIALS BY TREASURER, CHARLES WEAR

The need for operating cash early in September required tapping our restricted investment account for the entire budgeted amount of \$12.6k. Contributions rebounded late in the month to finish closer to budget. YTD income, after discounting temporary deposits, is running pretty close to last year. Also in September we received a \$2471 grant from the Commonwealth of PA to reimburse our purchase of refrigeration equipment for the food pantry and an unrestricted bequest of \$7500 from the estate of Nancy Paddock Allen.

Capital gifts of \$41.2k were received in September, along with a second Heistand Loan of \$100k from the Diocese. Project expenses for the month were \$87.9k that included the monthly \$76.2k billing for HVAC installation and \$10.9k, a 50% down payment to replace wood flooring. Total project spend through September is \$803.6k. Current estimate for the total job is running slightly below the original estimate of \$1.16MM. Campaign pledges, gifts, bequests and savings total about \$1.0MM. Of this total, about \$400k in pledges are currently outstanding.

St. John's Episcopal Church Church Operating Income Statement

Sept 2024 vs 2023

Cash Basis in \$000's

	2023			2024		
	Actual Sept	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual Sept	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
Income						
Pledge Income	\$23.1	\$321.9	\$415.0	\$24.5	\$334.8	\$428.4
Other Contributions	\$1.9	\$44.5	\$50.5	\$2.6	\$33.1	\$69.5
Investment Draws	\$0.0	\$30.0	\$63.6	\$12.6	\$66.3	\$66.3
Other Income	\$1.9	\$39.0	\$20.7	\$8.2	\$41.1	\$22.3
Income to Transfer	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.4	\$1.3	\$0.0
Jubilee	\$0.9	\$12.0	\$23.9	\$5.4	\$25.8	\$25.5
Total Income	\$27.8	\$447.4	\$573.7	\$53.7	\$502.5	\$612.0
Expenses						
Clergy	\$20.0	\$179.9	\$247.0	21.2	\$192.5	\$265.3
Lay Staff	\$7.1	\$73.4	\$116.5	7.6	\$78.0	\$102.6
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$1.8	\$20.7	\$27.6	\$2.4	\$20.1	\$34.2
Utilities	\$3.2	\$36.6	\$39.2	\$3.0	\$31.5	\$41.6
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$1.2	\$26.4	\$33.6	\$1.7	\$21.2	\$33.1
Other Property	\$2.6	\$22.0	\$28.9	\$3.4	\$24.6	\$31.1
Worship/Ed/Community	\$2.1	\$28.1	\$17.2	\$0.7	\$37.2	\$13.8
Outreach	\$5.1	\$49.5	\$64.6	4.8	\$45.3	\$62.3
Jubilee	\$2.2	\$24.1	\$34.2	\$1.9	\$29.8	\$28.1
Total Expenses	\$45.3	\$460.8	\$608.7	\$46.6	\$480.2	\$612.0
Net Total	(\$17.5)	(\$13.4)	(\$35.0)	\$7.0	\$22.3	\$0.0

EXTRA GIVE - NOVEMBER 22

We are thrilled to announce our participation in this year's Extra Give to help support our Food Pantry! In the past 10 months, we have served over 7,500 people. The need is so great and thanks to your support, our parish continues to meet that need. Please help us continue this holy and life giving work by marking your calendars for this extraordinary event. Every donation matters!



WE'RE PART OF
EXTRA GIVE™
NOVEMBER 22
EXTRAGIVE.ORG

St. John's Food Pantry

Our neighbors are hungry, please help us put food on their plates!

Click here to give! →



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

COMMUNITY HIGH MURPHY FOUNDATION

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study Time Change:

We're moving from Monday evening to Wednesday afternoon. Our group will meet on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We've had great discussions and fellowship since we started in May as we've moved through the Old Testament. We're using Judy Fentress William's, "Holy Imagination" as our jumping off point into our discussions, but the most important part of our study is reading the Bible. No need to be a bible scholar, just a love for the overall message the bible conveys. For further information contact Rich Garon at rich@richgaron.com



DIOCESAN WORKSHOP BEING HELD AT ST. JOHN'S!



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

MAKING SPIRITUAL GROWTH A PRIORITY IN YOUR CHURCH: A HYBRID WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2-3:30PM

Sharing research with over 300 Episcopal congregations through a ministry called RenewalWorks, we will discuss those things which contribute to spiritual growth in our churches. We'll explore the ways we understand spiritual growth, and share thoughts on why it is so important for our congregations. The research we share will give a snapshot of where many Episcopal congregations find themselves these days, and offer ways that congregations can move forward in a deeper, more vital spiritual life. This workshop is led by The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, founder of RenewalWorks.

Online via Zoom Meeting

In-person: St. John's Episcopal Church
321 West Chestnut Street Lancaster, PA 17603

Register:

<https://spiritual-growth-workshop.eventbrite.com>

November Food Pantry News and Updates!



Our Food Pantry will once again participate in the Extra Give on November 22. We are reaching out to you and to the community to help us raise funds.

The need is great and resources are needed to provide food for the growing number of people who visit this unique ministry.

Please join us on this special day of giving and share this with friends and family!

We can make a difference working together!



Advent is fast approaching. We are offering our popular Advent Calendar for Food family activity starting on Sunday November 24 in the Atrium.

See our table with Advent boxes or bags – your choice – to fill as we count off the days to Christmas Eve! We ask that you return your filled boxes and bags before New Year's!

Enjoy this with children, grandchildren or just because you are young at heart!



During the holiday period, many grocery stores offer you an opportunity to earn a free turkey! Locally, Giant and Weis offer these programs.

If you don't need your free turkey, would you consider sharing that turkey with the Food Pantry?

Thanks to our 2024 state grant, we now have the freezer capacity to accept and use your gifts.

Your support is greatly appreciated by our visitors!



IN OTHER NEWS!

- Many thanks to Cub Scout Pack 4 bringing us their "Scouting for Food" donations on Saturday, November 9!
- We need egg cartons for our donated eggs. You can leave them in the food collection wagon or basket.
- We can also use plastic grocery bags again for extra food and toiletry items.

As always, thank you for your generous support!

MUSINGS FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

“Let all the World in every corner sing...”

With those words the English poet/priest George Herbert penned what is, for many, a wonderful hymn of praise. The poem, written in the early 17th century England, has value for all Christians and is found in two settings in the 1982 hymnal (402, 403). Ralph Vaughn Williams felt it so important that he set this text in his own unique style. As we move into the month of November, we begin with Vaughn William’s setting of another English poet’s work...“For All the Saints”. At the end of November, the Chancel Choir will sing a setting of another of George Herbert’s poems...“King of Glory, King of Peace.” The lyrics of this poem are as follows:

King of glory, King of peace. I will love thee; And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, Thou has spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in sev’n, I will praise thee. In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll thee: E’vn eternity’s too short, To extol thee.

This text, fitting for a Sunday, before Thanksgiving reminds us to always praise God for what and who God is for each of us. Poetry, even old poetry, with unusual language usage helps to draw us from our everyday life into a different place of thinking, and being.

Other anthems which the Chancel Choir will sing in November are:

- My Eyes for Beauty Pine (poem by Robert Bridges and music by Herbert Howells)
- Jesu, Priceless Treasure (translated by Catherine Winkworth, and music by J. S. Bach)
- O Brother Man (poem by John Greenleaf Whittier and music by Roy Ringwald)

The marriage of music and poetry, whether through the hymns we sing, or the anthems prepared by a choir are to serve the greater good by bringing our thoughts and physical bodies into the presence of the Living God. Blessings to all as we move through a month of final harvest and thanksgiving.

PROPERTY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM JOHN KNOUSE

Friends,

A lot of work has been happening around campus this fall. We are in the final stages of our HVAC Project and hope to have control of the system soon. You may have noticed the removal of all of the old pipes left many holes in the drywall and plaster around campus. We are responsible for the finishing work and we need your help! We are looking for folks who may have some experience in dry wall and repair work to join us after church from **12-3 p.m. on November 17th** in the downstairs Christian Education Wing to start repairs. If you don't have any experience but are eager to learn please join us, too!

In addition to the finishing work, we have also scheduled our Fall Cleanup date for **Saturday, November 9th at 8:00 a.m.** As we prepare for the winter months, we have a lot of outside work to complete. Please bring a rake, leaf blower, gloves, or anything else you might need to help us ready our campus for the winter season. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of this incredible campus!



St. John's Church will be open from:
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for private prayer.

Brief public services will be held at:
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

MAKERS MARKET!

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAKERS MARKET



November News and Workshops

We continue to prepare for the December 7th and 8th 2024 Makers Market and are having so much fun! With your help, we can have an amazing variety and assortment of original items and crafts available to sell.

- Thank you to all the members of Martha's Ministry for the talent, hard work and incredible gift of your knitting and other needlecraft skills! Check out the table in the Parish Hall for some examples of their work!
- Thank you for all the donations of China plates, teacups and saucers to make many new gifts to share! We have all we need to make amazing new items from amazing old ones.
- Thank you for donating ribbons, bows, bags, boxes, greenery, lights for turning our items into gifts of beauty! We still need more to turn your Second Time Around items into something updated and perfect for a new family.
- Thank you to everyone sewing napkins, aprons and table runners from Liz West's kits. Don't forget to get the table runners in by Nov. 3 for finishing work! Napkins and aprons are needed by Dec. 1.

UPCOMING CRAFT AND HELPERS' WORKSHOPS

Sunday, November 17:

We will offer a 1-4:00 p.m. work session with invites to each placed on our display table in the Parish Hall before Halloween.

- Craft workshops will require an RSVP so we can plan materials. (Think Mason Snow Jars and Ink Tile Coasters!) RSVP to beth.marionwarren@gmail.com.
- Helpers' workshops will be open and flexible to join. (Think upcycling "Vintage Elegant" items; assembling and finishing our upcycled items into gifts, etc.!) RSVP to mwear2016@outlook.com.

Saturday, November 30:

- We meet in the Parish Hall for the day starting at 9:30 a.m. We will attack our "Gourmet Gifts to Go" food item assembly. We will also finish them with decorative tags and ribbons and bags. RSVP to Deb Smith at dboston@aol.com.
- We will also complete more crafts as needed like our "paper bag snowflakes". RSVP to Beth Warren at beth.marionwarren@gmail.com.

Don't Miss a Minute of the Fun!

Contact Marion Wear with questions. mwear2016@outlook.com

THE VERGER MINISTRY

Congratulations to our very own Kathy Kyper on being an official Fellow of the Guild under the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church!

So what is a Verger in the Episcopal Church, let alone an official Fellow of the Guild? According to the episcopalchurch.org dictionary a verger is: "A lay minister who assists the clergy in the conduct of public worship, especially in the marshaling of processions. Vergers may be full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer. The history of the verger dates back to the middle ages when the verger was the "Protector of the Procession." He would lead the way, making room for the procession to enter the church from the town square, and with his virge (mace) in hand would literally clear the way if necessary. The basic vestment of the verger is a black cassock. The ministry of vergers is supported and encouraged by the Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church."

Further, according to vergers.org: "A verger is a member of a church who works under the direction of their rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge, to assist with the organization and operation of worship services in the Episcopal Church in the United States, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Church of England, and world-wide throughout the Anglican Communion. "

The Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church has a large and growing number of members who are designated as "Fellows of the Guild." Fellows are members who have successfully completed the VGEC Training Course." For more information about the ministry of Vergers, check out: <https://www.vergers.org/about/faqs-frequently-asked-questions>

This is a tremendous honor, and is no small feat, as they Guild takes training very seriously. Well done, Kathy! We are humbled to have you among us.

"The ministry of the vergers is to help to lead the church in bearing witness in the world to the hospitality of God, by helping us to worship the Lord our God in dignity, in order, in beauty, and in truth in the church, so that we can go forth to witness to that God to the world." - The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry



From Kathy:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a Verger over the last seven years here at St. John's. Being a Verger has given me the opportunity to serve the church, the clergy, and most importantly the congregation in a meaningful way through assistance to all. From answering questions to getting the church ready for the upcoming service, I always try to cover all the bases! It's a gift I give but I receive so much more in return. I have a church home, something that I'm a part of, and where I belong. And everyone knows my name!

YOUTH WREATH SALE

It's never too early to start thinking about your holiday wreaths. The Youth Group will be collecting orders until November 17. Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministries!

2024 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)	\$22.00	
	28" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$30.00	
	*Window Spray	\$22.00	
	22" Candy Cane wreath (outside dim)	\$48.00	
	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.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Include payment with your order: CHECK (payable to St. Johns) # _____ CASH _____

ALL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, NOV. 17 and will be ready for PICK-UP SUNDAY, DEC. 8

ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP:

WREATHS: 22" _____ 28" _____ Candy Cane _____

SPRAYS _____

POINSETTIA 6.5" POT:

Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Burgundy _____

Marble _____ Jingle Bells _____

CYCLAMEN _____

*** TOTAL AMOUNT OWED: _____**

TLC EVENTS

**TRANS DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE**

Wednesday,
Nov. 20th
at 6:00 p.m.



St. John's
Courtyard

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Commemorating the AIDS Pandemic

**WORLD
AIDS
DAY**



**Sunday, December 1
at 6:00 P.M.**

**The Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden
Janice Stork - Linear Park
W Lemon - Water St Intersection**

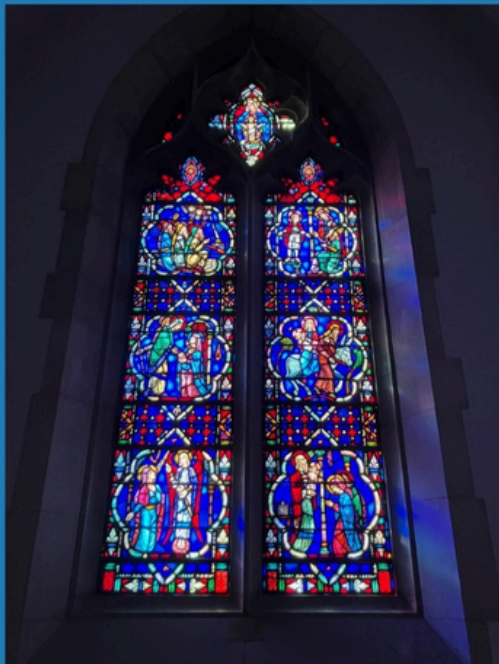
THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER @ 9AM - BEGINNING ADVENT

Beginning on Thursday, December 5 at 9:00am, the Office of Morning Prayer will be prayed in Saint Mary Chapel at St John's. The holy season of Advent is the beginning of a new Church Year and a time of preparation as we look forward to the Incarnation of Jesus at Christmas. Advent gives us the opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to a life of daily prayer.

What is Morning Prayer you ask? Good question! The Book of Common Prayer lists four "Daily Offices" which are Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. These four times of prayer reflect the seven "hours" of prayer of the ancient church and prayed throughout the world in monasteries and religious communities even to this day.

Our Thursday Morning Prayer service will be a 30 minute service of prayer, silence, and scripture readings as we use the commemorations listed in Lesser Feasts and Fasts (2022). We will learn together about the people and events that have shaped the church and our faith over the centuries.

In Advent, we will use The Book of Common Prayer, however during the seasons of the Church Year, we will use other sources. You are welcome to join us each Thursday in the beautiful Saint Mary Chapel at St John's. (Note - The service will be offered in-person only.) -Br David



Thursday
Morning Prayer
Saint Mary Chapel
St John's Episcopal Church
Lancaster
9:00am
Beginning Advent 2024

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

When you carry out acts of kindness you get a wonderful feeling inside. It is though something inside your body responds and says, "Yes, this is how I ought to feel." As we give thanks for what we have been given, increase that sense of inner peace by making a commitment to bring something each Sunday to share with those who rely upon the offerings from the Food Bank. While most of us have plenty at the table, many have nothing.

GPC Challenge for November 3rd

Election Day this week

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love" St. Francis of Assisi. Regardless of outcomes, let us all be instruments of peace and love.

GPC Challenge for November 10th

Veterans Day November 11th and World Kindness Day Nov 13th

Glance at the moon as if it were God's night light. Reminding you of God's presence, reminding you of the need for your caring for your brothers and sisters in your presence and around the world. Who are the Christ bearing strangers in my presence? What can I do to be kind to them?

GPC Challenge for November 17th

"Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will be in our troubled world." Etty Hillesum

Ask yourself - What can I do to be an instrument of peace?

GPC Challenge for November 24th Thanksgiving

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place." Edward Hays Let the time prior to Christ's arrival be a time of giving and caring and peace to ALL - NO Exceptions!



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 Maybelle Olah
- 8 Laura Stonerook
- 10 Dave Martin
- 10 Claire Phillips
- 13 Charlie Rahe
- 16 Drew Dorgan
- 16 Karen Ramella
- 16 Elias Rodriguez
- 17 Patricia Pankey
- 17 Helena Welaish
- 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
- 23 Marylee Sauder
- 25 Alex Alexander
- 26 Nate Schick
- 29 Evie Carroll
- 29 Danielle Di Pace
- 30 Daniel Kilp

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, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Judy Durand 17
John & Fran Gouveia 18



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.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:00am Adult Forum 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II	28 12:00pm NA 7:00pm SLAA	29 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)	30 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 2:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	1 Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	2 9:00am AIDS Memorial Garden Cleanup 1:00pm AA
3 All Saints' Day! Birthdays & Anniversaries 9:00am Combined Worship Service 10:15am Parish Breakfast & Annual Meeting	4 12:00pm NA 4:30pm Trans Loving Community 6:00pm Ministries Council 7:00pm SLAA	5 8AM, Noon, 6PM Prayer Election Day Bake Sale 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm AA (AP)	6 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 2:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Worship Committee 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	8 Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	9 8:00am Fall Cleanup 12:30pm Citizens Climate Lobby Group 1:00pm AA
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17 <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 - 3:00pm Finishing Work on Campus 1:00pm - 4:30pm Craft Workshop	18 12:00pm NA 7:00pm SLAA	19 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)	20 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 2:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Trans Day of Remembrance 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	22 Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	23 1:00pm AA
24 <i>Coffee hour after each service</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II	25 MESSENGER DUE 12:00pm NA 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00pm SLAA	26 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)	27 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 2:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28 Thanksgiving Day 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry	29 Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA	30 9:30am Craft Workshop 1:00pm AA