

JANUARY 2025

# THE MESSENGER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster PA



## Entering the New Year by Vinita Hampton Wright

God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.  
May the peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



Dear St. John's,

Happy New Year! I pray 2025 is a year filled with immense blessings, hope, and joy for you and yours. Like many people, I always look forward to the new year because I love marking new beginnings. We're about to embark on a year filled with countless potential and possibilities - and only God knows what's in store for us!

As 2025 begins, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your generosity as well as share a little bit about a ministry you may not be aware of. Many clergy in the Episcopal Church have what is called a discretionary account. Each year, a portion of funds are set aside for this fund. It's purpose is to assist people in need by helping with rent, utility bills, medical expenses, car repairs, or other emergency needs. Because of your generosity, I was able to assist numerous families from Fulton Elementary School with rental payments, neighbors with heat and utility bills, and countless individuals with pricey medication expenses and hospital bills. I was even able to help a dear woman lay her sister to rest by assisting with the funeral costs.

It is a daily occurrence for our neighbors to make their way to our front doors looking for a helping hand. It's not an easy thing to ask for help and even harder for folks to share their heartache and stories. I hold those stories so tenderly and give God thanks for each of you as I write checks, make copies of bills, and attempt to ease their burdens just slightly. You all make that ministry possible. It doesn't take long for those funds to dry up, and yet, by God's grace and your generosity, there is always a new donation being made so this work of loving our neighbors can continue.

**“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34**

Ministry comes in all shapes and sizes and takes every form imaginable when done with an open heart and an outstretched hand. Being able to offer a warm place for people to share their hearts is just one of the reasons I am so grateful to be called your rector. I hope you know the impact each of you makes by being a part of this incredible parish. I look forward to seeing how you continue to stretch out your hands and open your hearts in this new year!

I remain faithfully yours,  
Amanda+

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION - JANUARY 5TH AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PARISH HALL



In early May 2022, Joanne visited El Paso, TX and Juarez, MX with a group sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and the St. Columban Mission for Justice, Peace and Ecology. This immersion trip allowed her to see firsthand what is happening with immigration at the US-Mexico border and how individuals and community advocacy groups are supporting those in need.

In this program, Joanne will tell about her trip. She will share what she learned about the root causes of the immigration crisis, why people flee their homelands despite the danger and uncertainty. This presentation will feature photos, stories and video clips. The presentation will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall on Sunday, January 5th.



Joanne Castner is an associate with the Sisters of Mercy. She is a spiritual director, having completed Cranaleith Retreat Center's Spiritual Direction Formation program in Philadelphia, PA in September 2023.

She earned a BA in English/Education from SUNY Albany, an MS, Ed.S. in Counseling and Student Personnel from SUNY Albany and an M.Ed. in Educational Administration from Millersville University. Joanne completed her first clinical year of family therapy studies at Philadelphia Institute of Family Therapy. She also worked as a family therapist at Catholic Charities and as a school counselor.

Joanne and her husband Tom live in Lancaster, PA. They have three grown children, two of whom who currently live nearby with their spouses.

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God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:  
in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;  
in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;  
in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.  
Give us hearts that break open whenever our neighbors turn to us.  
Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;  
Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.  
Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work,  
for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.  
- Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.



## **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER @ 9:00 AM**

Thursday Morning Prayer @ 9:00am at St John's will continue in the New Year! You are welcome to join us in the beautiful Saint Mary Chapel for a 30 minute service of scripture readings, prayers and silence. A great way to start your Thursday! Bring a friend! Contact Br David if you have any questions at drutledge1225@gmail.com



**Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Saint Mary Chapel**

**St John's Episcopal Church  
Lancaster  
9:00am**

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## **A NEW YEAR -A NEW YOU AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS!**

Every Wednesday at noon a faithful group of people gather together for an intimate and holy worship service in our sanctuary. We break bread with one another, share stories about the saints of the day, and pray for those near and dear to us and for the world at large. An invitation for healing with anointing oil is also offered. The homily is often on the saint of the day, so you may learn about people you have never heard about.

The entire service takes about 35 minutes of your day. Our congregation numbers between 14 and 22. We hope you will join us any Wednesday for worship and fellowship!



## NEWCOMER'S BRUNCH

# Newcomer's Brunch

26  
January  
11:30 a.m.



On Sunday January 26th, St John's will be hosting a brunch for those who have started attending the church in the last couple of years. If you are newer to the church, please considering joining us for food and fellowship. RSVP to Annie Lattanzio-Hale at [annielal207@comcast.net](mailto:annielal207@comcast.net) by January 20th.

Gracious God, we thank you for the new faces and hearts joining our community. May they find a place of belonging, where they can discover the joy and purpose found in following you. Grant us courage to share our gifts and stories with each other. May your love and guidance be with us always, as we journey together on this path of faith. Amen.

## **TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE & THE FLICK'RING FLAMES**

My name is Deklan Lewis and I attend TLC here at St. John's. I am also a student in the MDIV program at Lancaster Theological Seminary. I recently took a class which focused on the relationship between music selection and sermon content. Our final assignment was to compose a hymn or spiritual song based on a passage of scripture and/or a theological concept. The passage I selected for this assignment was Romans 12:9-21.

I selected this passage specifically because of its instruction about how to live together as the body. Something which struck me about this passage is that it is a sort of list of "do's" and "do not's", which can sometimes be frustrating to me personally. But, rather than focusing on individual actions or sins, it is about corporate activity. It is not unlike instructions given to the people of God by the prophets, which is interesting to me as it speaks to the prevalence of the issues at hand; loving genuinely, caring for strangers and the least among us, humility over arrogance, charity over greed, etc. Based on the recurrence of these themes in Scripture, as well as what can be learned from history and current events, it is obvious that humans struggle with these things.

Much of the inspiration for this song came from a Transgender Day of Remembrance gathering that I co-facilitated at St. John's a few weeks ago. As a part of the gathering I included a candle-lighting in the Taize style. There was a bowl with sand and a central candle placed in the middle of the small prayer labyrinth in the middle of the garden. Each person in attendance was invited to light a candle and place it in the sand around the central candle. As they did I played the song "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor. People lit their candles, some sang along softly, some clung to each other and allowed the tears to come. The wind picked up and the candles began blowing out. People began relighting them from each other's candles but as they placed them back in the sand and stepped away the candles would blow out again. I watched as they repeated this process, determined to keep the flames going. As the song ended Pastor Amanda motioned to me that she had something to say.

Shivering, she began, "it was beautiful to watch everyone relight the candles and try to keep them burning, this wind is rough... I wonder though if we all move closer to each other and to the candles, what will happen?" Before she could say more the attendees circled up and huddled around the bowl and immediately the flames stopped flickering and bouncing and began to cast the most beautiful light. We all seemed to exclaim in enlightenment at the same time and simultaneously those of us who'd managed to hold back tears found that we could no longer. It was a visible and tangible representation of the power of community, not only was the light brighter, we could feel the warmth from the flames as well. We shared our grief with one another and our hope. There was no division or difference that mattered in that moment, we knew that in order to keep those flames lit, we had to stand together against the wind.

## TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CONTINUED...

I think that is what this letter to the Romans is about as well. It is about the power of community. Paul knew that the church was facing trouble and persecution. The world was trying to put out its flame. Paul knew that the way to protect the flame was to get closer to one another and to the source, in this case God. Paul also knew that each person has worth, whether they were a big candle with the privilege of a protective glass container, or just a tiny, single, stump leftover from last year's Christmas Eve, we shine brighter together & it takes all of us to keep the light burning.

The tune I chose to set my lyrics to is an Irish Traditional Tune called "The Parting Glass". The original has some of the theme of hope woven into it already and has a contemplative feel. I chose to retain some of the original lyrics as I felt that they were very fitting with what I wanted to express.

### Flick 'ring Flames

Let your love be true , do what's right and good  
Turn away from paths of wickedness.  
Oh and love your neighbor as yourself  
Rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer.

Bless those who may want to bring you harm  
Bless them and do not wish them ill  
And gather round the weaker ones  
Protect them from the wind and chill.

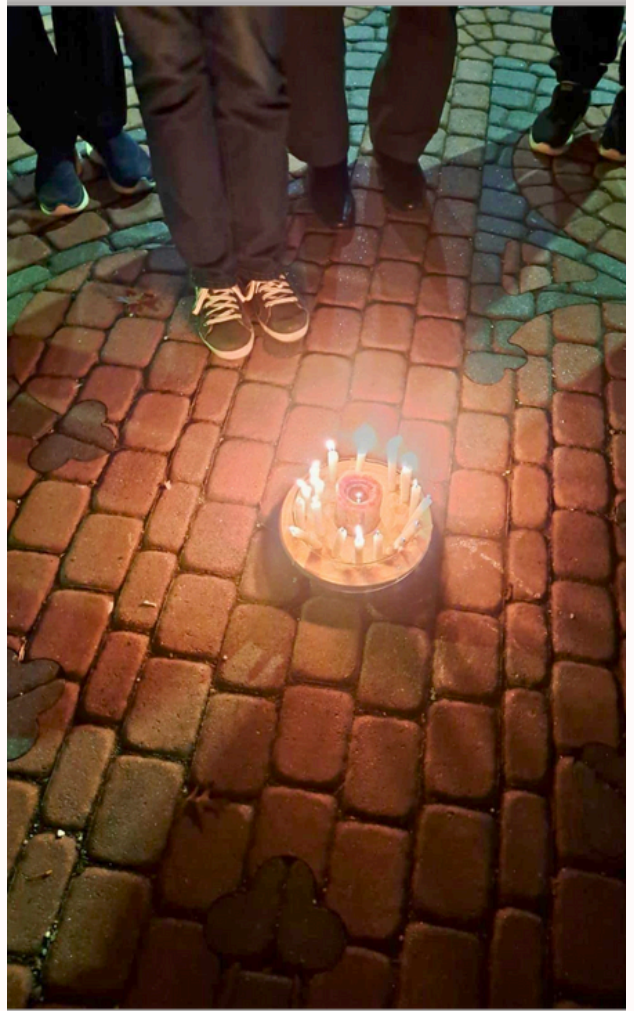
So gather round the flick'ring flames  
And protect them though they may be small  
And gently rise and softly call  
Good night and hope be with you all.

Live in harmony with both rich and poor  
Don't despise the outcast or sojourner  
Be humble, meek and gentle folk  
And seek justice in an unjust world.

It is good to weep with those who mourn  
And remember those who've gone ahead  
We must gather round the weaker ones  
And take up the banners of our dead.

So gather round the flick'ring flames  
And protect them though they may be small  
Then gently rise and softly call  
Good night and hope be with you all.

As the night grows dark and the winds blow wild  
We can not give in to despair  
For not one is free until all are free  
Until justice rolls like a mighty wave





## MAKERS MARKET

The December 7th and 8th 2024 Makers Market was an amazing success thanks to the many members of St. Johns who created beautiful, unique, fun and reasonably priced crafts and gifts!



- While we await final income and expense numbers, we estimate that our gross 2024 sales will be a little over \$10,000!
- With the help of our Greeters, we think about 150 people visited us to shop on Saturday. About 2/3 of our visitors that day were community members.
- The fun was infectious -- we had fun serving and our guests had fun shopping. We received numerous compliments!



Thanks to each and every one who shopped and who contributed time, talent, and materials to make this year a success.

Don't Miss a Minute of the Fun next year! Contact Marion Wear at [mwear2016@outlook.com](mailto:mwear2016@outlook.com) to join the team in 2025!



## MUSINGS FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Well, I have completed my first cycle of Advent and Christmas here at St. John's. It was indeed especially beautiful...from sounds, sights and faces of all that I encountered here to reflecting on the services, and special events that happened within our walls. As I look at filing the music that I played during the season, I continue to be amazed at the wealth of musical inspiration that this time in the Church calendar is filled with...beautiful anthems, glorious hymns and amazing organ compositions...most of which I never have the chance to play, or lead chorally. Picking and choosing for each year means repeating familiar pieces and occasionally "pulling out the stops" to play a newly composed composition from current composers such as the young Paul Fey of Germany. Then again, repeating the beauties of inspired hymns that combine words with music, such as Silent Night, never grow old.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, I suddenly find that there is a lessening of the inspiration to write or compose what comes after the birth of the Christ. There are sixty one (61) Advent and Christmas hymns (in preparation and celebration of the Christ's birth) and twenty four (24) Epiphany hymns in the '82 hymnal that tell a tale of going from the brightening of the light of Christ as he came, to a dimming (not putting out) the light as he enters the world to begin his journey as a human. Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany... a three fold journey of ascent, reaching a peak and the coming back down from the birth all remind us of our own life's journey.

We have entered a new year...one in which the Christ is among us...understanding our joys, our sorrows, our successes and our failures. Old poetry in song lyrics reminds us of that. New lyrics, and poems remind us that the story is never old, and never worthy of being "tossed" for some new idea. Even newly inspired music and poetry attached to music reminds us of that.

I leave you with a hymn lyric by the Rev. Thomas Troeger, It is one that has been set to a fabulous choral composition (which I hope to have us learn in the choir in the future). I have conducted it with two choral groups and it remains a powerful force in my life. Glenn Rudolph, of western Pennsylvania took Troeger's words and set them to music, calling it "The Dream Isaiah Saw" (Hear it on Youtube: [https://youtu.be/\\_FqhPh72kB0](https://youtu.be/_FqhPh72kB0))

My prayer for the new year is found in this hymn text, two verses are as follows:

*Lions and oxen will feed in the hay,  
leopards will join with the lambs as they  
play, wolves will be pastured with cows in  
the glade-blood will not darken the earth  
that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new  
lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah  
saw, life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and  
field: God will transfigure the violence  
concealed deep in the heart and in  
systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the  
Lord will ordain.*

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

Each year, Christian Churches throughout the world mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning on January 18 (The Confession of Saint Peter) and concluding on January 25 (The Conversion of Saint Paul).

This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

### **The Council of Nicaea**

Convoked by the Emperor Constantine, the Council of Nicaea was attended, according to tradition, by 318 Fathers, mostly from the East. The Church, having just emerged from hiding and persecution, was beginning to experience how difficult it was to share the same faith in the different cultural and political contexts of the time. Agreement on the text of the Creed was a matter of defining the essential common foundations on which to build local communities that recognized each other as sister churches, each respecting the diversity of the other. Disagreements had arisen among Christians in the previous decades, which sometimes degenerated into serious conflicts. These disputes were on matters as diverse as: the nature of Christ in relation to the Father; the question of a single date to celebrate Easter and its relationship with the Jewish Passover; opposition to theological opinions considered heretical; and how to re-integrate believers who had abandoned the faith during the persecutions in earlier years. The approved text of the Creed used the first-person plural, "We believe...". This form emphasized the expression of a common belonging. The Creed was divided into three parts dedicated to the three persons of the Trinity, followed by a conclusion condemning affirmations that were considered heretical. The text of this Creed was revised and expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD, where the condemnations were removed. This is the form of the profession of faith that Christian churches today recognize as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, often referred to simply as the Nicene Creed.

### **From 325 to 2025**

Although the Council of Nicaea decreed how the date of Easter should be calculated, subsequent divergences of interpretation led to the feast frequently being marked on different dates in East and West. Though we are still awaiting the day when we will again have a common celebration of Easter yearly, by happy coincidence, in this anniversary year of 2025, this great feast will be celebrated on the same date by the Eastern and Western churches. The meaning of the saving events which all Christians will celebrate on Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025, has not changed with the passage of seventeen centuries. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity for Christians to explore afresh this living heritage and re-appropriate it in ways that are in keeping with contemporary cultures, which are even more diverse today than those of the Christian world at the time of the Council of Nicaea. Living the apostolic faith together today does not imply re-opening the theological controversies of that time, which have continued down the centuries, but rather a prayerful re-reading of the scriptural foundations and ecclesial experiences that led to that Council and its decisions. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council.

Source: World Council of Churches



## FINANCIALS BY CHARLES WEAR, TREASURER

November operations resulted in a deficit of \$16.1k with a YTD surplus of \$2.9k. As noted last month, we are close to YTD budgeted income and expenses once year-end accounting adjustments are considered. Also as noted last month, the key to achieving our balanced budget for the year is closing the shortfall in YTD non-pledged contributions. November gifts were still below historical averages. Early December results are encouraging, but we are currently about \$10k behind for the year.

Capital gifts of \$22k were received in November bringing the total for the project to \$688.2k. Bequests and pre-campaign savings applied to the project bring the grand total received to \$801k. An additional \$294.3k in pledges is outstanding, leaving a gap of about \$100k in total funds needed to totally fund the project. The only major capital expense for November was the \$5.8k monthly loan repayment to the Diocese. Total spent to date is \$949.7k.

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

Nov. 2024 vs 2023

Cash Basis in \$000's

	2023			2024		
	Actual Nov	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr	Actual Nov	Actual YTD	Budget Full Yr
<b>Income</b>						
Pledge Income	\$25.8	\$367.3	\$415.0	\$19.2	\$376.8	\$428.4
Other Contributions	\$7.1	\$60.1	\$50.5	\$5.0	\$41.0	\$69.5
Investment Draws	\$12.1	\$63.6	\$63.6	\$0.0	\$66.3	\$66.3
Other Income	\$3.1	\$44.5	\$20.7	\$2.8	\$70.4	\$22.3
Income to Transfer	\$17.3	\$19.5	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$2.2	\$0.0
Jubilee	\$10.5	\$30.9	\$23.9	\$2.4	\$33.0	\$25.5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$75.9</b>	<b>\$585.8</b>	<b>\$573.7</b>	<b>\$29.5</b>	<b>\$589.6</b>	<b>\$612.0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Clergy	\$19.2	\$218.5	\$247.0	21.5	\$236.0	\$265.3
Lay Staff	\$7.8	\$89.4	\$116.5	7.6	\$94.9	\$102.6
Vestry/Finance/Comm	\$1.6	\$29.4	\$27.6	\$1.8	\$32.1	\$34.2
Utilities	\$3.8	\$45.9	\$39.2	\$2.4	\$37.6	\$41.6
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$1.0	\$34.3	\$33.6	\$2.1	\$25.8	\$33.1
Other Property	\$2.6	\$27.3	\$28.9	\$3.0	\$30.6	\$31.1
Worship/Ed/Community	\$0.3	\$31.4	\$17.2	\$0.6	\$39.7	\$13.8
Outreach	\$0.0	\$55.0	\$64.6	4.8	\$55.3	\$62.3
Jubilee	\$3.8	\$29.8	\$34.2	\$1.7	\$34.7	\$28.1
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$40.2</b>	<b>\$561.1</b>	<b>\$608.7</b>	<b>\$45.6</b>	<b>\$586.7</b>	<b>\$612.0</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$35.7</b>	<b>\$24.8</b>	<b>(\$35.0)</b>	<b>(\$16.1)</b>	<b>\$2.9</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AND FOOD PANTRY NEWS!



## SAVE THE DATE:

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday  
is Feb. 9, 2025!

## JANUARY NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We are joyfully counting our many New Year's blessings! Thanks to our St. John's family and other community supporters, we've had an amazing year.

1. Based on our pre-Christmas numbers, it looks like we have served an average of 51 visitors per week in 2024.
2. We received financial donations this year in excess of our goal allowing us to continue to meet the needs of the community.
3. We built and installed a new and better Blessings Box in front of Becker House. We have also formed a Blessings Box team to focus on this outreach.



Thank you, St. John's!



## RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS IN 2025

We have many different jobs to help everyone become involved in this outreach ministry. See our table display in the Parish Hall to see if one of those jobs is just calling your name!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY KYPER, OUR 2024 ST. JOHN'S AWARD RECIPIENT



### Resolution in Thanksgiving of Kathy Kyper

WHEREAS, Kathy Kyper has been a faithful member of St. John's who has served as Verger, Vestry Member, Property Committee Member, Historian, Capital Campaign co-chair, and in various other capacities;

WHEREAS, the Vestry and Rector recognize the numerous "behind the scenes" talents of a Verger and the significant impact a Verger has on our worship experience; working with grace and diligence to perform the duties that most are unaware of.

WHEREAS, Kathy has used her talents as a seamstress, mason, and a painter to adorn and refresh our worship space and has also generously enhanced a beautifully handcrafted altar;

WHEREAS, Kathy successfully co-chaired our most recent Capital Campaign and meticulously compiled valuable, historical information about St. John's stained glass windows;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rector, Assistant Rector, Wardens, and Vestry express their appreciation to Kathy Kyper for her extraordinary gifts and faithful service, and be it further;

RESOLVED that the Wardens and Vestry reserve their greatest measure of gratitude for the peerless leadership of Kathy Kyper, whose many talents and tireless devotion are acknowledged and celebrated through the 2024 St. John's Award.

Resolved this 15th day of December, 2024.



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE

I Am, We Are, One World - Here, There, Everywhere and I want to be your friend.”

“Rivers don’t drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spend their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is....Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.” Pope Francis

### **Global Partnership Challenge for January 5th**

“Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.” Mother Teresa - Remember, that you never know how important your smile, your genuine greeting, can be to those whose history we know and those we don’t. Healing for you, healing for them.

### **Global Partnership Challenge for January 12th**

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank - Make a pledge to yourself to take a positive step. The smallest step could be huge.

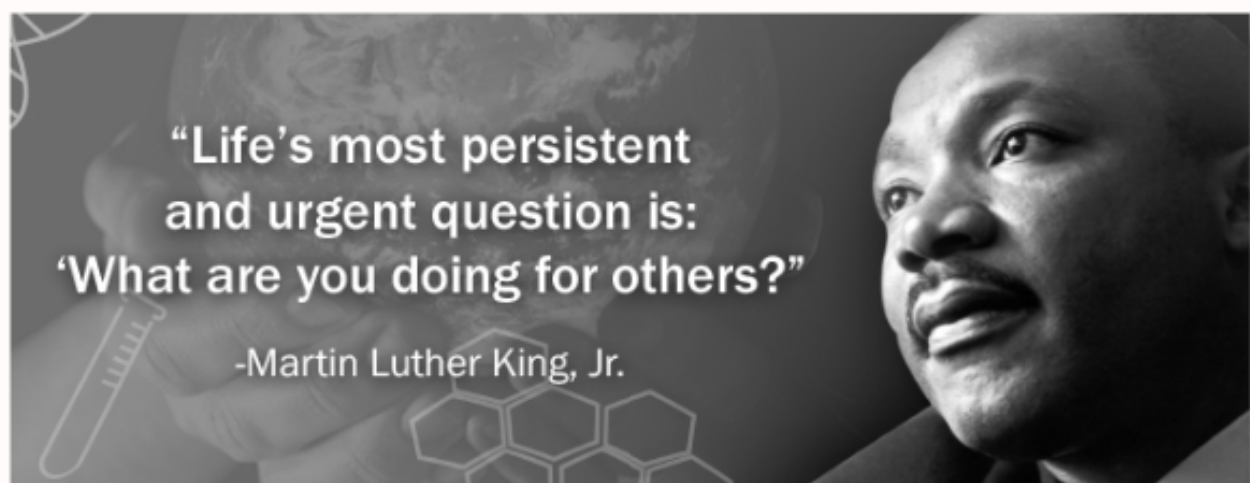
### **Global Partnership Challenge for January 19th**

Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Day

“The time is always right to do what is right.” Martin Luther King Jr.

### **Global Partnership Challenge for January 26th**

“Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.” Henri Nouwen - Share food, share shoes, share smiles, Support peace! You are more powerful than you think!



## BIRTHDAYS

- 2 David Kilp
- 4 Stephen Sherman
- 5 Jeff Koller
- 5 Linda Shore Novosel
- 6 Paul West
- 6 Joanna White
- 8 John Knouse
- 9 Karen Garon
- 10 Nick Di Pace
- 10 Bruce Tahsler
- 13 Mary Lou Brought
- 15 Jennifer Trenary
- 16 Ken Watts
- 18 Mark Springer
- 20 Wayne McKee
- 21 Ricky Smith
- 22 Martha Lamb
- 23 Lyn Bailey
- 23 Emily Durand
- 25 Jean Gordon
- 25 Michael Patrone
- 27 Chris Hasircoglu
- 29 Lily Mausolf
- 30 Annie Lattanzio-Hale
- 30 Marion Wear
- 31 Sophia Thompson

## 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, 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, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Ann Marie, Marshall, Sandy Patrone, Carol Sigelman, Dawn

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Pat and John Pankey
- 26 Tom and Kendall Stonerook



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.

## January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>29</b> Coffee hour after each service St. John's Day! 8:00am Lessons &amp; Carols with Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist: Rite II</p>	<p><b>30</b> 12:00pm NA 7:00pm SLAA</p>	<p><b>31</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Worship Committee 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>4</b> 1:00pm AA</p>
<p><b>5</b> Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries Coffee hour after each service 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:00am Special Presentation on Immigration 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II</p>	<p><b>6</b> 12:00pm NA 4:30pm Trans Loving Community 6:00pm Ministries Council 7:00pm SLAA</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 5:00pm Executive Committee 6:00pm AA (AP)</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>John's Birthday!</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00am Voyager's Meeting 12:30pm Citizen's Climate Lobby Group 1:00pm AA</p>
<p><b>12</b> Coffee hour after each service 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II</p>	<p><b>13</b> 12:00pm NA 7:00pm SLAA</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 4:00pm Finance Committee 6:00pm AA (AP)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>Jen's Birthday!</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00am Community Breakfast (First Reformed) 1:00pm AA</p>
<p><b>19</b> Coffee hour after each service 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II</p>	<p><b>20</b> 12:00pm NA 7:00pm SLAA</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA <b>6:00pm Vestry Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> MESSENGER DUE <b>Vestry Retreat</b> 1:00pm AA</p>
<p><b>26</b> Coffee hour after each service 8:00am Holy Eucharist: Rite I 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist: Rite II</p>	<p><b>27</b> 12:00pm NA 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00pm SLAA</p>	<p><b>28</b> 1:30pm Martha's Ministry 2:30pm Food Pantry 6:00pm AA (AP)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 12:00pm Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:00pm NA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm AA 2:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b> Rector's Day Off 12:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>1</b> 1:00pm AA</p>