



# The Carillon



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
APRIL 2019

To my church family,

I want to thank you all for your generosity of The Giving Tree. We were able to give 96 High School students in need, each a \$35.00 gift card from Target. This group doesn't always get the attention, like the smaller children do.

We are currently working on Easter baskets for residents of Chadwick House. As a result of a request from the KCH social worker, we will be providing Easter baskets for local children. We have supplied our local Food Pantry, as well as St. Lucy's Food Pantry, with items they cannot get with their food stamps. Such as needed personal care items, as requested.

We are tentatively planning on holding our Annual Rummage Sale the weekend after Old Home Days, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please remember us when you are starting your Spring cleaning!

We are in the planning stages of reinstating our Loaves and Fishes dinner. Your input is welcome.

If you know of a local family in need please let the Outreach Committee know.

I love what I do, it's my pleasure to help those in need. I find this a wonderful group to be a part of. I am truly blessed!!!!

Blessings~

Elaine Scanlon

*Chairperson, Outreach Committee*

*To whom much is given, much is required*

*~Luke 12:48*

- See below for:
  - Evening Prayer Service
  - Sunday School Information
  - Event Information

## *Prayer List*

### *Please Pray For:*

Christine, Geoffrey, Christy, Tiffany,  
 Frank, Alexa, Jack, Carmen, Nancy,  
 Heather, Chris, Maureen, Allison,  
 Jimmy, Bill, Steve, Marie, Liz, Kerry,  
 John, Tom, Margaret, Tammy,  
 Tommy, Matthew, Carmella, Judy,  
 Brynne, Edith, Ray, Edward, Hal,  
 Griffen & Jack

*Pray for our Companion Parish: Misión  
 Virgen de Guadalupe and Reverend  
 Mario Núñez*

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### *April*

3- Carol Armstrong  
 3- Aaron Fern

### *Anniversaries*



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### **The Five Marks of Mission**

The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### **The Mission of St. John's...**

To share the love of Christ through our words and actions in the world

# Announcements

Office hours: Tuesday & Friday from Noon -4pm

If you'd like to write a little something for the Carillon, please contact Karen in the office!!

Please update your Birthday, Anniversary & Email with the office so you can get the recognition you deserve. Email them to Karen – [stjohnsmarcellus@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmarcellus@gmail.com)

Thank you to Bob Kimm for all you do to keep us shoveled out in these long winter months.  
And for your hard work waxing the Parish Hall floor.

John Rohde has cancelled his Friday morning service, until the weather changes.

Wednesday Eucharist Services are offered at St. John's at 7pm. It is a short, peaceful service lasting 30 minutes. A tender mid-week refill. Please consider coming, possibly a Lenten commitment!

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## Holy Week

# **April 2019**

## **Lay minister's Schedule**

- 7- Chalice Bearer- Nancy Hudson**  
**Lector/ Reader- Kristin Conley**  
**Michele Merwarth**  
**Acolyte- Errol Fern**  
**Catherine Benedetto**
- 14-Chalice Bearer- Len Phillips**  
**Lector/Reader-Sarah Cox**  
**Anna Fern**  
**Acolyte- Bobby Bartolotta**  
**Gavin Mumford**
- 21-Chalice Bearer-Kristin Conley**  
**Lector/Reader- Ben Whitehead**  
**Amy Bartolotta**  
**Acolyte- Caroline Cox**  
**Lucy Eldridge**
- 28-Chalice Bearer-Phil Stepkovitch**  
**Lector/Reader-Cindy Estlinbaum**  
**Andrew Salvetti**  
**Acolyte- Lexi Randall**  
**Liam Eldridge**

## **April Counters**

- April 7: Vicky Sabin & Fran Hudson*  
*14: John Freebern & Paul Hudson*  
*21: Kristin Conley & Jackie Cross*  
*28: Phil Stepkovitch & Bob McManus*

*If for any reason you are not able to fulfill your assigned position, please email Karen at [stjohnsmarcellus@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmarcellus@gmail.com), with someone who has agreed to switch or fill in on your assigned date.*

## Sunday School Schedule 2018-2019

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Activity</b>                         |
|-------------|---|
| April 7     | 9:30am Sunday School                    |
| April 21    | 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt                  |
| May 5       | 9:30am Rehearsal for Children's Service |
| May 19      | 9:30am Children's Service               |



# *April Happenings*

**Nightwatch: Youth overnight at St. John the Divine in NYC.** The Youth Ministry team of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York is leading a chaperoned trip to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC for Nightwatch: Crossroads Christian, the Cathedral's overnight spiritual retreat for youth in grades 6-12. The retreat focuses on the wisdom teachings of Jesus. Participants will unplug from the distractions and stresses of daily life to connect with God and youth from all over the country in the extraordinary sacred space of the Cathedral. The trip will depart from a central CNY location (TBD) in the early afternoon on Friday, May 17th and return on the evening of Saturday, May 18th. There is no cost to attend and transportation is included. Participants must register by April 5th. Learn more and register at: [cnyepiscopal.org/nightwatch-2019](http://cnyepiscopal.org/nightwatch-2019).

Join us on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm for our **Maundy Thursday Service**, with optional foot washing.

**Our Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons** continue throughout Lent beginning at noon on Wednesdays. The theme this year is Fellowship. The date, location and speakers are listed below:

4/3                      St. Francis Xavier                      United Methodist

4/10                     St. John's                                      First Presbyterian

**Donations for Easter Flowers** are now being accepted. The usual donation is \$10 for flowers given in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form provided and return it to the parish office.

**Our Holy Week Schedule will be:**

- **Maundy Thursday:** 7:00pm Eucharist and Foot Washing
- **Good Friday:** 12:00noon Celebration of the Passion
- **Good Friday:** 3:00pm Stations of the Cross
- **Good Friday:** 7:00pm Ecumenical Service at the First Presbyterian Church
- **Easter Sunday:** 9:30am Service of Easter followed by Easter Egg Hunt

*“A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength”*

*(Proverbs 24:5)*

## Celebrating Women: Rev. Wanda Copeland

ELMIRA, N.Y. (WETM) - The Rev. Wanda Copeland doesn't see herself as a groundbreaker. "I've never seen myself as the person out in front leading the parade, banner in hand - that's just not who I am," Copeland said. But at first glance, her track record seems to tell a different story. Three years ago, Copeland took on the challenging task of replacing a male church leader who had been there for almost two decades. She lost her husband, Tom, of nearly 25 years to a battle against leukemia. Years later, she re-discovered her identity, in a place where that identity has historically been denounced; she re-married a woman. The reason why she doesn't see herself as a trailblazer, though, is because she doesn't believe gender or sexuality should be a defining characteristic of what makes a person who they are. "I don't make a point of saying, 'by the way I'm married to a woman!,' Copeland said. "I'm not ashamed of it. I'm married again. I'm married to a wonderful person. She happens to be a woman. I happen to be a woman - okay, that's where we're at." Although she shrugs it off as 'no big deal,' women and homosexuals have historically been unwelcome in positions of higher authority in the Church. Copeland was told by her priest at the time, "maybe God isn't ready for you yet," when she decided she wanted to enter the ministry. Women weren't allowed to be ordained in the Episcopal Church until 1977. It wasn't until her third career when Copeland realized her life's mission, answering a call from God she'd been dismissing nearly her entire life. "I had that sense of always feeling close to God," Copeland said. "It just took me a while to figure out what that looked like." As for homosexuality, factions within the Episcopal Church are still in disagreement. Although the Church's official stance is that "homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church," same-sex spouses were excluded from the 2020 Lambeth Conference, a gathering of Anglican Communion bishops. Copeland also said the issue of allowing homosexuals and same-sex marriage is currently being debated among New York dioceses. Bishop William Love of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany has broken with the rest of the state, and the rest of the Church, in refusing to allow same-sex marriage. Copeland defends same-sex marriage by stating, "What's the purpose of marriage? Well, some people say 'to procreate.' Then my marriage to Tom was never valid, because we never had kids[...] 20, nearly 25 years of marriage isn't valid." She does have hope for the Church as a whole, however. "I think the whole Church is working really hard to be open and inclusive and welcoming and trying to understand what it means for us to be together in ordination, together in marriage, together in relationships," Copeland said. "We would call for everybody to have monogamous relationships. We believe that's really important regardless of gender identity. "Her hope extends for women in the Church as well, although she does have some concerns. For one, she says that women vastly

outnumber men in the ministry. "My concern is that a lot of people - a lot of men - are giving up on the Church. Because they see women taking on that leadership role and so they think, 'well there's no place for me,'" Copeland said. "We recognize the joy of having women on board - men, where are you? "She's still worried that the number of women in the Church will decline, due to the ever-growing expansion of opportunities for females today. "I think it's hard for them to say I want to go back in the church basement when I can go work on breaking through that glass ceiling - 'I want to be on the soccer field; I want to be digging through a tunnel; I want to be a space shuttle.'" Copeland said she can empathize. "I'm in my third career, I get it. Those early days you want to go out and explore[...]But it doesn't have to be one or the other." Copeland broke down barriers of her own when she came to Elmira in 2016. Copeland serves as the rector at both Trinity Episcopal Church in Elmira and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Horseheads. Her male predecessor had been at Trinity for 19 years. Replacing the Rev. William Lutz has been a difficult task, especially given that they have very distinct styles - his more detail-oriented, hers more laid-back. But Copeland is confident that the congregation will adjust to her approach. "I'm hoping out of that they will see that we are all ministers of the Gospel," Copeland said. She calls on everyone to consider returning to, or entering the Church for one simple reason: to learn what it's like to live joyfully, and with hope. "There's a hunger inside each one of us, to belong, to feel connected to, 4-6 important to something or someone greater than themselves," Copeland said."

*Take delight in the Lord,*

*and he will give you the desire of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the Lord;*

*trust in him and he will do this:*

*He will make your righteous shine like the dawn,*

*your vindication like the noonday sun.*

*~psalm 37:4-6*