

THE ST. JOHN NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE | 9AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPT-MAY | 10:15AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
SEPT-MAY | WED 9:30AM

KIDS CLUB
NOV-MAY | THURS 3:45-5PM

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I find I am having trouble finding the words I want to write for this month's issue. My thoughts keep traveling to our dearly departed Roger and the prayers my family keep sending to Linn. I think that remembering how big a servant Roger was is the perfect message for the upcoming Christmas season, so let's do just that. Roger was at almost every church service, function and was always willing to lend a hand. Roger never let me take any photos, but that doesn't mean I didn't sneak a few. I don't have much room in this section, but allow me to share a few here.

Let us all be faithful servants,
Becky Robinson



WOMEN OF ST. JOHN

We had a very busy November! A big thank you for all the donations and your participation in the 2nd Annual Craft Fair/Soup & Bake sale. It was very successful and a lot of fun. We are already planning the 3rd!!

We provided Thanksgiving dinner and all the fixings to five families in the community.

November 30th we will put the Giving Tree (formally known as the Mitten Tree) up and it will be accepting donations until December 14th. We will be accepting donations of children's mittens, scarves, hats, socks and PJs. All will be delivered to the Fairfield Elementary School for the children in need.

December will be just as busy! We will be packaging and delivering bags to the sick and shut ins. Currently we have 10 names. We will also be setting up bags in the gathering area with their names so anyone wanting to give a Christmas card can drop your card in the bag and they will be delivered.

We will also be making cookies for Hillside.

In addition, we continue to plan the Lion's menu. We will not be preparing a meal in December as they will have their Christmas dinner at Olivia's. But we continue to plan for the new year.

We would like to extend an invitation to all women to come to join us!

Come join the fellowship and support our ministry to church and community.

We meet monthly, on the 1st Tuesday at 10:00AM (more often if projects such as event set-up, crafting, kitchen prep, cooking, stocking & organizing needs to be done).

For more information, contact Nancy Miller or Linda Sanders.



FROM THE MANY DESKS OF CAROL GARMAN



MUSIC NEWS | Thank you to everyone who shared their musical talents for Worship services in November.

Christmas Eve Choir is rehearsing Wednesdays 6:30-7:15PM from December 3rd-17th. If you like to sing, please come join us!

Christian Ed News | Children's Advent/Christmas program will be Sunday December 14th, during the regular morning worship service. Practices are during Sunday School, so if you would like your child to participate, please make sure you get them to Sunday School!

No Sunday School December 28th.

KID'S CLUB | Kid's Club will present a short program to family and friends Thursday December 18th from 4:45-5PM. They will not be meeting on Christmas or New Years Day.

We are still collecting aluminum cans. Proceeds go towards Kid's Club & Sunday School supplies. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing their cans in. Clean cans can be dropped off in the box in fellowship hall marked "aluminum cans".

THANK YOUs | Thank you to everyone who donated items for the college goody bags and to the Sunday School students who helped fill the bags.

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts or donated money towards the Adopt a Child For Christmas project. We were able to provide gifts for 17 children and some supplies for their parents.

UPCOMING DATES

December 14 (Sun) Children's Program during regular morning worship service

Christmas Eve, December 14 (Wed) 7PM Musical Prelude, 7:30 Service of Carols, Holy Communion & Candle lighting

Carol

With One Voice and Hand Bell Choir Meets Wednesday evenings—singers at 6:45PM and ringers at 7:30PM. New members are always welcome. WOV sings twice a month for worship services as schedules allow and bells ring for worship services every 4-6 weeks as schedules allow.

Children's Choir Children's choir practices during Sunday School & Kids Club and sing for worship once a month.

For more information, contact Carol Garman at 717.476.0923.

GETTING TO KNOW THE CHURCH COUNCIL; BARB BOOZ



Greetings to the family of St. John!

My husband, Dave, and I moved to Orrtanna in 2005 from Westminster, MD. We were both born and raised in Maryland. We met in

college at Frostburg State

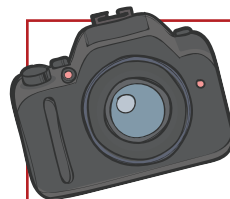
at the beginning of our freshman year, and the rest is history. I taught elementary and middle school for 34 years in Carroll County, MD, and I decided to retire in 2009 because we had three new grandchildren! We have two sons. Brian is a high school principal in Carroll County. His wife, Sara, is a high school English teacher, and they have three sons, Jackson, 19, and twins Ryder and Sawyer, who are 16. They live in Westminster. Our younger son, Matt, is a district manager for The Restaurant Store, and he is married to Megan. They have Maddie, 17, Brooks, 8, Ellie, 4 1/2, and Colbey, almost 3. They live in Gettysburg. We are very blessed to be close to family.

I was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oakland, MD. My parents and grandparents were married in that same church. My Dad and Mom were both active in Sunday School and many other aspects of the church. It was a big part of my life. When I met Dave, we attended several different churches until we settled in Manchester, MD, and became members of Immanuel Lutheran. When we moved to PA we went to services at St. James off and on. In 2007 we decided to give St. John a try. On the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's, we headed to church for the 10:30 service. The only people in the gathering area were the pastor and Jim Landis. We had missed the service because it had been at 9:00. We talked with the pastor and Jim,

who had some funny comments to make. Imagine that! We returned the following Sunday, and joined St. John in 2008.

At St. John I have served on Church Council for two terms as secretary, and am now back on Council again. My main interest is taking pictures at church of the many different events that take place here, then posting them on the bulletin board in the social hall. I hope to get those pictures in albums some day. I enjoy playing with the Handbell Choir and also playing the piano on occasion.

We have seen a lot of change at St. John over these past 17 years, but one thing has remained constant. The core group of members have remained very faithful to the church and its traditions. I have seen a lot of growth in the past few years, especially with younger families joining and sharing new perspectives. I really look forward to seeing what the future holds. May God bless St. John and our family of faith.



COMING SOON!

It has been 5 years since our last church directory was printed. There have been many changes in the membership since January of 2020! It's time for a new one! Look for announcements and sign-up sheets for a time to get your family pictures taken. Like the last directory, I will be taking photos of families and individuals rather than signing a contract with a professional company. That would be much more costly. We will have our directory printed by Bream's Printing. We will be updating information so that everything is current. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces! Contact me for any questions you might have!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Thank you to all who helped with the Advent breakfast!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC
2**

Women of St. John
Social Hall
10:00AM

**DEC
8**

Council Meeting
Social Hall
6:30PM

**DEC
13**

Cookie Walk
Social Hall
9AM - 12PM

**DEC
14**

Children's Advent/
Christmas Program
During service

**DEC
24**

Christmas Eve Service
Music at 7PM
Service at 7:30PM

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS *(If you see them, wish them Happy Birthday!)*

DEC 3 AVA YINGLING

DEC 28 ALLISON CREVIER

DEC 16 JAMES HAMMETT

DEC 31 TERRI BOLLINGER

DEC 18 CHARLIE DEARDORFF

DEC 21 JILL UNGER

CHURCH STAFF

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