

This Week at St. John's

January 29, 2023

AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNITY IN CHESTER, VA

Greetings! We hope you find us to be an open community that strives to be a safe place where all can receive god's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world.

If you wish, you can make a contribution to the work of St. John's. Envelopes are in the pews for your convenience. Please place them in the offering plate at the back of the church.

WORSHIP NOTES:

As we begin a new Church year, we are bringing back some items that have been most dear to us in the past.

- You are encouraged to go to the communion rail to kneel (as you are able). The bread will be given to you (we will continue to offer gluten free wafers) and the LEM will offer you the wine to dip the bread into if you choose. At this time, please refrain from drinking from the chalice. At the 10 am service there will be assistance for you to take the step to the rail if you should need it. If it is uncomfortable for you to use the step to the altar railing, please remain below the step to receive the sacrament.
- If it is your tradition or desire to use grape juice instead of wine, please ask the LEM.
- At the 10 am Service we pass the alms basins (offering plates) in the pews to receive your gifts. This will happen after the elements are brought up to the altar and during the Offertory. We will continue having an alms basin in the narthex at the 8 am Service.

SUNDAY – JAN. 29	8 am & 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 2819
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	AA: Parish Hall and 2 nd floor
WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	AA: Parish Hall and 2 nd floor
SUNDAY –FEB 5	8 am &10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 am	Reception to Welcome Reverend Mary Margaret Winn

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Please join me in welcoming The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn to St. John's on Sunday, February 5 when she will be preaching her first sermon here. We have been anxiously awaiting her arrival! A reception will be given in her honor following the 10:00 am service in the Parish Hall. Mary Margaret will also be preaching on February 12 prior to assuming the position of Priest-in-Charge on the 19th. This is an exciting time in the life of St. John's! Nancy Fast, Senior Warden

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are to the Glory of God and in memory of George Robert Keeton, twin brother of Rita Johnson.

If you want to dedicate memorial flowers in honor or in memoriam of a loved one, please place your name on the Sunday you want on the Flower Calendar in the Narthex. Altar Guild will contact you for details. Any questions, please contact Kathy Canada, (804) 241-2811.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

5 Susan Kalanges Bill Fields

13

9 Nancy Fast 17 Catherine Sloane

25 Megan Fideli

- Susanne Hillier 19 20 Rick Wood
- 24 Christiana Smythe

11 Susie Kalanges

- 18 Liz Pectal & Hank Dvorak
- 22 Joe Hillier 23 Millie Johnson
- 27 Robin Eckman & Jan Keavy 26 Rita Johnson

31 Helen Lindsey

If your name should have been included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

<u>BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA</u> – This information was shared in E-Signs on Friday, January 27.

Cub Scout Troop 2819 and Boy Scout Troop 2819 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Saturday, January 28 starting at 4 pm until 8:30 pm at the Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$6 per child (11 and under). Dinner includes salad, bread, spaghetti with meat sauce and iced tea or water to drink. Takeout orders are available. We look forward to seeing you there! Alston Heggie, Scoutmaster

BUILDING SECURITY

Church doors during worship St. John's strives to be an inviting and welcoming place for members, visitors, and the surrounding community. In addition to worship services, we "open our doors" for many ministries and public events. While this openness is a strength, it should be balanced with the need to keep our people and property safe. For this reason, the doors to the Church will be locked after the Worship Service begins. The ushers will have this responsibility until such time as we can designate persons to perform this specific duty.

EPT (Emergency Preparedness Team-The Safety and Security committee is currently looking for persons who would be willing to volunteer to serve on the EPT Team. The EPT Team members will be asked to perform specific duties during the worship services and at other church events as may be needed. The duties would include locking the church doors at the beginning of the worship service and remaining available to admit late arrivals, assisting in our emergency response to health, fire, and weather emergencies. EPT members are also needed to assist with medical emergencies and be knowledgeable about the location and use of first aid and AED kits. Interested persons who do not have any current first aid training but want to help would be asked to attend basic first aid training. Training will be provided by the committee. Our EPT members would also be available to participate in evacuation drills to effectively and safety evacuate the congregation in the event of a fire, weather, or other emergency which would require an orderly evacuation of the building. EPT members would also be designated 911 callers if needed. If you are interested in serving as an EPT member or desire further details, please contact Steve Canada at 804-928-4499 or by email at s.canada@att.net.

COMMUNICATION/EVANGELISM

The Signs of St. John's (New Deadline): The latest edition of *The Signs of St. John's* is available on the church website. There are also hard copies available in the lobby outside the church office. Articles and information for the Signs of St. John's should be submitted to Alex Heggie, aheggie@comcast.net, by the day after the Vestry Meeting or the 23rd of each month, whichever is later. Photographs or other illustrations may also be submitted in a separate attachment. We appreciate all the wonderful articles and pictures submitted since the restart of the newsletter in May. Keep them coming!

Name Tags

New name tags have arrived! I will be passing them out at church on Sunday to those who ordered them. Please remember to wear your name tags at church every Sunday! Name tags are helpful when we greet newcomers to St. John's and also help to create a warm and friendly environment to worship. In addition, name tags will be very beneficial for Rev. Mary Margaret to learn our names! If you have any questions, please let me know. Contact Mary Smith, 804-748-9718 or smithmaryg51@gmail.com.

GOOD NEWS!

The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn will begin her ministry at St. John's on February 1. She will be available in the office starting February 19th. The Reverend Winn is a cradle Episcopalian from Atlanta, Georgia. Since 2020 she has served as an Assistant Rector at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sterling, VA. She is married to The Reverend Sam Sheridan. He started in early December as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Petersburg, VA. They have a son Mac, who is six months old. Both Mary Margaret and Sam look forward to working with everyone in their respective parishes. We wish them both the very best as they transition into the tri-cities area.

OUTREACH

Aluminum Pop Tops: In the last two years our contributions of pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House has totaled 90 lbs., with a dollar amount of \$50 which covered a four night stay at RMH for a family whose children receive medical treatment in our local hospitals. We have been sending pop tops considerably longer than two years, however, RMH's computer system changed resulting in loss of data. An estimate of around 170 lbs. over the last four years might be more accurate. Thank you all and keep 'em coming. Sue Whiteman

PARISH LIFE

Please plan to join us in the Parish Hall for a reception on February 5th after the 10:00 am service, to welcome our new rector Reverend Mary Margaret Winn.

There are openings for volunteers to assist with setup on Saturday February 4th or with serving during the reception, or with clean-up afterwards. Many hands do make for light work!

We will serve our standard reception fare of finger sandwiches (meat and veggie versions), pinwheels, ham rolls/biscuits, deviled eggs, fruit tray, veggie tray, cheese offerings and assorted crackers and of course desserts. Parish Life will provide a sheet cake.

If you would like to be a volunteer helper or provide a food contribution, contact Val Paredes at 314-941-2750 or Mary Smith at 804-748-9718.

STEWARDSHIP

Teller Schedule: The teller schedule for the month of January is below. As always, if a conflict should arise, please contact another teller directly to fill in for you. Thank so much for your continued service. January 29 – Becky Farr and Ted Krafft

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ed and Cindy Inge, Mickey Magnusson, Charles Fischer, Dave Berg, Tripp Snead, Jerry W, Jenna Z., Bob Angell, Gene Furness, Audrey Furness, Richard Still, Terry Fields, Cis Alley, Susan Anderson, Sue Whiteman, Diana DiVittorio Maslonka, Candice Parsley, Kim Courington, Llewellyn Slayton, Barbara Crowder, Joshua Smith, Maria Kalanges, Betty Ann Messerly, Sharon Marsh, Mary Loenichen, Katy Wood, Thomas Gardner, Samuel Such, Rita and Billy Johnson, Maggie Twilley, Teri Cahow, Fr. Eric Moehring and the Gibbons Family

In God's Eternal Keeping

Al Heltzel, Jr. Robert Howard Johnson Donna J. Moehring Tim Gibbons and Virginia Wheeler Roaul Mason

Those Who Serve:

Petty Officer 1st Class Donald H. Farr, Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields, Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs, and Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel

Participants in Today's Liturgy January 29, 2023

Ministers: The People of St. John's The Reverend Ruth Partlow– Supply Priest Aubrey Lindsey – Music Director Donna Thibault – Office Administrator Chris Day – Live Streaming (Licensed Eucharist Ministers) LEM 8:00 am – Pat Robinson 10:00 am – Steve Canada Bernie Lotti and Thea Shoop – Ushers Aspen Heggie– Acolyte Brenda Wood, Mary Smith and Donna Horner – Altar Guild Brenda Wood – Flowers St. John's Vestry Nancy Fast, Senior Warden Andy McCauley, Junior Warden Thomas Markwood, Finance Valerie Paredes, Parish Life Brook Heggie, Christian Education Kent Horner, Jr., Property JoAnn Maher, Outreach Mary Smith, Communication/Evangelism Hazel Sloane, Register Liz Pectal, Treasurer

St. John's is now live streaming our services. The live stream can be found by searching "St. John's Episcopal Church Chester VA" on YouTube or visiting the St. John's Facebook page. If you cannot watch live, the recording will still be available on these sites for watching later.

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