



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.*

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SUNDAY – JAN. 29	8 am & 10:00 am 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist 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 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist 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	9	Nancy Fast	11	Susie Kalanges		
13	Bill Fields	17	Catherine Sloane	18	Liz Pectal & Hank Dvorak		
19	Susanne Hillier	20	Rick Wood	22	Joe Hillier	23	Millie Johnson
24	Christiana Smythe	25	Megan Fideli	26	Rita Johnson	27	Robin Eckman & Jan Keavy
31	Helen Lindsey						

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – 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 safely 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!

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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