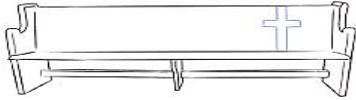


# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

November 17, 2024



## Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where YOU can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

### This Week at St. John's

Sun., Nov. 17	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., Nov. 18	12:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting - PH
	7:00 PM	BSA & Cub Scouts - PH
Tues., Nov. 19	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon Meeting - PH
Wed., Nov. 20	9:00 AM	Chester Garden Club – PH
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - AR
Thurs., Nov. 21	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting - AR
Sun., Nov. 24	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour

## ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God in memory of Mike Phoenix and Karl Pectal in honor of their first birthdays in heaven.

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We would like to offer assistance to those that have mobility challenges getting into a pew before the service begins and back to their car at the end of the service/coffee hour. If you can help please contact Steve Canada (804.928.4499) or Chris Day (804.366.8782).

Also, if you have medical knowledge and are willing to help in the event of an emergency at church, please contact Steve Canada ([s.canada@att.net](mailto:s.canada@att.net)) or Chris Day ([chday73@gmail.com](mailto:chday73@gmail.com)). Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP

With gratitude for your pledges -

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

The Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:3

Number of pledges mailed 10/1/24: 97

Number of pledges returned as of today: 57

Number of dollars pledged as of today:

\$210,990.00

## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

2 Liz McCauley 10 Billy Gibbons 16 Bill Sloane, Kacee Lotti 20 Susan Keophila 23 Andrea Marotta, 28 Una Harrison 30 Ryan Wood

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

## CHRISTMAS MOTHER

It doesn't seem possible, but it's already time to select a gift tag from our tree to fulfil a Christmas wish for a less fortunate member of our community. The Christmas Mother program works directly with the Department of Social Services, schools and churches to identify seniors and families in need. This year we have "adopted" a mother with four boys ages 7, 9, 11 and 13. We're also caring for three senior citizens: two females and one male. We were asked to adopt a little girl, age 4, as well.

The gift tags will be placed on a tree in the lobby outside of the office. The wish lists include new toys, new clothes, books, household items or a gift card for Christmas dinner.

We need to receive the unwrapped gifts at St. John's no later than November 24. Please place the gifts in a collection bin located in the office lobby. Make sure you attach the tag to the gift and, if possible, include the receipt for clothes in case an exchange is necessary. Gifts will be moved periodically to a secure area. If you'd prefer to have the Outreach Committee shop for you, which we are happy to do, we'll need your check no later than November 20. If you put a check in the Sunday collection plate, please add a note that it is for Christmas Mother.

The gifts we provide will likely be the only ones they receive this Christmas. More information is posted by the tree. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Maher (804) 661-0093 or Lnjmaher@aol.com. Thank you!

### **OUTREACH**

**CCHASM:** St. John's continues to support our local community during this upcoming holiday season. This year your generous donations will greatly help CCHASM to reach their goal of assisting 4,000+ families with a Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package and \$20 gift card (for perishables and/or a turkey).

The 2024 Meal Package Contents are listed below. Please bring your donations to the church office beginning October 16<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring items in brown grocery bags as in years past. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Please contact **Tamara Evans** if you have any questions. Thank you.

### **CALENDARS FOR VETERANS**

Please deliver your donations of 2025 calendars to the church by December 4. The DAV Auxiliary will be delivering them, along with Christmas stockings for the patients of McGuire,

later that week. Thanks for your terrific support of this project. Sue Whiteman

### **RONALD MCDONALD TABS**

A basket to receive donations of aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House has replaced the large bin. The basket is situated just outside of the church office. To date, 17 pounds of tabs have been delivered to the Ronald McDonald House this year. Many thanks, Sue Whiteman

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Thanksgiving Food Bags** - November 17 is the last day we will be collecting food bags. If you haven't already, please bring them to the church on Sunday.

**Beulah Breakfast** - Monday, November 25 - drop off items Sunday - grab and go items are preferable. Join us if your schedule allows.

**Christmas Mother Wrapping** - Tuesday, November 26 @ 2 pm - The Outreach Committee will be wrapping this year's gifts for our Christmas Mother family and seniors.



### **2024 Meal Gift Package Contents**

1 – 40 oz. can of yams/sweet potatoes
1 – 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
1 – 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
2 – 15 oz. cans of corn
2 – 15 oz. cans of green vegetables
2 - boxes of Stove Top – no bags
2 – cans/packages of gravy – no glass jars
1 – box of hot chocolate
1 – box of regular flavor tea bags
1 – large box or box of cookies

## **PARISH LIFE**

A big thank you to Sherry and Chris Mueller and to our Parish Life crew whose efforts helped make last Saturday's oyster roast the best one ever.

The December Fellowship Coffee Hour sign up list is available in the parish Hall. Yes, it's fast approaching!



## **MUSIC TODAY**

New faces in the choir

Please welcome non members singers Rebecca Perkinson and Max Goldsmith to St. John's.

Rebecca came out of "retirement" to join the choir's alto section. She has an undergraduate degree in music from Meredith College and a masters in voice from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Her department chair at Meredith is a long time friend of Aubrey Lindsey.

Max has joined the choir to lend support in the tenor section. Max is a native of Midlothian and he is pursuing an undergraduate degree in voice at VCU with his main interest being opera. He will be performing in a contemporary opera at VCU on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on November 17 at 4:00 p.m. The performances will be at the WE Singleton Center for the Performing Arts.

Two members of St. John's who recently decided to jump into the choir are Jeff Ryder and Clint Bivins. Neither has had experience singing in a choir, but at Aubrey's "encouragement" they decided to give it a try.

Both are progressing nicely!

We are still looking for choir members to enhance our music, particularly for the Christmas Lessons and Carols.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Kathy Frazer, Jim Krech, Ted Fighera, Judi Heggie, Billy Gibbons, Sue Whiteman, Una Harrison, Linda Blake, Dr. Joe Hillier, Andy McCauley, Greg Hilburn, Thomas Gardner, Webster and Joy Maughan, Don Gardner, and David Martin.

### **Those Who Serve**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Donald H. Farr, Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields, Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs, Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Damien Carter

### **Parishioners @ Home**

Maggie Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson, Sandy Weilbacher, Philip Barnes and Millie Johnson

### **In God's Eternal Keeping**

William 'Bill' Roeckl  
Ann Sumlin, Mike Phoenix  
Corinne DuBay, Michael Garton



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## **Participating in Today's Liturgy**

**November 17, 2024**

Ministers: The People of St. John's  
Father Eric Moehring, Supply Clergy

Aubrey Lindsey –

Organist and Choir Master

Bryant Watson, Violinist

Carlton Smith– Live Streaming

10:00 am – JoAnn Maher, Security

(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Stacy Stutz

**Lectors: 8:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Liz McCauley

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Hazel Sloane

**Lectors: 10:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson– Lin Corbin-Howerton

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson– Jody Mountfort

A. Heggie – Acolyte

Don Farr & Jan Keavy - Ushers

Guy Smith & Jay Ellington - Tellers

Claire Marsh & Rusty Phoenix–

Altar Guild

Tamara Evans – Flowers

### **St. John's Vestry**

JoAnn Maher, Senior Warden

Andy McCauley, Junior Warden

Larry Maher, Finance

Valerie Paredes, Parish Life

Tanya Scott, Christian Formation

Kathy Ellington, Outreach

Steve Canada, Health and Safety

Hazel Sloane, Register

Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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