

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Events, Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers for St. John's and Beyond

August 23, 2026

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, you are beloved in this family. Take a look at all the ways the Spirit is moving at St. John's!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER CHURCH TODAY!

Visit the Parish Hall/Courtyard for ice cream cake, sorbet, & cold brew coffee floats to kick off a new school year!

FAMILY TIME WORSHIP

All are invited to our exploratory worship service on **Saturday, September 5th at 4:30 PM** as we wonder about water, get our hands wet, and share communion. This is a very relaxed setting, outside as weather permits, and is specifically geared toward children and their development needs. Family Time gathers the first Saturday of each month at 4:30 PM—Save the Date for Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5!

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's not too late! School supplies will be collected through the end of August for the teachers at Beulah Elementary School. Please place supplies in the designated bin outside the Armstrong Room.

Items needed: Glue sticks, multi-colored construction paper, black dry erase markers, marbled composition books, 24-count crayons, tissues, gallon/quart size zipper top plastic bags, yellow highlighters, rounded point scissors, #2 pencils, colored pencils, unscented baby wipes.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The text for the offertory anthem this morning, "I will bow" is a Shaker prayer that was put to music by Frederick Chatfield, a published composer and retired organist and choir master who holds degrees from the New England Conservatory and Yale University.

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free; I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree. I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke, yea, I'll fall upon the rock. I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free; I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation (September 1-October 4) is a time for Christians around the world to come together in prayer, worship, and action for God's Creation.

Here at St. John's, we will be marking this season with special prayers and gatherings—opening with a liturgy in the courtyard on Sunday, September 6th before each service; and closing with a special farewell to the Memorial Garden dogwood tree on Sunday, October 4th following each service.

Please take home the card in your bulletin and subscribe to E-Signs, our weekly email, for reflections on this season and how you can engage in prayer and action.

ONGOING OUTREACH

Current requests for unhoused Chesterfield school children to be distributed by local school nurses: deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed.

Bring in your **label-free, rinsed Rx bottles** to be reused by doctors in underserved areas and countries via Matthew 25 Ministry.

We recently collected almost 10 pounds of **Pop-tops** for the Ronald McDonald House!

The Animal Shelter is always in need of food and treats!

Bring in **2027 calendars for our veterans!** We donated over 200 calendars last year to the VA Hospital.

All above donations accepted in the church office lobby.

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retablo today are given by Lin Corbin-Howerton to the glory of our gracious God, in memory of the birthday of her mother, Rita Corbin, and to celebrate the birth of her grandson Jack Howerton on August 19.

Save the Dates

Saturday, September 26th: St. John's Booth & Pet Blessing at ChesterFest

Sunday, September 27th: All-Ages Worship at 10 AM

Monday, October 5th: St. John's Golf Tournament

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the church office with any changes or additions for the prayer list.

August Birthdays

1	Alda Moore	2	Rev. Sam Sheridan
4	Catherine Austin, Emmy Austin		
5	JoAnn Maher	6	Linda Blake
7	Andy McCauley	8	Bart Burgwyn
12	Vinny Fideli	16	Chris Mueller
17	Winnie Fornash	20	Rebecca Disney
24	David Harrison, Beth Wells		
25	Christopher Keophila		
26	Daniel Phoenix	30	Dorna Clark

Those in Need of Healing

Pat Dvorak, Judi Heggie, Ruby DiVittorio, Fr. Keith & Carlene Gentry, Kim Gentry, Dick Pitman, Linda DeBell, Tim Pahlick, Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Arlene Lotti, George Starke, Terry & Bill Fields, Jim Colonna, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prohett, Cathy Frazer, Marguerite Alley, Britt Young & Family, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, The Macri Family, Martha & Joe Sheridan, The Sweeney Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Sergeant First Class Reade Whitner Enochs, Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Those Who Have Recently Died

Michael Likavec
Walter Roy Winn

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

St. John's Vestry

Kim Courington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Catherine Mueller, Congregational Vitality
Don Raybould, Liaison for Parish Life

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST 23, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Carlton Smith, Live Streaming
Guy Smith, 8 AM Inside Security
Alan Thibault, 10 AM Inside Security
Guy Smith, 10 AM Outside Security
Pat Robinson, 8 AM LEM
Don Raybould, 10 AM LEM
Paula and Bryan Saddler, 8 AM Readers
Ruby DiVittorio and Donna Thibault, 10 AM Readers
Ruby DiVittorio and Hank Dvorak, Ushers
Kitty Wells and Rusty Phoenix, Tellers
Sally Maxwell, Rusty Phoenix, Barbara Fischer, and
Claire Marsh - Altar Guild
Valerie Paredes, Flowers
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Celebrant

CONTACT US

The church office is open Tuesday—Friday, 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret directly for an appointment. Call: 804-748-2182.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	All Ages Worship
	11:15 AM	Ice Cream Social
Mon., Aug. 24	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Aug. 25	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Thurs., Aug. 27	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour



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