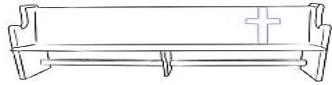


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

August 24, 2025



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

Sunday, August 24	8:00 & 10:00 AM 9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum
Monday, August 25	7:00 PM	Boy & Cub Scouts – PH & Cabin
Tuesday, August 26	3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Outreach Committee AA/Al-Anon
Sunday, August 31	8:00 & 10:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Fifth Sunday Luncheon - PH

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God and in memory of Cody and Liam Slayton.

The **Flower Calendar for 2025** is posted in the narthex just waiting for you to select your dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the remainder of this year.

The following is a list of available dates between now and the end of the year: September 21 and 28, November 9, 16 and December 28.

If you can't make it to the church to select a date, call the office and speak with our office administrator.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

1 Alda Moore	2 Rev. Sam Sheridan
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	

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

PARISH LIFE

Just a Reminder: We will gather next Sunday, August 31st after the 10 am service for the Fifth Sunday Potluck Luncheon. Please plan to join us and contribute by bringing your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. Parish Life will provide chicken and beverages; coffee, ice tea, water and lemonade.

We plan to continue our kitchen clean up. Please join us on Friday, August 29th at 9:00 am for some more fun. Look forward to seeing you!

FAMILY TIME

I am overjoyed to share that starting in September we will be offering Family Time, a worship service with family needs in mind. Beginning at 4:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month, we will gather in the garden for movement, tactile learning, fun music, and a conversation about our Creator/Creation. Think of it as the Disney-Pixar version of worship—something for ALL ages (including teenagers!). BYO a blanket or chair and good vibes. Rev. Mary Margaret

MUSIC PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have a strong pulpit with Mary Margaret who inspires us with meaningful sermons weekly. We have been blessed also with good singers as our choir supports the weekly liturgy; however, the choir needs additional singers to maintain a quality program. You can contribute to the choir in two ways: (1) If you have ever sung with a choir or think you would like to---join our choir. (2) You may know of someone you could recruit who has musical ability and may be willing to join with this happy band of musicians. Rehearsals begin on September 3, and continue every Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 9:15 and again on Sunday mornings at 8:30.

There are no auditions, just a willing spirit. If you have questions or could recommend someone, please call Aubrey Lindsey either at the church office or by cell 804-389-9417.

PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall floor is being prepped for deep cleaning, stripping and waxing that will occur within the next few weeks. In advance of that and to assist the crew that will perform the work, the floor needs to be kept free and clear of chairs and tables. If your group sets us any chairs and tables for an event or meeting, please return them to the chair racks and table carts at the end of your event. Thank you very much.

VESTRY/STRATEGIC PLAN

Since Memorial Day weekend, your Vestry has engaged in the long process of developing a strategy for St. John's that will guide us over the next five years. So far, we have spent time discussing a vision, we shared each other's understanding of St. John's as it exists today, and then we dug into some of the challenges of getting to where we want to be in five years. Next, we will outline broad steps to address those challenges. We want a strategy that includes your input, so expect us to present this to you in the fall, and we hope you'll be candid with your feedback. After you've given your input, we'll refine our strategy and then be ready to move forward. Thanks for being patient with us – the work has been challenging and enlightening, yet we can already see how rewarding it will be. Many thanks! Best, John

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY OPEN

The St. John's Nursery is open! Each Sunday from 7:45-11:45 AM, our nursery will be staffed for little ones, aged infant through 5, on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Children will also continue to be welcome in church—parents' choice!

OUTREACH

Beulah Elementary School

School supplies will be collected during August for the teachers at Beulah Elementary School. Please place supplies in the designated bin outside the Armstrong Room. Keep in mind school supplies are tax free the weekend of August 1-3. If you prefer not to shop, checks will be greatly appreciated. Please memo checks Beulah School Supplies. See Llewellyn Slayton if you have any questions. Thank you.

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Marguerite Alley, Herb Marsh, Donald H. Farr,
Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy
Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,
Linda Blake, Dr. Joe Hillier, Thomas Gardner,
Webster and Joy Maughan, Vienna Grace Cale,
The Cale Family, The Macri Family

Those Who Serve

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 3rd Class
Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

Participating in Today's Liturgy

August 24, 2025

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Director
Bryant Watson—Violinist
Parker Eads—Live Streaming
Larry Maher, Security

(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kent Horner, Sr.

10:00 am – Lin Corbin-Howerton

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson – Paula Saddler

2nd Lesson – Andy McCauley

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson – Sadie Morgan

2nd Lesson – Ruby DiVittorio

A. Heggie - Acolyte

Chris Day & Carlton Smith - Ushers

Kitty Wells & Rusty Phoenix - Tellers

Claire Marsh, Valerie Paredes

& Donna Horner – Altar Guild

Tamara Evans - Flowers

St. John's Vestry

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Kim Courington, Stewardship & Finance
Jody Mountfort, Parish Life
Tanya Scott, Christian Formation

Hazel Sloane, Register

Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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