NEWS FOR THE PEWS

September 28, 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.

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| **THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN’S** |
| Sunday, September 28 | 8 & 10 AM9 AM11:00 AM | Holy EucharistAdult ForumFellowship Coffee Hour |
| Monday,September 29 | 7 PM | Boy and Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday, September 30 | 7 PM | AA/Al-Anon  |
| Wednesday, October 1 | 1:00 PM7:30 PM | Organ CommitteeChoir Practice |
| Saturday,October 4 | 4:30 pm | Blessing of the Animals &Family Time in the Gardens |
| Sunday, October 5 | 8 & 10 AM9 AM11:00 AM | Holy EucharistAdult ForumFellowship Coffee Hour & Birthday Sunday |

**ALTAR GUILD**

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER**

 **2** Jody Mountfort  **5** Gayle Murman and

 Sandy Weilbacher  **8** Carol Williams

**10** Don Gardner

**18** Kim Courington, Warrie McBrearty

**22** Michael Gardner

**25** Elaine Gardner, Samantha Keophila

**26** Tasha Fideli, Don Raybould

**28** Terry Fields **29** Joshua Johnson

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

**THE SHEPHERD CENTER**

On October 18th we will have our 14th Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser. We will again be at Chester Baptist Church. Tickets are on sale now for $30 and they sell out quick. The ticket price includes tea, delicious savory and sweet treats, door prizes, and chance to purchase raffle tickets for fabulous items. Please call 804-706-6689. RSVP by September 30.

**OUTREACH**

The Outreach Committee will be collecting hygiene supplies for our CCPS school-aged children. Mardi Bras has notified us that there is a great need. There will be an empty bin in the church lobby. Items to include are: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, etc. Thank you to all for your continued support.

**BLESSING of the ANIMALS at FAMILY TIME**

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4 at 4:30 pm in conjunction with our Family Time Worship Service. It will be held in the courtyard. In case of rain we will move to the Colonnade. We welcome everybody from the community with all kinds of pets to this service. Light refreshments for humans and animals will be served following the service.

Don’t forget to check your closets for any old towels or small blankets for the Chesterfield Animal Shelter. Please place your donations in the bin outside the office. Many thanks, Sue Whiteman

**LAMB ARTS FEST**

Saturday, October 4th 1-4 PM in Downtown Hopewell. See art! Make art! Free activities and exhibits, local artists, live music, food, kids play zone. This is a great way to support a community organization founded and run by parishioners!

**HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

Once again, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church has invited St. John’s to attend their annual Trunk or Treat on October 25th from 1:30 PM until 4:00 PM. More information can be found on the church office bulletin board. Please register on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-pauls-trunk-or-treat-2025-tickets-1660955906829>. Cost is free, no rain date.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Quinten Sierra, Rosa Maria Julia Barrientos (Mauricio’s Mother), David Martin, Cathy Frazer,

Pat Frazer, The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family, Marguerite Alley, Herb Marsh,

Donald H. Farr, Marianne Branigan,

Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,

Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,

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

**In God’s Eternal Keeping**

Betty Germiller

(The Germiller Family)

Carolyn Williams

**Parishioners @** **Home**

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

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 **Participating in Today’s Liturgy**

**September 28, 2025**

Ministers: The People of St. John’s

Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector

Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Director

Cantor – Rebecca Perkinson

Bryant Watson - Violinist

Chris Day – Live Streaming

Larry Maher, Security

**(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs**

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Lin Corbin-Howerton

**Lectors: 8:00 am**

1st Lesson – Denise Doyle

 2nd Lesson – Liz Pectal

**Lectors: 10:00 am**

1st Lesson - Ruby DiVittorio

2nd Lesson - JoAnn Maher

Leshem Peiris -Acolyte

Bernie Lotti & Don Farr - Ushers

Kitty Wells & Jay Ellington - Tellers

Sally Maxwell and Donna Horner - Altar Guild

Brenda Wood - Flowers

**St. John’s Vestry**

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden

Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)

John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)

Kim Courington, Stewardship & Finance

Guy Smith, Health & Safety

Jody Mountfort, Parish Life

Tanya Scott, Christian Formation

Hazel Sloane, Register

Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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