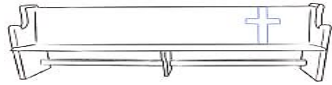


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

September 14, 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, September 14	8 & 10 AM 9 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist No Adult Forum Fellowship Coffee Hour
Monday, September 15	12 PM 7 PM	Kiwanis Meeting Boy and Cub Scouts
Tuesday, September 16	7 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wednesday, September 17	8 - 1:00 PM 7:30 PM	Chester Garden Club Choir Practice
Thursday, September 18	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, September 20	10 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday, September 21	8 & 10 AM 9 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Fellowship Coffee Hour

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God in memory of Paul Keavy, Jan Keavy's son.

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.

PARISH LIFE

Please join us after the 10 AM service as we resume Fellowship Coffee Hour this Sunday. See you there!

THE SHEPHERD CENTER

The 21st Annual Free Ice Cream Social will be held on September 10 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Chester Baptist Church. Come join in the thrilling prelude to our Fall 2025 Adventures in Learning Program.

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.

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST PART 2

The second half of our Instructed Eucharist will take place on Sunday, September 21st at both services.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:30 pm. 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.

FAMILY TIME

Our second Family Time service will be held on October 4 at 4:30 PM.

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

David Martin, 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, 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

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

Participating in Today's Liturgy September 14, 2025

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Director
Cantor – Max Goldsmith
Bryant Watson—Violinist
Carlton Smith – Live Streaming
John Maxwell, Security

(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Don Raybould

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson – Paula Saddler

2nd Lesson – Andy McCauley

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson – Lin Corbin-Howerton

2nd Lesson – Sadie Morgan

A. Heggie - Acolyte

Ruby DiVittorio & Alan Thibault - Ushers

Guy Smith & Joe Blankenship - Tellers

Mary Smith & Rusty Phoenix – Altar Guild

Donna Lee - 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

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