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NOVEMBER 2014 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November this year will see some special events in our church life. St. John's is hosting Diocesan Convention at the beginning of

the month. Beyond greeting, directing, registering guests, sharing a Daffin's Candy Bar, and providing directions to Reyer's shoe store, we also have the privilege of hosting 150-200 people from the Diocese for a Convention Eucharist on Friday, November 7 at 5:00pm. All are invited as we pray together, sing together, and come to the altar with our brothers and sisters from throughout the Diocese.

We are also in the midst of our *Believe and Prepare* Capital Campaign. We had an exciting kick-off dinner, and a team from the parish is now contacting as many people as they can. Later this month a mailing will be sent out, as well. If you have questions, or would like to have someone visit you with more information, please contact the office and our *Believe and Prepare* committee will give you a call. In the meantime, please pray for the campaign and about your own participation. This campaign is an important opportunity for us to take care of our building, so we can continue to fill it with ministries that worship God, care for people, and help us grow as Christians.

Also worth putting on your calendars is the Episcopal Church Women's St. John's Winterfest on December 6. The focus will change a bit from the 3C's, with new offerings and opportunities for participation by the larger parish.

Peace, *Adam*

Be a Mentor, Change a Life

Children's Aid Society of Mercer County has developed a new mentoring program called Creating Foundations. This program will link mentors to youth preparing to age out of Pennsylvania's Foster Care System who have no support.

Please join us for a **Meet and Greet Brunch**, November 22 from 10am until 1pm at 350 West Market St., Mercer.

Come find out how you can help: RSVP to Ken Laaks by November 17 at 724-662-4730 ext. 35 or kenl@zoominternet.net

Kitchen Reminder: Whenever your group/committee uses the kitchen(s), **please** make sure that all dishes are washed and put away, sinks cleaned out, counters/stove, microwave, etc. cleaned along with the floor being swept (mopped if needed), trash removed and towels are taken home, washed, and returned in a timely manner. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Day Service – November 27 Holy Eucharist and Homily at 10am

A service of Thanksgiving is a tradition here at St. John's Church. Come with your family and friends to celebrate this holy day of Thanks with worship.

The parish office will be closed the following days in November:

- Tuesday, November 11 - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 28 - Thanksgiving holiday

A Letter From Linda Houk

Friends,

I would like to invite anyone looking for a ministry at St. John's to consider becoming an Altar Guild volunteer.

The members of Altar Guild prepare the host and wine for communion, change the altar hangings, mark the lessons to be read, and lay out Fr. Adam's vestments for Sunday and Thursday services. We also prepare communion and dress the altar for weddings and funerals, and make sure Fr. Adam has everything he needs to perform a baptism.

For me, preparing the altar for worship is helping my fellow parishioners. We minister by preparing Eucharist and also by dressing the altar for weddings and funerals. I also like to think we help Fr. Adam, Randy, and the Eucharistic ministers by having all the details taken care of so they can concentrate on ministering to the people of St. John's.

Altar Guild has been the calm and peaceful ministry I needed in my busy life. I like being in the church and having an opportunity to pray, contemplate, or just sit quietly and look at the stained glass. I look forward to the 3-4 times a year that I am scheduled to be an Altar Guild volunteer.

Maybe you are looking for a ministry that doesn't involve being in a group or having lots of meetings. Maybe you are looking for a ministry that you can fit into your schedule. Maybe you are looking for a way to help the members and visitors of St John's. Or maybe you are looking for a ministry and you are curious about Altar Guild. If any of these 'maybes' strike a chord, then I would invite you to think about becoming an Altar Guild volunteer.

If you would like to know more about being an Altar Guild volunteer, have any questions or concerns, or want to volunteer, please call me at 724-456-0440.

Peace, *Linda Houk*



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Believe and Prepare: Our Capital Campaign

We are now in full swing of the capital campaign – aiming to raise \$350,000 dollars for Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements. The kick-off dinner held on Sunday, October 19th was a great success due to all the fantastic work of our dedicated volunteers. And it was fun too! We started off with a walking tour to see for ourselves what work is needed, then gathered inside for dinner. Allen Hall glowed in the colors of the season and we had a mouthwatering meal . . . no need to ask “Where’s the Beef?” that day! Our young people performed an entertaining skit and we saw an informative video.

Check out the campaign news in the lounge as we move forward. If you missed the walking tour on October 19th, handouts for a self-guided walking tour are available there. We have begun to gather pledges and everyone is being invited to meet with one of our teams to review the campaign plan and complete a pledge card. Please continue to keep St. John's and this campaign in your prayers.

We hope that you *believe* as we do that God is calling us to continue our mission and ministry for generations to come and now is the time to *prepare* for the future.

It's that simple . . . *Believe and Prepare.*

Sincerely,

Donna & Angelo Stamaolis

Our Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father of lights, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for St. John's. Thank you for the opportunities to worship you, to care for people and to grow as Christians. Bless our capital campaign; give us the wisdom to know your will for our parish future, the faith to believe in that future mission, the generosity to prepare for it, and any resources we need to live into it; in the name of Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.

ECW NEWS

GOODBYE 3C's, HELLO WINTERFEST!

We are excited to host a fresh new event this holiday...St. John's Winterfest. It will replace the 3C's of Christmas but take place on the same weekend... December 6, from 10 until 2pm.

The new format will bring some changes.

Some NEW features are:

- Mug of Soup Lunch
- Vintage Christmas item sale
- Holiday Breads
- Gift items

Your group is invited to set up a booth... the choir, youth group, confirmation class-all are welcome! The more the merrier!

Baking days at the church are severely limited, so we will make only the most popular varieties....clothespin cookies, buckeyes, and pecan tassies for example.

Your help is needed to fill out the display.

Here are choices for you to donate:

- Holiday breads... cranberry nut, date and nut, pumpkin for example.
- Homemade fancy cookies
- Candy... fudge, hardtack
- Old Christmas decorations
- Two gallon batches of soup
- Monetary donations to buy ingredients

A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge so we all will know what's coming in. Proceeds will support the – *Believe & Prepare* Campaign.

Open date for High Altar Flowers... Christmas Eve. If you would be interested in having flowers placed on the High Altar in memory of a loved one(s), please contact Tina in the office.

Salute to our Service Men and Women

Donations are being accepted to send care packages to our church service men and women. Monetary donations are also accepted to help cover mailing expenses and to purchase items for the boxes. Donations of candy, nuts, gum and magazines are needed.

Donations need to be turned in by November 9th, for the boxes to be sent out before Thanksgiving to show our support and to thank them for the job they are doing. You can bring your items to church and deposit them in the box marked "Donations for Care Packages" in the office or contact Sandy Geiwitz at 724-342-3904.

Questions can also be directed to Sandy.

Mr. D's Rebate Program

Thanks to the folks that have listed St. John's as the organization to receive a rebate from Mr. D's grocery in Brookfield. St. John's recently received a check for \$93.05 from the Save A Tape Program. Do you have a rewards card at Mr. D's? Have you listed St. John's as the beneficiary of the Save A Tape program? If you are not sure, stop by Mr. D's customer service counter and have them check into this for you.

If you don't have a rewards card, it's easy to do:

- When you sign up for your Mr. D's Card, check the organization you want credited.
- When you shop at Mr. D's, points are automatically credited to your organization.
- Once a year, your organization will receive a check

This does not affect your Rewards Program, you will still receive your \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$20 off after you have reached your points that are needed.



From Our Youth & Family Minister Diana Moreland

We welcome Samantha Ziccardi as our new Nursery Supervisor. She is currently studying at Laurel Technical Institute in the Medical Field, and is CPR Certified.

She is from the Hubbard area and has helped out both at Sharon WaterFire and the St. John's Christmas Photo Project. She Started on October 12th and will be available for the 8am service, 9am formation hour and 10am service, Please feel free to stop by the nursery and get to know her. I feel she will be a great addition to our St. John's community.

Youth Group Events:

November 16:

6-8pm • In-House Meeting please join us for food and fun

November 30:

7-10pm • SVYN Olympic Fun Center – cost \$5

Other Events:

November 1:

6pm • 20/30's Halloween Party at Diana's
474 Baldwin Ave., Sharon

November 23:

After 10am Service • Teacher Meeting

December 2014 Newsletter Deadline:

Don't forget! The deadline to submit articles for the December newsletter is Thursday, November 13.

Please send articles to the church at:
stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

Used Clothing Shed

Just a reminder that St. John's has partnered with St. Pauly's Clothing Shed. St. Pauly has provided the shed, and will do upkeep on the shed and regular pick-ups of used clothing. If you haven't seen the shed, it's in the southeast corner of our parking lot.

Did you know that EPA estimates that the average person throws away 70 lbs. of clothing per year? That adds up to 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills. Most of that clothing thrown away is perfectly wearable by someone, somewhere.

November 15th, our country celebrates America Recycles Day. Please do your part and recycle your unwanted clothing. Please place your items in a bag and deposit them in the drop off slot on the front of the shed. It's that simple! Do your part and recycle your unwanted clothing.

Canas Corner schedule for the remainder of the year:

November 14: Dave Buchanan Band - plays Christian music that is heard on K-LOVE Christian Radio

November 21: Frank and Lynne Parrish - plays Christian music, plus variety music

December 5: Tammie O'Marrie - plays oldies and country

December 19: Cana's Christmas show - will include sacred and well known Christmas music by our own folks who were in our Broadway and country/western nights.

Please join us on Friday evening beginning at 7pm in the lounge. Refreshments and nursery will be available.

Many thanks for the cards, calls, and prayers that I received during my recent hip surgery. I am truly blessed.

~ Linda Steingrabe

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2014</h1>						1 11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community lunch served in Allen Hall 6pm ~ 20/30's Halloween Party @ Diana's
2 Daylight Savings ends 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist Sharpsville Presbyterian packing bags at ECS 6pm ~ Dining room res.	3 7pm ~ ECW Steering Committee Meeting 7pm ~ Healing & Prayer Ministry	4 11am ~ 1pm ~ Kitchen Reserved 5:30pm ~ Relay for Life meeting in Allen Hall 6:30pm ~ AA	5 11am ~ AA 5pm ~ Spiritual Trainers Course 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	6 10am ~ Holy Eucharist 10:45am ~ Believe and Prepare program 10:30am~12:30pm ~ECS Food Pantry Distribution	7 Diocesan Convention @ First United Methodist Church hosted by St. John's 5pm ~ Holy Eucharist @ St. John's	8 11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community lunch served in Allen Hall Diocesan Convention @ First United Methodist Church hosted by St. John's
9 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist	10 5:30pm ~ Believe and Prepare program 7pm ~ Vestry	11 Parish Office Closed--Veterans Day 11am ~ 1pm ~ Kitchen Reserved 6:30pm ~ AA	12 11am ~ AA NOON ~ WHM Sr. Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon in Allen Hall 5pm ~ Spiritual Trainers Course 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	13 10am ~ Holy Eucharist December Newsletter Deadline	14 7pm ~ Cana's Corner Coffeeshouse	15 11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community lunch served in Allen Hall
16 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist 6 ~ 8pm ~ Youth Group In-house meeting	17 7pm ~ Healing & Prayer Ministry ECW Baking in Allen Hall kitchen in the afternoons	18 11am ~ 1pm ~ Kitchen Reserved 6:30pm ~ AA	19 11am ~ AA 5pm ~ Spiritual Trainers Course 7pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	20 10am ~ Holy Eucharist 10:30am~12:30pm ~ECS Food Pantry Distribution	21 7pm ~ Cana's Corner Coffeeshouse	22 11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community lunch served in Allen Hall 4pm ~ multi-generational Bowling
23 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist Teachers meeting following the 10am service	24	25 6:30pm ~ AA <i>Bulletin Items Due</i>	26 11am ~ AA	27 Thanksgiving Day 10am ~ Holy Eucharist Parish Office Closed	28 Parish Office Closed	29 11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community lunch served in Allen Hall
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