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## JANUARY 2017 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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FROM  
*God's House*  
TO *Your House*

# Thank You!

During the Christmas season and throughout the past year, many people in need benefited from the generosity of the people of St. John's. We want to offer a special thank you to all who contribute in so many ways to St. John's outreach ministries.

Episcopal Community Services and St. John's Family Kitchen serve hundreds of people each month, and we couldn't do it without the help of so many dedicated volunteers. We are grateful for all of you who help pick up breads, pack bags, register clients, work in the bread room, the clothing closet, or Doddy's pantry, give out or carry bags to the car, or help with any of ECS's administrative tasks.

We are also grateful for those who prepare menus, cook or serve food, work with our youth servers, help with the children's table, talk and pray with our clients, or coordinate with other churches and agencies for our Family Kitchen.

We also want to give out a shout out to all who contribute to these efforts to help others. We want to thank the Episcopal Church Women especially for all their hard work with Winterfest and their rummage sales which raises money that they share so generously with efforts to help those in need.

Thanks, too, to those who contribute clothing to the St. Pauly Shed in our parking lot. We receive about \$40 each month from those clothing contributions, and that money goes to our outreach ministries.

You are all helping St. John's make a difference in people's lives!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! As we start 2017 at St. John's, you might have noticed a few changes.

Fred, our sexton, had knee surgery in the middle of December. He is planning

on making a full recovery and returning to us. While he is recuperating, we are blessed to have Mike Gutowski filling in. Mike lives in Mercer and is available to help us for a few months this winter while the weather limits some of the outdoor work on his farm.

You may have noticed that one of the back pews in the church has been removed. We have had a number of requests to have a pew taken out to allow easier access for people with walkers or wheelchairs, people with knee or leg issues, or families with children in car seat carriers (that don't fit in the regular pews).

In 2017, we will initiate a weekday Eucharist every Wednesday at 5:30. This time has worked for our Advent and Lenten services, and a number of people have expressed an interest in continuing a weekly Eucharist. This service will be Rite II with a short sermon and one or two hymns or anthems most weeks.

Finally, please plan to join us for our Annual Meeting between services on January 29 when we will elect three new vestry members.

Best wishes for a holy and happy 2017.

Peace, *Adam*

# Thank You

...to the **Adult choir of St. John's** for all their diligence in preparing for the Christmas Eve service this year. We trust that you were blessed through their hard work and ministry.

...to **musicians**: Louis D'Angelo, Cody Ortz, Brittanie Schneider, Kevin Schneider, Nick Lakatos, and Connor Williams, for sharing their musical gifts with us at the 11 PM Christmas Eve Service.

...to our **dancers and children** for their participation at the 5PM Children's & Family Service on Christmas Eve.

...to **Marilyn Gozik** and **Rhonda Koborie** for decorating the church for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, along with the folks that contributed to the Christmas flower fund.

...to the **folks that contributed** to Church Periodical Club and Miles of Pennies in 2016.

...to the **volunteers** that supplied refreshments for each Sunday morning during coffee hour.

## Thank you to all who helped in any way with WinterFest.

WinterFest was a success, and would not have been without our helpers. I think we all enjoyed talking with each other and catching up on friendships. ~*Connie Raymer*

## Many thanks to all those who braved the inclement weather to come out to pop Kettle Korn on Saturday, December 17.

Special thanks go to Hannah & John Hancock, who not only lent their garage, but rounded up their neighbors to help, Virginia Hull, for sewing most of the bags, and Linda Steingrabe who collects red fabric all during the year to donate for our holiday bags. A big thank you to Katie and Burl Tingler for providing lunch for all of our hungry poppers. Thanks to everyone! ~*Laura Peretic*

## Mr. D's Rebate Program

Thanks to the folks that have listed St. John's as the organization of the Save-A-Tape-Program from Mr. D's grocery in Brookfield. St. John's received a check for \$132.61 in December 2016. Do you have a rewards card at Mr. D's? Have you designated an organization to be 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

You will still receive your \$5, \$10, etc. off at checkout once you reach your required dollar amount of purchases.

## Dear Church Family,

We want to extend our sincere thanks to each of you who prayed, called, sent cards, brought food, and visited during Dave's illness and at the time of his death. We especially thank Father Adam for his visits while Dave was in the hospital. Your comforting actions are deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,

*The family of David Bricker*

## Dates to remember in January:

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND:

New Year's Day (observed) • *Parish office closed*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH:** Please have all articles for the Annual meeting submitted to the office: [stjohns@stjohnssharon.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnssharon.org)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH:** The parish office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH:** Deadline to submit articles for the February 2017 newsletter. Please send articles to the church at: [stjohns@stjohnssharon.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnssharon.org)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH:** 9:05am • Annual Meeting Allen Hall.

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## New Groups are Meeting at St. John's

St. John's is now the meeting place for two new groups. Relay for Life holds two meetings here each month, in Allen Hall and the dining room. Beginning January 2017 on the third Wednesday of each month will be the Disability Options Network. This is a support group for folks that live in Mercer County that have disabilities.

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### Have You Checked Out Our Website?

**You will find:** Acolyte schedule; Lector/L.E.M. schedule; ECW schedule; ECS dates of distribution along with Youth & Family Ministry schedules, and much, much more.

**Check us out today at: [www.stjohnssharon.org](http://www.stjohnssharon.org)**



## From Our Music Director, Ron Gracilla

**Happy New Year everyone!**

As we say goodbye to 2016, I hope you had an opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts over the Christmastide. Our amazing St. John's Choir, the Brass Quartet and Percussion, and the kids and dancers all celebrated uplifting services to behold. How blessed we are here. Be assured of my deep gratitude to everyone's efforts all year long.

And now as a brief look out the window confirms, a vast white landscape covers everything in a blanket of stillness. It's a perfect time to take a deep breath, pause for thought and make plans for a new calendar year. The season of Epiphany is upon us so let's reach out to others and bring them in from the cold. In fact, the days are growing longer. So in spite of the Winter weather, we could imagine the increasing daylight as a reflection of our own inner light growing in the love of God. I can't imagine a better place to celebrate this love than St. John's Episcopal. I also know that many people still don't know about this gem of a Christian community.

"Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling..." is from our coming anthem "Send Out your Light" by Carlton T. Russel based on Psalm 43:3-6. In fact, while we are at it, let's also bring a friend!

Peace,

*Ron Gracilla*



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We send weekly email updates, *This Week at St. John's* to those folks that have subscribed. This email will include Sunday's schedule of acolytes and servers, as well as the date and time of events in the week following. We also include upcoming events. Some may think that this is a mini-newsletter, which it almost is! Many things pop up during the week that isn't included in the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin. This is one way for you to stay informed, as well as checking out our FaceBook pages.

If you do not receive this weekly email from us, but would like to, please email us at [stjohns@stjohnssharon.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohnssharon.org) and tell us to add you to the weekly list. The updates will arrive to your inbox each Wednesday evening.



Our brass musicians practicing for *Christmas Eve.*

# 95 Years Blessed

95 years young on January 23rd Elaine McJilton will turn, but insistent she is that no party shall be had!

So her family would love you to help us CELEBRATE every blessing this woman is with a card shower in her honor instead.

We will **\*\*SURPRISE\*\*** her with the cards in grand fashion at the family dinner she has "authorized" us to have.

Please send your cards and well wishes to Elaine c/o Amy Lynn Clark  
424 Sherman Ave. Sharon PA 16146.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2017</h1> <p>Contact St. John's 724-347-4501</p>					<p><b>Website</b>  <a href="http://www.stjohnssharon.org">http://www.stjohnssharon.org</a></p>	<p><b>E-mail:</b>  <a href="mailto:stjohns@stjohnssharon.org">stjohns@stjohnssharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>1 New Year's Day</b>  8am ~ Holy Eucharist  10am ~ Sung Eucharist  2pm ~ C.O.P.Church in Allen Hall</p>	<p><b>2 New Year's Day observed – Parish Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  6:30pm ~ AA in D.R.</p>	<p><b>4</b>  11am ~ AA meets in D.R.  5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist  7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal  <i>Bulletin Items Due</i></p>	<p><b>5 10:30am ~ 12:30pm ~ ECS Food Pantry Distribution</b>  Noon ~ M.C.B.H.C – D.R.  7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R.  7:30pm ~ Relay for Life-A.H.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  5pm ~ Allen Hall Kitchen reserved for food prep  7pm ~ Cana's Corner-lounge</p>	<p><b>7</b>  11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall</p>
<p><b>8 8am ~ Holy Eucharist</b>  9am ~ Sunday School  10am ~ Sung Eucharist  NOON ~ Dining R. reserved  2pm ~ C.O.P.Church in Allen Hall</p>	<p><b>9 3:30pm ~ Girl Scouts-D.R.</b>  7pm ~ Vestry</p>	<p><b>10</b>  6:30pm ~ AA in D.R.</p>	<p><b>11</b>  11am ~ AA meets in D.R.  5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist  7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal  <i>Bulletin Items Due</i></p>	<p><b>12</b>  Noon ~ M.C.B.H.C – D.R.  7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall</p>
<p><b>15</b>  8am ~ Holy Eucharist  9am ~ Sunday School  10am ~ Sung Eucharist  2pm ~ C.O.P.Church in Allen Hall</p>	<p><b>16</b>  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed - <b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <u><b>February Newsletter Articles Due</b></u>  6:30pm ~ AA in D.R.</p>	<p><b>18 11am ~ AA meets in D.R.</b>  2:30pm ~ Disability Options Network - D.R.  5pm ~ Relay for Life mtg. in D.R.  5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist  7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal  <i>Bulletin Items Due</i></p>	<p><b>19 10:30am ~ 12:30pm ~ ECS Food Pantry Distribution</b>  Late afternoon-early evening A.H. kitchen reserved-food prep  7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R.</p>	<p><b>20</b>  7pm ~ Cana's Corner-lounge</p>	<p><b>21 Allen Hall Reserved</b>  11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch served in upstairs dining room</p>
<p><b>22</b>  8am ~ Holy Eucharist  9am ~ Sunday School  10am ~ Sung Eucharist  2pm ~ C.O.P.Church in Allen Hall</p>	<p><b>23</b>  3:30pm ~ Girl Scouts-D.R.</p>	<p><b>24</b>  6:30pm ~ AA in D.R.</p>	<p><b>25</b>  11am ~ AA meets in D.R.  5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist  7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal  <i>Bulletin Items Due</i></p>	<p><b>26</b>  7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R.</p>	<p><b>27</b>  5pm ~ A.H. Kitchen reserved for food prep</p>	<p><b>28</b>  11am ~ 1pm ~ Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall</p>
<p><b>29 8am ~ Holy Eucharist</b>  9:05am ~ ANNUAL MEETING IN ALLEN HALL  10am ~ Sung Eucharist  2pm ~ C.O.P.Church in Allen Hall</p>	<p><b>30</b>  3:30pm ~ Girl Scouts-D.R.</p>	<p><b>31</b>  6:30pm ~ AA in D.R.</p>	<p><b>A.H. = Allen Hall</b>   <b>D.R. = Upstairs Dining Room</b></p>	<p><b>C.O.P Church = Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church</b></p>	<p><b>M.C.B.H.C.= Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission</b></p>	