



# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

**Advent Conspiracy & Preparation**

**November 25, 2018**

**8:08 am**

**Communion Team**  
*Park Espenschade*

**Reader**  
*Park Espenschade*

**Ushers/Greeters**  
*Bill & Ruth Ann Langlotz  
Bob & Johneva Mickey*

**Media**  
*Jeff Walsh, Tim Rader*

**Assisting Minister**  
*Peter Frantz*

**WELCOME ALL!** Find a yellow card to share in the offering plate to share a prayer or a question or an update! Visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

Advent is a season of preparation and means “coming.” Candles will help us count down in December. The color is blue for Hope. The coming of Jesus was unexpected and is about precious life and love shared.

### Join the Story

There is a new book mark in the pew Bible for you to take home. Our readings in worship will journey through the Bible. St. John’s has focused on a story each week, not just in worship, but also in children’s ministry, youth ministry, and adult groups. There are seven main acts of the Bible:

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|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. Creation | 4. Israel | 6. The Church  |
| 2. Fall     | 5. Jesus  | 7. Restoration |
| 3. Promise  |           |                |

### TODAY we Join the Story on Act 4 ISRAEL: Micah 5

We are at Act 4: Israel & the Prophets Last week we heard about Queen Esther risking wealth and position that others may live. This week we hear how God promises to restore us and our world. What do you want for Christmas? What does God want? How can we walk with God through Advent?

**9:38 am**

**Communion Team**  
*Frannie Butcher, The Kirkegaard family*

**Reader**  
*Frannie Butcher*

**Ushers/Greeters**  
*Joe & Shelly Connell*

**Media**  
*Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott*

### Today’s Coffee Hour hosted by The Boy Scouts



This is the traditional Scouting experience for young men in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting’s highest rank, Eagle Scout. St. John’s proudly supports Troop 818. The Boy Scouts meet every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Chapel Hall.



**Today and next Sunday, December 2nd, Boy Scout Troop 818** will be conducting its annual cash and carry Christmas wreath sale at the church entrance from 8AM to 12:30PM. This is a major fundraiser for the boys to help pay for tents and other equipment needed to keep the troop going strong. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**11:08 am**

**Communion Team**  
*Janet Grove*

**Reader**  
*Janet Grove*

**Ushers/Greeters**  
*Ernie Nuetzel, Kip Jacobin,  
Jim Bridges, Joan Bridges*

**Media**  
*Sharyn Kearney, Jason Jones*

**Assisting Minister**  
*Ileen Greene*



Did you know we have devices for hearing impaired in the back of the church?

**This Week @ St. John's**

**First Sunday of every month**

We rally to collect food for the food pantry boxes in Fellowship Hall. Now we will have Mission Coffee from Guatemala. This is a new project with our Guatemalan partners in ministry: Nicole and Kevin Fuhr and baby Eden.

**Monday, November 26**

4:00 pm Oasis Leadership (LR)  
 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study (P)  
 7:00 pm Worship & Music (CR)

**Tuesday, November 27**

10:00am Men's Bible Study (P)  
 6:30pm H2H (FH, rms. 1,2,4,CR)  
 7:30pm St. John's Bronze (WC)

**Wednesday, November 28**

5:30pm Daisy Troop 10360 (rm. 3)  
 7:00 pm 9:38 Rehearsal (WC)  
 7:00 pm Troop 818 (CH)

**Thursday, November 29**

7:15am Men's Ministry (FH)  
 6:15pm Oasis Core Grps (Pier, LR, CH)

7:37pm Oasis (YC)  
 8:00 pm AA Mtg. (FH)

**Friday, November 30**

9:00am NOLA cookie making (K)  
 9:00am Prayer Group (P)  
 7:11pm 360 Club (YC, CH)

**Saturday, December 1**

9:00am NOLA cookie making (K&FH)

C ~ Chapel	N ~ Nursery
CH~ Chapel Hall	P ~ Parlor
CR~ Choir Room	WC~ Worship Ctr.
FH ~ Fellowship Hall	YC ~ Youth Ctr.
LR ~ Leadership Room	OS ~ Outside
PO ~ Pastor's Office	FP ~ Fire pit
Rm 1- Theater Rm.	Rm 4/RR- Resource Rm
Rm 2/Pier- Pier 456 Rm	Rm 5- Voyagers K-1
Rm 3- Voyagers Begin.	Rm 6- Voyagers 2-3

**Amazing Grace Mission**

Volunteers needed to serve and cook. Meet at St. John's 10:30 am.

Dec 18



**Rev. Randy's Mission Trip To Haiti. December 15-22, 2018**

Thank you for your prayers and support as Rev. Randy goes to Haiti to work with a church and orphanage. Vulnerability to natural disasters, as well as poverty and limited access to education are among Haiti's most serious disadvantages. 58% of people live below poverty. Donations and gifts can be made for Rev. Randy Terry's trip. Mark a pew envelope or contact the office.

**About Rev. Randy:**

Since answering the call to ministry five years ago, Rev. Randy has been a faithful man of spiritual integrity, modeling patient prayer, a beautiful singing voice and he is a great leader on our team. Rev. Randy is a natural stewardship leader for our campus and facilities. This is not easy considering our church history goes back to 1855. There are many sections of our campus that come with great needs. Rev. Randy works with the property chair, committee leaders, various members, busy staff, as well as vendors.

Rev. Randy leads our men's bible study 7:15 am on Thursday mornings. Clearly, Rev. Randy knows the church is not just the building, but the people. Rev. Randy is active servant leader in his church, Mt. Pisgah CME, and we celebrated his ordination in 2017. Rev. Randy was a part of our servant leadership team to New Orleans in 2018. Now Rev. Randy is answering the call to join a December mission team to Haiti. I am grateful for all the ways he sees every day as a beautiful mission trip. He has an incredible gift of compassion, wisdom and courageous strength from God. —Pastor Lisa

*Pastor Lisa and Noel are on vacation for Thanksgiving in Ohio and will return Nov. 29.*



Join us for Music, Feasting and Fun December 15th 12-4 PM Fellowship Hall. Cost \$15

RSVP by 12/8/18 to church office or Welcome Center.



Bring a friend!

## MISSIONS IN MOTION

### INVITATION from St. John's MOMS to collect toiletry items

Our St. John's MOMs group will be adopting two children through an organization called SARC in Harford County. This organization stands for Sexual Abuse Recovery Center. It supports persons in rehabilitation and also supports the families as well. St. John's will also be donating all **toiletries** collected through food pantry this month to the organization. MOM's invite all moms to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11 am in the parlor (with nursery available)!



### Congratulations to our Caring Paws Outreach

Congratulations Sampson (Kim Hinegardner), Skylar (Dana Hoppes), Jake (Teresa Barrett) and Bailey (Cheryl Bitner)! After a 7-week class this summer, our first class of ministry dogs passed the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and Therapy certifications. The certifications are provided by Humane Domain. Watch for our first graduation and workshop in January.



### Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am Caring Hearts Outreach Workshop & Gathering

New people welcomed to Parlor. Special guests: Cindy Hilbert Rayme on "the healing power of safe touch." Caring Hearts Outreach makes connections by phone or visit with shut ins and those who are recovering from illness. We meet quarterly to share about phone calls and visits. Your work is so appreciated. --**LuAnn Lundell**

### SPLASH: Baptismal Informational Workshop

Next workshop is scheduled for January 27, 2018 at 11 a.m. in Children's Theatre (Room 1). All are welcome--Baby Bumps, Babies, Grandparents, Godparents/ Sponsors, Siblings! Baptisms will be celebrated the last Sunday of any month so all of our children can gather in worship together.



### Dominican Republic (DR) Sunday will be December 2

The purpose is to tie it into Advent and a season of giving. After coordinating with Pastor Mercedes, we will be requesting support for the purchase of sewing machines and chickens. The families who receive chickens will have a male and a female. The hope is that the eggs or future chicks could be used to supplement the family's nutrition as well as their budget. Each donor toward the cause will be given an ornament to give as a Christmas gift or to hang in the church in memory of a loved one. We have been given the opportunity to share an [email to St John's congregation](#) each day from November 26-30. Each e-devotion tells a short story relating the idea of Advent (Preparation for the coming of Jesus) to our DR story. --**Linda Walsh**

- Dec 1 St. John's Bronze @ Trinity Episcopal Long Green's Christmas Bazaar and Carol-Ring to shut-ins
- Dec 15 12-4 pm Senior Ministry Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
- Dec 22 5 pm Children's Rehearsal & Movie Party
- Dec. 23 Regular worship 808/938/1108 with children's rehearsal at 9:38
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
  - 10 am Traditional Worship (Chapel)
  - 1 pm Traditional Worship (Chapel)
  - 3 pm Family Worship (Worship Center)
  - 5 pm Contemporary Christmas (Worship Center)
  - 8 pm Traditional Christmas (Worship Center)
- Dec 30 10 am Ring your Bell Unity Service
- Jan 5 9:15 am – 1 pm Staff, Leaders and Council Retreat @ Hereford Library Upper Room
- Jan 13 New Member Breakfast and Tour in the Fellowship Hall. Choose a slot: 9:15 or 10:45 am





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**Pastor Emeritus**

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& Organist**

Michael Chambers

**Director of Young  
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938/1108

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Leslie Reese

**Facilities Manager**

Rev. Randy Terry

**Office Managers**

Laurie Krieger

Julie Pickett

**Communications &  
Marketing Intern**

Bethany Ingram

**This Week's Prayer List**

**Those with illness:**

Jace Badros & family  
Carolyn Bengel  
Harvey Blevins  
Pastor Boliek  
Carolyn Bonsignore  
Scott Clem  
Ava Daniels  
Beverlae Davis  
Evan Davis & family  
Iona Dorn & family  
Benton Gatch  
Mark Habicht  
Tiffany Henning  
The Hobbs family  
Vera Huggins  
John Kuchar III  
Jean Mace  
Fred Meise  
Tony Montone  
Jo Morrison  
The Murphy family  
Stacey Schneidereith  
Ruth Welkner  
Sophie  
Wittlesberger

**Current ministries:**

Empowerment of the Holy  
Spirit in:  
† Voyager's  
† Pier 456  
† 360 Club

**Prayers of thanksgiving:**

Ed & Judy Kiper  
Paul & Jennifer Kirkegaard,  
Sybil, Sophia  
Dolores Klass  
Rejoicing with Salem  
(Jarrettsville), who called Rev.  
Bettylou Deuchler, as their  
new pastor.  
Celebrating Rev. Chris  
Schaefer who received the  
church's gift of ordination and  
has been called by Divinity  
Lutheran (Towson).  
Prayers of thanksgiving for  
Rev. George Tuttle (St. John,  
Linthicum), who received a  
new call to serve in the  
North Carolina Synod, and  
who will complete his work  
in our synod this weekend.

**Our mission partners:**

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church –  
Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie  
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson  
(Dom. Rep.)  
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)  
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth  
Eaton  
Delaware Maryland synod  
Bishop Bill Gohl  
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr,  
serving Central America  
Crucified Church in Johnstown,  
PA – Pr. Josh Knipple  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

**Special needs:**

Violence in our society  
California wildfires

**The bereaved**

Comfort for the family  
of Jane Lee Philpot,  
mother of Lea Ann  
Mainster

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. Visitation: Please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you.*

**ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS**

Prior Week's Grace Filled Giving: \$6,329

Prior Week's Attendance (11/18/18)

8:08am.....67

9:38am.....131

11:08am.....61

**Total:** 275

2018 YTD Average...264

Children's Ministry...16

2018

New Members...52

New Members by

Baptism... 13

**YTD Financials thru 10/31/2018**

	October	Year-To-Date
Unified Offering	\$51,168	\$525,662
Operating Expenses	-\$47,516	-\$512,236
Designated Offering	<u>\$2,638</u>	<u>-\$20,622</u>
Net Op. Income	<u>\$1,014</u>	<u>(\$7,196)</u>

Sunday Plate, e-Giving, Donations, Hall  
Salaries, Utilities, Maint., Benev.  
Designated To Non-Op. (e.g., Expansion)

Vanco Simply Giving—\$160,211  
thru October

*"Giving Thanks And Thankfully Giving"*