



ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2018

8:08 am

Communion Team

Barry Lucas, Nancy Murray, Linda Peper

Reader

Carolyn Mummert

Ushers/Greeters

The Mummert Family & Doug Savin

Media

Doug Crowe, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Marjorie Espenschade

9:38 am

Communion Team

John Phelps, Maddie & Lisa Ring

Reader

Maddie Ring

Ushers/Greeters

The Arsenaults

Music

Pastor Sarah Wright, Molly Koerber, Maddie Ring

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

11:08 am

Communion Team

Susan Liberati, Bill & Marge Markley

Reader

Susan Liberati

Ushers/Greeters

Charles Leedy, Heinz Oest

Media

Mike Bitner, Jason Jones

Assisting Minister

Dale Pickett Jr.

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

Join the Story

There is a book mark in the Bible for you to take home. Since September, our readings in worship 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 5 Jesus: Matthew 2

This is Epiphany Sunday and we are in Act 5 about Jesus. Jesus' birth begins fulfilling the promise of God. The visit of the wise men remind us that God's promise is for all people and God's gifts are meant to be shared even with those who seem like outsiders. Question: Who might God be sending you to visit with the gift of Christ?

Jan. 13th Baptism of our Lord

Celebrating all those baptized in 2018. NEW: Everyone invited to bring a loved one's memento for baptism display table 9-11am.

Today's Coffee Hour 9-11am hosted by the New Orleans Mission (NOLA) Team



This year's trip is planned for February 16-23, 2019 with the help of local relief/rebuilding agencies. our sincere thanks for the tremendous support with our cookie dough fundraiser. We filled over 325 orders and added a few extras giving us a total of \$3,060 to donate to the rebuilding of lives, homes and hope in New Orleans. Contact: Dan Knott, 410-391-3477 knottdan2@gmail.com.

Pick up your offering envelopes or check your Ez-giving plan for 2019


E-Giving helps us maintain a consistent cash flow through the summer months. You can visit our web page for secure e-giving sign up stjohnnssweetair.org. It can also be changed anytime. —Cheryl Bitner Financial Secretary



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

This Week @ St. John's

Altar Flowers
are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving
memory of
Thomas K. and
A. Dorothea
Rettew
by
Louisa Rettew



NEW:
"Gifts of Christ"
An 8 week series
in the Parlor on
Tuesdays, starting
Jan. 8 at 7pm
with Pastor Lisa.

**Adult
Discussion
Group**
will reconvene
today, 9am in the
Parlor. We will be
discussing the
Scripture text for
the day.
Please join us.

Monday, January 7

- 11:00am Staff Meeting (P)
- 4:00pm Oasis Leadership (LR)
- 7:00pm Property Committee (Rm. 1)

Tuesday, January 8

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study (P)
- 2:00pm Tuesday Bible Study (P)
- 6:30pm H2H (FH, Rms 1,2,4, CR)
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 1423 (CH)
- 7:00pm Gifts of Christ (P)
- 7:30pm St John's Bronze (WC)

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:00am Synod Meeting (YC)
- 5:30pm Media/IT
- 5:30pm Daisy Troop #10360 (Rm. 3)
- 6:00pm 9:38 Rehearsal (WC)
- 6:15pm Weblos Den Meeting (FH)
- 7:00pm Troop 818 (CH)
- 8:00pm AA mtg. (FH)

Thursday, January 10

- 7:15am Men's Ministry (FH)
- 6:15pm Oasis Core Groups (Pier, LR, CH)
- 7:37pm Oasis (YC)
- 8:00pm AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, January 11

- 9:00am Prayer Group (P)
- 6:00pm Garden planning pizza party (FH)
- 7:11pm 360 Club (YC, CH)

Saturday, January 12

Nothing on calendar

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

TOTALS for Advent Conspiracy 2018

**Thank you to everyone who made a donation for an ornament!
These gifts give others LIFE!**

- Chickens = \$1,713 (114 chickens)
- Sewing machines = \$2,781 (20 sewing machines)
- Home repairs = \$773 (\$695 also given in Home Depot Cards)
- Meals = \$1,622

Advent Conspiracy Total to Date: \$6,889

Reminder for New Year:

**How to share
a thought or opinion...**

We do appreciate ideas and feedback, but remember that Sunday morning is worship time for everyone. Please consider sending a prayerfully written email or make a note on a yellow card for the appropriate pastor, committee chair, council member or church staff member. We are so grateful for all our volunteer committee and council leaders. You can also call or arrange a visit during the week too!

We have new dumpsters!

Two new dumpsters were donated to St. John's that will save us \$1300 in our trash expenses for 2019. The blue dumpster is our recycling dumpster. When using the blue cans around the church, remember: NO PLASTIC BAGS, STYROFOAM OR DIRTY ITEMS should go into blue containers. Thank you for helping us with stewardship!



MISSIONS IN MOTION

Today's music...Coventry Carol (Lullay, Lullay) is from the medieval Coventry Cycle of mystery plays: this lullaby was sung by the mothers in Bethlehem to lull their infants to sleep so that they could be hidden away from King Herod's deadly soldiers hunting for children two years of age or younger.

Music Note



Jan. 15th 7 pm Everyone invited to Caring Paws Outreach Graduation
 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. Come to learn more about the program



The Book Club meets Thursday, January 24, 10am, in the Parlor. The book is *The Rending and The Nest* by Kaethe Schwehn. It's at the Baltimore County Public Library. Everyone welcome! Questions, contact Gail Jothen, gjothen@comcast.net.

Christian



Jan 11th Garden Planning 6 pm with veggie pizza

A garden of pumpkins? A garden of sweet air sweet potatoes? Adopt a plot? Come help build a plan for summer! We have two volunteers from the Connection Guide sign up and are looking for more!



Children's Ministry 9:30 check in station downstairs and then gather in the New Children's Theater.

NOTE: The last Sunday of every month will be Splash into Worship, Welcoming Children and Baptism.

Children's Epiphany Party resumes January 6th.

SPLASH: Baptismal Informational Workshop January 27 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.



Looking Ahead

- Jan 11 6 pm Garden Planning Kick off (FH)
- Jan 13 9:15 & 10:45 New Member Breakfast tour
 Baltimore Campus Ministry Pr. Laura Sinche
 Baptism of our Lord and Celebrating Baptisms of 2018
 DR Interest Mtg 12:15
- Jan 15 7 pm *Grr*aduation & Informational Caring Paws Outreach
- Jan 16 6:30pm Safety Meeting (FH)
- Jan 27 11 am Splash Workshop on Baptism (Children's Theater)





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This Week's Prayer List

Those with illness:

Shirley Alexander Hitch Roland
Harvey Blevins Richard Spahr
Pastor Boliek Melanie Vohs
Grace Caldwell Ruth Welkner
Ruth Chicknoski Sophie Wittlesberger
Cindy Christopher
Scott Clem

Current ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in:
† Country Fair Day Team
† Food Pantry Team
† Funeral Buffet Team

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Tom & Sandy Lentz
Gino & Susan Liberati
Joyce Linthicum
Congratulations to Sharon Markley and Bret Schreiber, married on December 28, and their families.

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 Challege Academy

Special needs:

Violence in our society
Please keep the family of Jeff Lauer in your prayers, son-in-law of Orville Hughes.

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: \$6,593

Prior Week's Attendance (12/30/2018)

10:00am Unity Service...187

2018

New Members...52

New Members by Baptism...13
2018 YTD Average...265

YTD Financials thru 11/30/2018

	November	Year-To-Date
Unified Offering	\$43,040	\$568,702
Operating Expenses	-\$44,844	-\$557,080
Designated Offering	\$685	-\$21,307
Net Op. Income	(\$2,489)	(\$9,685)

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

Unable to meet normal expenses!

"Joyfully Giving To The Church"