



st. john's weekly

Welcome All, Tell The Story, Grow As Disciples

February 24, 2019

8:08 am

Communion Team

Celaine Montague

Reader

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Ushers/Greeters

Linda Peper, Gerry Peterson, Luella & Karen Leimbach

Media

Mike Bitner, Tim Rader

Assisting Minister

Peter Frantz

WELCOME ALL! Find a yellow card to place in the offering plate to share a prayer or a question or an update! We invite visitors to visit the Welcome Center in the lobby to pick up a sweet treat!

Join The Story?

There is a book mark in the pew 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:

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

TODAY we Join the Story on Act 5 Jesus: Matthew 14

We continue to Join the Story, Act 5 Jesus . God invites us to participate in the work that God is already doing in the world. As we seek to participate, God is with us and will not let us down. Question: Where is God at work in your home, school or work place? How can you join in what God is already doing?

TODAY We Welcome in Baptism at 9:38 worship: Reese Votta

Reese Catherine Votta born October 30, 2018 to proud parents, Jonathan and Ashley Votta. Her godparents are Katelyn Dugan and Jessica Stehman. Big sister is Hadley

TODAY'S Coffee Hour 9-11 am hosted by Head to Heart

Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:30PM this dynamic ministry is an interactive and effective way to present the gospel to middle school youth. Multi-media and story telling, and action-oriented fun undergird the solid attraction to this ministry. Small groups are led by adult (and senior high) mentors. Every other Tuesday youth engage in a service project or fun event. jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org

9:38 am

Communion Team

Tony Bartlett, Nelson Bengel, Riley McWilliams

Reader

Nelson Bengel

Ushers/Greeters

Lee & Stevie McDonald

Music

Sarah, Rob, Abby

Media

Jay Cuccia, Dan Knott

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Bible @ Boordy

On Sunday March 17th, in worship, we will be hearing the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). Join Pastor Sarah at 1pm at Boordy Vineyards to dive deeper into the Scripture and explore a vineyard in our own backyard! Must be 21 or older. We will engage in a conversational Bible study (with optional wine tasting and glasses for purchase), followed by an optional vineyard tour connecting our community with the biblical parables.

NEW Starting 3/12/19...

Journey through Lent to Holy Land 7 pm Tuesdays (Youth Center)

Week 1: Mt. Olives/Gethsemane/Bethany/Bethlehem

Week 2: Caesarea/ Mt. Carmel/Cana/Nazareth

Week 3: Sea of Galilee/Capernaum/Mt. Tabor

Week 4: Jericho/Qumran/Jordan-Baptismal Site

Week 5: Dead Sea, Mt. Zion

Week 6: Jerusalem

Other Weekly Bible Studies Open:

9:30am Sundays in the Parlor

7 pm Mondays in the Parlor

2 pm Tuesdays in the Parlor

7:15am Thursdays Men's Bible Study (FH)

8 pm Facebook Live

11:08 am

Communion Team

John Derwart

Reader

John Derwart

Ushers/Greeters

Michael Hoppes, Carolyn, Dan & Don Gutermuth

Media

Noel White, Jason Jones

Assisting Minister

Ileen Greene



The calendar has moved!!

Visit our website: stjohnssweetair.org, for the most up-to-date listings.

Splash Nursery

open downstairs
9:30—12:15

Do you have our instant church directory

Download this free app on your phone!

Altar Flowers?

Sign up downstairs outside office

Parsonage Kitchen Update

Thank you for the gifts to bring the kitchen into the 21st century. The demolition of the parsonage kitchen is done and new flooring is down.

Now we only need to pay the workers that install all the parts to the kitchen. In January \$560 was raised and in February \$1200 has been raised. The first payment of \$1830 has been mailed.

We need about \$2000 to pay the laborers bills and finish.

-Sally Snell, Council

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS

Do you play an instrument?

Try a 9:38 Worship Team? On Wednesday nights the team for the upcoming week rehearses for about 1-1/2 hours. Rehearsals include a short Bible Study devotional to focus on the text for the week. Generally, musicians are scheduled to play about once a month for the 9:38 service! As our congregation continues to grow, so should our sound. Q: Sarah@stjohnssweetair.org.

Did you know...

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

Today's Message will be online

Share our webpage: stjohnssweetair.org under NEWs (good news!)

Lent Starts March 6 Ash Wednesday

1 pm Chapel Worship (and every week of Lent)
7 pm Worship Center Worship (one time)

THEME: "Kingdom of Hope in a Rocky World"

NEW: Pick up a Small Prayer River Stone at the beginning of Lent and put it in a place you will see it for a daily reminder. Then, bring the stone back during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday at Sweet Air Park.

TRAVELING PRAYER TAPESTRY:

March 10th only in Fellowship Hall.

WEEKLY E-VIDEO FOR TELL THE STORY:

Where was God when life got rocky?

WATCH FOR: Easter Kindness Rocks to roll out into the world with Good News of Jesus! (by Senior Ministry and CFM)

YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

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

Applications for 2019 high school summer apprentices

Hurry! Now through the beginning of March, we will be accepting H.S. applications. The apprenticeship program was a new ministry last summer where 10 high school students joined our church staff over the summer and worked on innovative projects in a variety of ministry areas. We are aiming for 5-7 slots. Contact jeremy@stjohnssweetair.org.

Young Discipleship Calendar

- March 3 11 am **Child Protection Policy Workshop** for all volunteers register at: stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com
- March 3 9:38 am Charcoal Sidewalks for Ash Wednesday "remember you are dust"
- March 6 Ash Wed 7pm: "Kingdom Hope in a Rocky World" kick off.**
Get your 40-day rock.
- March 9 5 pm **Youth Fundraising Dinner** (LGVFD Hall)
- March 16 9am First Communion Workshop register: stjohnssweetair.churchcenter.com (older kids needed for bread, art and skit teaching)
- March 31 9:38am **Rock painting party!**
Come join the Seniors & Children's Ministry painting kindness rocks at 9:38
- April 6 9am First Communion Workshop (older kids needed for bread, art and skit teaching)
- April 7 9:38am **Rock painting party**
Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Last Supper Presentation
- April 14 9-11 am Celebrate First Communion. Kindness Rocks Display in Fellowship Hall
Coffee Hour (Palm Sunday)

MISSIONS INVITATION

JOIN THE STORY: Prom Dress Rack Collection Deadline March 10th

We are collecting prom dresses, cocktail dresses, and bridesmaid dresses that have been used but are in good condition (in style within the last 5 years). We are building up a "boutique" for underprivileged teens in the Baltimore area to visit and choose a dress for their prom. Please snap a photo of you and your donated dress and send to office@stjohnssweetair.org. At the end of March, we will have a special reading featuring the *Parable of the Bridesmaids*.
megan@stjohnssweetair.org

Volunteer for our Cemetery:

Help us collect wreathes from our cemetery on Sat. March 2nd 9am (3/9 rain make up).

Eagle Scout Mission project: Gaga Pit

Jonathan Everhart's project was approved by Property, Young Discipleship and Country Fair Day Parking leaders.
Gaga Pit is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder, gentler version of dodge ball, Jonathan would like to start this spring to relocate and replace current Gaga play area and install a concrete base. He made a lot of calls and got a lot of materials and labor donated including ground preparation from Joe Connell. Jonathan is hoping to raise \$600.

March 10th Girl Scout Sunday

All Girl Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to church, sit with their troop, be recognized in prayer, and possibly take part in the service as ushers, greeters, or readers. We invite our troops that meet at St. John's, and any other parishioner's troops that would like to come.

NOLA Mission Team Returns!

Thanks be to God for our NOLA mission team that returned Saturday 2/23.

Early Registration Mar-Lu- Mobile Day Camp June 24-28

Ascension Lutheran is hosting Mobile Mar-Lu Summer Day Camp geared towards children ages 6-10 (with flexibility) and will run from 9am - 3pm, M-F. Activities will include crafts, singing, games, sports, Bible study. The cost of the program is \$150, but registrants prior to March 25th will receive an early-bird special of \$125! Scholarships available. sundayschool@ascensiontowson.org.

Did you know March is the time to till the rye?

Did you know the Garden Ministry Team is reorganizing and would love your input because: Next **planning meeting** Sun. **March 3rd** 11 am at Garden (FH if raining)

- Anyone can join!
- It will be an organic garden
- Tentative goal: plant 1/2 the garden 50X50
- **Wanted volunteers** to till the soil **March 23 or 30th**
- Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org for Michael Hoppes, Deacon Laura Heller, or Gail Blauvelt

SAVE the Dates: Dominican Republic Mission

- Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5:30-7 PM) Free will offering
- April 21 Easter Pancake Breakfast (7:30- 11 AM)
- June 22-29 Mission Trip

If you always thought you might do an overseas mission but you're not quite sure of the details, please contact Linda Walsh office@stjohnssweetair.org.

Holy Land 2019?

Walk where Jesus walked: Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Consider joining St. John's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Open to St. John's and friends. For information on the planned September 18-28, 2019 trip please see the brochure at the Welcome Desk and/or call Fred Derrick at 410-627-8790.

Reminder: First Sunday of Every Month

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

Youth Mission Dinner

Supporting our Johnstown/Gainesville Mission Teams
Saturday, March 9 at 5 pm @Long Green Fire Hall
Tickets on sale through 3/3 in Fellowship Hall 9-11a or by calling the church office.

Caring Paws Outreach Spring Invitation

A class (7 Sunday classes @2pm starting April 7th) can be available this spring if we get 5-7 dogs signed up. We have our first new student, Star, a lab, signed up. Open to all. Deb Winkler of Humane Domain has some of the highest ratings in Maryland. Contact office@stjohnssweetair.org for a form. \$175 fee (St. John's) includes training, embroidered vest and certificate.



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This Week's Prayer List

Lift up in prayer:

Mary Ann Bittner
 Harvey Blevins
 Pastor Boliek
 Dorothy Brittingham
 Anthony Chiralo
 Patty Clauser & family
 Scott Clem
 Diane Corkran
 Brian Crawford
 Norma Culbertson
 Ava Daniels
 Evan Davis & family
 Sharon Delauder
 Megan Devine
 The Everts family
 George Fitzwater
 Benton Gatch
 Libby Gill
 Mark Habicht
 Tiffany Henning
 The Hobbs family
 Orville Hughes
 Mary Johnson
 Darryl Jones Sr.
 David Jones
 Rick Jones
 Vicki Kalabokes
 Ruth Ann Langlotz
 Jennifer Lauer
 Susan Lynch

Fred Meise
 The family of Melanie
 Leona Mickey
 Jo Morrison
 The Murphy family
 Mark Oliphant
 Bobbie Reier
 Kenny Shaver
 Claire Sigwart
 Joyce Truxel
 Henry Weaver
 Ruth Welkner
 Ted Weyforth
 Greg Weyrich
 Sophie Wittlesberger

Members of the week:

Marcia Mech
 Cliff & Jean Meekins
 Fred & Renate Meise

This week we pray for:

† Stewardship Team
 † Senior Ministry
 † St. John's Moms

Our mission partners:

- ♦ Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
 Revs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
- ♦ Dominican Republic
 Revs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
- ♦ New Orleans St. Bernard Project
 Rev. Tyrone Smith
- ♦ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- ♦ Delaware Maryland synod
 Bishop Bill Gohl
- ♦ Guatemala Missionaries
 Nicole & Kevin Fuhr
- ♦ Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
 Rev. Josh Knipple

Condolences to

To the family and friends of
 Gloria Weaver on her passing

Special needs:

Violence in our society

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.

About the Painting in the Lobby

The winter scene pictured is of St. John's Chapel and Sweet Air Road. The painting was commissioned by Vera & Milton Price and after many years of enjoyment, the painting was donated to St. John's.

Amazing Grace THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have supported the Amazing Grace Soup Kitchen Mission. We cook, serve, and have fellowship every 3rd Tuesday of the month. **This this week served a record number of 136 people** from the community. It was a loaves and fishes kind of week. Your donations, food contributions, and service matters. With this exponential growth we are more in need than ever of servers and those willing to donate food, shopping skills, and time. Contact Pastor Sarah to connect. THANK YOU, especially to this weeks servers; Glenda Riddle, Gretchen & Dave LeKites, and Fred Derrick and donations from Linda Walsh, Louisa Rettew, Bill & Marge Markley, Jim & Susanne Kauffman, and Beve & Tom Cincotta and the Funeral Buffet Team.

ST. JOHN'S BY THE NUMBERS

Prior Week's Attendance (2/17/2019)

8:08...54
 9:38...96
 11:08...77
 Children's Ministry...27
 Adult Ministry... (10) TOTAL...254

Treasurer's Report:

January Unified Budget Offering:	\$76,583
January Expenses:	\$48,673
Net	<u>+27,909</u>

Total members: 372 households New members : 16 New Members by Baptism: 1