



Weekly News

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336-725-1651

8:30 a.m. – The Well

(Contemporary Service)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – First Sunday After Christmas

Bible on a Stick

Last year St. John's supported the "bible on a stick" program managed by Faith Comes by Hearing. We donated over \$2800 to this cause, which allowed the organization to send a bible stick to one soldier for each \$25 donated. **We will support this program again the first two weeks in January 2018.** What we collect will be sent to Faith by Hearing and they will send out the sticks to military chaplains, who will then share them with soldiers. To date almost 900,000 Bibles on a Stick have been given to our service members. We cannot choose the soldier. Each stick has the New Testament and a number of Psalms on it. In addition, for each Bible Stick sent to a soldier, he or she will receive a card for a free MP3 Audio Bible for spouses and children. The entire military family can be blessed in this way.

Each bible stick has been designed in conjunction with the military such that they are not too obtrusive. They are black, run on an included AAA battery, have ear buds and are easy to operate. Should you wish to look at one, there will be one at the church secretary's desk or see Don Adamick. There will be a video at the desk too.

Should you wish to support the program, you may write a check to St. John's and clearly identify in the Memo part of the check that the donation is for the Bible Stick program, or put cash in an envelope (include your name) and write **For Bible Stick** program on it and put either in the collection plate. Even though it requires \$25 for each bible stick there is **no implication** that one has to contribute that much; our donations will be pooled and sent to Faith Comes by Hearing, as we did last year.

To find out more about Faith Comes by Hearing check this web site:

<http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military/military-outreach>

Additionally Faith Comes by Hearing is telling the famous story of the Four Chaplains of WWII fame. As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of their heroism, we remember the 2,000 chaplains of today that provide sustaining words through the Bible on a Stick program. Check the video out at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOG_4Mo2acM

If you have any questions on the program, contact Don Adamick.

Flowers for 2018

The 2018 flower chart is in the narthex. Consider signing up for a date in 2018. **We especially need flowers for January.** This is a great opportunity to remember or honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion. A special thank you to everyone who signed up this past year.

Donations for 2017

Stock Donations

Many of you generously donate stock to St. John's every year, usually at the end of the year. If you are planning on doing so and want it credited on your taxes for 2017, please make sure the transaction is completed by the end of December. We will need to know the designated St. John's fund, i.e., General or FCV or other, date of contribution, name of stock and number of shares, sale date and final amount contributed to St. John's. This information is needed for IRS filings.

Last minute donations 2017

If you have any last minute contributions for 2017, please make sure any check is dated no later than December 31, 2017 and put in the offering plate no later than the January 7, 2018 service. This year the last day of the year falls on a Sunday so there should be no problem but sometimes checks are mailed to St. John's or you just forgot to donate at the last minute.

Contribution Envelopes for 2018

The contribution envelopes for 2018 will be in the Narthex sometime in the past two weeks of this year. That is the plan anyway. Please pick them up or if you no longer wish to use the envelopes, please let Don Adamick know.

Statements for 2017

We hope to have contribution statements for 2017 available for pick up in the Narthex by mid January 2018. Please save us postage by picking up your statement.

Contact Don Adamick if you have any questions on the above. Thanks.

Adopt-A-Student

Just a gentle reminder you can still donate to this wonderful program we have at St. John's. Due to your generosity, \$8,770 has been donated! What a blessing this has been! Thank you all for your donation!

If you would like to donate to Adopt-A-Student, forms can be picked up in the church office.

Tuesday Senior Women's Bible Study is studying "God is in the Laundry Room" - 8 sessions about seeking God. We meet in the Music Room and begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. All ladies are invited to join in the study of God's Word. On the 4th Tuesday of every month there bring a sack lunch for Games Day after class! Call Dot Cleary at (336) 767-4116 with any questions.

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 101 (Extended Care Room). All are welcome to join in to study Beth Moore's "Entrusted", a study of 2 Timothy. They will be viewing the videos that go along with the study. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Sawicki at @kb-promotions.net or #336-744-5733

Thursday Evening Bible Study – Returns January 4!

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is not meeting during Advent and the holidays. We will begin the New Year on Thursday, January 4th at 7PM. Please contact Bill Thorpe or Rich Essbach with any questions. A Blessed Christmas and safe New Year! Contact Bill Thorpe at wthorpe@triad.rr.com with any questions.

Crisis Control for December: Sugar, Flour, Baking items. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers Today are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Clara McKenzie.



Today, 12/31

8:30 a.m. "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

Monday, 1/1
Church & School Offices Closed

Tuesday, 1/2

10:00am – Senior Bible study
6:30pm – Elders/Board of Director's

Wednesday, 1/3

Noon – Bulletin & News Deadline
5:30 p.m. – Hispanic Ministry Meal
6:00 p.m. – Tutoring
7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 1/4

9:30 am – Prayer Warriors
10:00 am – Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Next Sunday, 1/7

8:30 am. - "The Well" with Holy Communion
9:30 am.- Bible Class & Sunday School
10:45 am -.Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
4:00 pm. - Well Rehearsal

Music Notes: **Actively looking for new members for the Adult Choir!** Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:15. The Sunday morning schedule is a bit complicated. Group I meets at 9:00 for warmup and touchup. These singers then go to Sunday School. Group II, the non-Sunday School singers, meets at 10:00 and has the same warmup and touchup. At 10:25, the two groups meet in the Chancel and run the anthem. I'm looking forward to an exciting year! *Frances*



This ministry could not happen without the support of our awesome volunteer tutors! Please join us in being the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our neighbors! Come one Wednesday a month or as often as you like! **You do not need to speak Spanish to participate!!** Please let us know if you would like to join us or if you have any questions, contact Kris Gartley, Kathleen Sawicki or Cheryl Wulfert. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Opportunities

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry invites ALL members to make OR give OR request a *Prayer Shawl* or *lap-afghan* for a friend, family member, co-worker or acquaintance in need of a tangible reminder that they are loved by God and "wrapped" in prayer for divine healing, comfort, hope and strength. **There is no cost for the shawl.** If you'd like to make a shawl, lap-afghan or tags, or know someone who you'd like to receive one, please contact Ann Carney (336-602-1232) or Katie Goad (336-924-6977).

Ushers Needed Volunteers are needed to usher on Sundays at the 10:45 services. It's a very easy job. You get to greet members and visitors at worship. Please contact Arden Lackey (336-723-3270) or Holly Wilson (410-245-8680) if you are willing to assist. Thank you.

Ways to support the school:

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

Wednesday, January 31,
11:00am – 11:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

Shine Time Car Wash on Hanes Mall Blvd by Hobby Lobby will give the school 20% of each sale when you punch in the fundraising code of #2929.

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card - #2929

Link your Lowes Foods card to our school. You can now link your Lowes Foods card to St John's and the school gets a portion of your purchases of Lowes private label items. You can link up to 3 schools. <https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard?mode=CartToClass> to sign up. Thanks so much from the PTO!



Happy Birthday to:

1/2 Larry Musser
1/2 Robert Sparks
1/3 Cyndie Anderson
1/3 Allen Hall
1/3 Callie Washburn
1/4 Jarod Walker

Happy Anniversary to:

1/7 Arden & Glenda Lackey (51 Years)
1/12 Gwen & Glen Nergart (44 years)

Intercessory Prayer Warriors: A group of people led by Katie Goad meets weekly from 9:30 – 10:00 on Thursday mornings to pray collectively for our St. John's Family. All church members are invited to meet in the Sanctuary during this half hour to pray for our congregation.

The Telephone Prayer Chain is another prayer opportunity. Please call Dot Cleary (336-767-4116) or Martha Tegeler (336-774-6772) if you would like to receive or be a part of this service. You may also call with prayer requests.



St. John's Prayer Needs

Prayer requests can be emailed to Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com.

We pray for St. John's congregation and school

Pastor Thomas Clocker
Principal Mark Edmiston
Director of Admissions Tom Baldwin
Our called workers and staff
Frances Burmeister
Michael Zeoli
Board of Directors
Board of Elders
Hispanic Tutoring

Our Board of Directors: Tim Nelson Chairman; Adam Orsborn, Vice-Chair; Nathan Kottlowski, Secretary; Judy Meisinger, Education; Jeff Goad, Finances & Facilities

We remember those who are shut in:

Harry Armstrong, Chris Johnston, Marty Loper, Kay Moose, Marilyn Sagehorn, Millie Tetzlaff

We pray for those who are fighting cancer:

Deedee Bement (Brendyn Gronewoller's mother-in-law), Marsha Braun (Doris Braun's daughter), Joel Christiansen, Jack Fordham, Terry France (Stephanie Andrews' father) Katie Goad, Rod Gorham, Geri Gorham, (Rod Gorham's mother), Eva Hammacker (Donna Gronewoller's mother), Bob Hoisington, Arden Lackey, Glenda Lackey, Mason Lankford (22-month-old child known by Meg Lorenz), Jerry Linder, Bill Lonacker (friend of the Essbachs), Dave Lundmark, Laura McNeil (friend of Dale & Alice Mierisch), Tara Phillips (niece of Arden & Glenda Lackey), Gene Rapier, Deb Schoolcraft, Mike Timms (Rich Essbach's nephew), Arline Urban

For those undergoing/recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues:

Clare Adamick, Tom Baldwin, John Bredenberg, Casey Apter, (Pastor Tom's daughter), James Covington, Morris Crafton, RJ Hamby (Joan Happel's son-in-law), David Henderson (Gary & Nancy Brake's nephew & Stephanie, Hannah, Maddie & Abby Kiel's cousin), Jayme (5 mos. Old known by Tom Baldwin's Sister-in-Law), Jan Lundmark, Alice Mierisch, Justin Riley (Carl Schlotzauer's grandson), Michael Riley (Anita & Bob Hoisington's nephew), Jacki Rullman, Katie Stevens (Debbie Baronowski's daughter), Whytonia (friend of the Shannon's), Natalie Zitzelsberger (Dale & Alice Mierisch's granddaughter)

For those serving in our armed forces; for continued safety and extra comfort if serving away from home:

Dallas Darcy, Loren Jacobi, Branden Lackey, Dylan McArthur-Reed, Andrew Nelson, Tegan Owen, Natasha Peting, Allie Petty, Brad Rullman, Jon Tessmann, Kevin Wilson, Steve Young

For those who mourn: The Stevens and Baronowski families who mourn the death of Katie & Chris's infant daughter Riley Elizabeth Stevens.

Persecution Prayer:

North Korea is the most difficult country in which to live as a Christian, according to Open Doors, as Christian advocacy organization. President Kim Jong-Un officially banned Christmas festivities last year. Given the hostility towards Christmas, many North Korean believers hide their faith from family, friends, and neighbors. They often celebrate alone and in secret. Nonetheless, Open Doors believes the church is growing and may have as many as 300,000 members. Pray for Christians in North Korea, that one day in their own country they will be able to openly worship the Babe of Bethlehem. Pray that they remain faithful, especially within the hostile environment in which they live. And pray that Christians throughout the world do not forget about our brothers and sisters living under the oppressive rule of Kim Jong-Un.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Elder Assignments

Member/families

Bob Burke -----Adamick – Braun (A-Bra)
Steve Anderson-----Bredenberg – Deranamie (Bre-Der)
Rich Essbach -----Dongre – Gartley (Do-Ga)
Rich Essbach -----Genevie – Henderson (Ge-Hen)
Larry Bowman-----Hepner –Kinsman (Hep-Kin)
Dave Lundmark -----Koontz – Lorenz (Ko-Lor)
Mark Meier -----Lovejoy – Patterson (Lov-Pa)
Mark Meier -----Pegram – Roggenkamp (Pe-Rog)
Dale Mierisch -----Rosenberger – Strahm (Ros-Str)
Rob Schwabe-----Swenson – ZumMallen (Sw-Z)

December 20 – Advent Midweek 3

7:00pm 61

Participation December 24, 2017

8:30 66
10:45am 82
Nursery 0

December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00pm 81
7:00pm 67

December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00am 75

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203,
revclocker@gmail.com
Mark Edmiston, Principal
Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and
Community Relations
Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool
Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for
Contemporary Worship
Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for
Traditional Worship**

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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