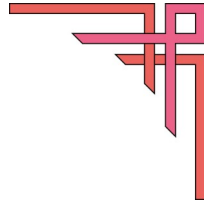


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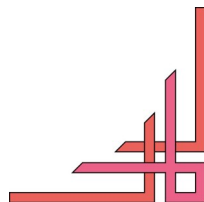
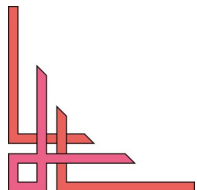
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PASTOR'S DESK



Philippians 1:3-5 *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

Have you ever experienced happy and sad emotions at the same time? I have felt like that at times: when my child started Kindergarten, when vacation was over and we returned home, rereading a story like *Romeo and Juliet*. Happy feelings-contentment for letting go, delightful learnings and sad moments – struggles with change, longing for the past seem like a common accordance. This month, we say farewell to Norma Rosner who has served in the church office for over 39 years. Perhaps like me, you have feelings of being happy and sad. No doubt happy for her next journey and sad at not being greeted by her in the office.

Norma started working a month before Pastor Stephen Johnson was called to St. John's. Their offices were in the 'old parsonage' (320 Ferry Street). Norma remembers when the office moved to where it is now. I was told after Pastor Deisinger came, it was evident ProJeCt of Easton needed more space. What could any of them do except give up their big desks, 'homey' atmosphere of the 'old parsonage' and give another agency the chance to grow. Change is hard but sometimes the end result is a surprise blessing. We all agree ProJeCt is quite a gift to the community partly because of their expansion.

Norma was the voice on the telephone when you called, typed up the letters you received, kept the records of the church, worked with treasurers to pay bills and was the 'answer person' for over 20 vicars, assistant pastors, interims, and pastors who shared the office with her (including me). She saw many changes in downtown Easton over the years and witnessed the changes in the lives of congregational members. Her dedication, professionalism, sense of humor, attention to detail and loyalty to St. John's congregation is an example of a partnership in ministry. It means we owe her a great deal of thanks! (con't)

As Norma goes into the next phase of her journey, please keep her in prayer! Also, give support the new business secretary, Melissa Dean.

In peace,
Pastor Sue Ruggles

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You are invited on October 28 after worship to celebrate Norma's time at St. John's! A catered meal will be served in the fellowship hall to allow time to interact with Norma. Council has agreed that instead of a specific gift to give to Norma, the congregation will collect monies to create a 'purse' for her. All monies should be given to the church office by October 22 and it will be presented to Norma in honor of her years at St. John's!! Please feel free to bring cards on the 28th!

A brief note from Melissa Dean, business secretary: *"I am pleased to be back in the workforce after an 8 year recess being a mom. I am from Bangor, PA and just moved back there last year. I am no stranger to Easton, though, our family lived on College Hill for 10 years and enjoyed the Easton life. I have worked in many offices over the years in a variety of positions and am pleased to be at St. John's to help Norma transition to her new calling as 'retiree'. I hope the congregation will take it easy on me as I hear no one is as knowledgeable as Norma. Please come and see me in the office on Monday and Fridays.
Thank you for this opportunity!"*

Worship this month....

October 7 liturgical color-green
20th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!

October 14 liturgical color-green
21st Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!

October 21 liturgical color-green
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!

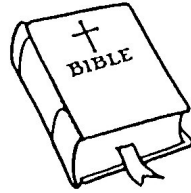
October 28 liturgical color-red
Reformation Sunday
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!
Celebration meal for Norma

November 4 liturgical color-white
All Saint's Sunday
(Please note Bacon Fest is Nov. 3-4)

Sunday, large print bulletins are available and earphones to help amplify sound.
Need a ride to church? Contact the church office.

**St. John's is reading the Bible!
These opportunities are available for you...**

Every Tuesday, group studying Genesis.
10:00 AM—11:30 at the home of Ruth
Thomas. Call the church for directions or
address.



Continuing until Thanksgiving
The Adult Forum class on Sundays at
9:00 AM - studying the book of Mark.
Come and explore the first Gospel book.

Go ahead! Read the lessons for Sundays:

Oct. 7 Mark 10: 2-16
Oct. 14 Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 21 Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 28 Reformation Sunday - John 8:31-36
Non. 4 All Saints Sunday - John 11:32-44

NEW! THIRSTY CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY

Our first gathering for a new bible study is on Friday,
October 26th beginning at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. We will
gather this week at The Ruggles, 1160 West Lafayette
Street. Come for light appetizers and adult beverages.
'Come those who are thirsty' and want to hear the word of
God!

Happy Birthday to...

-Pat Bradt 10/4
-Leona Dowling 10/7
-Joyce Powell 10/11
-Donald Messer 10/14
-Lucille Cherry 10/15
-Brianna Daney 10/16
-Cheretta Raub 10/19
-Susan Thompson 10/20
-Barbara Horinko 10/26



Anniversaries in October...

-Russell & Rosemary Howey
 10/9
-Pete & Karla Lake
 10/10
-Barb & Terry Horinko
 10/21
-Frank & Lynn Kutch
 10/21

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for October
10:30 AM**

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD:

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP: 7th & 14th Sunday school;
21st Intern Committee; 28th Celebration meal after church

October 7

Acolyte: Jonas Orange
Ushers: Phyllis Schurz, Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant: Roger Ruggles
Reader: Sean Hartman
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Steve Moyer
Gallery: Steve Remel, Curtis Olson



October 14

Acolyte: Logan Weber
Ushers: Lois Ann Calloway, Patsy Woodson
Worship Assistant: Steve Moyer
Reader: Victor Unks
Communion Assistants: Barbara Horinko, Sue Glenn
Gallery: MariAn Olson, Ilsa Von Lang

October 21

Acolyte: Jahsai Mack
Ushers: Charles Hanson, Jacob Ruggles
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Reader: Katie Fritchman
Communion Assistants: Victor Unks, Roger Ruggles
Gallery: Chris Swan, Linda Kalapay

October 28 Reformation Sunday

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Patsy Woodson, Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Christopher Orem
Reader: Lynn Kutch
Communion Assistants: Joyce Petty, Jim Heck
Gallery: Rhémy Golab, Carol Faulkner

In the Gallery...

“Mixed Media Moments” by Louise M. Marina will continue through October. The Opening Reception, held on Sunday, September 9, was well attended and visitors enjoyed an excellent talk by the artist.

Some thoughts about Art and Faith

During her career, Linda-Marie Delloff wrote about the arts for a variety of publications and organizations. Below are excerpts from some of her writings about art and faith.

Art enhances religious faith

Like faith, art transcends facts and requires the involvement of the imagination. Art takes us out of the regular world and into the whole of God’s creation.

Art for the church goes beyond music

Painting, sculpture, dance, literature, poetry, drama and textiles are sometimes used to enhance worship and congregational life.

Art need not have a religious subject to have religious meaning

The artist’s intentions are not as important as your experience of the work. Engage the art actively. Ask questions and challenge yourself and it will have greater meaning for you.

Art need not be expensive

The Gallery at St. John’s invites local artists, as well as writers, poets and musicians to share their artistic gifts and knowledge with us. We are enriched by these events.

When we reach beyond the ordinary our faith grows

October, one of the most beautiful times of the year, is God’s gift of art for us to enjoy before the long winter months set in. To quote the French philosopher, Albert Camus,



The Outreach Committee would like you to have a little fun while you remember what items the church collects on behalf of other agencies!

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Find these words of items we collect or the names of agencies:

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HAMBURGERHELPER, HOTCUPS,
INSTANTPOTATOES, JELLY, LOWSODIUM,
MEALSONWHEELS, PANCAKEMIX, POPTOPFOODS,
PRESERVES, PROJECT, SAFEHARBOR,
SHAMPOO, SOAP, SUGAR

Benevolence for October
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They offer services in Lehigh and Northampton counties to more than 2,600 victims of domestic violence each year. Their mission is to eliminate domestic violence in the Lehigh Valley through empowerment, education, and engagement. All of their services are confidential and at no cost. They offer a 24/7 helpline, empowerment counseling, support groups, safe house shelter, legal advocacy, and outreach education.

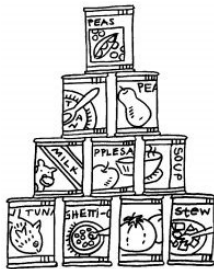
Their 24/7 Helpline is (610) 437-3369 or (877) 438-4957. If you have general questions about their agency, its mission and work, you can call their administrative offices at (610) 797-0530. They have bilingual staff available in English and Spanish. If there is another language, they have a translation line.

-the Outreach Committee

Thanksgiving Baskets-November 17th- Items needed: boxes of stuffing mix, canned fruit and vegetables, boxed dessert/dessert mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, and anything else to fill a Thanksgiving basket.

Sunday, November 11th in the Hospitality Room.

To help support this event, funds will be received through the Team Action Program of Thrivent.



Join the youth in walking for this year's CROP WALK on October 14th beginning at St. John's. Registration is at 1:00. Two routes: 5 K Pantry Crawl around Easton and shorter Stroller Spin for less distance.

Youth will pass out trick or treat items (Crayons, little toys, stickers; no candy please) at **Miracle League** on October 2M.0th. Set up at 3:30. A collection box is in the church for these items.

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