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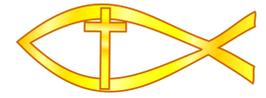
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PASTOR'S DESK



From the Pastor

Early fall is when I try to clean up the flower beds around the house and plant new bushes where needed. (Thank you to some of you for sharing your 'extras' from your flower gardens!) Making a pile of pulled out weeds and seeing the cleared-out areas is very satisfactory. I like to think the plants are breathing better with a little more room around them and the soil is resting without trying to give nutrients to "unnecessary" weeds. Cleaning out all the weeds that don't belong, moving some plants to a different area and at the end of the day sitting in a lawn chair just looking over the organized bed of plants is always rewarding. Maybe you join me in this end of summer routine. Some people spend the end of summer cleaning out the garage or purging closets or sorting through 'stuff' as a kind of seasonal renewal.

Every once in a while, it is a good idea to consider a spiritual renewal. A simple form for renewal is commitment, cleansing and celebration. Imagine in spite of everything going wrong around you or all the things that you are tempted to make important, you zero in on God and God's love for you. You remember the ONE who makes all things whole, you remember with excitement your desire to please God and you remember what is truly important, God. With that foremost in your brain, a commitment to making God first in your life emerges. Commit again to God and God's ways.

In the book of Leviticus (specifically chapter 1), the people were told exactly how to cleanse themselves of their sins. Called a sin offering, a person had to lay his hand on an animal while the priest shed its blood. In this way, the animal took the place of the person because sins were transferred to the animal. We learn in Romans that people never really stood a chance because of being captive to sin or doing sin over and over. Although the law tells us what to do, we are weak to change and we recognize the need for help. Through Jesus Christ we have cleansing of our sins through our faith in knowing what he has done for us. Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that 'there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus'. Try to think about the cross, a symbol of the sacrifice and works of Christ. Know for certain that your sins are forgiven and feel cleansed, renewed and able to start again with a new chance.

Finally, renewal includes celebration. Celebration can be called worship, too. It is not just coming to church at a given hour, making a mental grocery list for the grocery store after church or imagining the rest of the day. Truly come to worship. Keep your mind sharp to the words of the music, the scripture, the sermon. Pray to God for what you need to change, cleanse and then celebrate your new life. Celebrate knowing that you can be renewed, every week if you need! Worship is not the same without you! Come and make your own spiritual renewal!

In peace, Pastor Sue



Hi Everyone,

Thank you for welcoming me to St. John's, I am looking forward to the year ahead. Prior to moving to Philadelphia for seminary, I lived in Virginia my whole life. I was raised by my parents along with an older sister and brother in Mechanicsville, VA. I went to undergrad in Southwestern, VA at Roanoke College, which is the home of the VA synod. It was during my time at Roanoke College I began to discern my call to ministry. In my free time, I love enjoying live entertainment, reading, coloring, and exploring the history of new places. Last summer, I did my Clinical Pastoral Education in Bethlehem, PA; therefore I am not a stranger to the Lehigh Valley. However, I am excited to see what Easton is all about.

-Vicar Danielle Bosdell

Birthdays in September

- Richard Heimbach 9/1
- Ken Sigafoos 9/1
- Carol Faulkner 9/2
- Sean Hartman 9/6
- Cliff Rose 9/9
- Karla Lake 9/10
- Verna Miller 9/10
- Brad Thomas 9/11
- Edwin Kehler 9/12
- Victor Unks 9/14
- Arlene Transue 9/16
- Christine Kressler 9/22
- Yolanda Wheeler 9/22
- Pat Thompson 9/23
- Edward Kovac 9/24
- Tom Neel 9/26
- Joan Fulmer 9/28

Anniversaries in September

- John and Cheri Gilbert 9/5
- Ken & Janet Sigafoos 9/8



Church office will be closed for Labor Day on September 3.



Worship this month....

- September 2 Labor Day Weekend**
15th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Sunday School begins!
10:30 AM Worship!
- September 9 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 AM Sunday School!
10:30 AM Worship!
- September 16 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 AM Sunday School!
10:30 AM Worship!
- September 23 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!
- September 30 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!
Prayers for healing after church

Please note: Oct 6-7 is Garlic Fest downtown, traffic and parking may be different than a normal weekend.

Sunday, large print bulletins are available and earphones to help amplify sound.

Want to Learn More about 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.

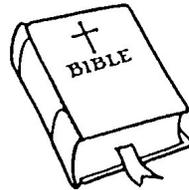


From September until Thanksgiving

The Adult Forum class on Sundays at 9:00 AM will be
reading the book of Mark. Each class will be a part of
Mark. Come and explore the first Gospel book.

Go ahead! Read and read the lessons for Sundays:

Sept. 2 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sept. 9 Mark 7:24-37
Sept. 16 Mark 8:27-38
Sept. 23 Mark 9:30-37
Sept. 30 Mark 9:38-50



New bible study in October -

How about a night for a quick appetizer and an adult
beverage at a local pub? 'Come those who are thirsty'
and want to hear the word of God! **Thirsty Christians**
will begin in October!



Sunday School begins on September 2
with breakfast at 8:15 AM—8:45 AM
Classes start at 9:00 AM for ages 3 to
adult! All are welcome!

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

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD:

Lois Ann Calloway, Sue Glenn

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP: Spiritual Life

September 2

Acolyte: Tara Fogle
Ushers: Phyllis Schurz, Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant: Christopher Orem
Reader: Monica Weiss-Nolen
Communion Assistants: Carolyn & Steve Moyer
Gallery: Steve Remel, Curtis Olson

September 9

Acolyte: Jonas Orange
Ushers: Shirley Kressler, Victor Unks
Worship Assistant: Roger Ruggles
Reader: MariAn Olson
Communion Assistants: Robert Smith, Sue Glenn
Gallery: MariAn Olson, Ilsa Von Lang

September 16

Acolyte: Logan Weber
Ushers: Lois Anne Calloway, Jacob Ruggles
Worship Assistant: Steve Moyer
Reader: Victor Unks
Communion Assistants: Barb & Les McCoy
Gallery: Pamalee LaDuca, Joseph LaDuca

September 23

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Patsy Woodson, Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Reader: Cindy Black
Communion Assistants: Roger Ruggles, Barb Horinko
Gallery: Chris Swan, Linda Kalapay

September 30

Acolyte: Jonas Orange
Ushers: Phyllis Schurz, Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant: Joyce Petty
Reader: Sean Hartman
Communion Assistants: Steve & Carolyn Moyer
Gallery: Rhémy Golab, Carol Faulkner



Stewardship The New Stewardship 2018

As we continue to work on the *New Stewardship 2018* there are so many ways in which you can also help. Everyone has been given different talents which can be used to help serve at our church and in the community. God has given us all so many these talents and with those and

some of our time we can start to help to serve.

Fill in the gaps where help is needed. If we all take a little of our time and help out it makes everything so much better for all. Let us know what spiritual gifts have been given to you to help us in those ways for the growth of our church. Let's make this year the best with 100% of everyone using their talents and time in the growth of Gods kingdom.

We are again posting the forms we had made up. Please take one and fill it out if you haven't already. Look at it, just list the things you like to do so we can direct you to the committee who can use your help at one time or another. I know many of you help out a lot now just mark that on the forms we don't want you to do more.

The forms are to help us and the committees to be able to use your help where needed. Let's all help to serve God in one way or another.

Thank You! Barbara Horinko, Membership Committee

PROJECT FOOD PANTRY:

Highlighted items for September:

St. John's the "Rice" Church – any type of rice.

Other items needed: Instant Potatoes, Hamburger Helper
Condiments, Low sodium soups and stews, Jelly and Preserves, Canned vegetables, Lunchbox sized items and Personal Care Items (Soap, Shampoo/conditioner/deodorant, Feminine hygiene products)

SAFE HARBOR:

Sugar, pancake mix/syrup, ice tea mix, paper cups (8oz. hot and cold), paper napkins, heavy-duty paper plates (10 to 12 inch), paper towels, plastic silverware, air freshener sprays, laundry detergent, boxes of tissues, plastic grocery bags, backpacks and duffle bags (used, in good condition), Men's T-shirts (size L, XL, 2XL, 3XL), white copy paper.

BACK PACK BUDDIES PROGRAM – We continue to collect ravioli or canned pastas (individual size or large cans) and individual servings of macaroni & cheese with pop up lids, throughout the school year.

MEALS ON WHEELS of Northampton County: Meals on Wheels have clients in need of: lap robes, scarfs, gloves, stamps, woolen hats, stationary, socks and toiletries, such as lotions and other items.

We continue to collect donations of NEW packaged socks and underwear for adults and children. These donations will be given to Safe Harbor Easton and to Family Connections.

Thank you for your support of these programs. The Outreach Committee



Benevolence for September
Safe Harbor Easton

Homeless Today, Hopeful Tomorrow

The mission of Safe Harbor as an organization is to empower and educate homeless adult men and women so that they are able to achieve a life of fulfillment and independence. There are hundreds of homeless individuals living among us in the Lehigh Valley, struggling to survive every day, not knowing where they are going to find their next meal or warm bed. As an emergency/transitional shelter, Safe Harbor Easton provides clean and safe housing while residents reclaim their lives and acquire the life skills needed to gain employment and permanent housing. Residents learn problem solving skills, stabilize their income, assess job skills, enroll in job training, access medical care, and locate suitable, permanent housing during their stay at Safe Harbor.

Safe Harbor also operates a Day-Time Drop-In Program. They provide a hot and nutritious breakfast and lunch every day of the week, that is open to anyone in need in the community.

In the Gallery...

The Gallery at St. John's is pleased to exhibit the work of LOUISE M. MARINA during September and October.



“MIXED MEDIA MOMENTS” features acrylic works of an illustrative nature. Ms Marina’s paintings utilize a variety of materials, including wallpaper, fabric, torn paper, decoupage and 3-D embellishments. Her compositions display a strong use of color, pattern, and decorative rhythms, and are further enhanced by the use of stencil and stamping techniques.

Subject matter ranges from “Royals” (Ann Bolyn with King Charles’ spaniel) to “Inside the Hutch” (rabbits run wild.) The artist draws her inspiration from mythology and literature, as well as plant and animal life, and the fascinating beauty of ethnic diversities.

She endeavors to create works that invoke curiosity and stimulate the imagination. With this collection of her works, she shares with you her experiences in “Mixed Media Moments.”

Louise Marina, a Lehigh Valley native, works from her home studio in Stewartsville, New Jersey. She holds a BS degree in Art Education from Kutztown University and a Master’s Degree from Syracuse University. She spent twelve years teaching art and eighteen years as the Art Director/Graphic Artist in an Advertising Agency. She is a member of FAAS and ACE, local art societies.

Be sure to attend the Opening Reception on Sunday, September 9 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. The artist will give a brief talk at 12:30 pm.

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