



ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Eagle

January 2018

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

AND

HOLY EUCHARIST

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

9:30 AM IN THE PARISH HALL

**There will be no 8AM service on this day.*

Supervised activities for children and youth

INTERIM PRIST

ST. JOHN'S WARDENS

Ken Bledsoe, Sr.
Janice Hardy, Jr.

VESTRY

Ken Bledsoe, Sr. Warden
Janice Hardy, Jr. Warden

Nancy Abbott
Leonard Boma
Leslie Boston
Kristin Canty
Jason Farrar
Carolyn Greenberg
Lynda Hammond
Barry Hardy
John Woods

CLERK OF THE VESTRY

Barry Hardy

PARISH TREASURER

John Greenberg

BOOKKEEPER

Ellen Joyce



The Eagle

Ellen Joyce, Editor

Helping Hands ~ Safe Haven



For the past several years, St. John's has hosted the Safe Haven for the homeless for at least six nights each winter. This year we are scheduled for three nights in January and three nights in March.

This year, however, will be different. Thanks to our continued advocacy, Rockland County has assumed responsibility for sheltering homeless adults. They have set aside a space in a decommissioned hospital in Pomona, and they have awarded the contract for operating the shelter to Helping Hands.

But this does not mean that we no longer need our cadre of excellent volunteers. Helping Hands is asking for help in serving dinner (prepared by an outside caterer) and perhaps supplementing the meal with fruit and desserts.

Our next scheduled dates are January 6, 7 and 8. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me and/or look for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

Kathy Lathrop

With Gratitude ~

On behalf of the Interim Rector, Wardens, Vestry, and all who share in the grace of God through the worship, ministries, programs, and outreach of St. John's Church, we thank the following for their pledges for the year 2018.

As of January 2018

Nancy & Jim Abbott

Vi & Herb Abrams

Debbi & Andy Alt

Dick Andersen

Martha Anderson

Karla Barricella

Elkie & Anthony Beninati

Emmy Bledsoe

Kelly Jo & Ken Bledsoe

Marina & Leonard Boma

Leslie & Steven Boston

Lynn Brooks

Kristin & John Canty

Susan & Robert Carr

Brenda & Dean Cary

Robert Clooney

Karen & Colin Cromer

Alyssa & Richard Davis

Nancy DeMarino

Beka & Jason Farrar

Kathy Fede

Jane & James Fraser

Robin & Jim Frosco

Tom Frost

Charlie Ghosio

Maria Gramuglia

Carolyn & John Greenberg

Rose & Kevin Haas

Lynda & Scott Hammond

Ashley & Richard Hardy

Barry Hardy

Jan & Chuck Hardy

Helene & John Heschle

Rose Ann & Robert Holewinski

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Charlotte & Mike Kazigian

Kate & Paul Kezmarsky

Ellane & Bob Klie

Doris Latham

Kathy & Bill Lathrop

Amy & Dave Lynch

Michele & Bill Mack

Carol & Frank McInnis

Dorene Milic & Adam Kozielec

Judy Miller

Maryann Molnar

Julie & Jorge Moya

Joseph & Jennifer Nemeth

Dick Overton

Sabrina & Narine Persaud

Renee & Bruce Peters

Christine Potts

Melissa & Richard Quast

Sherry & Larry Rauch

Emily & Doug Rennie

Bonnie Rodgers

Ruth & Ron Roshong

Virena & Peter Rossi

Joan & Rick Rouault

Laura & Andy Sama

Thomas Schuckman

Brooke & Ken Silber

Leslie & Mark Simpson

Charlotte & Trantor Stanley

Peg Surridge

Nancy & Tom Tarbutton

Patricia Tarbutton

Susan Turk & Chris Nolan

JoEllen & Greg Wall

Gail & Dave Washburn

Mary & Jim Welton

Robert Willingham

Elaine Jones & John Woods

We also express our gratitude and appreciation to our regular givers for their gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of St. John's and our ministries.

Music Notes

The Nave Organ Project

As part of the Built By Love campaign, a wish list was assembled which included many “dream” projects. The result is a revitalized parish facility. It is proof that dreams can come true! One of the items on the dream list was a modest addition to our pipe organ, being called the Nave Organ. A conduit in the ceiling of the lower level was already installed during the BBL renovation. At the December 2017 vestry meeting, approval was giving to pursue this project. It’s completion could be as soon as this summer.

The end result will be considerably enhanced support for congregational singing in our worship.

What?

Our present pipe organ was installed new in 1999. The entire instrument is in the front area known as the chancel (choir loft) of our beautiful building. There the 1300+ pipes speak sideways, across the chancel, from both sides. The proposed Nave Organ will be a separate division mounted on either side, above the coat racks/shelves on the rear wall of the nave. It is a small division of approximately 220 pipes that will speak directly and gently to the congregation to support hymn singing. It will be played from our current organ console in the front.

Why?

A pipe organ serves many roles in the worship service. The primary purpose is to lead and support congregational singing. Our organ has always been at a particular disadvantage to do so because of its placement. It speaks sideways, across the chancel, from both sides. The majority of its power and beauty is literally trapped in the chancel area by the arch. The organ’s sound has to turn a corner and travel down the length of the church itself where the congregation sits, known as the nave area. The 1970 electronic organ which our current instrument replaced had a separate speaker mounted on the rear wall of the nave to support congregational singing. We now have the opportunity to place a pipe division at the rear of our church to fulfill this needed function. When the current pipe organ was built in 1999, funds were not available to install a pipe division on the back wall. We now have the opportunity to make this improvement.

Where?

The proposed Nave Organ will be two separate sections, each mounted on either side, above the coat racks/shelves on the rear wall of the nave. In total, approximately 220 pipes that will speak directly and gently to the congregation to support hymn singing. This is its primary purpose. Think of a good “surround sound” system on your TV. High quality, gentle sound envelops you as you watch TV. It isn’t loud, just omni present because it comes from many directions. That is the purpose of the Nave Organ: To provide high quality, gentle, authentic pipe organ sound which surrounds the singer and compliments the existing organ in the front of our building, encouraging and supporting you to sing! Additionally, the pipes will greatly enhance the appearance of the rear wall. It is hoped that a small, additional amount can fund the creation of some handsome, simple cabinetry to house the many prayer books, hymnals, and other items that are currently openly stored on the shelf above the coat racks on the back wall of our church.

Who?

Inquiries were solicited over the past year with one being selected as the most desirable to construct and install the Nave Organ. This company is called Emory Brothers, Inc. and is located in Allentown, PA. They have installed and maintained pipe organs in the Philadelphia/New Jersey/New York City area for many years and recently installed a similar nave organ in Christ Church (Episcopal) in Short Hills, NJ. Their work is highly respected.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

2018 Film Fest Begins January 8th

The theme of St. John's 2018 ECW film and book season is "Discrimination and the Christian Response" based on Mark 12:31: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This seemingly straightforward verse has underlying complexities that are the basis for our spiritual journeys. All parish women and your friends are invited to attend.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall to view and discuss the film Hoosiers starring Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, and Dennis Hopper. The story revolves around a small town Indiana basketball team, their quest for the state championship, and their relationship with a controversial and mysterious new coach. Hopper received an Oscar nomination for this film as did Jerry Goldsmith who wrote the score. Hoosiers was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". Our discussion will be based on its spiritual significance.

Please note that our first meeting is the second Monday of January due to the holiday. We will meet on the first Mondays of February through May.

Our complete 2018 season:

January 8: Hoosiers

February 5: The Help

March 5: Chocolat

April 2: Book discussion *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

May 7: My Left Foot

June 4: End of season dinner

Please join us at St. John's on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm for an evening of camaraderie and thought-provoking discussion as we support each other in our spiritual journeys. For information, contact ECW co-chairs Marilyn Bartholme and Janice Hardy (HardyCJR@aol.com or 845-357-8244).

Church School

The Church School children will continue to learn about the gospel readings during the month of January and the third season of the church year, Epiphany, by engaging in the curriculum lessons and related activities during their class sessions. The word “epiphany” means “making God manifest.” The primary theme is Baptism, beginning with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The season begins on the Day of Epiphany, January 6th, with the coming of the Magi, and lasts until Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. The gospel stories of the season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus: Christ’s baptism by John in the River Jordan, his changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, the calling of the disciples, and the various miracles and teachings of Jesus.

All are invited to participate in the “Souper-Bowl” Church School outreach program beginning on January 14th and culminating with a “soup can” sculpture in the Parish Hall on January 28th. Cans of soup will be collected in the labeled baskets in the Parish Hall. We’re looking forward to a spectacular sculpture this year!

Children from the Grades 6-8 class will be readers at the Family Service on January 21st.

The Church School teachers and children wish to thank everyone who graciously donated gifts and gift cards for the St. Paul’s CDC “Adopt a Family for Christmas” program this year and were delivered to CDC in Paterson by Janice Hardy.

“On behalf of the clients and staff of St. Paul’s Community Development Center, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your donation of holiday gifts. It is truly inspiring to see how many individuals have stepped forward to lend their support and ensure a happy holiday for families in need. Your contribution has helped our organization meet the need presented and for that we are tremendously grateful.”
Richard and Marlene Williams, Executive Directors, CDC.

January 7	Church School- 9:45 AM – <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
January 14	Church School – 9:45 AM - Souper Bowl Outreach Project Begins – NWC for Food Action
January 21	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School
January 28	Church School – 9:45 AM – “Souper Bowl” Collection Project Ends
February 4	Church School – 9:45 AM
February 11	Church School – 9:45 AM – CS Staff Meeting – 11:15 AM
February 18	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs - No Church School <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
February 25	Church School – 9:45 AM - <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>

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A House of Prayer for
All People



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist
8 AM & 10 AM

Church School

9:45AM Infant & Child Care

Meditative Celtic Service

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



The Rev. Richard Andersen

Interim Priest

The Rev. Richard Louis

Rector Emeritus

Drew Kreismer

Organist/Choirmaster

Ellen Joyce

Parish Administrator

Megan Kendall

Youth Missioner

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

7AM - 1PM

CLOSED for Lunch
from 11AM - 12:PM

*Would you like to be more involved
in Church Leadership?*

If you do, there is one spot opening up for the Vestry this February. This spot is a three year commitment at a time when we will be welcoming a new priest.

Vestry meets the third Wednesday of each month to discuss and conduct the business of the church. Other responsibilities also include lockup, occasional committee meetings, Vestry University once a year and possibly a Vestry retreat. The new Priest-in-Charge will be looking to the Vestry for guidance and leadership. If you are interested in being a candidate, please speak with Jan Hardy or Ken Bledsoe.

Change of address:

**Please take note of the new address and information
for Steven & Leslie Boston:**

Steven & Leslie Boston

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