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The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church

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Dear friends,

Our bishop, Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, is fond of saying that we as Christians are “an Easter people.”

As an Easter people, not only do we believe that God raised up Jesus from the grave on Easter morning. We also believe that God is constantly at work, raising up people, ideas, relationships, communities, and dreams that were cast down or destroyed at some point. Easter wasn't only an event that happened nearly two thousand years ago; Easter resurrections occur in our world every day.



Our Sunday worships remind us of this fact. Every week, we celebrate a miniature Easter, a feast commemorating Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

It can be a profoundly countercultural attitude to believe that God is constantly instilling new life all around us. It's easier (and safer) to despair whenever we turn on the news or read the paper. Our world spends a lot of time proclaiming Good Friday; it's our role as Christians to proclaim Easter.

As I say goodbye to you all at St. John's, let me say that your Christian hope is powerful. Thank you for placing your trust in a deacon fresh out of seminary, for encouraging me and offering helpful feedback, and for giving all that you do to this marvelous Christian community called St. John's. You are an Easter people, and I'm deeply grateful.

All this comes in love,

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MAY 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	3	4 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm
5 Easter 3 • Food Cupboard	6	7 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	8	9 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	10	11 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm GS Pork Dinner 4:00 - 5:00 pm
12 Easter 4 • Prayers for Healing • Rector's Disc. Fund • Sunday School <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	13	14 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	15	16 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	17	18 Yard Cleanup 9:00 - 12:00 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm
19 Easter 5	20 ECW Gathering 12:00 - 1:30 pm	21 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	22 Vestry Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 pm	23 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	24	25 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm
26 Easter 6	27 Memorial Day Church Open at 8:30 am Service at the Veteran's Memorial 9 am	28 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	29 Agape Community Dinner 6:00 - 7:00 pm	30 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	31	

JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day • Food Cupboard	3	4 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	5	6 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	7	8 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm
9 Day of Pentecost (Wear Red!) • Prayers for Healing • Rector's Disc. Fund • UTO Ingathering	10	11 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm	12	13 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:30 pm	14	15 NA Meeting 12:00 - 1:30 pm
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Upcoming Events

A Farewell to Arsen Jamkotchian

Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 A.M.

Due to a change in life circumstances, Arsen will no longer be able to serve as organist and pianist at St. John's. We are sorry to have to say goodbye to him, but we plan to give Arsen a loving send-off on his last Sunday with us, May 12, during Coffee Hour. Arsen is working right now to find both an interim musician and a new permanent musicians for St. John's. Please make sure to wish him well!



Churchyard Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 18

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

(Rain date: Saturday, May 25)

After a long winter, the flower beds need some love and care, so join us on May 18 to do some mulching, weeding, and planting! This year, we'll also be planting some vegetables in our raised beds. Feel free to bring your own gardening tools, or we can provide you with some.

Episcopal Church Women

Monday, May 20, 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is a community of women at St. John's based around service and fellowship. The group meets regularly once a month. Join us for our next meeting!



Episcopal Church Women
(ECW)



St. John's Yard Sale

On a Saturday in June (exact date TBA)

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Beginning May 1, you are welcome to donate gently used household items.

No clothing or large appliances, please.

St. John's will be holding a Yard Sale during the month of June. It means that you have a chance to get rid of gently used toys,

decorations, furniture, sports equipment, and other items that you've been holding onto! Profits from the sale will go to supporting the ministries of St. John's.

We will need help to price items all throughout May, so if you are free to stick around after Sunday worship to help with pricing, we'd greatly appreciate your assistance. Please talk to Sharon Ruthven or Katie Swartele if you would like to help.

UTO Collection

Begins May 12

Ingathering Sunday, June 9, during worship service

Twice a year, we collect funds at St. John's for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Every church in the Diocese of Rochester presents their collections to the diocese, who mails the money to the UTO headquarters in New York City. The UTO organization then gives these funds to those in need, either through mission grants or outreach projects. And since the UTO is run using internal trust funds, 100% of our UTO donations go directly to ministries in the USA and throughout the world. Don't forget to pick up a UTO pouch to put your spare change in, and then return the pouch to St. John's on June 9.



Upcoming Vestry Meetings

Wednesday, May 22 at 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 19 at 4:30 P.M.

All are welcome to come and observe meetings. If you have an issue that you would like to bring before the vestry, please talk to our wardens, Steve Lindner and Sylvia Hughson.

Sunday School

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day and Our Faith

Sunday, June 23 – End-of-Year Party

Sunday School is open to students between age 3 and 5th grade. Please contact Anne Lewis at (315) 462-6611 with any questions.



Agape Community Dinners

Wednesday, May 29

Wednesday, June 26

6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Agape meals continue to feed our communities. In March, guests enjoyed homemade macaroni and cheese, and in April,

Warfield’s catered a delicious Easter ham dinner with a whole lot of sides!

Thank you to everyone who helped to advertise, shop, cook, and tidy for our meals!

Girl Scout Pork Roast Fundraiser

Saturday, May 11

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

To raise money for their fall trip to Toronto, our home Girl Scout troop is holding a Pork Roast dinner. For \$10, you can enjoy a delicious dinner of pork, barbecue beans, a potato (or yucca if you’re feeling adventurous), a dinner roll, and dessert.

Dinners are carry-out only, and tickets themselves are **presale only**. Please talk to Anne Lewis by Sunday, May 5, if you’d like to buy a ticket to support our local Girl Scouts!



Recent St. John's Happenings

Spring 2019 Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our most recent Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon a success! We serve this meal twice a year as our major fundraiser, and it is a BIG undertaking – we would not be able to do it without your help: baking pies, cleaning the kitchen, setting up the dining room, chopping chicken and vegetables, baking biscuits, cooking chicken, mixing coleslaw, scooping cranberry relish, slicing pies, serving diners, pouring coffee, delivering meals, and all the other jobs that are required. Thank you for your help!



C&B By the Numbers (approx.)

Chicken chopped: **163 pounds**

Chicken gravy prepared: **6 pots**

Pies and cakes baked: **60**

Dinners served (both dine-in and carry-out): **385**

Chicken left over: **4 gallons** (free to a good home!)

Total estimated profit: **\$2,261**

People leaving hungry: **0**



Another Squirrely Adventure

In February, we discovered that a squirrel (whom we named Scratch) was coming into the office at St. John's. After a few days, we caught Scratch and relocated him to Phelps, but his buddies stuck around!

To catch the squirrels still living in St. John's, our Building & Grounds team baited a "Have-a-Heart" trap with Reese's peanut butter cups. The squirrels managed to climb into the trap, remove the Reese's, and escape without being caught! Scratch's buddies even left behind a note with a \$5 bill next to the cage: "For more Reese's!" One witness noticed that the handwriting looks suspiciously similar to Steve Lindner's writing, but this is certainly a mere coincidence.



Imagining more Reese's
peanut butter cups

Search Committee Update

- The Vestry has nominated Rick Ross to be the Chair of the Search Committee. Other members of the Committee are being finalized
- Canon Johnnie Ross will be worshipping with us on Sunday, May 5, and Sunday, May 12. He will also be joining us for Coffee Hour to answer any questions we might have about the search process
- Once the Search Committee is assembled, we will make our Parish Profile public. Canon Johnnie will then collect the names of priests who are seeking a parish and give those names to the Search Committee, who will conduct interviews of potential priests
- We hope to call a new priest in the fall of 2019, though this depends on the applications we receive
- Several supply clergy will be leading Eucharist on Sunday mornings throughout the summer and early fall

SERVICE ASSISTANT SCHEDULE: April 28 to June 2, 2019

2019	April 28 Easter 2	May 5 Easter 3	May 12 Easter 4	May 19 Easter 5	May 26 Easter 6	June 2 Sunday after Ascension
Open	Bonnie D.	Anne L.	Bonnie D.	Anne L.	Bonnie D.	Anne L.
Chalice	Bonnie D.	Ben B.	Rosemarie B.	Ginny M.	Anne L.	Bonnie D.
Lector	Ginny M.	Jan W.	Molly J.	Joan G.	Ellie B.	
Acolyte	Ben B.	Anne L.	Ben B.	Anne L.	Ben B.	Anne L.
Altar	Bonnie D. Anne L.	Bonnie D. Anne L.	Bonnie D. Anne L.	Bonnie D. Anne L.	Bonnie D. Anne L.	Bonnie D. Anne L.
Counters	Ginny M. Steve L.	Steve L. Anne L.	Anne L. Jan W.	Ginny M. Steve L.	Sarah D. Anne L.	Steve L. Anne L.
Greeters	Steve L. Gary M.	Rick R. Steve L.	Steve L. Rick R.	Chuck and Nancy C.	Sylvia H. Sarah D.	Tom and Linda L.
Ushers	Steve L. Gary M.	Rick R. Steve L.	Steve L. Rick R.	Chuck C. Gary M.	Steve L. Sylvia H.	Rick R. Gary M.
Sunday School	-----	-----	Anne L. Charlene B.	-----	-----	-----
Coffee Hour	MacDonald Sponseller	ECW				



Parish Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers:

Fred Gifford; Joseph; Diane Estep; Jamie Stoops; Nancy Whalen;
 Jim French; Claire Green; Vaughn Gray; the Goodberlet and
 Kraft families; Brandon Karge; Thomas Kowalski; Elaine Lomber;
 Tory Fortune; Mailanda Mallery; Ada Iredale; Duane and Jennifer; Betty Mussack;
 Felicia Amoria; Jackie; Ernie Day; Danielle; Joseph Ruffino; Ellie; Gene; Debbie Cavuto;
 Allie Yackel; Nanci M.; Joyce R.

*Please let us know of family and friends whom you would like prayers for. Also let us know if
 someone on this list no longer needs prayers.*

Vestry Highlights

Here are some of the goings-on of the Vestry meetings in March and April:

- In March, we held an **all-parish discussion** to talk about the past, present, and future of St. John's. Anne Lewis and Rick Ross compiled the results of this conversation to create our **Parish Profile**
- St. John's is ending our relationship with Cheney CPA as our accountants; we will use **Paychex** for our payroll and a private financial expert for our **bookkeeping**
- We are looking to replace the **coffee maker** (which has been leaking water) and the **chair lift** at the back of the sanctuary (which is temperamental and not always reliable)
- We are hoping to install our new three-basin **sink** and new **countertops** in June

Your Vestry

Steve Lindner (Warden)
Sylvia Hughson (Warden)
Ben Backus (Vestry)
Bonnie Dixon (Vestry)
Diane Estep (Vestry, Co-treasurer)

Bonnie Hayes (Vestry)
Anne Lewis (Vestry, Clerk)
Gary Miles (Vestry)
Rick Ross (Vestry)



Stop down to

Second Seasons Consignment Boutique

...a St. John's outreach ministry

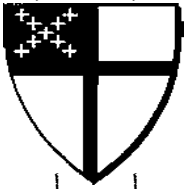
1 Coulter Road, Clifton Springs
315-462-3293

Open Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. to Noon
Closed Sunday and Monday

There is a wide selection of sale items and new summer items, so stop in soon to snatch up the great deals!

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