

November 15th Worship Information

Available Online on St. John's Facebook Page & Website

Theme: "Extravagant Opportunity"

Sermon: "A Foolproof Investment Strategy"

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Music: Immortal, Invisible
Arr. Arnold B. Sherman
St. John's United Ringers

Chancel Flowers

In memory of William Fritz's November 19th birthday from his daughters Connie May, Judy Koenig and family; and son Robert and Jeane Fritz & family

In memory of Phil Richart, Jr. from Holly & Ken Fisher and Kim & John Milliron



Reminder: St. John's Virtual Alternative Gift Market will begin on Sunday, November 15. See photos from past events on St. John's Facebook page and website! The AGM Shopping List is in the November Enlightener, on St. John's website and in the church office. Start your holiday shopping now with meaningful, non-material gifts for everyone on your Christmas list! Mark the item(s) and quantity on your Shopping List, then total your contributions. Make checks payable to St. John's UCC. Because of COVID-19 safety concerns, there will not be any gift cards, token gifts or brochures from the organizations. But this year you have an opportunity to "be creative" and create your own special gift cards! You can mail your Shopping List and check for donations to the church office or drop them off in the locked box on the wall by the back door at the top of the ramp until **Monday, November 30.** *Thank you!*

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2020	\$7,978.00
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2020	\$893.00
A Look at the Week of November 1, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,787.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$460.00
A Look at the Week of November 8, 2020	
Offering For Current Income	\$5,470.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$875.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of Ken Ehrlich from Tom & Linda Walsh

To The Oaxaca Learning Center in honor of David Furniss from Don & Nicole Groff



Perfect for Holiday Giving (or Keeping) ~ A limited supply of St. John's golf shirts and T-Shirts are still available for purchase, and they are on sale! **Golf shirts are now \$10 and T-Shirts are \$5.** Men's golf shirt sizes available include: 17 large and 3 extra large. Women's golf shirts available include: 1 small, 1 large and 1 XXL. (Note: golf shirts tend to run a bit small). We also have 4 small T-Shirts, 1 medium, 3 large, 2 XL and 2 XXL.

****White Gift Sunday, December 6****

White Gift is happening on December 6 and gifts will be distributed. If you did not receive the special mailing regarding White Gift, including a shopping list, please call the church office at 215-855-5489.

For those who are not able to participate in person on White Gift Sunday, gifts may be dropped off at the church office during the week prior to White Gift Sunday, which would be the week of November 30 thru December 4.

November 22nd Worship Information

Available Online on St. John's Facebook Page & Website

Theme: "Reigning Compassion"

Sermon: "Thirsts and Thrones"

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Psalm 100

Music: Seek Ye First
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
St. John's United Voices

Chancel Flowers

In memory of her parents, Elizabeth & George Alexander, Jr. and her brothers, Kenneth & George III, and in memory of her husband Jack on their Nov. 25th wedding anniversary from Virginia Collins.

In memory of George A. Filson Jr.'s November 26th birthday from his family

In memory of Catharine L. Kinter's November 26th birthday from her children, grandchildren and her sister Grace Freeman

In memory of Laura Burkholder's Nov. 27th birthday from her daughter Judy & Alan Johnston and family

Thursday Sanctuary Visits

Have you been missing being in St. John's beautiful sanctuary? Do you long for the opportunity to spend a little time in this sacred space? If so, you may schedule a time to sit quietly in the sanctuary for approximately 20 minutes to meditate, pray or admire the beautiful stained glass windows, making use of the newly revised Stained Glass Window brochure. Call the Church office to schedule a time slot at 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm or 2:30pm. The number of persons in the sanctuary at any one time will be limited. When you call to schedule your time, you will be given directions with regard to procedures to be followed for coming and going so that we might create a safe environment for all who participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



As we look toward resuming in-person worship on **November 29 at 10:15am** (provided circumstances surrounding the rise in cases of COVID-19 does not prevent us from doing so), please note that if you wish to attend worship on that day, you will need to **call or email the Church Office between noon on Monday, November 23 and noon on Wednesday, November 25.** This is earlier in the week than usual for making reservations due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday. Crowd size will be limited to 50 persons and all who are planning to attend will be asked to sign an "I Agree" statement indicating a willingness to embrace the rules and restrictions that have been put in place to make our gatherings as safe as possible. When you RSVP regarding attending worship, you will be reminded of the procedure for entering the church (either via the Narthex doors on Richardson Ave. or at the ramp door in the rear of the church if handicap accessibility is required).

2020 Hope for the Holidays

Manna's *Hope for the Holidays* program allows families with children in our community to experience the joy and excitement of the holiday season. Gift cards valued at \$75 will be provided to the parents of each child enrolled, giving parents the opportunity to purchase gifts that are best for their children.

This year, due to COVID-19, the number of children enrolled is expected to nearly double. The need is great, and we can help.

Due to COVID19, Manna is requesting only monetary donations this year. To make a donation online by credit card or PayPal, go to:

<https://mannaonmain.org/hope-for-the-holidays-program/>

or

Send a check by mail to:

Manna on Main Street, PO Box 763, Lansdale, PA 19446

Please donate before November 30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 15 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Virtual Alternative Gift Market starts
- Nov 17 United Ringers
- Nov 18 Chimes Concert, Zoom United Voices,
Zoom Children's Choir
- Nov 19 Enlightener Folding, Sanctuary Visits,
Zoom Chancel Choir
- Nov 20 Chess
- Nov 22 **Reign of Christ**
Hanging of the Greens sign-up deadline
- Nov 24 United Ringers
- Nov 25 Chimes Concert
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
- Nov 27 Office Closed
- Nov 28 Hanging of the Greens
- Nov 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
In-Person Worship starts

Covenant Campaign Results

Thank you to all who submitted your Covenant card for 2021. There were 58 responses. Yes, nearly half the usual amount. However, considering that the cards were not brought forth as a congregation in the sanctuary, it is a commendable amount. It just shows that we are indeed "Journeying in Faith, Through Thick and Thin." Any additional responses are still welcome.



We will be decorating the church for the holiday season this year on Saturday, November 28th, at 10:00am. Anyone who would like to help needs to call or email the church office by Sunday, November 22nd, with your name and the number of people from your family that will be attending.

We will then be able to assign people to different jobs to keep families/individuals socially distanced. Everyone will be required to wear masks.

Thanks for your willingness to help make the church festive for the Advent season!

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