

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Worship Information

One in-person worship service @ 10:15 am  
available later online

on St. John’s Facebook Page, Website or  
YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa](https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa)

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Worship Theme: Back to School with Jesus  
Focus Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:** Grace and Mark Bruen, Team leaders; Mary Billy, Anne Haines, Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee Sands, Patti Thomas  
**Elder of the Morning:**  
**CD Technician:** Matt Rivett  
**Chancel Flower Ministry:** Tracey & Mark O’Neill  
**Driver:** Scott Vanderburg  
**Umbrella Ministry:** Joyce Huisenga

October Goodie Boxes

October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to bring your donations to the church Library. We will be preparing 24 boxes for for young people living away from home. Donations of non-perishable, small, sturdy food items, school items, or personal items are greatly appreciated. Send the name and complete USPS address of your student to the church office or Bonnie Weber before October 22. Also, verify the address if your student previously received a package. Send questions to Bonnie Weber at [bonweber@gmail.com](mailto:bonweber@gmail.com). Many thanks for your continued support!

Don’t Forget Your Covenant Card

Please return your completed Covenant card. As usual, your monetary support is requested. But remember, that this year you are also asked to respond to two questions. These answers will help gauge what is important to our congregation. Tell us what you think!

Manna on Main Street

With the holidays fast approaching, Manna needs additional canned goods for their cupboard. Won’t you consider bringing an item with you each Sunday?

A Look at the Week of October 1, 2023	
Attendance: 9:30 am, October 1	84
Attendance: 5:30 pm, October 4	15
Offering For Current Income	\$4,610.50
Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$722.50
A Look at the Week of October 8, 2023	
Attendance: 10:15 am, October 8	118
Attendance: 5:30 pm, October 11	16
Offering For Current Income	\$13,009.50
Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$1,934.50

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To the Memorial fund in memory of Alan Johnston from Lorene Ahrens, Ronald & Carol Aucott, Mark & Grace Bruen, Elizabeth Elliott, Steve & Debby Hendricks, Christine Kieffer & Roger Pancoast, Bill & Judy Leslie, Grace & Jerry Linderman, Jo-Ann Sine  
  
To the Exterior Restoration Fund in memory of Alan Johnston from Roger Atkin, Mary Billy, Don & Barbara Fretz, Steve & Sally Jarinko, Bill & Sue Morris  
  
To the Current Fund in memory of Alan Johnston from Suzanne & Donald Franks  
  
To the Memorial fund in memory of Linda Horst from Mark & Grace Bruen  
  
To the Memorial fund in memory of Jerry Umstead from Mark & Grace Bruen  
  
To the Exterior Restoration fund in memory of Rev. Sue from Wayne & Sally Fetterman

Garden of Health Food Bank

The Garden of Health is holding a countywide food drive during the month of October, with a goal of getting 100,000 pounds of food during the month. Food can be dropped off at their office at 201 Church Road in North Wales or at the Towamencin Township administration office at 1090 Troxell Road in Lansdale / Monday-Friday, hours 8am – 4:30pm.  
  
To support the Garden of Health Food Bank’s food drive, the Towamencin Township Administration Building lobby will serve as an additional drop-off location. The drive runs through October 27th. For more information, including food requests, go to <https://www.gardenofhealthinc.org/> . Please help out this great cause with a donation!

October 29<sup>th</sup> Worship Information

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Worship Theme: Back to School with Jesus  
Focus Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:** Robin MacMullen, Team leader, Peter Conver, Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa, Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett  
**Elder of the Morning:** Ken & Bonnie Hales  
**CD Technician:** Dave Douglass  
**Chancel Flower Ministry:**  
**Driver:** Gale Linderman  
**Umbrella Ministry:** Marcia Stacy

Prayer Shawl Sunday – November 19

The Praying Hands Stitchers will be having a Prayer Shawl Sunday on November 19 following the 10:15 worship service. Shawls can be used as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, during bereavement, for prayer and meditation, nursing a baby, during illness and recovery and for those in need of comfort and solace.  
  
Anyone is welcome to select a prayer shawl for themselves or to take to a friend, an acquaintance or a family member.

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS – PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Presents

TUESDAY NOON RECITALS

November 7, 14, 21, and 28

St. John’s United Church of Christ

Join us for a free noontime organ recital from a local organist every Tuesday in November!

Nov. 7: Michael Krentz, Christ Lutheran, Allentown  
Nov. 14: Doppelflöte – Vincent M. Ryan and Melissa Freilich, Advent Lutheran, Harleysville  
Nov. 21: Meghan Meloy Ness, Swarthmore Presbyterian, Swarthmore  
Nov. 28: Andrew Paulson, St. John’s United Church of Christ, Lansdale

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday, November 5**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Congregational Dinner**

More details to follow!



**St. John's 16th Annual Women's Christmas Tea**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**10 a.m. to noon in the Assembly Hall**

Tea Sandwiches~Desserts~Variety of Teas~Gluten Free Foods  
Christmas Carols accompanied by Sandy Brown

Wonderful fellowship and information about Women in Training, a program founded by two teenage girls to help other young women

*Donations will be accepted to offset costs and to benefit Women in Training*

*Please contact Janet Morton at [mortfam16@gmail.com](mailto:mortfam16@gmail.com) if you would like to bring a food item to share*  
*Gluten Free items will be available*

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 22, to Sally Jarinko  
text 215-421-6678, call 215-256-8289 or email  
[sjarinko@comcast.net](mailto:sjarinko@comcast.net) (Space is limited!)



### **Hanging of the Greens**

We will be decorating the church for the advent season on Saturday, December 2 at 12:30 (after the Christmas Tea). Please plan to join us in making the church festive for the holidays.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 22 **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**One Worship Service at 10:15 am**  
Adult Education & Connect<sup>3</sup> at 9:00 am  
Fellowship, Goodie Box items due date,  
**Artist Series Concert @ 4pm –**  
**Seipp/Sheets Trumpet & Organ Duo**
- Oct 24 Girl Scouts, AA
- Oct 25 **Wednesday Night Live**  
5-7pm Community Meal  
5:30pm Worship  
6pm Children's Music, Adult Education  
6:45pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir
- Oct 27 Chess
- Oct 29 **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
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Fellowship, Library Open House

### St. John's Praying Hands Stitchers

Fall/Winter Schedule 2023-2024

Meeting the first Sunday of each month  
November - December - January - February  
From 9 to 10 AM in the Church Library

All knitters and crocheters are welcome whether you're just beginning, want to learn or you've been knitting and crocheting for many years.

### ***Drivers Needed:***

*St. John's is looking for volunteers to transport folks to worship once a month. Call the church office at 215-855-5489 if you would like to join this ministry.*



National Giving Alliance (NGA) is collecting donations for ten local agencies. If you'd like to donate, you may give items to Sally

Atkiss, Suzie Franks or drop them off at the church office. We need clothing for all ages, toiletries, sheets, towels, and diapers. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to NGA (initials only). All donations are due October 26. Thank you!

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### **Save the Date: St. John's Library Open House**

Join us in the library on Sunday, October 29th, following the 10:15 service for our Fall Open House! Learn more about our library and what new things are coming. Raffles, light refreshments and goodie bags for kids!