



And on earth *Peace.*

Luke 2:14

DECEMBER 2023

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S ~ GOD INCARNATE TAKING PLACE

The birth of Christ is a reminder that God comes to us in subtle, intimate, and surprising ways. Join us as we follow the story of *God Incarnate Taking Place*.

Wednesday, November 29

5:30pm – Wednesday Evening Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

10:15am – Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Join us for Love Gift Sunday, a morning service of giving as we recall God's greatest gift to us.

Wednesday, December 6

5:30pm: Wednesday Evening Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

10:15am – Sunday Morning Worship

4:00pm – In the Stillness: The 2023 Christmas Festival

Join the St. John's Chancel Choir and Friends, The North Penn Chamber Singers, and the North Penn Brass Ensemble for an annual St. John's Artist Series holiday tradition!

A festive reception follows the concert.

Wednesday, December 13

5:30pm – Wednesday Evening Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

10:15am – Sunday Morning Worship with the St. John's Brass Ensemble

Wednesday, December 20

No 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Advent Worship (Dinner will still be served from 5pm-7pm)

7pm – Service of Longest Night

Join us for an evening worship service on this very tender night of the year.

The Chancel Choir leads us in an evening filled with reflection and love.

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

10:15am – Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Music from the Children's Choir, Piano, and Organ.

Join us as we sing familiar carols and hear the Christmas story read from the Gospel according to Luke.

A special Christmas Eve prelude begins at 10am.

10:15pm – Sunday Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Music from the Chancel Choir, United Ringers (Handbell Choir), String Quartet, Piano, and Organ.

Join us as we sing familiar carols, hear the Christmas story read from the Gospel according to Luke, and light candles to welcome the birth of Christ. A special Christmas Eve prelude begins at 10pm.

Wednesday, December 27

No Wednesday Evening Programming

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve

10:15am – Sunday Morning Worship

Join us as we end 2023 and welcome 2024 with a special New Year's Eve worship service.

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Were You There?

Thirty Years Ago: Christmas stockings were packed and given to inmates at Graterford Prison (now Phoenix SCI).

Twenty-five Years Ago: The second Advent Event was held December 5, with crafts and decorating, pizza, and a carol sing.

Twenty Years Ago: The annual Candlelight Christmas Dinner featured a program by the Souderton Area High School Advanced Choir, with dinner music provided by Cheryl Cunningham.

Fifteen Years Ago: A request was extended to congregants to act as greeters as St. John's welcomed visitors who are part of the annual Lansdale Holiday History Tour.

Ten Years Ago: A new group, North Penn Moms in Prayer, was formed, with the purpose of praying for children, teachers, and administrators in the North Penn School District.

Five Years Ago: A Christmas breakfast was enjoyed following the 10:15 service on December 16, followed by a viewing of the movie "The Star: The Story of the First Christmas" in the Fireside Room.

One Year Ago: A "new" group, The Praying Hands Stitchers (who make more than Prayer Shawls), welcomed members to join any of four ministries: knitting or crocheting shawls, hats, scarves, and love squares.

Below is the chancel flower donation list for December. Please review this list and contact the church office if you would like to remove, add, or update any information on the list.



Reminder ~ The requested donation for the chancel flower listing is \$35. Thank you!

December 3

In memory of Eloise Atkin's December 8th birthday from Roger Atkin and family

In memory of loved ones from the Longcoy and Wenner families

In memory of loved ones and her husband, Fred, from Thelma Brunner

In memory of Earl Bruce Kirk's passing from his daughter, Barbara Kirk

Remembering with love, Ashley MacKinstry Guest, Kristoffer Guest, Paul Hagerty, and other family loved ones from the MacKinstry-Rogers family

December 10

In memory of Ethel T. Kelsey from the Harrison family

December 24

In memory of Nancy and Bob Schultz and Harry, Juliet, and Minnie Schultz from Merle Anne Morcom and Walter Hawkins

In memory of Earl Bruce Kirk's December 28th birthday from his daughter, Barbara Kirk

In memory of Robert and Cora Ellen Furniss from their son, David

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Thomas Smith, friend of David Furniss; Tobi Timko, daughter of Vada Timko; and Tammie Forry, friend and neighbor of Anne and Eric Kinsey, who passed away recently.



Chancel Flower Ministry



Thank you for being a part of this important ministry. Many lives have been touched by your efforts.

Flowers should be delivered after the 10:15 AM church service or on Monday. Feel free to deliver the flowers to whomever you want—anyone who is celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, people who are ill, in the hospital, who need a little extra care. The people you deliver to need not be members of St. John's. They can be your friends, loved ones, and neighbors. The flower ministry is part of our outreach.

The flower room is through the door on the left side of the chancel — the side where the pastor preaches. All the supplies you will need are in this room:

- *plastic vases
- *St. John's Address Directory
- *cards.

Please take the flowers out of the brass vases and put them in the plastic floral containers located on the shelves in the flower room.

Return the green liners to the brass vases, they belong to the florist. Include a card for each bouquet. Also, write in the signup book who the flowers were delivered to on your assigned Sunday; this will help us avoid replicating recipients.

Please include a card for each bouquet. There will be a copy of these instructions in the flower room. If you are out of town on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone. Again, many thanks for being a part of St. John's flower ministry.

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| December 3 | Lisa Thim |
| December 10 | Barbara & Robin MacMullen |
| December 17 | Tracey & Mark O'Neill |
| December 24 | Mary Billy |
| December 31 | Sue & Bill Morris |

From the Creation Stewards



There was a great article recently on the CNN website describing a revival of the "Social Gospel" movement that emerged in late 19th-century America as a response to the "obscene levels of inequality in a rapidly industrializing country." Its adherents took on the exploitation of workers and unethical business practices. "Social Gospel leaders once argued in various ways that Christian deeds are more important than creeds and that unfettered capitalism 'thrives on selfish impulses that Christian teaching condemns.'" The recent successful United Auto Workers strike, led by Shawn Fain, a Social Gospel advocate, is highlighted. To read the full article, go to [cnn.com/2023/11/13/us/social-gospel-movement-uaw-strike-blake-cec/index](https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/13/us/social-gospel-movement-uaw-strike-blake-cec/index). For more on the original Social Gospel movement, go to [britannica.com/event/social-gospel](https://www.britannica.com/event/social-gospel).

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



Financial Report: Matt Carson, Treasurer

In October we had income of \$49,344.13 against expenses of \$49,526.64 Expenses were high for October, exceeding the budgeted amount of \$47,288.61.

At this point in the year we have gross income of \$347,210.78, and have budgeted that we would receive \$357,152.00, meaning we are short \$9,941.22 from where we expected to be in terms of income year to date. Total expenses are \$492,364.75 against budgeted expenses of \$498,111.47 YTD, meaning we have spent \$5,746.72 less so far this year than we budgeted to spend.

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Including budget transfers YTD of \$106,968.30, we have income of \$454,179.08, against the total expenses. That means we are about 8% behind breaking even for the year. We expected income and transfers of \$464,120.30 against expected expenses of \$498,111.47, meaning we continue to be pacing about 1% behind our budget for the year so far.

Donations received for Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) for October were \$4,300.50 and \$33,243.75 for 2023 YTD. We are behind our projection by \$4,421.

Please feel free to share your questions or concerns with Matt Carson, Treasurer.

Staff Reports:

Ministerial Staff (Dale Davis, Andrew Paulson)

Dale Davis

- Wednesday Night Live has become a spiritually rich experience. The worship service has included deep and profound sharing. Everyone from seniors to youngsters sing, share, and participate in communion.
- The Adult Education component during the evening of Wednesday Night Live continues to nurture, build community, and allows people to go deep.
- Stewardship Testimonies during worship on the Sundays of October 22, 29, and November 5 were inspiring as the congregation experienced each speaker and learned more about that person's faith.

Andrew Paulson

- Wednesday evenings have become an engaging and enriching time at St. John's. The combination of food, worship, education, and music has brought new life and energy to the middle of the week.

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- Through record-setting donation levels and plans for an even more grand Midwinter Gala, the St. John's Artist Series continues to grow into a more community-focused entity. Be sure to join us for "In the Stillness: The 2023 Christmas Festival" on Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM.

Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth

- The children will sing on November 12, and December 3 and 24. Connect3 is going strong, with a mission focus on Malawi. We will switch to our Advent theme after Thanksgiving.

Lisa Delp, Office Administrator

- The 2024 Activity Calendar and Offering Envelopes should be here in time for distribution on December 3, Love Gift Sunday.
- Poinsettia order forms will appear in Sunday bulletins and future Heralds.

Board Reports:

Deacons: (Scott Vanderburg)

Elders: (Debby Hendricks)

| October Worship Attendance | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|----|
| Sunday | | WNL | |
| 10/1 | 84 | 10/4 | 16 |
| 10/8 | 118 | 10/11 | 16 |
| 10/15 | 129 | 10/18 | 18 |
| 10/22 | 100 | 10/25 | 18 |
| Total | 431 | Total | 68 |
| Average | 108 | Average | 17 |

Educators: (Mary Billy)

- 16 Goodie Boxes were mailed to students. It was suggested that St. John's email be placed in the boxes so students can send messages to church.
- White Gift Sunday is now Love Gift Sunday on December 3.
- Advent Event is December 10. Educators will host Social Hour.

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Trustees: (Dan Panachyada)

- Leroy and Tim Morton will repair the fireside room floor at a cost of approximately \$700. This does not require Council approval.
- Exterior restoration work will not resume until warmer weather next year. Funding will determine what gets done next (arches in front and courtyard side).

Old Business:

Report on Social Media Use: (Liz Rivett)

Following our discussion at the September Council Meeting, the same member of our private Facebook page again made an inappropriate posting on our page. The Executive Committee reviewed this action and decided unanimously to remove this person from our private Facebook page until such time as the individual engages in conversation with any member of the Executive Committee. Following said conversation, the decision may be revisited or additional action may be taken.

2024 Budget Presentation: Grace Bruen, Finance Chair

Recap of 2023:

Continued Changes in 2024: 1) Search for a new pastor; 2) Retirement of Office Administrator; 3) New Communications Coordinator; 4) New worship and gathering opportunities (WNL); 5) Restoration of building exterior.

Income: Giving to current expenses is not meeting 2023 goals. Current income is \$11,289 behind projections. Projected to be -\$5,543 at end of the year.

Electronic Giving: Total electronic donors in 2023 was 49, with 12 recurring donors. Total amount given electronically YTD 2023 \$26,595. Average transaction \$60.86. Fees YTD \$853 with \$427 covered by donations (50%).

Membership: Three new members, four confirmands, 6 transfer out of membership, 13 deaths.

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Capital Spending: Repointing of exterior building, roof repair over organ pipe chamber, hatch and winch repair for AC.

Attendance: Attendance has not returned to pre-Covid levels.

Themes for 2024:

Heavy draw from investments needed to increase active membership and visibility in community.

Search for Communications Coordinator.

Evaluate programming and activities to increase attendance and participation.

Encourage lay participation.

Current trend moving toward reliance on income other than congregational giving.

Encourage giving to support staff and services.

Increase active membership.

Income Accounts:

Tithes and Offerings: Forecast for 2023

tithes/offerings expected to be \$398,404 (-1.6%).

Increase budget amount by \$5,000 to \$410,000.

Events and Fund Raisers: Increase budget amount by \$6,700.

Flowers: Decrease budget amount by \$500.

Investments and Transfers: The proposed budget amount to be withdrawn from investments to meet planned expenses in 2024 is \$139,195 (6.66% over 2023 budget). Investments are held by Vanguard and Janney and controlled by St. John's.

Special Funds and Investments to fund new position: Planned \$51,600 to fund new position.

Rental: Montessori School has long-term lease with rent increases built in. Increase budget amount by \$1,000.

Immediate Needs: Transfer \$2,000 for Trustees use.

Use of Building: Increase budgeted amount by \$1,000.

Income Summary: The 2024 budget total income increases by \$24,489 (4.1%) from 2023. Forecast budget 2024 is \$35,734 (6.1%) higher than 2023 forecasted end of the year actual.

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Expense Accounts:

Staff Salary/Benefits: For additional detail and breakout, see page 11 of this *Enlightener*.

Building: No change in budget amount of \$60,000 for snow removal, pest control, grounds maintenance and utilities.

Communication Coordinator Position: Contract salary of \$41,600 and \$10,000 operational budget.

Expense Summary: The 2024 budgeted expenses increase by \$24,490 (4.10%) from 2023 budgeted amount. Adding \$51,600 expenses to support Communications Coordinator role results in a net increase of \$76,090 (12.75%).

Benevolences:

Benevolence funds are donated as designated and never used for current expenses.

OCWM:

St. John's 2023 actual as of October is \$33,244 which is \$11,756 below target of \$45,000.

Special Funds:

GEM Fund (Going the Extra Mile): To help people or organizations when it is not possible to request donations from the congregation. Council votes on distributions. Bequest giving rules require 10% of undesignated bequests be directed to GEM. A \$500 donation each for Lansdale Police and Fairmount Fire Department have been previously approved per Council vote.

Emergency Fund: Funds used to help the local community with immediate needs given to St. Vincent de Paul quarterly. Distributions are determined by St. Vincent de Paul. Church members in need are able to contact the church office directly.

Questions/Comments on Budget Presentation:

Communications Coordinator:

Liz Vanderburg stated the overall intent of this position is to have someone with a unified message for internal and external church communications.

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Internal: relative to Staff, Committees, Boards, and Artist Series. External: relative to events, new worshippers, new ideas.

Grace Bruen explained in the budget presentation the job is part-time contract for 20 hrs/wk with no benefits or Social Security expenses. The plan is to use Memorial Funds and Investments to fund the position and associated operating budget.

Motion to adopt 2024 Budget:

Motion to adopt 2024 budget was approved unanimously. Contact Grace Bruen or Matt Carson with questions.

Our 19th Charitable Gift Market (formerly known as Alternative Gift Market) has come to a close. Thanks to our cashiers, Susan and John Hendricks, and our accountant, Susan Donahue, we have accurate



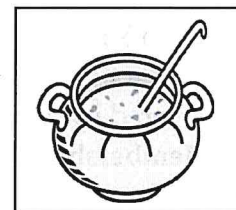
numbers to report. The six charities that collected the most donations are:

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| Hedwig House: | \$665 |
| Marvin's Home: | \$570 |
| Kitty Cottage: | \$510 |
| Wissahickon Trails: | \$500 |
| Logan's Heroes: | \$490 |

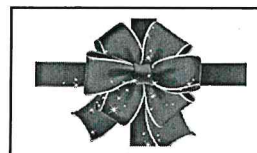
St. John's Good Samaritan Emergency Fund: \$490
Thanks to the generosity of our "shoppers," a total of \$7,410 will be donated to our 19 charities. New this year were hand-crafted, customized gift cards made by Jo-Ann Sine and Marge Jewell and offered for sale. These gift cards added over \$150 to the donations listed! Many thanks again to our St. John's Stampers!

Soup's On!

That's right, soup sales begin soon. Barb Fretz will be putting her apron back on to mentor me. First, we need volunteers to chop and cook, then package the soup in quart containers. Our initial sale will take place on Sunday, December 10, after the 10:15 worship service, in Fellowship Hall. To volunteer, call or text Anne Kinsey at 215.470.8456. Thanks!



| Summary of October and YTD Income and Expense | October 2023 | January–October 2023 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Current Tithes/Offerings | 33,274.32 | 306,356.69 |
| Event Income/Fundraisers | 1,245.00 | 5,828.00 |
| Flowers | 60.00 | 2,690.00 |
| Investment Income | 548.13 | 1,348.13 |
| Rental Income | 3,250.00 | 25,400.00 |
| Use of Building Income | 100.00 | 3,300.00 |
| Miscellaneous Unrestricted Income | 152.00 | 1,776.95 |
| Interest Income, Savings Accounts | 17.85 | 511.01 |
| Total Income | 38,647.30 | 347,210.78 |
| Gross Income | 38,647.30 | 347,210.78 |
| Expense | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | 36,084.26 | 357,729.28 |
| Elders Expenses | 0.00 | 1,017.02 |
| Deacons Expenses | 2,427.50 | 7,990.78 |
| Educators Expenses | 0.00 | 793.52 |
| Trustees/Building Expenses | 2,023.85 | 16,923.70 |
| Building Operation Expenses | 3,617.52 | 47,705.66 |
| Operating Expenses | 5,315.64 | 59,295.90 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 57.87 | 735.64 |
| Interest Expense | 0.00 | 173.25 |
| Total Expense | 49,526.64 | 492,364.75 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -10,879.34 | -145,153.97 |
| Budgeted Transfers From Investments | 10,696.83 | 10,696.83 |
| Net Ordinary Income Plus Transfers | -182.51 | -13,457.13 |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Artist Series Income—Special | 1,900.00 | 27,247.00 |
| Benevolence Offerings | 5,263.50 | 45,432.09 |
| Special Accounts | 7,376.86 | 67,828.28 |
| CGM—Miscellaneous | 7,711.00 | 7,711.00 |
| Total Other Income | 22,251.36 | 148,218.37 |
| Other Expense | | |
| Artist Series Fund Expenditures | 3,823.61 | 24,846.96 |
| Benevolence Disbursements | 3,013.00 | 49,549.09 |
| Special Fund Expenditures | 14,581.26 | 125,368.59 |
| Soup Sale Expenditures | 168.99 | 5,798.91 |
| Rummage Sale Expenditures | 0.00 | 4,995.93 |
| Total Other Expense | 21,586.86 | 210,559.48 |
| Net Other Income | 664.50 | -62,341.11 |
| Net Income | -10,214.84 | -207,495.08 |
| Net Income Plus Transfers | 481.99 | - |
| | | 196,798.25 |



Volunteer Opportunity:
Wrapping Presence®
 As reported in the
 November *Enlightener*; the

Church Council endorsed supporting the Wrapping Presence organization (wrappingpresence.org) with volunteers to serve the residents at Harborview Rehabilitation and Care Center at Lansdale in the distribution of holiday gifts so that the residents have gifts to give to their loved ones. Wrapping Presence is looking for 20 Wrapping Buddies to assist the residents in selecting gifts (provided by Wrapping Presence) and wrapping them so they have gifts to give when their loved ones visit during the holidays. The event will take place on Thursday, December 14, from 1 to 4 PM. There is a website for signups at bit.ly/WP-NHS (please ignore the ads on the signup site). Scroll down to the December 14 event and click on the *Sign Up* button next to *Wrapping Buddy*. Then click on the *Save & Continue* button at the bottom of the web page, which will take you to the next page where you can provide your name, email, and phone number. Then click on the *Sign Up Now* button.

Wrapping Presence will provide experienced volunteers to guide St. John's volunteers in assisting the residents. Some volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with the residents and help them select gifts (information on whom they are selecting gifts for will be provided) while others, skilled in wrapping, will wrap presents and attach gift cards. The gifts will be placed in decorated gift bags (a Wednesday Night Live activity will be planned for bag decorating) for the residents to bring back to their rooms. Please contact Bill Cagney for more information or assistance in signing up:
 215.385.2882 (text)
 215.641.4930 (home)
Billcagney@verizon.net

Highlights from the Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Visioning/Search and Call

Mark Bruen gave an overview of findings of the Visioning process. The Visioning phase is complete, and findings will be passed to the Profile Team. MissionInsite, a UCC Conference tool, is being used to determine demographic trends in our area. It is anticipated the church profile will be completed in January 2024 with a formal search to begin January/February 2024.

Communications Role

Liz Vanderburg discussed highlights of the proposed Communications Role. The new role would coordinate communications, both internal and external, for all groups, events, council, and staff. Numerous churches in our area have this position. The job description is being written by the Personnel Committee, with anticipated posting of the job in early 2024. There will be two votes on hiring of the Communications Coordinator: one for the budget and the other for the role itself. Liz stated this role is vital to the future of St. John's

Financial Update

Grace Bruen presented a recap of the 2023 financial year.

Capital funds and Immediate Needs include repointing of the church building. All funds donated to the Exterior Restoration Capital Fund are used only for that project. The next phase will not begin until funds are collected. Projects in 2024 are a continuation of the repointing of the building and will address water penetration in the Assembly Hall. The current balance of all capital funds is \$60,064.

Communications Role funding would come from a combination of special funds and investments.

Wednesday Night Live

Attendance has been trending higher than attendance at the traditional 8 AM service.

Investing in Our Future

People and volunteering are needed in many ways: management of benevolences, mission and community outreach, technical management, lay leadership, building utilization for service and income, and revitalization of boards and committees.

ARTICLES DUE FOR JANUARY ISSUE
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10

Leaders: Please provide articles for these coming events for the next Enlightener issue:

- Unhanging of the Greens
- Epiphany Sunday
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

All submissions must include your name and phone number and be typed or printed. Submissions can be placed in the Enlightener bin in the Church Office (top bin) or emailed to erickinsey46@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call Eric Kinsey at 267.886.5326.

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Hi, friends! Lizzie here with some fun updates for our library! Thank you sooooo much to those who visited us at our Fall Open House.

It was super fun, and the librarian and I appreciate your support! Congrats to our raffle winners! If you haven't done so already, you can pick up your prizes in the church office. We are also excited to embark on the holiday season, so be sure to check out our wonderful holiday selections. In both our Adult and Children's libraries you'll find some traditional reads as well as some Christian-focused and nontraditional ones. Also, please check out our suggestion box for the former "periodical" area (to the right of the three plants on the windowsill). We would love your input! St. John's Library aspires to be a resource for your spiritual, knowledgeable, and spirited escape! Visit us today!



All Saints' List 2023

Members of St. John's

Richard Bowers Sr.

Virginia Collins

Edna J. Decker

George Dowiak

Dennis Ellman

John Grosch

Linda Horst

Alan Johnston

David Livezey

Edna McGinley

Mary Lou Schultz

James Stevenson III

Jerry Umstead



Friends of St. John's

Ursula Bingham (Grandmother of Becky Gordon)

John Allen Buler (Father of Linda Camburn)

Paul Cope (Husband of Ruth Kinsey's Sister-in-Law)

Tammie Forry (Friend of Anne and Eric Kinsey)

Edward Gary (Friend of Jon Sands)

Rosa Giletti (Friend of Judy Koenig and Connie May)

R. Bruce Hemmerle (Uncle of Sally Atkiss)

Anna M. Klein (Mother of Susan Rother)

William (Bill) Austyn Lampe (Brother of Abbie Lampe)

Tony Lanzetta (Cousin of Barbarann Probst)

Ruth Leslie (Mother of Bill Leslie)

Shane R. Morcom (Son of Merle Ann Morcom)

Laverne Moyer (Brother-in-Law of Carol Hammel)

Luther "Bud" Moyer Jr. (Husband of Bonnie Moyer)

Garner Paulson (Grandfather of Andrew Paulson)

Sharon Rowling (Wife of Karen and Mark Methlie's Brother-in-Law)

Lee Shoemaker (Friend of Sally and Don Atkiss)

Charles James Patrick Snyder (Son of Gerald and Mary Ellen Snyder)

Steven Stewart (Friend of St. John's)

Walter Thomas (Tom) Smith (Friend of Davis Furniss)

Tobi Timko (Daughter of Vada Timko)

Matthew Whitehead (Friend of St. John's)

2024 St John's UCC Proposed Budget

| | 2022 Budget | 2022 Actual | 2023 Budget | 2023 Forecast | 2024 Budget |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Current Tithes/ Offerings | 405,000 | 370,415 | 405,000 | 398,404 | 410,000 |
| Trust Fund Income | 10,000 | 19,700 | 15,000 | 7,500 | 15,000 |
| Event Income/ Fund Raisers | 6,000 | 900 | 6,000 | 10,045 | 12,700 |
| Flowers | 4,000 | 4,392 | 4,500 | 3,857 | 4,000 |
| Rental Income | 30,500 | 30,900 | 31,500 | 31,900 | 32,500 |
| Use of Building Income | 4,000 | 3,520 | 3,000 | 3,800 | 4,000 |
| Misc. Unrestricted Income | 2,500 | 1,358 | 2,000 | 1,791 | 2,000 |
| Intentional Use of Immediate Needs for Trustees projects | | | | | 2,000 |
| Xfer from Investments | 117,822 | 117,823 | 129,906 | 128,363 | 139,195 |
| xfer from special funds and investments to fund Communications Coordinator position & associated operating budget | | | | | 51,600 |
| Total Income & Transfers | 579,822 | 549,008 | 596,906 | 585,661 | 672,995 |
| Expense | | | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | 431,447 | 407,568 | 431,536 | 429,316 | 459,510 |
| Elders Expenses | 3,000 | 2,242 | 2,800 | 2,112 | 2,800 |
| Deacons Expenses | 8,200 | 6,741 | 8,200 | 12,479 | 17,070 |
| Educators Expenses | 3,475 | 2,619 | 3,475 | 1,123 | 1,450 |
| Trustees | 19,000 | 21,094 | 20,000 | 24,175 | 17,150 |
| Bldg Expenses | 52,000 | 59,354 | 60,000 | 56,550 | 60,000 |
| Operating Expenses | 60,200 | 76,581 | 70,000 | 68,509 | 62,380 |
| Misc. Expenses | 2,500 | 1,102 | 895 | 1,024 | 1,035 |
| New Communications Coordinator Position (funded by investments or other funds (memorial, etc) | | | | | 51,600 |
| Total Expense | 579,822 | 577,302 | 596,906 | 595,289 | 672,995 |

This is what it would take to cover, with our giving, the increase needed from 2023 projected giving

| If your yearly giving is between | And you added this much/year | Which is this much/week | or this much/month | 2023 giving rate (# of congregants) | the church would receive this much additional |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| \$0-\$100 | \$2.40 | \$0.05 | \$0.20 | 36 | \$86.40 |
| \$101-\$500 | \$9.00 | \$0.15 | \$0.75 | 60 | \$540.00 |
| \$501-\$1,000 | \$22.20 | \$0.50 | \$1.85 | 25 | \$555.00 |
| \$1,001-\$2,000 | \$47.40 | \$0.90 | \$3.95 | 41 | \$1,943.40 |
| \$2,001-\$5,000 | \$99.00 | \$1.90 | \$8.25 | 27 | \$2,673.00 |
| \$5,001-\$10,000 | \$210.00 | \$4.10 | \$17.50 | 17 | \$3,570.00 |
| > \$10,000 | \$372.00 | \$7.15 | \$31.00 | 6 | \$2,232.00 |
| Then we, as a congregation, would exceed of our goal for 2024! | | | | | \$11,599.80 |

St. John's
Artist Series

Presents

IN THE STILLNESS

THE 2023 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

4pm, Sunday, December 10, 2023

Join us for our annual holiday tradition! Musicians from North Penn High School and St. John's come together for an afternoon of organ, choir, and brass. Classic carol settings and nostalgic brass arrangements will provide a respite to the busy holiday season – a chance to be *In the Stillness*. After the concert, don't forget to join us for a festive reception. It's not the Christmas season without the St. John's Artist Series Christmas Festival! Learn more at www.stjohnsartistseries.org.

This concert includes a freewill donation to support Manna on Main Street and the St. John's Artist Series.

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