



# Enlightener

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## The Challenge of "Being the Church"

A large rainbow colored banner in the elevator lobby of St. John's invites us to "Be the Church" and spells out what that entails: "Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life." These words also appear on the mugs we have given our graduates in recent years. Whenever I walk by that banner, or drink tea from my "Be the Church" mug, I am reminded of just how challenging doing that really is.

Being the Church is messy and it is hard work. Why? Because being the Church involves real, live, flawed human beings with different ideas, understandings, perspectives and persuasions. When I lovingly describe St. John's members as a motley crew, I am acknowledging both our colorfulness and our diversity with regard to from whence we have each come and how we live out our faith and beliefs. St. John's has a long history of faithfully dealing with challenging issues while demonstrating respect for those with differing points of view, but that doesn't mean doing so is easy. A case in point would be the manner in which we have chosen to address how best to include in the life of the church two members who, upon their release from prison, were registered under Megan's Law. Several months ago I shared the decision that was made, with the support of St. John's leadership, to find alternative ways of being the church for these two men that did not involve returning to our church building. This decision was informed by the awareness that there are several members of our church family who are survivors of sexual assault or abuse, for whom the church would no longer feel like a place of safe refuge should these individuals return to our church building. Others expressed concern for the safety of St. John's children.

Although we have created a monthly opportunity for worship and fellowship that takes place at Manna on Main St. (now located in North Penn Commons), it is not a perfect solution to the challenge at hand, and for some it raises the question, "Are we really being the welcoming congregation we say we are if these individuals are not permitted to be in our church building?" Some say that forgiveness demands that the men be allowed to return to St. John's while others point out that forgiveness does not mean that the consequences of one's sin are erased. And what about those who daily struggle in the aftermath of having been sexually assaulted? How do we best acknowledge their pain and also work toward healing and wholeness?

There are no simple solutions. Being the Church is hard, but it is not impossible, and it does not require that we have all the answers. What it does require is a willingness to live into the answers, a willingness to acknowledge that not a one of us has a handle on the whole truth, and a willingness to work together. I have always believed that being the Church is more about being in relationship than it is about being right, and most importantly, that being the Church cannot be done without God's help and guidance every step of the way. So may we surround this challenge with our prayers and a deep commitment to being the Church in ways that demonstrate our love for God and all whom God has created.

*Rev. Sue*



“The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.”  
- Psalm 67:6

## NOVEMBER

CHURCH SCHOOL	SUNDAYS	9:00 AM
WORSHIP	SUNDAYS	8:00 & 10:15 AM

“AFTER WORSHIP” REFERS TO THE 10:15 AM SERVICE.

### EVENTS

11/1	ALL SAINTS DAY BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM
11/5	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY BP SCREENING MANNA PLENTIFUL HARVEST COLLECTION ARTIST SERIES ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS	4:00 PM
11/7	ELECTION DAY	
11/8	BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM
11/11	VETERANS DAY WOMEN’S RETREAT	9:00 AM
11/12	MANNA SUNDAY CARD SALES	
11/14	MEN’S BREAKFAST	9:00 AM
11/15	BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM
11/19	ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET	AFTER WORSHIP
11/21	WORSHIP AT MANNA	7:15 PM
11/23	THANKSGIVING	
11/24	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
11/26	BUDGET HEARING MANNA HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS COLLECTION DEADLINE	
11/29	COMMUNION	NOON

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR/UNITED VOICES

CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE IN ASSEMBLY HALL	WEDNESDAYS	6:30–7:30 PM
UNITED VOICES IN MUSIC ROOM	WEDNESDAYS	5:30–6:30 PM

### MEETINGS

AA	TUESDAYS FRIDAYS	7:30 PM 8:30 PM
AGM	11/5 & 12 (IF NEEDED)	NOON–1:30 PM
AZUL DANCE	11/6 & 20	1:00–3:00 PM
BOARDS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS	11/13	7:00 & 8:00 PM
BROWNIES AND GIRL SCOUTS	11/6 & 20 TUESDAYS	6:30 PM 7:00 PM
CHESS CLUB	FRIDAYS	6:00 PM
OUTREACH	11/27	4:30 PM
HEALTH MINISTRY	11/5	AFTER WORSHIP
NAMI	11/7	7:00 PM
PRAYER GROUP	11/20	7:00 PM
PRAYER SHAWL	11/20	6:30 PM
PRAYER WALK	11/9	7:00 AM
QUILTERS	TUESDAYS	1:30 PM
ST. JOHN’S STAMPERS	11/9	1:00 PM
STEWARDSHIP MEETING	11/6	7:00 PM
THE ART OF LIVING	SATURDAYS	10:00 AM
YOGA	THURSDAYS	7:00 PM

### REHEARSALS

CHANCEL CHOIR	THURSDAYS	7:30 PM
UNITED RINGERS	THURSDAYS	6:15 PM

## November Social Host Schedule

- 11/5 Health Ministry/Outreach
- 11/12 Jane & Alan Malachowski
- 11/19 Alternative Gift Market
- 11/26 Ruth Kinsey & Susan Popjoy



If you have a conflict, please try to find a replacement from your complete list of social hosts.

**Articles Due for December Issue**  
**Deadline: November 13**

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

- Advent
- White Gift Sunday
- Christmas Breakfast and Raffle
- Christmas Services

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 (bottom bin), or emailed to [erickinsey46@gmail.com](mailto:erickinsey46@gmail.com). If you have questions, please call Eric Kinsey at 215.513.2237.

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**Plentiful Harvest for  
Manna**



Please donate fresh fruits and vegetables, which have a long shelf life. Donations may be placed in the box in the Narthex.



**October 29–  
November 5  
ONLY**

## Were You There?

**Thirty Years Ago:** The cornerstone ceremony for the Southeast Pennsylvania Conference was held at the center in Collegeville.



The cornerstone included pictures of the pastors and churches of the conference.

**Twenty-five Years Ago:** *Godspell* auditions were held in November for the play to be staged in the Sanctuary on March 7.

**Twenty Years Ago:** The huge task of renovating Assembly Hall began, starting with the encapsulation of the asbestos on some of the pipes behind the stage.

**Fifteen Years Ago:** Pastor Russell Clark resigned from his 2-year tenure at St. John's to accept a call to ministry at St. Paul's UCC in Dallastown.

**Ten Years Ago:** Registration began for the Overnight Camp-In Adventure at the Franklin Institute. Activities included Junior Agent training, IMAX presentation, science demo, astronomy show, hands-on forensic science, and star gazing in the Observatory.

**Five Years Ago:** St. John's youth met at the United Church of Christ in Warminster to help prepare meals for Manna. The Junior Choir Enrichment group updated signs for Alex's Lemonade Stand.

**One Year Ago:** Manna on Main Street asked our support in their *Hope for the Holidays* program. They asked in particular for gift cards in \$25 denominations for Walmart and Target. Those stores offer the most shopping options for the families served by Manna.



**Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ken Gingrich; Gladys Brunner; Ken Miller, Hannah Miller's husband; and Molly Ziegler, Sue Morris's mother, Jamie Morris's grandmother, and Siobhan Morris's great grandmother, who passed away recently.**

**Church Council Notes**



**Financial Report: Sandy and Bob Taylor, Cotreasurers:** The ordinary income in September of \$33,792 was \$11,302 less than our ordinary expenses of \$45,094. The month's expenses were \$1,700 above budget, but the deficit occurred primarily because the income in September was \$9,604 below budget. Year-to-date, even with the usage of some investment monies (\$57,044) as budgeted (and counted as "income"), our income nonetheless lags our expenses by \$35,564. Our OCWM contributions in September totaled \$2,989, versus our monthly commitment of \$3,714. As a result, we are now behind by \$1,606 (or 4.8%) YTD. Please feel free to share your questions or concerns with our Co-treasurers, Sandy and Bob Taylor.

**Staff Reports:**

**Rev. Sue Bertolette, Senior Pastor:** Fall Bible Study begins on October 11 and continues on October 18, November 1, 8, and 15. The theme is 3 Great Loves: Love of Creation, Love of Children, and Love of Neighbor. Rev. Sue will focus on racism in the Love of Neighbor sessions. Samson Tarpeh will be returning to St. John's to share what has happened in his life before he returns to his music school in Liberia (more information to follow). There will be a trip to attend services at Islamic Society of Greater Valley Forge on Oct. 22. Food will be provided. Carpools will be leaving St. John's at noon. Please call the church office if you plan to attend and if you can drive. There will be nine, possibly ten, confirmands in this year's class. Five members will be joining St. John's in November.

**Rev. Addie Stong, Associate Pastor:** absent

**David Furniss, Minister of Music:** All choirs are up and running. He expressed appreciation for Grace Bruen's leadership. Wednesday schedules have been firmed up until the end of the year: United Voices will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, followed by Children's Choirs from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. On October 22, the Handbell Choir will be featured with the organ, followed by organ with St. John's Brass on October 29.

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David shared the article from *Diapason*, the national magazine that featured our organ renovation. Save the Date cards were distributed for the November 5 Organ Dedication Concert with Nathan Laube.

**Grace Bruen, Interim Minister of Music for Children and Youth:** Responding to feedback from participating families, the Children's Choir program has been modified to a 6:30pm-7:30pm time, including rehearsal, snack, and a time for joys and concerns. Donations of snacks are sought. Grace is happy to be leading the program again. Next up is singing with ukuleles. Once the new Minister of Music for Children and Youth is named, the program is subject to change.

**Lisa Delp, Office Administrator:** absent

**Old Business:** The Borough of Lansdale is still evaluating the plans for the Anchor House lot to see if space can be maximized for parking.

**New business:** The Nominating Committee is looking for new Council members. Current Council members are asked to think about prospective replacements for members going off the board. The Committee is made up of the current Vice President, Marge Jewell, and board members whose terms are ending.

Boards are asked to submit their 2018 budgets to the Finance Committee. Grace Bruen needs budget figures to prepare the 2018 budget presentation.

Reminder: The November Council meeting begins at 7 PM for the budget presentation. Individual boards will not meet prior to the Council meeting.

Rev. Sue reminded us that she and Addie count on us to be their eyes and ears and to keep fellow congregants in our prayers as they face health and other challenges. An email or call to those in need is always appreciated.

**Board of Elders:**

Attendance for September 2017					
Date	8:00 AM	10:15 AM	Total/Week	Past 5 Years	Avg/Week
9/3	39	86	125	2016	227
9/10	53	177	230	2015	224
9/17	38	151	189	2014	228
9/24	38	154	192	2013	234
	<b>168</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>736</b>	2012	259
		<b>Average per Week = 184</b>		<b>5-year Average per Week = 235</b>	

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UMBRELLA MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
November 5	Jean Roshong
November 12	Nancy Roberts
November 19	Mary Lynne Snyder
November 26	Gayle George

Elders will provide lunch for new confirmands, Rev. Sue, and Pastor Addie on October 15. Patti Thomas is a new usher on Tom Beggs's team. Amy Hutchinson is joining those Health Ministry members who will be able to assist at St. John's if there is a medical emergency.

**Board of Deacons:**

A checklist will be given out in advance for kitchen rentals and a deposit may be required. We will contribute Basket Raffle monies to the purchase of some new tables. Plans were made for ordering and setting up poinsettias in the Sanctuary for the holidays.

**Kitchen Monitors for November**

Date	Monitor(s)
11/5/2017	Mike Goldstein & Bill Kurz
11/12/2017	Steve Bossert
11/19/2017	Scott Vandenburg
11/26/2017	Debby Hendricks

**Board of Educators:**

Acolyte Schedule November 2017	
11/5	Alex & Jessica Ace
11/12	Aidan Gage & Mitchell O'Neill
11/19	Connor Sivco & Ray Stahler
11/26	Caiden & Jen Gilbert

**Financial Update- 3rd Quarter**

With ¾ of the year behind us it is apparent that giving toward current expenses is lagging behind our budgeted amount. Current expense giving is used to keep the building warm and lit, and our wonderful staff employed. While we have been blessed with a healthy account balance from which to pay our bills, a drop in giving to current expenses is rapidly drawing down any surplus that we have. We have been posting the weekly amount needed (\$7,684) in the Herald and the church bulletins; most weeks giving has not matched that goal. With only 3 months remaining in the year, the weekly amount needed to "catch up" is now \$9,962.

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If you have been away for the summer, or perhaps have been shifting your giving to capital projects, please consider giving what you can for these next 3 months to current expenses, in addition to the benevolence projects we all support. Thank you, Grace Bruen, Finance Chair



Please help *Manna on Main Street* provide *Hope for the Holidays* for families in our community.

If you wish to purchase a gift to donate, please limit your gifts to these choices:

- Books for children and teens (NO coloring books and crayons)
- Diapers and wipes (large diaper sizes 4, 5, 6 are needed, as are Pull-Ups)
- Twin-size bed sheets
- A roll of wrapping paper and tape

Please leave gifts unwrapped and place them in the designated box in the Narthex.

The last day to contribute gifts for Manna's program is Sunday, November 26.

NOTE: St. John's Outreach Team will be collecting grocery store gift cards during December.



*"I remember when I was the Donald!"*

Summary of September and YTD Income and Expense	Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2017
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Current Tithes/Offerings	24,282.09	260,124.18
Event Income/Fundraisers	367.00	3,277.76
Flowers	220.00	2,433.00
Investment Income	6,338.25	57,044.25
Rental Income	2,350.00	16,450.00
Use of Building Income	44.00	3,606.00
Youth Group	0.00	106.00
Misc. Unrestricted Income	180.00	5,081.12
Interest Income, Savings Accts	10.68	114.09
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,792.02</b>	<b>348,236.40</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>33,792.02</b>	<b>348,236.40</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	30,461.86	272,446.13
Elders Expenses	283.60	1,542.53
Deacons Expenses	511.83	6,097.12
Educators Expenses	729.00	3,196.11
Trustees/Building Expenses	4,777.77	14,171.09
Building Operation Expenses	4,338.49	41,532.92
Operating Expenses	3,974.34	42,481.57
Miscellaneous Expenses	16.92	2,332.93
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>45,093.81</b>	<b>383,800.40</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-11,301.79</b>	<b>-35,564.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
Artist Series Income—Special	400.00	2,054.00
Benevolence Offerings	7,249.00	45,528.80
Special Accounts	3,556.84	89,888.60
Soup Sales	0.00	1,472.00
Rummage Sale	2,025.10	2,085.10
Petty Cash, additions to	0.00	45.00
Endowment Income	0.00	3,000.00
Immediate-Needs Income	250.00	4,500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>13,480.94</b>	<b>148,573.50</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>		
Benevolence Disbursements	3,400.00	37,761.81
Special Fund Expenditures	0.00	539,627.31
Artist Series Fund Expenditure	0.00	7,250.00
Immediate-Needs Expense	0.00	11,600.00
Endowment withdrwls, trnsfrs	4,796.97	41,896.40
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>8,196.97</b>	<b>638,135.52</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>5,283.97</b>	<b>-489,562.02</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-6,017.82</b>	<b>-525,126.02</b>

Below you will find the chancel flower donation list for November 2017. 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 \$25.* Thank you!



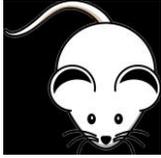
**November 5**  
 In memory of Charles R. Trout's November 8<sup>th</sup> birthday from his wife, Louella, and family  
 In honor of Juliana Riedel's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday from Barb Gassler  
 In memory of Nancy and Bob Schultz and Harry and Juliet and Minnie Schultz from Merle Anne Morcom and Walter Hawkins

**November 12**  
 In memory of their parents, Anna and Dante Roman, from Carol Ann Ferrero and Donna Lynn Ruder  
 In honor of Kelsey Weber's birthday from her parents, Walt and Bonnie

**November 19**  
 In memory of Phil Richart Jr. from Holly and Ken Fisher and Kim and John Milliron  
 In honor of their November 19th wedding anniversary from Judy and Warren Koenig  
 In memory of William Fritz's November 19th birthday from his daughters, Connie May and Judy, and Warren Koenig and family, and son Robert and Jeane Fritz and family  
 In memory of her parents, Elizabeth and George Alexander Jr. and her brothers, Kenneth and George III, and in memory of her husband, Jack, on their November 25th wedding anniversary from Virginia Collins

**November 26**  
 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 and grandchildren and her sister, Grace Freeman  
 In memory of Laura Burkholder's Nov. 27th birthday from her daughter, Judy, and Alan Johnston and family  
 In honor of Raelyn McAfee's birthday on December 2nd from her mother, Bonnie, and Grandmom and Pop Pop Jean and Jack McAfee

## News From the Pews



Every now and then, this little church mouse ventures out of his comfort zone and attends things in the life of St. John's he would not normally attend—like a Church Council meeting. Just the other evening, I perched behind the piano in the Assembly Hall, where Council meets, and paid close attention to all that was going on. I listened to conversation about the budget and a downward trend in attendance and giving that was concerning to many of the folks around the table. Pastor Sue shared that members of the church seem to be extending summer well into the fall, often traveling on the weekends and claiming every opportunity to enjoy the nice weather and spend time with family and friends. This is not a bad thing, except that worshiping on Sunday morning often gets lost in the shuffle and, as Pastor Sue pointed out, we need each other to be the church. We are better and stronger as a church family when we make time to be together. We are better as individuals when we align our priorities so that being engaged in our church community is closer to the top of our list than the bottom of our list. If we simply show up when we need the church—when we are in a bind, or when all else has failed—we are missing out on the strength and peace that come from connecting ourselves to God and one another week in and week out.

As I listened, there were also questions about OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission). St. John's has a long history of generously supporting OCWM, but what is being supported when we direct money that way? OCWM dollars go first to the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, where our support enables Conference staff to help struggling UCC churches, educate clergy and lay leaders, initiate new church starts, and support important ministries for persons in need from all walks of life. A portion of what our Conference receives from local churches is also sent to Cleveland to support the work of our denomination nationally, doing much the same kind of work Conferences do, but on a wider scale, reaching more churches and people.

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Special OCWM offerings, like NIN (Neighbors in Need) or OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing), respond to particular needs of people close to home and around the world. This year's NIN offering, which was received on World Communion Sunday, was directed toward hurricane relief and providing drinkable water for those who do not have what we take for granted.

I learned an awful lot that Monday evening as I perched behind the piano—so much so that I'm pretty sure I will attend more Council meetings in the future. But in the meantime, I will be perching in the pews on Sunday morning, and I sure hope you will join me!  
AMOS



Noah's Ark  
Everything  
one needs to  
know may be  
learned from  
Noah's Ark!

*One: Don't miss the boat.*

*Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat!*

*Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah started building the Ark.*

*Four: Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big and possibly strenuous.*

*Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.*

*Six: Build your future on high ground.*

*Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*

*Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board the Ark with the cheetahs.*

*Nine: When you're stressed, just float awhile.*

*Ten: Remember: The Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.*

*Eleven: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting!*

*Submitted by Sally Jarinko, Stewardship Committee*

## Chancel Flower Ministry



11/5	Melody Bergey
11/12	Marie Boulton & Mary Lou Lutter
11/19	Donna & Mike Ruder
11/26	Sue & Bill Morris

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, people who are in the hospital, people who need a little extra care. The people you deliver to do not need to 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, and 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. **Leave the plastic liners in the gold vases, they belong to the florist.** 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.

Dear St. John's Nursery Helpers,

Thank you for your willingness to care for the precious children of our congregation. If you are on the schedule please arrive at 10:00 AM. If you cannot serve on the Sunday you have been scheduled, it is important to find a replacement. Please call someone else on the schedule to switch your week. Most scheduling difficulties can be handled this way. If you are unable to find someone, please call me at 215.527.6238

Thanks again for serving!

Mary Billy, Nursery Coordinator

11/5	Brennan Gage & Shirley Hale
11/12	Charlene & Paul Herrick
11/19	Jen & Olivia Gilbert
11/26	Kelly Dwyer & Amy Faga



## Umbrella Ministry



A few weeks ago during the Invitation to Share we talked about the Umbrella Ministry, which was started October 2005 by Jean Roshong.

While visiting another church on a rainy day, Jean and her husband were greeted at the door by a person with a smile and an umbrella. They decided this gesture of hospitality would be a welcome addition to St. John's outreach to members and visitors alike, especially those needing assistance in using the ramp at the rear entrance to the church. Jean initiated this ministry and began seeking volunteers, who soon discovered this is a great way to meet new people and to see folks you haven't seen in a while. The time passes quickly and makes a big difference to those you greet.

We have a number of gracious volunteers who have given of their time to this ministry. For those who have volunteered, THANK YOU for your time. We are looking for additional volunteers on a Sunday morning to be a part of the Umbrella Ministry. The time involved would be about 9:40 to 10:15. If you have an interest or any questions, please let me know.

Sumiko Booraem,  
Elder



All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian

festival celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. In Western Christianity, it is celebrated on November 1 by the Anglican Communion, and the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, and other Protestant churches.

Christian celebration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in Heaven and the living. In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. In Methodist theology, All Saints' Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints." In Western Christian practice, the liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of October 31, All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of November 1.



*St. John's 14th Annual Women's Christmas Tea  
Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10 AM to Noon in Assembly Hall  
Tea Sandwiches ~ Desserts ~ Variety of Teas  
Christmas Carols accompanied by Sandy Brown*



*There will be wonderful fellowship and a program about the Vision and Mission Ministries' efforts to rescue young girls from child prostitution.*

*Donations will be accepted to offset costs and to benefit this program in India.*

*Please RSVP by Sunday, November 26, to Sally Jarinko at 215.256.8289 or sjarinko@comcast.net. Space is limited!*

Oh! The weather outside is getting ...  
Time to begin to knit, crochet, or purchase mittens, hats, and scarves for St. John's Mitten Tree. Our mitten tree will be in the Narthex beginning November 5, 2017. The items we collect will be distributed to Living Water UCC, Christian Network Outreach Church, and Urban Promise. They will be divided to go along with White Gift donations.  
THANK YOU for your continued support.



**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**11:30 AM-2:00 PM**

**St. John's United Church of Christ  
500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA**



Welcome to the Alternative Gift Market! This is where shoppers provide meaningful, nonmaterial holiday gifts for friends, families, and associates. Your charitable contributions can feed, shelter, and educate at-risk people locally, nationally, and internationally. Your purchase can care for animals, provide for the environment, and contribute to a safer, more just world. Visit all 18 tables to learn more. **Thank you!**

**Once you decide on your purchases:**

- Mark the item(s) and quantity on your Shopping List.
- Tell the volunteer what you are purchasing. For each gift, you will receive literature about the agency, a gift memento, and an AGM gift card.
- Please consider "rounding up" your grand total to help defray the costs of organizing the Alternative Gift Market.
- When you've finished your shopping, come to the cashiers' table. You pay once with **cash or check**. Please make checks payable to **St. John's UCC**. We will write AGM in the memo section.
- St. John's will combine all individual gifts at the conclusion of the event and make one-lump sum payment to each organization. IF you would like individual acknowledgement of your gift(s), please notify the charity directly.
- If you would like a receipt for your tax records, make another Shopping List to duplicate your original Shopping List.

## St. John's United Church of Christ 2017 Alternative Gift Market Shopping List

Organization/Item(s)	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Angel Flight East</b> (angelflighteast.org)			
Ground transportation	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Hotel stays	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Emergency fund for commercial flights	\$35 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Bethany Home</b> (bethanyhome.org)			
Keeping our kids warm: a hat and scarf	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A welcome "care basket"	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Providing a backpack with school supplies	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Collie Rescue of Southeastern PA</b> (collierescueofsepa.com)			
Stuffed squeaky toy	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Blanket or bedding	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
2 months' supply of dog food	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Doctors Without Borders</b> (doctorswithoutborders.org)			
54 emergency food rations for use in a crisis	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Life-saving treatments for 15 adults with malaria	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Enough food to treat a malnourished child	\$35 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Hedwig House</b> (hedwighouse.org)			
SEPTA transportation tokens	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Lunch for a week at Hedwig House	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
One field trip for a member	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Heifer International</b> (heifer.org)			
A share of chickens for nutritious eggs to sell and eat	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A share of a goat for nourishing milk to drink and sell	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A share of a sheep for warm wool clothing to wear and sell	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Kitty Cottage Adoption Center</b> (kittycottage.org)			
Case of cat food	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Vaccine shot	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Vet clinic visit	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____

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<b>Laurel House</b> (laurel-house.org)			
Breakfast for a family	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Day of maintenance supplies	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Day of special activities for a child	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Logan's Heroes</b> (lharinc.org)			
Dog food for one week	\$7 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Vaccine shots for one dog	\$18 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Cat litter for one month	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Manna on Main Street</b> (mannaonmain.org)			
Three meals in our soup kitchen	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Nutritious groceries for a family with children	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
One-night emergency stay for a family	\$35 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>PA Hero Walk</b> (paherowalk.com)			
Aid for family support retreats	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Tuition help for a therapeutic outdoor adventure	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A transitional care pack for a returning veteran	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Teaching Tolerance</b> (teachingtolerance.org)			
Year's subscription to "Teaching Tolerance" for a teacher	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Year's subscription to "Teaching Tolerance" for 2 teachers	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Film and teaching kit for one classroom	\$30 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>The Seeing Eye</b> (seeingeeye.org)			
Chew toy	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Puppy starter kit (bowl & food)	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Seeing Eye leather leash	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>The Arc Alliance</b> (thearcalliance.org)			
Playgroup activity supplies/snack	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Therapist and parent library books	\$15 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Adaptive toys/equipment for special needs	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____

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<b>The Fred Rogers Company</b> (fredrogers.org)			
Help produce new episodes of Daniel Striped Tiger	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Help provide materials for teachers of preschoolers	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Support "Be My Neighbor Day" community events	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>The Malala Fund</b> (malala.org)			
Pay student's transportation for a month	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Buy one school uniform for a year	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Pay for one year of tuition for a girl	\$35 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Urban Promise</b> (urbanpromiseusa.org)			
Field-trip admission for a student	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A week of tutoring or flowers for the garden	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
4-week cooking class for a student	\$25 x	_____ =	\$ _____
<b>Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association</b> (wwwa.org)			
One square yard of meadow	\$5 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A blueberry bush	\$10 x	_____ =	\$ _____
A native Pennsylvania tree	\$20 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Optional Donation to Defray AGM Operating Costs			= \$ _____
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