
PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: Sue Burns, Justin, Lorraine, Rick, Phillip Wulfken, Jim & Irene Evans, Art & Joyce Goldbaum, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Brittany Schmidt, Gladys Merritt-Congo, Bill Hinton, Ginny Weick, Carol Nelson, Billy, Amy, Kate

Please join us in the offering of peace and support to the Elliot Family for the passing of Kenneth Elliott, the brother of Frank Elliott.

Flowers donated in loving memory of James Hannah by the Hannah Family & Arthur K. Campbell by Janet Campbell

We pray for all our men and women serving in the armed services and all first responders. May God keep them safe and return them home to their loved ones.

The perpetual light is given in loving memory of Arthur K. Campbell by Janet Campbell.

To have someone entered onto our Prayer List for, please [e-mail](mailto:cfeas@stjohnshuntington.org) the church office with the person's name as well as the requester's name. The e-mail address is: cfeas@stjohnshuntington.org.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 253

SUNDAY SERVICES

	May 7th 10:00 AM	May 14th 10:00 AM
MC	Earl Matchett	Al Szigethy
LEM	Noelle DeLorenzo	Rob Wheeler
Acolytes	Wade Holden Anna Wickey Stephanie Wickey Jennifer Low Kayla Andrews James Conolly	Luke Cahill Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Kayla Andrews Timmy Kusterbeck
Lectors	Leslie Valentine Anna Wickey	Janice Burnett Emma Cahill

THE CHALICE

The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church

May 7, 2017

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

Barbara Brown Taylor tells us that where there is plenty of God, there is an abundance of what we need. Jesus uses the parable of the Good Shepherd to teach us that we need to follow God. To follow God, we must be in relationship with Jesus Christ. The passage ends with a promise that those who follow the Good Shepherd will have abundant life. Have you thought about what abundant life is?

God provides everything we need to accomplish all that he has purposed for us. We say that our mission at St. John's is "to know Christ and make him known." To know Christ we must be connected to him and to each other. Jesus tells us that we should love God and one another. That sounds pretty easy, but our modern culture tends to do the opposite. The very time constraints of our busy lives make it difficult for most people to give God one or two hours per week. Out of 168 hours in the week, many people find it impossible to give God one hour to thank God, praise God, and be in community with others. Our culture wants to separate us into groups of all kinds. God wants us to welcome everyone into the fold.

This past week we had First Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism. We encourage everyone to join our fold. Some have prepared for months to join the fold. The Good Shepherd lays his life for us so that we will know that our sins are forgiven and that we are unconditionally loved by God. Jesus draws us into relationship. When we are in relationship with God, we begin to see life as grace. We fall to our knees to pray and receive the mercy and grace that God offers to everyone. We sit to hear the Word of God, that we might follow the example of Jesus Christ in our life. We stand to give praise and thanksgiving to the one who died for our sins and was resurrected to show us the way to eternal life.

In Baptism, we are fully initiated into the body of Christ by the pouring of the water and by the indwelling of the Spirit. "Do you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4)

The World Council of Churches defined Baptism as "the sign of new life through Jesus Christ" and described baptism as the "entry into the New Covenant between God and God's people" (Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, World Council of Churches, 1982). The idea of entry into the New Covenant helps us to understand that we have a responsibility to be a faithful people. The Church is the living faith of God.

I ask that St. John's would be the living faith of God. I pray that each of us might make room in our lives for a relationship with Jesus Christ and I pray that others might be drawn into the fold through our love of God and one another.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Duncan

VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

We welcome you to St. John's Episcopal Church. Established in 1745, this historic church opens its doors to all who seek to deepen their faith and provides warm hospitality to all. We are blessed by your presence and invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card on the back table of the church.

MORNING PRAYER

Start your morning in prayer. **Please join us for Morning Prayer at 9:00 am** every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the church

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 11:00 am in the Guild Room. This week we will be studying **Jesus walking on the sea, Matthew 14:23-36**. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on **Saturday, May 13th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. Please arrive at least a half an hour early as seating and parking are limited.

Please join us in congratulating our latest confirmands:

May 6th

Chloe Ann Busterna

Wade Robert Holden

Averi Lindsey Juni Walton

Samantha Rose Goldbaum

Marielle Catherine Murn

Diana Robinson

May 13th

Alec Stephen Cordeiro

Sydney Elizabeth Cordeiro

ECW FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT-CANCELLED

The ECW's Family Bowling Night scheduled for this Sunday, May 7th, is CANCELLED. It has turned out to be quite a busy time of year for families. Any registrations already received will be returned or refunded.

Please contact Adriana Dovi (631) 943-2253 or Lynn Hanson (631) 275-7326 with any questions.

RACISM AWARENESS TRAINING

Registration is open for Racism Awareness Training to take place at St. John's Huntington on Saturday, **May 20th at 10:00 am**. Please contact the parish office for more information on how to register.

THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is looking for lots of new volunteers. Please see Nancy or Fr. Duncan if you are interested in serving in this important ministry.

THE ART OF IMPROVISATION

Award-winning pianist, **Alex Pryodny will have a concert at St. John's on Sunday May 21st at 5:30pm**. This brand-new program will trace the evolution of improvised music all the way from Bach to jazz, and the audience members will have an opportunity to submit their own themes for improvisation. **Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door**, children 12 and under are half-price; for \$100 you can become a patron of the concert and get up to 4 tickets and a mention in the concert program. There will be a free wine-and-cheese reception after the concert. Reservations through the church office, 631-427-1752.

ECW DINNER

The ECW Dinner is scheduled for June 7th. Please save the date. Evening Prayer will be at 6:00 pm with Dinner starting at 7:00 pm.

Our guest speaker will be Robyn Berger-Gaston from the Family Service League. Dinner will be prepared by the men of our parish--with help from the women. Please plan to come to this fun and informative evening, which will be held in the Great Hall.

Dinner Reservations can be made following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Services in the Great Hall. Registration forms will be in the back of the Church as well, so that you can mail in your reservation. The cost of \$25 per person includes salad, rolls, dinner, dessert, and drinks! We always have so much fun. All parishioners are welcome. Bring your friends, too! See you there!!

Contact Fran Gorman at (631) 754-2772 or gormport@aol.com with any questions.

TAIZE SERVICE

Join us on **June 4th at 5:30 pm** for this contemplative prayer service with beautiful music.

A WELCOMING PLACE

The newly renovated Lounge is welcoming you! **Heartfelt thanks to Frank Elliot and his family** for their generous donation which helped turn our vision for this room into a reality. We will let you know the date of our dedication celebration soon!

Also, **we are looking for any new or slightly used books to be a part of our new space**. Please drop them off in the office any day except Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Please check the binder in the back of the Church to confirm that all your contact information including your street address, home phone number and e-mail is correct. If you could initial your entry so that we may confirm that you have reviewed it, we would be grateful. Please provide a cell phone number if you have one next to your information. We will publish a revised Directory once we have updated all information. Thank you for your help in this.
