
ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 4th at 11:00 AM. There will be two services that Sunday, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.

During our Vestry Elections we will be voting on: one Warden position and three Vestry seats. If you would like to run for any of these open roles, please contact the nominating committee of either Fr. Duncan or Scott Cooley at 631-896-1064.

Reminder to all Ministry chairs that your reports are due into the Church Office by Friday, January 26th.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: Lynn Hansen, Muriel DiGiorgio, Cheryl Hairr, Liz Scott, John Morowski, Regina Warnock, Louise Spellman, Don Nidrie, Phillip Wulfken, Jim Evans, Irene Evans, Arthur Goldbaum, Janet Campbell, Howard, Caroline, Bill, Amy, Kate, Catherine Perry, Theresa, John, Artie, Benjamin Owusu, Mark Bellisemo, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, Joseph Canga, George Nelson, Ian, Jen, Lucy, Ana Rodrigues, Laura, Giovanna LaPaglia, Lorainne, Justin, Daniel, David, Sue, Don McGinnis, Thomasina Burnett

Perpetual Light is given this week in loving memory of Haydee Surillo by Dawn Molinaro.

Altar Flowers and Perpetual Light are given this week in loving memory of their mother, Josephine V. Sneden by the Sneden Family—George, Dennis, Joyce & Maria; and the grandchildren—Kerri, Michael Taylor, Katie, Ryan, Olga, Jon, Krystal & Erin.

We pray for the unemployed and the under employed.

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.

To add someone to the prayer list, please email the Parish Office (cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

Last Sunday's Attendance: 119

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn 126	The people who in darkness walked	<i>Dundee</i>
Sequence Hymn 440	Blessed Jesus, at thy word	<i>Liebster Jesu</i>
Offertory Hymn	Take my life, and let it be consecrated	<i>Hollingside</i>
Communion Hymn LEVAS 203	There is a balm in Gilead	<i>American Melody</i>
Recessional Hymn 371	Thou, whose almighty word	<i>Moscow</i>

Thank you to our supply pianist Christine Doré who is covering for Alex while he is in Ghana this week.

THE CHALICE

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**It's alright to talk about "streets flowing with milk and honey,"
but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down
here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day.
It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's
preacher must talk about the New York, the new Atlanta, the new
Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee.
This is what we have to do. (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)**

Dr. King knew that his words might lead to his death and yet his words have led to a better life for millions of African Americans. He glorified God through his words and actions. His boundary crossing, self-giving love is exactly what Jesus was talking about. In 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote this from a jail in Birmingham: "Was not Amos an extremist for justice – 'Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.' Was not Abraham Lincoln an extremist – 'This nation cannot survive half slave and half free.' So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremist will we be. Will we be extremists for hate or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice--or will we be extremists for the cause of justice? ... Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment."

Many years later, now very well known, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would describe his glimpse of what it looks like when the reign of God comes near. He said: "one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low . . . and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. . . one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. . . my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

With Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words, through his actions, according to his dream, we could see it, too. Because he had raised his hand, had stepped up to walk in that place where heaven and earth come near. Because he stepped up to walk with Jesus, it turned out that "one day" was unexpectedly closer than we thought.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who we celebrate this weekend, helped a whole generation see where the ways of heaven begin to get an unlikely foothold on this earth. He helped us remember that walking with Jesus means working for justice--revealing in our midst already a world where love reigns, a realm of God's shalom--of wholeness--where nothing's broken and no one's missing, where a table is spread and all are welcome. Dr. King started us in the right direction, but the work is not complete...

Here I am, a servant of the Lord, May it be according to your Word,
Rev. Duncan A. Burns

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 each weekday, Monday-Friday, at **9:00 AM**. Please join us!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesdays at **11:00 AM**. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

ST. HILDA'S GUILD

St. Hilda's Guild will meet in the Guild Room Tuesdays, at **12:30 PM**. Join us for craft-making and fellowship. You don't have to know how to sew.

TAIZÉ SERVICES

Taizé chants or 'short songs' have a meditative character as they are repeated again and again." "Silence makes us ready for a new meeting with God." Join us in prayer, short song and silence as we find our way to an inner unity with God. **Our next Taizé Service will be on Sunday, February 11th at 5:30 PM.**

CELTIC SERVICES

Join us for a contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music at our next Celtic Service on Sunday, February 24th at 5:30 PM.

NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

New Stewardship Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church for those who requested them. If you do not see yours, or would like to request envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752 or cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, January 21st at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in having your child participate in Confirmation, please review the class schedule and complete a form which can be found at the back of the church or on our website.

Confirmation will be held on **Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 AM** at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion classes will begin on Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in having your child participate in First Holy Communion, please review the class schedule and complete a form which can be found at the back of the church or on our website.

First Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday, April 8th at the 10:00 AM Service.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PASTORAL CARE

Fr. John will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM for pastoral care by appointment.

Fr. Duncan is also available for pastoral care appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Did you happen to take any photographs during the Christmas Pageant presented by our Sunday School? Did you take any during our Christmas Eve services? We'd love to post them on our Facebook page and on the bulletin board in the Great Hall so others can enjoy the spirit that is alive here at St. John's.

Please e-mail your photos to the church office at: cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

We will be accepting weekly food donations, in the baskets provided in the rear of church, to support a local food pantry Helping Hands Rescue Mission located in Huntington Station. Donations needed are unexpired, non-perishable products such as: Peanut butter & Jelly, Rice & Pasta Sides, Canned Vegetables, Canned Corn, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Pancake Mixes & Syrup, Canned Soups, Canned Fruit & Juice.

Fred Hansen will be delivering these collected items to their food pantry weekly. Please bring them to church with you. Please do not drop off in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY SERVICE

	January 14th		January 21st	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett	Tony Chamorro	Al Szigethy
LEM	Tony Chamorro	Linda Ehrenshaft	Robert Boise	Leslie Valentine
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Ty Ellenbogen Jennifer Low James Conolly Tim Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck	Nancy Feustel	Pete Minichello Stephanie Wickey Jennifer Low Jacob Goldbaum Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck
Lector I	Ann Wenk	Rob Wheeler	Ann Wenk	Janice Burnett
Lector II	Crystal Roberts	Ty Ellenbogen	Jim Murray	Stephanie Wickey
