



# The Evangelist

Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011

The Newsletter of St. John's Episcopal Church, Clearwater, Florida

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## Special Advent and Christmas Services and Events

**Wednesday evenings, Dec. 1, 8, 15**

7 p.m. Taizé music, reflection on Isaiah

**II Advent, December 4-5, 2010**

Bring gifts for Giving Tree

**III Advent, December 11-12, 2010**

Greening of the Church, 11:15 Sunday

Followed by lunch

**IV Advent December 18-19, 2010**

Christmas Caroling 12:30 p.m. Sunday

**Longest Night - December 21, 2010**

Blue Christmas, 7 p.m.

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2010**

5 p.m. Family Eucharist

9-10 p.m. Special instrumental and choral music

10 p.m. Candlelight Choral Eucharist

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2010**

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

## Happy Birthday wishes in December to:

- 1 Rich Super, Charles McAllister
- 2 Nancy Sawyer
- 3 Hugh Bell, Kerry Giordano
- 4 Gary Somerville, Pat Grinnell, Joyce Noble
- 6 Carole Ayer
- 7 Molly Sperandio
- 9 Darrell Webb
- 12 Jessica Stima
- 13 Yvonne Neckel, John McCoy
- 14 Matile Hendry, Elora Colamarino
- 16 Charles Gaudreau, Freda Collett, Maurice DiCairano, Chris Paine
- 17 Frances Lever, Gladys Spillet
- 18 Suzann Weaver
- 19 Garie Glaze
- 21 Rebecca Blair
- 23 Joanna Eastman-Gaudreau
- 24 Jesse Fryer
- 25 Judy Charmatz
- 26 Tyson Rice, Frances Donberger, Prudence Fabricand, Judi Fleming
- 27 Rose Garafola, John Vogt, Ruth Cooper
- 29 Pat Dean, Sal Camuso
- 31 Clyde Smith

## Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes in December to:

- 1 Harris and Sally Brown
- 3 Bruce and Kathy Roberts
- 19 James and Tahlea Brady
- 26 Reinhold and Leona Weber, Jesse and Norma Parks
- 27 Bill and Judy Bennett
- 30 Gene and Freda Collett
- 31 Frank and Garie Glaze

If your birthday or anniversary is this month and it is not listed, please call the Church Office to give us the information.

## Let's decorate!

On Sunday, December 12, we will decorate the church at 11:30 a.m. This is a time of fun and fellowship as we prepare the church for Christmas.

Come in casual clothes. Many hands make light work! Pizza and beverages will be provided for lunch.

## Order Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettias for the altar for Christmas. You can order plants as a memorial or in thanksgiving for blessings. We ask for a minimum donation of \$20. Order forms will be in the bulletin weekends in December. You can also call or email your orders. Be sure your check is marked "Christmas flowers." The deadline for names to be printed in the Christmas bulletin is Wednesday, December 15.

## The Giving Tree

Wrapped Christmas gifts for the High Point Neighborhood should be brought to church the weekend of December 4-5. Please attach the gift tag to the package.

Once the gift tags are off the tree, why not wish everyone at St. John's a Merry Christmas by putting a Christmas card on the tree in the church entryway. If you would mail cards to any parishioners, this is a great way to save the cost of cards and the postage.

## ADVENT 2010 AT ST. JOHN'S

**The Word became flesh.** (John1:14) so that thus we might know God's love

**Wednesday evenings in Advent:** Dec. 1, 8, 15  
6:30 Brown-bag supper in Parish Hall;  
7 - 8 p.m. Taizé music played by John Wirth, reflection and discussion in Church

Scriptural focus on Isaiah

**The Meaning of Advent**  
The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival". The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and the

anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God.

Advent is about waiting patiently in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Advent is also about recognizing Christ in one another and the world around us. This takes both time and waiting. The faithful remember the past, celebrate the present and look toward the future while awaiting the Second Coming in joy-

ful hope.

### Our Service

A beautiful service of Taizé music, scripture and candlelight await us. We will meditate on readings from the prophet Isaiah, and selected passages from Matthew and share our own responses with one another. The genius of Isaiah is that he paints a vivid picture of God's corrective message and the new reality it will create.

### Invitation

Come. Celebrate the present and look together in joyful hope toward the future.

# THUMBNAIL OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

Each week at St. John's the rhythm of our worship generally includes four readings: Old (Hebrew) Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and a Gospel. We follow the three-year cycle (A, B, and C) outlined in the Revised Common Lectionary, which is shared by many Christian denominations. Typically Matthew's Gospel is read in A; Mark in B; and Luke in C; John is sprinkled throughout the three years. Our liturgical year begins with Advent (preparing for the birth of Jesus). Liturgical Year A begins the weekend of November 27/28. Focus of the readings during the first three seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Christmas and Epiphany) lead us from the call to be ready and waiting and expect the unexpected, to the vision of Christ transfigured and the dawning understanding of the disci-

ples of what God's reign might mean.

The sombre blue and purple colors of Advent remind us that Jesus was born into a world of uncertainty, a world where tyrants threatened and peace seemed elusive. We hear the promise of a child from Joseph's point of view and take courage from Joseph's example of faithful living in troubled times.

In the white/gold Season of Christmas, we join with all creation in a hymn of praise to God.

In the Season after the Epiphany, we stretch to catch the vision of peace and justice that God intends. This year there are nine Sundays in the Season after the Epiphany.

This offers time to engage more fully the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus in the gospel of Mathew. From the beatitudes to Jesus' reflection on the demands of the Law, we are encouraged to dig more deeply into these teachings to discover what is at the heart of the law and gospel. We are challenged to discover what it means to live in God's ways and to experience anew the sacred call to participate in God's mission of love.

The color for these Sundays is green, the color of growth and renewal. This is a time for heeding our call and to grow in Christian faith and discipleship. Adapted from: *Seasons of the Spirit*, [www.spiritseasons.com](http://www.spiritseasons.com)

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### The Mission of St. John's Episcopal Church

- To LOVE,
- To SERVE,
- To GROW in CHRIST.

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING, DEC. 19

On Sunday, Dec. 19, St. John's will go caroling to some of our homebound parishioners. Lunch will be served at 11:45 in the parish hall to the carolers. Then the group will leave to sing at Nursing/Assisted Living facilities as well as some individual homes. The choir will be part of the caroling group. Together, let us spread Christmas joy.

Below is a paragraph that

Vicky Lomas wrote last year when she and her family were on the receiving end of the carols. It describes the effect that caroling has upon the recipients.

"Oh to be on the receiving end of such a beautiful gift. For several years, both up north and here in Florida, we all have participated in caroling to the homebound members of our church, and the feel-

ing we had while doing so was grand. However, what our family experienced this evening when carolers arrived to sing for our mother was truly magnificent! Your heavenly faces and voices warmed our hearts and souls, and most importantly made mom so happy...a gift that will be treasured forever. For that, we thank you from the depths of our hearts, realizing again just how good God is."

## BLUE CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 21

### Happy Birthday wishes in January to:

- 1 Reinhold Weber
- 2 Jim Bryant
- 5 Trudy Clark, Margaret Noseworthy, Wendy Wooden
- 7 Terry Swatzell, Bruce Roberts,
- 8 Sandi Meriwether
- 9 Anthony Campanaro
- 10 Gene Ginn
- 11 John Stima
- 13 Elizabeth Vogt
- 14 Ruth Hickman, Gail Ector
- 16 Peggy Jones,
- 17 Donald Lomas Jr.
- 18 Karl Kraengel, MaryAnn C. Stefanchik
- 19 Flo Schaffer
- 24 Bernice Thorne
- 26 Syd Hendry, Andreana Gaudreau
- 27 Tom Edwards, Robert Fuchs
- 29 John Fleming

### Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes in January to:

- 4 John and Judy Genevie
- 14 Walter and Joyce Noble
- 20 Walter and Helen DellaPenna

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If you are finding yourself a bit overwhelmed by the upcoming holidays because you have lost someone you love or will not be able to be with close family and friends, please come join us for the Blue Christmas Service on December 21 at 7:00. This very special service has helped others remember those they love as well as finding that unending love and sup-

port that is the hallmark of our St. John's community.

The service occurs on the longest night of the year, Dec. 21, also referred to as the Winter Solstice. For some, the evening becomes a "winter solace."

Last year was the first time that we did the Blue Christmas Service at St. John's.

It was a very warm and comforting service for me. It helped me realize what a blessing it was to be able to remember those that we no longer have with us as well as to look forward to Jesus' birth and all the unexpected gifts of the future.

In God's Service,  
Marty White

## HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

### YE OLE FASHION HOLIDAY TRADITION by Cub Scout Pak 400

A long time ago in another land, some local folks wanted a more meaningful way of showing the warmth of this beautiful holiday season. It was a tradition for people to go door to door visiting with friends and neighbors on this one special eve of the year. They started lining the roadways and pathways to their homes with glowing candles to light the way. A "Glowing Candle" somehow expresses warmth and friendliness as it guides well wishers from

door to door. As our nation grew, these Americans brought this custom with them and shared it with the communities around them. Since then local communities everywhere have been celebrating this joyous season with Holiday Luminaries lining their pathways on December 24. Cub Scout Pack 400 invites you to join in this beautiful tradition, which is enjoyed by many of our neighboring communities. Our pack provides a complete set of 12 luminaries for \$7.00. Each set contains 12 white paper bags, 12 candles and a bag of sand (enough to weight down all the bags). The

bags should be placed 2 to 6 feet apart along the outer edge of your sidewalk or along the roadside edge of your property. If you live on a corner lot we suggest at least 2 sets of luminaries be used. Note: to extend the life of the candles, wrap a small piece of aluminum foil around the base of the candle before inserting it into the bag.

**Lighting Date:**  
**December 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

Members of Pack 400 will be at St. John's Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19 to sell luminaries. You can also call 461-3925 to place an order.

## CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC

Come join the St. John's Music Department as we celebrate the sounds of Christmas. This year we will present a holiday concert on Christmas Eve from

9:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Sounds of the Season will include the Choir and the Handbell Choir. In addition, we will have Strings, Harp, Organ and even a

Baroque ensemble. This is sure to be a special time. Come celebrate Jesus birth with all your family and friends!

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

1. The Fun Fundraiser was great. We had a lot of fun while making \$6000 to add to our operating fund to continue Christ's work here at St. John's and in the community. We plan to do it next year so save your goodies and start thinking about services you can offer. Make plans to attend.
2. Consecration Weekend went well. At the end of the weekend, we received 113 cards totaling \$178,332 in commitments. I hope many more will come in as the week progresses and those who asked for more time will be able to let me know soon.
3. Statements of giving through November will be available the first weekend in December so each of us will all be sure where we stand with our 2010 commitment.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at [manders189@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:manders189@tampabay.rr.com).

Thank you,  
Mary Anders

### Comparison of 2009 and 2010 through October

	2009		2010	
	Oct MTD	YTD	Oct MTD	YTD
Operating Receipts	21,363	234,895	29,243	353,911
Total Expenses	25,314	256,217	*37,089	264,282
Net Total	-3,950	-21,323	-7,846	-10,370

\*includes \$10,000 payment for property insurance

**Saturday Services**  
*Beginning Advent I and continuing until the time changes to Daylight Savings in the Spring, our Saturday 5 p.m. service will begin at 4:45. This will enable those who have trouble driving at night to get home before dark.*

## OUTREACH GENEROSITY

### RCS Food Bank

Wow! What a great turnout we had filling those baskets and the cornucopia! Let us continue to be so generous in providing food for our hungry neighbors. We will again have the baskets presented on the first Sunday of January. This ministry at St. John's has always been an important part of our Reach Out and will continue to be.

Report on the pennies for RCS: November collection \$79.50. Continue to fill your bottles; bring them to church, empty them, and fill them again!

### SHARE

Our SHARE coordinator Thelma Lipp, has collected enough SHARE contributions from St. John's parishioners and ECW along

with friends for the local community to give both the High Point neighborhood and Eckerd Youth Alternative 30 SHARES each for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many thanks to contributors who have "shared" the blessing throughout the holiday season.

# Mass on the Grass October 31, 2010



Audra, Gregg and Mike Aja enjoy worshipping outdoors



Service dog-in-training, Theia, accompanied the Robinson and Mossbacher families.

Above: Waiting under the oaks for service to start  
Below: Glad gives Communion wafer to Lois Deitrich.

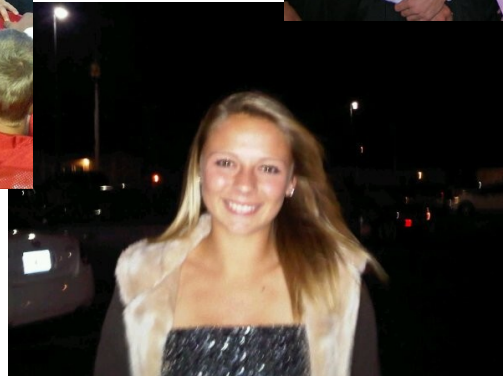
# Youth in Action



John Stima leads Clearwater High football team in prayer



YIA Members Tyson Rice, Luke Goss and John Stima inducted into National Honor Society



Audrey Foster on Homecoming Court

### Fun Fundraiser Auction



Checking out items for Silent Auction



Janice and John Piatak write down their bid on an item.

Gail Ector raises the bid at live auction. Those around her are clearly having a good time.



### Rehab-ing Thelma's Place



Removing flooring that contains asbestos required mask and protective clothing. The building was off limits until air quality tests showed that mold levels were below safety levels. See update on page XX



### Other photos

The Rev. Glad McCurtain, Judy Charmatz, Joyce Gibbs and Wendy Wooden spent part of a Saturday helping our neighbors at St. Dunstan's



Middle Schoolers made a wonderful turkey for all to be able to give thanks. Parishioners took a "hand" and wrote on it what they were thankful for. Then they attached the hand to the turkey as its feathers.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. John's has offered a number of adult Christian formation groups this fall. It's great to see folks coming out to learn more about Scripture and the Church and it's meaning for us in today's world.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** group has finished the Book of Job (and what a learning experience we had with wonderful insights), and will begin a series presented by N.T. Wright called "Jesus the New Way". It is a 6 week presentation beginning December 1.

**Tuesday evening group** will continue "Uppity Women of the Bible" It's been a fun group, and we are learning we are all "Uppity Women" in some sense. We will look at Judith in December.

**Breakfast with Jesus** is a great learning experience for all. Discussions bring the Gospel of the day into

our present lives. The group meets on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Come join us. It is a great 'drop in' group.

**Alpha** continues to be a big success. Congratulations to Alpha graduates Barbara Bowdoin, Kathy Clawson, Kassie Danforth, Jennifer Fortino, Mary Greenough, Janice Liscinski, Juan Lojo, Sue McKinley, Shauna Morris, Shirley Ratcliffe, Fiona Robertson, Jules Smith, Nancy Smith, Tom Sweet, Wendy Wooden. Thank you to trainers Mary Ellen Britts, Jan Davis, Charles Gaudreau, Margarita Lopez. Look for a new Alpha session in 2011.

**EfM** meets on Monday evenings. It's not too early to think about signing up for this group next fall.

**Wednesday evenings in Advent**, we will have discussion and meditation on music from Taizé and readings from Isaiah. (See arti-

cle, page 2.)

As we plan upcoming classes, we are looking for input from the congregation. Would you like to lead a small group, or is there a class you would like to see presented? If so give Ann Scally a call at 727-781-0231.

### Following are some of the upcoming offerings.

Beginning on Tuesday evening January 11, 2011, for 6 weeks there will be a course on Healing Prayer. (See article page 9)

During Lent we are looking at a series by NT Wright on the Resurrection. Of course the Lenten program would not be complete without our soup and salad fellowship dinner to begin the evening.

"A History of Christianity" presented by Diarmid MacCulloch will be on the calendar for spring session.

*Did you know?*

*You can get free bike helmets from the Pinellas County*

*Sheriff's Department. Call them at 582-6200 or 464-7442.*

## THANK YOU

Dear St. John's Community,

I wanted to thank all of those who provided so many prayers, cards and support during my recent surgeries. I am a firm believer that there is not a thing that the St. John's family is not willing and

able to do for each other. I really have difficulty putting into words the gratitude that I have for all of you. What a blessing you have been to me!

My prayer for each of you is that you will come to realize that you are part of a very special kind and

caring community and may St. John's always be your soft place to fall.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Marty White

## SERVICES IN JANUARY

### January 1, 4:45 p.m. (Saturday) service

The liturgy on that afternoon will use readings for New Year's Day

### January 2 (Sunday) Early Celebration of Epiphany

The Christmas season is twelve days long, ending with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Because that date falls midweek, St. John's will celebrate the coming of the Magi bringing gifts to the Christ child on the weekend of January 2. The congregation is asked to bring to worship that weekend a symbol of what they do for service to God and God's world. For example, a parent of a young child might bring a diaper. A teacher might bring a pencil; someone who cares for a sick loved one might bring a thermometer; someone who works in the

thrift shop, a hanger. The way we live our lives is boundless in opportunities to serve God and be a witness to others in making God's love known in the world. Sometimes ones employment might be considered direct ministry. For others, the way they perform it is very much ministry. For example, the courtesy and generosity with which a person does his/her job is service to God and God's creation and passes on God's love.

Please bring any item that represents what you offer of yourself in service to God. It will be blessed at the altar in a basket. At the end of the service, an usher will have the basket in the back of the church for you to retrieve. The Magi brought precious gifts to the Christ child. May we do likewise.

### January 8/9 The Baptism of our Lord

Our worship that weekend we will commemorate the Baptism of Jesus. In the Gospel from Matthew that day, the Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove, as a sign of divine power in Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. One of the names for Jesus is "Messiah," which means "Anointed One." At Baptism, we are anointed with chrism oil that has been blessed by our bishop. The words used are, "You have been marked and sealed as Christ's own forever." We, too, are Baptized into the life, ministry, death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus. We are scheduled to have Baptisms that weekend. Let us join the celebration and be reminded of our transformed life in Christ.

*Advent Quiet Morning  
with Bishop Dabney  
Smith  
Sat., Dec. 11  
9 a.m.—Noon  
Calvary Episcopal  
Church  
Call 517-4071 to  
register*

## HEALING PRAYER SERIES

Tuesday nights,  
Jan. 11-Feb. 15  
Led by Deacon Linda Barley and Diana Tunnell  
Brown bag supper 6:30;  
Class begins at 7p.m.

Linda and Diana have led classes here at St. John's in the past and have prayed with people when individual healing prayer sessions have been requested. Their ministry among us has strengthened people spiritually and

equipped them to serve, particularly in healing prayer for others. Jesus calls us to participate in his healing, reconciling ministry in one or more of several ways: Learning more about Jesus' healing power that transforms us; Allowing God's Spirit to open us to areas of "disease" within us and asking for healing; Praying for the healing for ourselves and others; Becoming part of a team who prays with others.

When we carry disease of body, mind and/or spirit, our relationships with others (and with God) are affected. As we allow God's healing Spirit to touch and transform us, our part in relationships becomes healthier. For more information on the six-week healing series, please contact the church office, 531-6020, [churchoffice@stjohnsclearwater.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsclearwater.org)

## ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JAN. 23

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 23, immediately following the 10 a.m. service in the parish hall.

The Episcopal Church Canons call for an annual assembly of the congregation. In the spirit of fun and fellowship, at this meeting

we will elect Vestry members, the Vestry will present the 2011 budget, and the congregation will briefly review 2010 highlights and preview 2011.

There are 2 openings for Vestry. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to this ministry.

### Criteria for Vestry

- At least 18 years old
- Current giver of record
- Be Confirmed/received
- Regular church attendance

*The Annual Meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church will be held Sunday, January 23, 2011, following the 10 a.m. service.*

*Annual reports are due from all Ministry chairs on January 10, 2011.*

## UPDATE ON THELMA'S PLACE

Bay Area DKI has completed asbestos removal and moisture/mold mediation. As of the writing of this update, Thelma's Place is completely empty. The floors have been stripped to the concrete. The dropped tile ceiling has been completely removed along with air con-

ditioning duct work. DKI is getting information on types of lighting and air conditioning needed. Items in the building will be replaced with similar materials. Current building codes will be used in those decisions. Estimated time of completion is the first week of January 2011.

Thelma's Place is used as a community meeting room. During reconstruction, the NA groups which usually meet there are meeting in the east end of the parish hall. The parish hall is portioned into two sections so that often activities occur simultaneously at both ends.

## ECW

Now that ECW has adopted the new by-laws and the budget for the coming year has been completed we are looking forward to the new year. There will be no ECW meeting in December due to the Christmas Holi-

days. We are planning to meet in January. Our meeting will be a potluck social on January 6 - Epiphany. This is still in the planning stage so please watch the St. John's weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin for

further details. This will be an evening function and hope every woman of the parish will consider coming. We wish everyone at St. John's a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## COSTUMES FOR JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

St. John's Music ministry will be presenting the musical *Joseph and Technicolor Dreamcoat* in the spring. We are looking for

people who could make simple costumes, such as shepherd's clothing of that era (1600 BC). Please contact church office if you

have a few hours for some basic sewing. More information to come on dates of the musical presentation.

## LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL IS BACK!

Our fellowship committee will be hosting the Low Country Shrimp Boil again this year. It will be held January 29 at 6 p.m. For those of you who have not attended, this is a very casual event which includes all the shrimp you care to eat (we have never run out), red bliss potatoes, corn on the cob, sausage, salad, and desert as well as beer, wine, and soft drinks all for \$10/person. This event sells out every

year, so please get your tickets in early January when they go on sale. We'd love to have your help with this event. If you'd like to assist, please contact Jim McCurtain (584-8821).

Here is a little history on the Low Country Shrimp Boil:

Once called Frogmore Stew, this one-pot wonder was created by a National

Guardsmen when he needed to cook a meal for 100 soldiers. Richard Gay, who learned the recipe from his family, had everyone remembering his stew. The dish was later named Frogmore, where Richard was from, by the guards who teased him about home. The postal service eliminated the name Frogmore, which changed this popular dish to Low Country boil.

## A GREEN TEAM IS FORMED

In the Genesis creation story God left godly care of creation in human hands. St. John's historically has responded by recycling newspapers, aluminum cans and plastics. Recently our Diocese has established a "Green" ministry and encouraged congregations to join in that effort. St. John's has launched a "Green Team" initiative as part of our continued response to care for creation. The team led by Ed Roe is comprised of Judy Charmatz, Joyce Gibbs, Mary Greenough and Marty White with Barbara DiCairano as Vestry liaison. A

Green Team initiative helps raise awareness in the congregation as individuals as well as a community regarding ways to practice faithful stewardship.

St. John's is taking a few next steps in December:

1. Because aluminum can be recycled at a modest income to the congregation, everyone is asked to begin bringing their aluminum cans to church... preferably rinsed of sugar (As a safety precaution). The team is in the process of obtaining containers

suitable for this purpose.

2. A representative from the County Recycling Program will speak to the Green Team and other interested persons on Monday, December 6, 1:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Anyone interested in recycling is invited and encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in participating in the "Green Team," please contact church office.

More to come...

### The Staff of St. John's Episcopal Church

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### Service Schedule

**Sunday**  
8 and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Christian Formation  
Children and adult  
11:15 a.m. Teen Spirituality and Youth Group  
**Wednesday**  
12 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing  
**Saturday**  
4:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Church Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

### The Evangelist

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Marlene Eichelberger, Editor

## Best speeding excuse ever

When asked by a young patrol officer, "Did you know you were speeding?" an 83-year-old woman talked herself out of a ticket by stating: "Yes, Officer....I was trying to get there before I forgot where I was going!"

*Makes perfectly good sense to me.*



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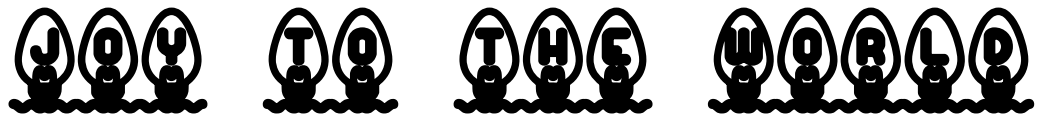


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The Clergy, Vestry and Staff of St. John's Episcopal Church wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and peace-filled New Year.