



# The Evangelist

November 2011

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

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

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

## FORWARD IN FAITH

Stewardship has been defined as "What I do with all that I have after I say, "I believe." It is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do.

We will receive crosses for our pockets to remind us that the money in our pockets is really God's money, and we are called to steward it for the greater glory of God.

The first-ness of the offering is more important than the tenth-ness. The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel says this in commenting on the importance of getting priorities straight and making our thank offering to God first - before spending on other things. Terry Parsons, former Stewardship Officer of the Episcopal Church, reminds us that God will never give us one dollar less than 100% of what we need in order to

do the work God is calling us to do.

We have already had several personal witnesses on the importance of St. John's in our personal lives. There are more to come.

November 12 and 13 is our Consecration Weekend. The preacher at all services will be The Rev. Chris Gray, Diocesan Development Office, Stewardship Chair and long-time priest in the Diocese.

During all three worship services on Consecration Weekend, we are asking the people of St. John's to make their financial commitments by signing the commitment card, indicating that commitment, and returning the card at the service. The process is done in such a way that no one need feel pressure if he or she chooses not to make a specific financial

commitment at this time. It will be helpful, however, for everyone to sign a card, whether or not the dollar amount is written. Cards will be mailed to those who have not returned a card. For some, the "Widow's Mite" is very generous and by that, God is glorified.

Soon you will be asked to respond to the invitation for the luncheon which will follow the 10:00 service on Consecration Sunday, November 13.

Please continue to give this prayerful consideration. "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee."

God gives us everything and we offer a percentage in return.

Prayerfully,  
Mary Anders, Stewardship

## GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Nov. 15 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Catherine of Siena, 7 p.m.  
Neighboring faith communities will participate  
Non-perishable food and money will be collected for the RCS Food Bank

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day at St. John's:  
11 a.m. Service                      12 noon Thanksgiving Dinner in Parish Hall  
Turkey and trimmings provided  
Sign-up to bring side dishes.

## EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT (ER&D)

### Happy Birthday wishes in November to:

- 1 C.J. Riggs
- 2 Cathy Bixler
- 3 Margarita Lopez
- 5 Dylan Rill
- 8 Harry Scally, Gene Collett
- 10 Janice Joy, Janice Lisinski
- 13 William Donberger
- 14 Nancy Barnes
- 16 Dottie Zimmerman, Jake Saner, Nan C. Heuer, Cicely Wulff
- 19 Raymond Lever, Annette Wyatt, Walter Noble
- 24 *Bill Bennett*
- 25 Janice Piatak
- 27 Eve Paynter
- 28 Irene Barbeau

### Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes in November to:

- 1 Glenn and Amanda Smith
- 11 Rich and Mickey Super
- 13 Clayton and Jessica Griffin
- 15 Hank and Jane Burgos
- 16 Mike and Julie Day
- 23 Nick and MaryAnn Stefanchik
- 26 Tyler and Danene Rice
- 27 Tom and Jan Tracy, Ed and Sue Pritz

We hope you have stopped to look at the ER&D display outside the church in regard to issues of hunger and clean water in our world. The statistics are enlightening, and I hope you will take the time to read and ask questions about them. This display will be up until Thanksgiving, along with a collection jar. It is our hope that between Oct. 23 and Thanksgiving Day, we can raise enough money to buy a community garden for a family and a share of a village well. This would amount to approximately \$1,000. This is a time frame of just a little over 5 weeks. Very do-able!

As we approach Thanksgiving, if every person in this congregation were to stop and consider for a moment the many blessings in your life. What one thing do you suppose you could give up each week that would enable you to be able to put a few dollars in the jar? Taking your lunch to work one day a week instead of eating out, skipping one trip

through Starbucks, giving up 1 bagel a week?

Many of us mindlessly spend at least \$2 - \$3 dollars without even really needing what we are buying. Could we, for just 5 short weeks, stop and consider a small frivolous purchase? Do I really need this or would a hungry child benefit more?

Often I hear people say, "Why should I help people in third world countries, there are starving children in this country?" Well, let me tell you a true story about my experience.

There was a time in my life, when my daughter was young and my husband was in the end stages of cancer, when money was extremely tight. Often I had very little money to buy food, and I remember many nights going without dinner myself so that my husband and daughter could eat. I had the blessing of knowing that this would not last. Payday would come, and we would be okay for awhile. You see

that is the key difference. We do have hungry people in this country, however there are many chances to them to get food— soup kitchens, food pantries, churches, the next paycheck, etc. In a third world country these options are not there. They don't have those choices.

Even in my situation at the time, it was important to me that my daughter get the food that she needed to grow. Imagine as a parent, watching your children get thinner and thinner, the ravages of malnutrition slowly take their lives and being utterly helpless to prevent it.

I hear many times a day from people I meet throughout my day the infamous, "Why doesn't God help these people?" I strongly suspect that God is asking the same question, "Why are these people not helping each other?"

Blessings,  
Kathy Cates,

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## KITTEN HAS A HOME

Many of you saw the little tabby kitten that somehow found itself living in our garden. On the Sunday of the Blessing of the Animals, Dr. Glenn Smith (Veterinarian and Jr. Warden) took the kitten to his animal hospital, gave her the necessary shots and spayed her. Then he found

her a happy home. Thank you, Glenn, for going above and beyond!

By the way, in honor of St. Francis Day, Glenn named her Franny.



## SHARE THE LOVE WITH BELCHER ELEMENTARY

At St. John's, we are always looking for opportunities to reach out into the broader community. One of the opportunities that presented itself is right in our neighborhood – Belcher Elementary School. In conversations with the principal and community resource rep., we have identified three ways that we can assist the children and teachers.

1. In previous years, the people of St. John's have purchased Shares to be given to those in need of food. We called it SHARE the Season. Now, we would like to Share the Love, as there are families in need at Belcher Elementary. Since the SHARE program shut down, we would like to purchase complete Thanksgiving meals from Publix. They serve 7-8 people, so most families will get more than one meal from them. The cost is \$40, so we are asking for donations in order to purchase at least 10 meals. You can donate a full meal or a part of one - \$10, \$20 – whatever you can.
2. Thelma Lipp has suggested that we do something to help the teachers at Belcher. With cutbacks of funds for supplies, teachers reach into their own pockets to provide supplies for their students. St. John's will adopt two classes at \$150 each. This money will be available to provide for the needs of children in the classroom. We are **not** collecting money for this. When the SHARE program closed, there was money left in the fund. Thelma, who was head of SHARE, would like to use these funds to adopt the classes.
3. Tutors and Mentors wanted! The students are in need of tutors and mentors for Reading and Math. This ministry would require background checks and a consistent commitment of one or two hours a week. Through this program, we will be able to minister individually to children in our neighborhood. Mentoring helps the children understand that they are valuable and worthwhile as individuals. As the Light of Christ shines through us, it will make a difference in the lives of the children. God is faithful. As we seek to step out in love and obedience, God gives the increase. What an opportunity for St. John's to reach out to our community!

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## THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The "Giving Tree" will be placed in the entryway to the church November 19. Once again it will benefit the children in the High Point Community. Ornaments will be placed on the tree with the names, ages, sizes, etc., for the children. Please take an ornament or two, purchase one or two of the items, wrap them, place the ornament or name on the packages. If you are purchasing a gift for a child that is not the one requested, please be sure that it is age appropriate and that no

sharp objects are included in gifts for young children. Bring the gifts to Church the weekend of December 17-18. They will be distributed to the children at a party. Last year 90 children received gifts from this congregation.

From Margo Adams, director of High Point Neighborhood Family Center:  
"Thank you to everyone at St. John's for being willing to help our low income families have a wonderful Christmas. Every year I'm amazed by the generosity

of your congregation. When I get to see the joy on parent's faces that their children will have presents for Christmas morning, it is such a sharp contrast to the stress I often see in their faces. Most of our families can barely afford to keep the lights on and food on the table. You all make it so they get presents for the kids. Over all the years that you all have done the Giving Tree, you have made many hundreds of children very happy on Christmas morning. THANK YOU!!!!!"

# Research Out

## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Sunday Morning

Come join us on Sunday morning as we discuss the Gospel of the day. Have breakfast or just a coffee as we share our thoughts with each other and engage in lively discussions. 'Breakfast with Jesus' looks at the Gospel of the day and what it might mean for each of us as we look to the coming week. This group is a great 'drop in group' as each week is a different discussion. All are welcome.

Facilitator, Doris Martinez.

### Tuesday Evenings

As this comes to print we will be finishing up the last episodes of Diarmid MacCulloch's DVD series, *A History of Christianity*. I have enjoyed bringing this series for us to watch and study. Thanks to Diane Maltby for bringing it to our attention and graciously allowing us to use her DVD.

### Wednesday morning Bible Study.

Our study of Acts has so far been great. The DVD has turned out to be extremely helpful to our studies. We have a wonderful group with lots of insights and interesting thoughts for discussion. We meet at 9.45 a.m., have coffee and cookies, catch up on our week with each other and begin the DVD viewing at 10.00 a.m. Come join us on Wednesdays at 9.45 a.m., for fellowship, sharing of thoughts and learning for all. There is always room for anyone who wishes to join us.

Facilitator, Ann Scally.

### EfM

For information on Education for Ministry (EfM), please contact Bonnie Rosendale, 442-0123

### A Young Adult small group will be starting up soon!

Beginning in January, this group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, right after the 10 a.m. service.

For more details via text or email, please contact Rebecca Massey, 742-2220

*Daily meditations and readings from Forward Day by Day are now online at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org) Hard copies of Day by Day can be found in the tract rack and outside the Church Office.*

## OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE ADVENT

### Quiet Days

On Dec. 3, Calvary is hosting a quiet day. The speaker is Bishop Barry Howe.

On Dec.10, St. John's, Holy Trinity, and Good Samaritan's is having a quiet day at Good Samaritan's, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Speakers include Deacon Sandy Jamieson and Rev. Glad McCurtain. The focus is the crèche—what biblical characters brought to the

crèche and the way their encounter with Jesus impacted their lives.

### Free Advent Workshops:

Two Wednesdays, one hour each. "*Encountering Emmanuel: Exercises to Experience 'the Sacred in the Ordinary.'*" 11/30, and 12/7, 6:30 p.m. Come at 6, and bring a brown-bag supper.

These evenings provide opportunity to slow down during this busy season. Have fun perceiving Emmanuel "found" in news headlines and magazine clippings and pictures. This is an enjoyable spiritual exercise. Come to one class or both! For more information, call Kris Kondilis, 385-0901.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING HAS MUCH TO OFFER

Did you know that the Episcopal Church has an Anglican Rosary or Prayer Beads? It is used to enrich prayer, to focus and concentrate attention, allowing the one who prays to move more swiftly into the presence of God. The Anglican Rosary is made up of thirty-three beads divided into four groups of seven, called "weeks". Separating each week is a single bead called a cruciform bead, making the sign of the cross. The Cross signifies our entry into sacred time and our exit into eternity through the Cross of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The single invitational bead of the pendant invites us to

consciously take up our cross and follow Christ as Master of our spiritual journey.

If you would like to learn more about the Anglican Rosary and make one for your own use or as a gift, please sign up for a class. The time of the class will be posted after the Daughters of the King meeting Nov. 9.

The Daughters of the King would like to welcome any and all women of the church to join us on a journey. We have no secrets – just a need to pray, serve and spread the good news

of God's Grace for all who are willing to accept it. We as Daughters wear a silver cross each day as an outward sign of Christ's gift to us all. Contact any of the DOK members, and a class can be organized once three women have expressed a desire to join.

**The next meeting** of Daughters of the King will be Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lisa J. Mizer, President of the Diocese of Southwest Florida Daughters of the King, will attend the meeting.

Suzanne Roe

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## RETIREES HOST HOSPICE SPEAKER, NOV. 14

The Retirees met on October 10. Our speaker was Sharon Hauser from the S.P.C.A., and with her was her faithful companion, Rusty. Rusty won all our hearts. We learned about all if the things our local S.P.C.A. does. Thanks to all who contributed from

the wish list provided by the SPCA.

On November 14, our speaker will be Patti Wesley from Hospice. She will tell us about all of the things Hospice does. Members are also asked to bring items to contribute to

the children of the migrant workers. The Retirees do this every year. The meeting begins at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. A Fellowship period is between 9:30 and 10:00. We extend an invitation to all to join us.

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## SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS IN NOVEMBER

Our troops overseas have an ongoing need for supplies that are not readily available to them in combat areas. Irmgard Hembree has been spearheading the project to gather items that they need. They are then mailed out by the VFW in Seminole. Our

troops continue to need hygiene items: bar soap, razors, deodorant, shampoo (regular not jumbo sizes), foot powder, feminine products, etc. They also need quart size baggies, long crew socks (They can go through several pairs a day.) Snacks are

welcomed: individual drink mixes for water bottles, granola bars, crackers, beef jerky, peanuts, etc. Again, thank you for your willingness to help our troops. Sunday, November 13 will be the next collection day in honor of Veteran's Day.

*St. John's sponsors Cub Scout Pack 400 which meets Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Boys grades 1-5 are invited to join.*

## FAST UPDATE

Monday night October 17, congregations in FAST gathered to: 1) hear updates on the issues that were addressed in 2010-2011, 2) decide on 3 issues to address this year, 3) welcome new member congregations and elect its executive committee.

### Updates

**Drugs/Crimes:** Former Pinellas County Sheriff Coates had instituted and then rescinded Smart Choices, a rehab program for county jail inmates with addiction. Statistics indicate that programs such as Smart Choices reduce the repeat offenders rate from 70% to 40%. FAST advocates reinstatement of a Smart Choices type program to candidates for Sheriff in the upcoming election.

**Education:** the 79% high school dropout rate among black males and corresponding 50% among white males has been linked to a lack of reading skills. FCAT reading scores

for 2011 show that 14 elementary schools in Pinellas County had less than 70% of its 3<sup>rd</sup> graders reading at proficiency level. (The standard for schools is to have at least 80% of its students reading on or above grade level.) After extensive research to find a program that has had a successful track record in schools similar to Pinellas County schools, the FAST education team recommend use of Direct Instruction (DI—a phonics based program) as core curriculum in these schools. At this point, our school system is not considering the use of DI as a core curriculum.

**Jobs:** St. Petersburg College was recognized for its newly created job training program. FAST is working with the City of St. Petersburg for a priority hiring ordinance that requires businesses obtaining tax breaks to make an attempt to hire local residents qualified for the job openings.

**Affordable Housing:** Pinellas County is #9 nationally in foreclosures. In 2010 almost 47,000 households in our county spent more than 50% of their income on housing. In 2006 at FAST urging, Pinellas County Commission established the affordable housing trust fund. To date \$19.2 million has been put into it. Pinellas County promised initially to put \$30 from Pennies for Pinellas into it, which was reduced to \$15 million. To date how that money will be spend is unclear and its payout has been deferred until 2017.

On October 17, FAST decided to continue to address Education, Jobs and Drugs/Crime. Two new member congregations are Rock of Jesus Church in St. Petersburg and Church of the Isles (UCC) Indian Rocks Beach. Anyone interested in serving on one of the research teams can contact our church office.

*The Rev. Canon Dr.  
Judith Maltby, daughter  
of Diane Maltby, will  
be installed as the  
Honorary Canon  
Theologian of  
Winchester Cathedral in  
England, on Saturday,  
Nov. 5 at Evensong.*

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## COMING IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 3 Death by Chocolate, 6-8 p.m. – back by popular demand
- Dec. 7 Encountering Emmanuel, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Advent Quiet Day, Good Samaritan, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Greening of the Church; lunch to follow
- Dec. 18 Ingathering of gifts for children at High Point
- Dec. 18 Christmas caroling to homebound parishioners
- Dec. 21 Blue Christmas, 7 p.m. – The longest night; for all who struggle with the holidays
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services, 5 and 10 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day, 10 a.m. service

# Blessing of the Animals



**Top:** Judy's & Nikki's ferrets get acquainted at the altar rail; Kris's 2 buddies enjoy the day.

**Bottom:** Glad blesses Mary Ellen's grand-dog; Scruffy, Molly's African Grey, shares her scrambled eggs at breakfast.



# Confirmation

# Daughters of King Install



**Front:** Tyson Rice, Savanna Howard, Jessica Stima, Trey Richcreek, Jesse Fryer, Stevie Fryer; **Back:** Spencer Rice, Dean Fryer, The Rev. Glad McCurtain, Bishop Dabney Smith, Charles McAllister, Cicely Wulff, Nikki Riggs



Beverly Byxbee, Margaret Guyatt, Amanda Smith

## OUR LITTLE ROSES HOME FOR GIRLS

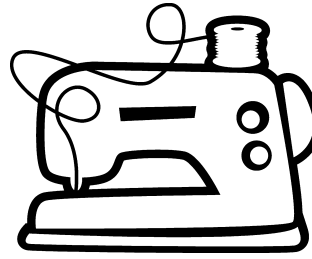
Our Little Roses Ministry, a residential home for girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, provides help for the destitute children in Honduras. Most vulnerable are girls (children) who become innocent victims of poverty, disease and oppression.

The Mission of Our Little Roses is to break that cycle by providing the best possible environment and opportunities that reflect God's love. Carol Garrison, wife of our assisting Bishop, Michael Garrison, has

been involved with this ministry for many years.

On Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Holy Trinity will be sponsoring a day of sewing to make dresses for the girls of Our Little Roses. Please join us. Bring your sewing machine, scissors or just a willing spirit.

Needed for the day: fabric, trims, tee-shirts, sneakers.



The girls are newborns to young adults. You can bring materials with you if you plan to attend, or drop them off at St.

John's office prior to the date.

For more information contact Jo Settle, 725-4691, or Deacon Sandy Jamieson at Holy Trinity.

11-11-11

*Celebrating Oneness*

*Although we don't attribute any mystical significance to the date, we do notice all those "ones". May we find time during that day to spend 11 minutes in prayer—reflecting that God created all of creation interconnected and interdependent. There is a oneness of all humanity. As we celebrate Veteran's Day on 11-11, may we take time that day to consider ways to connect with others—in peace, joy and hope.*

## ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN

Many of you know that Glenn and Amanda Smith removed the honey bees from St John's church and bell tower and gave them a new home at their house. In return they make wonderful honey which they give to us to sell. They process this honey in our kitchen and to do so they needed to obtain a food license. Shortly I will be taking the food manager's test to get certified so they may continue to be in compliance with government regulations.

Now it is up to those who also use our kitchen to follow the guidelines so they may continue to pass their inspections.

- If your group is having a function that will involve food, please take home all your leftovers. Do not put them in the refrigerator.
- If you do put something in the refrigerator, label it with your group's name and the date.

- If you open salad dressing, catsup, mustard etc, YOU MUST put the date you opened it on the jar with a black marking pen, found in the top kitchen drawer by the phone.
- Each Saturday when I check the supplies, any item found in the refrigerator without the date and group's name on it will be thrown away.
- As thoughtful as the gesture is, PLEASE do not purchase food items and drop them off so that we may have them for a rainy day. We now have more mustard and ketchup that we can use before the expiration dates.
- Any group that uses the kitchen MUST take all garbage to the dumpster before they leave.

Thanks for your help!!!!

Kathy Cates  
Fellowship

## SAVE THE DATE—IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN

Many of you have been asking **if** it is happening and many of you have been asking **when** it is happening!! Mark your calendars and set aside the evening of February 11, 2012 to be part of the Second Annual Auction at St. John's!

We are looking forward to

participation this year from our friends from the North! Start thinking about what you can offer as an auction item – new items, service items, antiques gathering dust, etc. The format will remain the same with a silent and live auction, complete with food and wine (heavy hors d'oeuvres).

Stay tuned for more details.

Our committee is requesting every parishioner participate in this primary fund raiser, proceeds of which will go towards the many missions of our church.

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## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COURSE TO BE OFFERED

St. John's will once again host this valuable course beginning Wednesdays, January 11 – April 4, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, in the Parish Hall

A thirteen week personal financial course designed to teach participants how to:

- 1 Get Control of Your Money
- 2 Stop Struggling to Make Ends Meet
- 3 Tell Your Money What to Do
- 4 Change Your Family's Future.

A recent graduate of the course said, "Before I attended Financial Peace University, I was over my head in debt. Now I am debt free!" Another couple said, "We started off with about \$125,000 in debt be-

tween credit cards, car loans and student loans. Right now we have paid everything off except for our house!"

If you would like to join those who have taken control of their finances, please consider "The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University". Each session is taught by Dave Ramsey on DVD followed by small group discussions.

Please contact the church office (727) 531-6020; churchoffice@st.johnsclearwater.org

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## WOODCARVING CLASS IN NOVEMBER

Provided there is sufficient interest (at least 5 people), instructor Bob Marek will hold woodcarving classes Monday nights Nov. 7, 14 and 21, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$7 per session.

People can pay for each session as he/she participates. People don't have to attend all three sessions.

Bob Marek is a master carver 50 years of experience. One of his larger works is on display in Largo Central Park in front of the train station.

There will be a registration sheet for people to "check off" the dates they will be attending. The sessions provide opportunity to

make Christmas ornaments and other "customized" gifts for loved ones.

### Schedule of NA Meetings at St. John's

12 noon—every day except Wednesday and Sunday

Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday, 8 p.m.  
 Friday, 10 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8 p.m.

# Kids Corner

Color Me



## Turkey Word Search

M O D S T Y D O M E S T S I G  
 R U N T W E N T Y M P H T C A  
 T U A R K K E Y S T R A S M M  
 R E L S O R H E S A E V E Y E  
 T E L C N U R A C G H R R H B  
 A T O T H T F T R E I Y O A I  
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- AMERICAS
- CARUNCLE
- DOMESTICATED
- FAST
- FLY FIFTY MPH
- FOOD
- FORESTS
- GAMEBIRD
- GOBBLERS
- HENS
- LARGE
- POULTS
- PREHISTORIC
- ROOST
- RUN TWENTY MPH
- SNOOD
- TOMS
- WATTLE
- WHITE HOLLAND
- WILD TURKEY

# THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Our new church year begins November 27, with the first Sunday of Advent. Advent catches us by somewhat surprise because “about that day or hour no one knows, neither angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father (Mark 13:32). We look forward to and surrender to the surprise, the delight, that God again chooses to “rend the heavens and come down.” (Isa. 64:1) Advent means “before the coming.” The arrival of something is anticipated. Therefore, it is a season of expectation or waiting. In this case, we await the coming of Christ himself. However, Advent is a liminal season of “in between times” of two comings.

First, we know that He has already come—the First Advent. And, second, as we say in the Eucharistic Prayer, we await for Christ to come again in full power at a future time when all of creation might be reconciled. While we remember and await Christ’s coming, we are faced with the yearly observance of this season. It becomes an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ anew within us now—this year.

In congregational worship, the Advent wreath is the central teaching symbol of the season, the focal point for drawing the congregation into the beginning of the story of redemption

that will unfold throughout the church year. Traditionally the color purple has appointed the altar—more penitential, like Lent. However, in more recent years the color blue has made its way into the Advent season—symbolizing expectancy of royalty. St. John’s uses both colors during Advent. Each weekend at St. John’s we will light a candle on the Advent wreath in anticipation and expectancy of: hope, peace, joy, and love.

On November 27, may the people of St. John’s begin a new liturgical year in preparation for the coming of Christ—in new ways in our lives.

## 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. Adult Christian Formation

**Wednesday**  
 12 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing

**Saturday**  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Church Office Hours**  
 Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.  
 Friday 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

## The Evangelist

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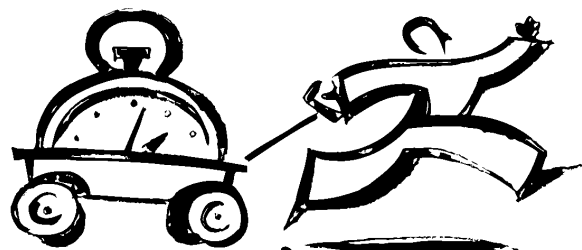
Marlene Eichelberger, Editor

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Every year on All Saints’ Day, November 1, we hang long white linen banners with names embroidered on them on the walls on either side of the altar area. The names listed are the saints of St. John’s –

all the members who have died since the beginning of the parish. Every year in September the names of those who left us in the previous year are embroidered on the end of the newest banner.

Those added this year:  
 Jeannette Brown  
 William Winton  
 Doris McLean  
 Bebe Kelly  
 Sharon Coe-Babbitt  
 Francis Glaze, Jr.  
 Judith Schierer



**Fall Back**  
 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Turn back your clocks one hour, Saturday night, November 5.



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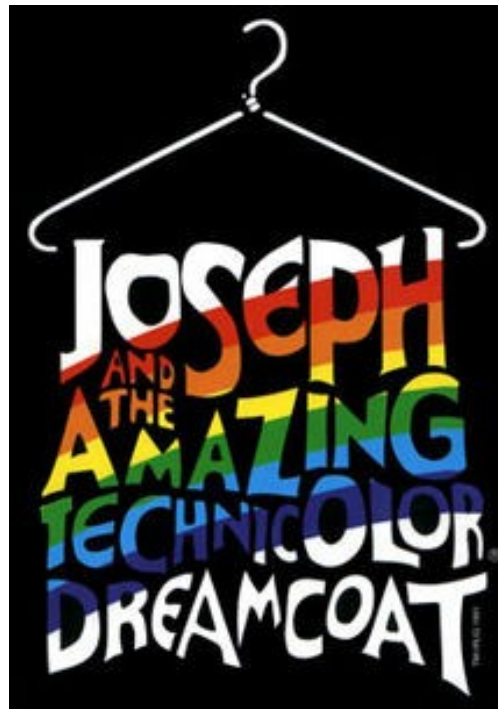
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Invite your friends and family to see this traditional Bible story unfold in a very untraditional way.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m.

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The musical, written by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice, is based on the story from Genesis of Joseph and his coat of many colors.