

The Circle

November 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania



Pastor Wayne ... For Your Consideration

Gratitude might be defined as a "grateful attitude." As we enter into November and many are making plans for Thanksgiving, it is natural to consider the persons, things, and opportunities for which we are grateful. Certainly this Thanksgiving will be different, as the world in which we live has changed. Our ability to gather has some new restrictions. And it has been announced there will be no Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which struck more deeply than I expected. Much in our world feels a little extra challenging this year.

And yet, there is so much for which to be thankful. For the thousands of health care providers who have given more than we can imagine to care for those who are suffering. For the wonderfully challenging amount of time family members get to share with one another as we shelter and quarantine. For a new awareness of ways St. John's continues to share the good news of Jesus Christ in virtual ways. For the intentionality of many of our members and Pastor Kochenderfer to stay connected with those who are confined, and in some cases are not able to connect electronically. For the ongoing financial support of this ministry by so many even as we are not yet able to gather in large groups. For . . . (you fill in your own "thing").

Mostly for the never failing presence of our God, who walks with us each and every step of the way, particularly when the path is most challenging. Our God who knows every concern, ache and pain we have. Who cares deeply about us, and so wants us to live in peace and joy.

In the midst of all our days, good and not so good, we have much for which to be grateful. May we be especially mindful of our gratefulness in these anxiety-filled times. And as you have opportunity, share your gratitude with the various persons for whom you are grateful. It may just provide them an opportunity to be grateful.

Pastor Wayne

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All Saints

Join us for All Saints worship beginning in the columbarium on October 31st and November 1st as we remember the saints that have gone before us. Our saints will be listed in the bulletin and remembered with a tolling of a bell during the services. On Sunday morning a bagpiper will lead us into the sanctuary and later our youth group will hang copper tags on our columbarium tree bearing the names of those who have brought Christ into our lives and have now gone on to their reward. Thank God for all the saints in our lives and may we pray, "I want to be one too!"



Music at St. John's

On November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day, remembering the saints we have known in our lives and the saints of the Church. Hymnody has always been for me an important part of the day. *For All the Saints* is probably number one in the hit parade. *The Church's One Foundation* holds a very personal meaning for me. My grandmother passed away suddenly on November 1st. I tear up when singing verse five—"Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face."

I share with you a wonderful children's hymn for All Saints, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* written in 1929 by Englishwoman Lesbia Scott. She published it in a collection *Everyday Hymns for Little Children*. Each hymn was devised for a different occasion and one of them, "Saints'Days" found its way to the U.S. and was set to a new tune "Grand Isle" composed especially for it by retired Episcopal priest John H. Hopkins, Jr., nephew of John Henry Hopkins, Jr., author and composer of *We Three Kings of Orient Are*. "Grand Isle" was written in 1940 and named for the community on the island of the same name in Lake Champlain in Vermont where Hopkins lived in his retirement.

The saints who inspired it are: Doctor: Luke the Evangelist; Queen: St. Margaret of Scotland; Shepherdess: Joan of Arc; Soldier: Martin of Tours; Priest: John Donne.

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.
3. They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

The Copper Tree

Under the copper tree by soothing waters
God's peace dwells reflects a peace
A quietness God's love is everywhere
In peaceful harmony linger awhile
Loved ones call here the hustle of
Life seems far away here is peace
Beauty of God's earth come sit 'neath
The copper tree
Copper blowing in the wind

Margaret Walker



CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS is off to an amazing start! Eight eager ringers gathered on October 1st for a new experience. We are learning some basic music reading (kind of like learning a new foreign language since musical notation really is musical language), listening to each other, practicing some new hand and arm movements, and just having a good time while observing COVID protocols. Thanks to the parents for supporting their children in the new adventure.

Tom Snyder
Director of Music

From the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we head into the month of November we start to think of Thanksgiving and counting up the blessings received through the year. 2020 has been a hard year for many and it could take some deep digging to find blessings amongst this chaos. But I feel like this coming year 2021 could be a little harder than 2020.

This seems like the perfect time to start a thankful jar. Grab an empty container and label it as the thankful container. It can be fancy or plain depending on your family's craftiness. The goal is to fill the container from now until next Thanksgiving with scraps of paper on which you write or draw the blessings you have received.

How to fill it up is up to you. You can write something down each day. You could divide up who writes down a blessing on a certain day, maybe put in an order Mom, Dad, brother sister, Mom, Dad, brother, repeat, or assign everybody certain days a week like Mom gets Monday and Wednesday and Dad gets Tuesday, Thursday, etcetera. Or once a week you could review your blessings of the week as a family. I would suggest Thursday. That way you're ready to open the container and read your year of blessings on Thanksgiving 2021.

Oftentimes we think of the big things through the year that we're thankful for but this jar will help us remember those little things, those special tiny moments of thankfulness that we've had throughout the year.

God Bless each of you,
Miss Jen

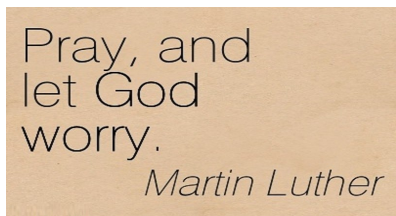


Who's Ready for ASP?

We are gathering volunteers for the Appalachian Service Project in the summer. We are planning as if ASP will be running for summer 2021. All high schoolers and adults are welcome to participate in this life-changing time of service in the Appalachian Mountains. Please email Jen Wentworth (wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org) if you are interested.

Save Your Cans

The St. John's youth are collecting aluminum beverage cans as a fundraiser to help with the costs of our mission trips. Please bag your cans and drop them off in Kley Hall. Thank you!!



Congratulations to Mark Blattner, Claire Gallagher, and Grace Supplee who will receive their First Bibles during Sunday morning worship on November 15th.

Happy Hour

Parents of school age children gather in person each Sunday morning at 9 for "Happy Hour" to share faith, family and friendship. Weather permitting, bring your own chair and meet on the patio outside of the Fireside Room. Otherwise, we'll meet in Eisenhower. New faces are always welcome! Contact Teresa Olsen at jtbertesa@gmail.com with any questions.



Planning Ahead for Advent and Christmas

The holidays will look and feel different this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are happy to be back to in-person worship each weekend, while still offering our virtual worship services on our YouTube channel. Our weekend in-person services have not yet reached capacity, so if you miss seeing your fellow members and friends, consider attending Saturday Evening Light at 5 p.m. or Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m.

Advent begins the weekend of November 28th and 29th and, as we await the birth of Christ, we will light the Advent candles and prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Looking ahead to Christmas Eve, as much as we'd like to gather as usual, it is just not recommended this year. With that in mind and knowing the excitement of small children, the Worship & Music Committee is planning to offer the Children's Service, normally at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve, as a virtual service only. It will be available on YouTube for families to watch together in the safety of their own homes.

Other Christmas Eve worship services, with special music (recorded and live), will happen in-person at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Masked attendees will be safely seated in the sanctuary, with overflow seating in the Fireside Room and Kley Hall, watching the live-streamed services. (Live-streaming coming soon!) We are still in the planning stages, but feel confident that people can experience Christmas Eve safely together.

Decorating for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 20th following the morning service, at 11:15 or so. Although we'd like for the church to be fully decorated, it won't happen without firm commitments in advance to help. Please contact Sonya Sowards to sign up to help decorate. Physical tasks include putting up a tree, hanging garland, putting up some iron candle stands and decorating them.



God's gift to me



My gift to God

Stewardship Sunday 2020

It's that time of year again! Our annual Stewardship Sunday will be November 15, 2020. This year's campaign is called "God's Gift To Us . . . Our Gift to God." We are urged to remember all the great things that God gives us and does for us every day by pledging to give some of our treasures back to God and the church so that its ministries can be continued throughout 2021. You will be receiving your pledge cards in the mail shortly. The Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider what you can share with God in the upcoming year and return your pledge card by November 15th. The Church Council will use this information in 2021 budget preparation.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA met in person in September to plan and prepared shut-in mailings for fall. In October we gathered to make Angel Tree ornaments. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1st, to pack shut-in gift bags. Because of COVID, we cannot accept homemade cookies and will have to buy pre-packaged items. To cover the additional expense, we are asking for monetary donations (checks payable to WELCA and given or sent to Linda Landis at St. John's).

Congregational support is needed for our annual gifts to Silver Springs (now called Gemma). A bin will be placed in the narthex.

Requested items include:

- Lego sets
- Playing cards
- Rubik cubes
- UNO games
- Hair brushes
- Combs
- Nail polish
- Lip gloss
- Lip balm
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Coloring books
- Journals (no lock/not spiral)



We're collecting through November 29th. Thank you for your support!

People of God Involved in God's Work November Sunday Staffing

Altar Guild

- 1 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 8 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 15 Jean Herbranson
- 22 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson
- 29 Jean Herbranson

Assisting Ministers

- 1 Aimee Hillegas
- 8 Tom Snyder
- 15 Brittney Walters
- 22 Teresa Olsen
- 29 Nancy Cressman

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 1 Lynn Titus
- 8 Mitch Reading
- 15 Teresa Olsen
- 22 Mark Gerner
- 29 Erica Lucas

Counters

- 1 Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson, Peg Yanoviak
- 8 Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield, Jeanne Schanzbach
- 15 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 22 Jack Ertell, Lilly Khan & Imtiaz Khan Lawrence
- 29 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl

Ushers

- 1 Mark Wallace, Tom Snyder
- 8 Don Titus, Dale Herbranson
- 15 Barry Church, Deb Welsh
- 22 Nancy Cressman, Cathy Garrett
- 29 Donna Anderson, Luanne Bindschusz

Communion Records

We need your help. At St. John's, having communed is usually recorded on our Yellow Communion Card; however, due to the pandemic, we are currently not providing the YCC. Our constitution states a member must have communed and contributed in this or the previous year to be a voting member. Please contact Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947 ext. 2 to share with her the date on which you communed. Thank you!

Live Generously

If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to apply for two Action Team Grants each year to benefit your church. Please contact your Thrivent representative if you would like to apply for an Action Team Grant in the coming year. You can learn more about Thrivent at www.thrivent.com.

Amazon Smile

Did you know that Amazon will donate to St. John's on your behalf? Simply log-in to Amazon using <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose St. John's from the list of charities you support (make sure you choose St. Johns (no apostrophe) Lutheran Church in Phoenixville). Amazon will send 0.5% of your purchase to St. John's every time you shop eligible items!

Did you know? Many employers offer the ability to have your donations deducted from your paycheck and then forward those donations on to us. Some, such as Vanguard, offer a generous match so that your donation has the potential of a nice increase. Contact your Human Resources Department to see if this is a possibility for you.

Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock.

If interested in donating stock to St. John's, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763.

Summary Financial Report as of September 30, 2020

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 32,223	\$ 21,051	\$ 290,013	\$ 242,965
Other Income	3,987	3,251	35,881	40,398
Total Income	\$ 36,210	\$ 24,302	\$ 325,894	\$ 283,363
Expenses	\$ 37,235	\$ 33,335	\$ 335,117	\$ 297,491
Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,025)	\$ (9,033)	\$ (9,223)	\$ (14,129)

Note: This report does not include the funds from the Paycheck Protection Loan received in Ma

WEARING A MASK MYTH V. FACT

MYTH

Masks decrease oxygen levels and are unsafe

Cloth masks aren't effective against COVID-19

I'm not sick, so I don't need to wear a mask

If you wear a mask, then I don't need one

If masks work, we shouldn't have to social distance

FACT

Masks don't affect oxygen levels and are perfectly safe

Cloth masks offer protection for both the wearer and the public

You can have COVID-19 without symptoms and spread it

My mask keeps me from spreading/inhaling COVID droplets + particles

Distancing + masks together are the best known prevention

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020**

Attendees:							
Pastor Shelor	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P	Stephen Drewes	Z
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	Z	Brian Greenwald	Z	Sandra Zimmermann	Z
Pam Naylor	P	Bobbi Riley	P	Don Titus	P	Donna Searchfield	P
Dick Kunsch	P						
Guests:							
Sonya Sowards	P	Tom Snyder	P	Jen Wentworth	P		

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mitch Reading. Pastor Shelor offered a prayer.

Meeting minutes from the August 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Don Titus , Second by Dale Herbranson to accept the minutes; Motion passed.

Staff Reports

- T. Snyder's Report - accepted as written.
 - Adult Hand-bells began in-person rehearsals September 10th and a Children's Hand-bells will begin in October.
 - Tom Snyder and Jen Wentworth will sing the hymns at Sunday Worship beginning in October.
 - In-person worship attendance growing.
- J. Quinn's Report - accepted as written.
- J. Wentworth's Report – accepted as written.
 - Confirmation to begin September 20th. Nine new 7th graders.
- Pastor's Report – accepted as written.

Motion by Dick Kunsch , Second by Donna Searchfield to accept the staff reports; Motion passed.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee from August 31, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - Will have draft 2021 budget for council review by the December meeting.
 - Financial reports provided. Status OK YTD.
- Stewardship Committee – did not meet
- Electronics Committee from September 9, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - Received a proposal from Seiler+Drury Architect for design of AV Booth. Committee will review that proposal and see if the design and cost can be incorporated as part of the previous expenditure motion.
- Christian Education and Youth and Family Committee from September 2, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - Committee requesting name change to "Faith Formation" to reflect broad areas of responsibilities.
 - **Motion by Kelly Gallagher, second by Dale Herbranson, to approve committee name change to Faith Formation Committee. Motion passed. This will require an update to the committee name in the St. John's By-Laws.**

- Should we offer nursery services during Sunday Worship?
 - Consensus to prepare guidelines and have a plan to allow us to open the nursery but wait on doing so until we feel there is a need.
- Property Committee - did not meet. Items of note:
 - The new Nursery Floor is installed, the room is set back up and ready to be used.
 - Closet items still in the Eisenhower Room will be removed within a week and the Eisenhower room will be ready for use.
- Worship and Music Committee from September 1, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - In-person worship will continue to be “tweaked” as necessary.
 - Too early to consider Christmas activities at this point.
- Welcome Team Committee - did not meet.
- Social Ministry Committee from September 2, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - Recommendation to make donations to The House and the Phoenixville Area Learning Center (PALC) as they are greatly in need.
 - **Motion by Don Titus, second by Janet Gerner, to donate \$800.00 to The House and \$1000.00 to the PALC. The donation to the PALC will be given in the memory of long time St. John’s member, Ginny Reimet, who was active at the PALC. Funds to be taken from Community Outreach. Motion passed.**
- Fellowship Committee - did not meet.
- Columbarium Committee - did not meet.
- Executive Committee - did not meet.

Motion by Dick Kunsch, Second by Don Titus, to accept committee reports; Motion passed.

Old Business

- Constitution Update:
 - The Synod requires St. John’s to have a second congregation approval vote on our new constitution and by-laws. A member request for a red-line version comparing the original to the new will not be provided as the new version is completely new. Sonya will offer copies of the full original and full new for comparison upon request.
 - Before the final approval, two changes to our St. John’s by-laws are proposed: 1) Christian Education Committee (current by-law name) to have name changed to Faith Formation Committee; 2) Change limit on Council Approved expenditures from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

New Business

- Our “Church Manual” - discussion on form and location to maintain our St. John’s working documents such as listed below. No consensus reached.
 - Constitution and By-laws
 - Job Descriptions – ongoing effort to update all job descriptions to create consistency.
 - Procedures
- Opportunities for introducing and welcoming Pastor Shelor.
 - Pastor Shelor to create a short video message about himself and personal background.
 - Pastor Shelor is invited to visit any groups who are meeting in-person.
 - Donna Searchfield to work with the Welcoming Committee on other, broader social opportunities to allow engagement with Pastor Shelor.
- Transition Team – will be meeting next Monday to begin their tasks.

- The Synod requires an external audit before we can call a new pastor. The Finance Committee will need to arrange for this.
- Pastor Shelor will be away October 17-23. Pastor Kochenderfer will preach.
- Pastor Shelor requested a new desk chair for his office. This will be covered under the Property budget. Pastor and Sonya to select an appropriate chair. Funds approve up to \$350.00.
- Sonya asked if community or St. John's groups can begin indoor, in-person meetings in our building. Approved with the following conditions:
 - Arrival and Departure procedures will be conveyed to the groups and visibly posted. All groups must acknowledge their responsibility to follow the procedures.
 - CDC guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing must be followed.
 - St. John's Custodian will promptly clean rooms per guidelines after each use.
- Bat Guano deposits are increasing and becoming problematic especially in the organ loft.
 - Property needs to re-address this issue.
- Per CDC guidelines, hand-washing is a critical component to mitigate the spread of germs and viruses. Sonya and Jen will work to update our Hand Washing signs in all appropriate areas.
- Property proposed to have the architect firm of Seiler+Drury present the results of their St. John's Property Condition Assessment (PCA) at the October Council Meeting. The presentation will be 30 minutes. Property will circulate the PCA Report to council members prior to that meeting for review.

Motion by Bobbi Riley, Second by Don Titus to adjourn at 8:20pm; Motion passed.

The next meeting will be in-person October 12, 2020 beginning at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Riley



Capital Ringers Handbell Ensemble of Lewes, Delaware, is unable to perform in person for the holiday season 2020. However, with the assistance of a skilled tech team Capital Ringers has created a virtual concert, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, to bring handbell music to you this holiday season. For more information, go to <https://www.capitalringers.org/tidings-of-comfort-and-joy/>.

Phoenixville Bed Races November 7th

This event raises funds and awareness for the great work accomplished by two Phoenixville-area nonprofits that



provide shelter for the homeless. This year participants can choose from two challenges:

- ◆ Kid's challenge: Kids under 18 will compete by building shoebox racing beds
- ◆ Team challenge: Groups of four to six individuals will compete by creating a "raising" bed at home, work or outside.

Go to www.pxvbedraces.org for more information. Our nonprofits need your help more than ever this year!

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am 9th grade Confirmation 11:30am First Bible	2 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	3 9th grade confirmation mission day 12:30pm PACA 4:30pm Girl Scouts #41788 4:30pm Girl Scouts #41788 4:30pm PACS Fundraising Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	4 3pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Christian Education 7pm Sunday Morning Book Club 8pm Adult Choir Meeting	5 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 8pm Girl Scouts #4514 8:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells	6 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	7 5pm Evening Light
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15 Stewardship Sunday 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion-First Bibles received 11:30am 9th grade Confirmation	16 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	17 4:30pm Girl Scouts #41788 4:30pm PACS Board 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	18 Circle deadline 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Sunday Morning Book Club 8pm Adult Choir Meeting	19 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 8pm Girl Scouts #4514 8:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells 8:15pm Naranon Support	20 St. Peter's lunch 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	21 5pm Evening Light
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November 2020 – birthdays and anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Charles and Donna Soult's anniversary Lisa Wimble's birthday	2 Iain and Bridget Riley's anniversary	3	4 Jim Steiner's birthday Tom and Lindsey Snyder's anniversary	5 Rachel Possinger's birthday	6 Katherine Yonosh's birthday Laurie Griggs-Williams's birthday Mildred Wilson's birthday Nicholas Castellano and Kelly LeMarbe's anniversary Patrick DesMarais's birthday Richard and Leilani Ash's anniversary Sarah Yonosh's birthday	7
8 Ed and Pam Naylor's anniversary	9 Will Stotler's birthday	10	11 Katie Henderson's birthday Nils Aho's birthday	12 Andy and Katie Henderson's anniversary Jay Renninger's birthday	13 Pat and Erica Lucas's anniversary Rachel Zimmermann's birthday	14 Chris and Shelley Saeger's anniversary
15	16	17 Karen Romano's birthday	18 Tammy Plumley's birthday	19 Danielle Reading's birthday Jill Wolstenholme's birthday	20 Margit Grejdus's birthday	21 Bradley LaBoon's birthday Brett Gallagher's birthday John Marchegiano's birthday
22 Brandon Jones's birthday Emilio Lozada's birthday	23	24 Maddie Gadzicki's birthday Rick and Leslie Kem's anniversary Tom Johnson's birthday	25 Diane Sitkowski's birthday John and Nancy Perchalski's anniversary Mark Yancek's birthday	26 Olivia Schumacher's birthday	27	28
29	30 Gabiella Geiger's birthday Gary Carl's birthday Mary Miller's birthday Nancy Renninger's birthday	1 Bill Ahola's birthday	2 Karen Cattafesta's birthday Pat Clark's birthday	3 Lu Anne Bindschusz's birthday	4 Don Titus's birthday	5 Owen Birdsell's birthday

The Giving Tree

I am a little tree
 Not stately tall or grand
 Few notice me
 Among the many reaching skyward
 Yet alone I bear a love
 That though lowly
 Our girls shall freedom know
 Rejoice that I bring a gift for all
 A precious gift of freedom for my girls
 That my girls shall be free
 My heart is small yet
 Within my heart there is room for all
 For I am the tree of freedom

Margaret Walker

Dear Pastor Shelor & congregation:

On behalf of the children, the teaching staff, our center directors, and the Board of Directors of the Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center, I would like to thank you for the recent donation of \$1,000 St. John's generously made to PACLC in memory of Ginny Reimet. "Miss Ginny," as the children referred to her, was dedicated friend of everybody at PACLC. Ginny was a wonderful lady who frequently stopped by and gave of her time to read to the children. Each time she came, Ginny would bring a new book to give to the center! We are tremendously appreciative of your civic-mindedness and generosity.

Respectfully,
 Julian McCracken
 Finance Director, PACLC

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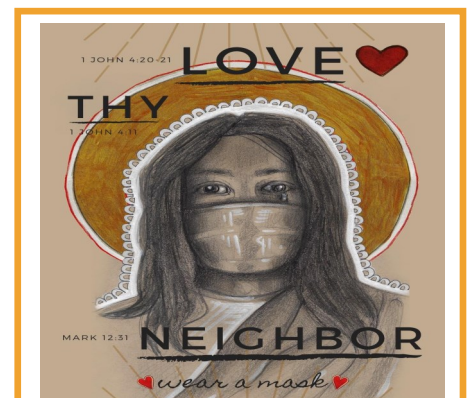
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October 11, 2020



We continue to follow the guidelines issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania to combat COVID-19. Worship continues to be available on our YouTube channel for those who do not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. Materials for at-home worship are being sent to parishioners without computer access on request.

Please wear a mask when interacting with others in the building. Thank you for keeping us all healthy!

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Worship Schedule

Saturdays

5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
(fall, winter and spring)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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