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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

The year I graduated high school, 1958, is the year inscribed on the cornerstone of St. John's Church building. Those years of the 1950s and many years thereafter saw a huge number of children active in the life of this congregation, along with their families.

In fact, during post World War II, you could build a church building most anywhere, open the doors and people would attend by the carloads. Time and shifting population demographics along with a revolutionary swing to a secular, materialistic, mindset has completely changed the landscape of our society.

Our physical plant, now approaching 60 plus years of its existence also needs attention in its heating and cooling system. There are leaks here and there, which are possibly the results of deferred maintenance or stopgap repair, etc., when funding for the projects was not available. Thanks to our leadership and your generosity a good deal of this is being done and will continue to be done. We want this place to be a continuing center of witness to God's love in the community for many years to come.

But let me digress a bit, and return to the topic of children. We of course, have the excellent St. John School and the enrollment of lively youngsters that is our chief interface with the local Community. But of late we have seen children in worship, along with their parents — an encouraging sign. Our heritage of faith must be passed on to them. Below is a prayer I hope we'll say frequently to that end.

Lord, we pray that the truth that has been entrusted to us and the lessons we have learned will not be hidden from the next generation. Grant us every grace we need to make known to our children, even the children yet unborn, the path that leads to life.

Make us a generation of parents, grandparents, and church members who will teach younger generations your ways and how to walk according to the truth, so that they might set their hope and confidence in you and not forget your good works. May we be a generation who brings good news to each successive generation so that all may know your truth and the gospel of grace. Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don

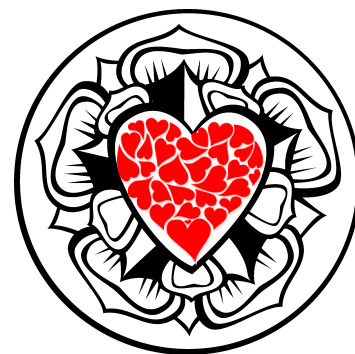


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*



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From Our Council President

At the January meeting, council voted to keep the current slate of officers:

President:	Gail Davidson
Vice President:	Deb Midgett
Recording Sec:	Ellen Wilson
Financial Sec:	Karen Sutton

I am thankful for the council's confidence in the leadership of this group. We bid Tim Garvin adieu as he finished his council term December 31, 2021.

The Kitchen Committee, led by Ellen Wilson, reported two contractors have been approached for bids. We plan to install the new stove as part of the updating.

Council decided to hold Lenten Mid-week Soup and Bread followed by a Vespers service beginning Wednesday, March 9th and continuing for 5 weeks. At our March meeting, we will designate groups to set up and clean up.

Lilies will be available for purchase the two weeks prior to Palm Sunday which will be April 10th.

Ken Whitaker is working on redesigning our Church and School Website. Part of his contract includes training interested members in updating the site.

The President suggested, and Council approved, reinstating the Constitution Committee to review and make recommendations for changes. The last time this document was updated was 2014. So far the committee consists of Emily Kircheval, Gail Davidson, Sheila Sanchez and Gerard Gebler.

The School received grants which will enable us to continue this ministry. We have 25 students as of January. School enrollment should be available on line once the website design is finished.

Deb Midgett continues to be our point of contact for building issues. Bids to replace the AC units that cool St. Matthias Hall are being sought.

I look forward to a productive year here at St. John. Please remember those not able to attend worship.

In Christ's service,
Gail Davidson, Council President



Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
December 5, 2021	21	9	0	33
December 12, 2021	26	8	0	34
December 19, 2021	17	8	0	25
December 24, 2021	27	8	0	35
December 26, 2021	16	6	0	22

Council Minutes - November 8, 2021**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: M. Hoyt, Pastor Wilson, J. Byers, G. Davidson, K. Sutton, T. Garvin, D Midgett, E. Wilson, T. Taffe.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on building repairs, upgrade kitchen, ceiling falling cabinets need repair, griddle light needs cleaning, kitchen needs a good cleaning. Suggest installing new oven.
- B. Home Communion: M. Gish delivering to those requesting communion.
- C. Getem service: first treatment was on 10/26/2021 and will continue every month until the insects/rodents are gone.
- D. Tree removal. Went well including grading, and adding wood chips to play area.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Thanksgiving Pot Luck: checking on CDC guild lines. This was not approved
- B. Set date to decorate Sanctuary and Church for Christmas. Scheduled for 12/11/21 @ 1pm.
- C. Advent Open House: POC Diakonia plus Soup and bread dinners starting 12/1/21 @ 6pm., then Service @7pm , every week until 12/22/21. (Wednesdays)
- D. Congregational budget and election meeting scheduled for 12/19/21.
- E. Willie Sutton working on the stove vent hood for inspection. The inspector was a no show.
- F. Report from nominating Committee: POC K. Sutton, E. Wilson only had one candidate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Torri Kramer/Boot camp instructor ask to use St Matthias Hall for an exercise group 3 days and 3 evenings a week from 6:30-7:30 am and 6:30-7:30pm Tues, Wed, Thurs. The council approved this for a 2 month trial basis starting on Nov. 18th and the church will receive \$200.00 a month from the group. 1st K. Sutton, 2nd J. Byers.
2. Time for Christmas Eve Service: Suggested 5:30 but will bring up at next church service.
3. Suggestion make to update the St. John's web page, Ken Whitaker was interviewed and a contract was given for \$3,000.00. (Church members can be trained to update site)
1st K. Sutton, 2nd D. Midgett.
4. Sharing of the Peace: this was put on hold until after the 1st of the year, then this will be re-evaluated due to the Covid issue.

Council Minutes - December 13, 2021**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: T. Taffe, T. Garvin, M. Hoyt, G. Davidson, K. Sutton, C. Moran, D. Midgett, Pastor Wilson ABSENT: E. Wilson

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ice Maker installed last month by Jim Ripley
2. Gas has been turned off to the stove. New oven put in the kitchen?
3. Kitchen renovation committee met for their first meeting to assess the kitchen and its needs.
POC E. Wilson

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reminder that the Christmas Eve service will be held at 6pm.
2. Sunday Dec. 26th the Pastor will be off. Carolyn Moran will read the Pastor's sermon and communion will be offered that day.
3. Saturday Jan. 8th we will meet to clean the Robe room in the main hall.
4. Jan. 9th installation of new council members, Sheila Sanchez and Gerard Gebler.

St. John Congregational Meeting

12-12-21

Agenda

Called to order by Vice president Deborah Midgett at 11:38 AM

Prayer – Pastor Don Wilson

Election of Council Members:

Slate from Nominating Committee: Gerard Gebler and Sheila Sanchez

No nominees from floor

Karen Sutton moved that nominations be closed. Margie Gish seconded.

Motion passed.

Ballots were distributed, marked and collected for counting

Proposed Budget for 2022:

Carolyn Moran presented the proposed budget of \$125,405.95, and briefly explained items.

Karen Sutton presented pledged total to date of \$51,240.

Sheila Sanchez moved that the budget be approved, and Tara Taffe seconded.

After discussion and questions, the motion passed.

Election results were announced with Gerard Gebler and Sheila Sanchez elected.

General discussion included a possible move of church accounts from BB&T to Towne Bank, since BB&T is going through another merger. Carolyn Moran to research and report to council.

The school must up hourly wage from \$9.50/hour to \$11.00/hour as per law.

Request made that repairs should be differentiated between church and school.

A large bequest from a deceased member's estate should be received shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

It is not too early to be thinking about Lent which begins March 2nd with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Holding the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has not been decided. We carefully watch the news for information about gatherings. For now, we continue to worship in the Sanctuary. For now, we will continue sharing the "peace" of Christ in a no contact fashion. Masks are available on the table in the Narthex.



When cleaning the robe room, we discovered prayer/lap shawls which were placed in their wrappings in the closet under the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to use one during worship if feeling the winter chill.

Choir continues to practice on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. All are welcomed to join. Please see Lee, our Music Director, or leave a message with Anne in the office if you would like to lend your voice!

Home Communion is available via no contact delivery. If you would like to receive this on a monthly basis, please leave a message with the church office.

Stay warm and healthy.

Peace,
Gail Davidson, Chair

RECYCLE FOR ST. JOHN



THANK YOU for your time and effort in recycling for St. John. Your efforts really pay off in \$\$\$'s that are spent to keep the lawn equipment in good running condition and filled with gas to do the job with more ease. Our recycling continues as everything seems to cost more, so please save all your aluminum cans, aluminum, and copper to recycle for this worthwhile cause. Every single can helps. If you pop a top, soda, tea or other beverage, be sure to save the can, bring it to the church and place it in the black container marked 'aluminum only' placed across from the classroom by the north hallway door. Ask your neighbors and friends to save their cans also. One can kept out of the landfill by recycling is money that helps this worthwhile ministry of St. John. If you have large items, please contact Bill Krumm.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

23 ~ Susan Bové
25 ~ Sheila Sanchez
26 ~ Marjorie Leemon

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson
Vice President: Deborah Midgett
Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson
Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton
Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks
School Director: Sheila Sanchez
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran
Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

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please notify the Church Office.**

Thank you!



February 13, 2022 is
“Souper” Bowl Sunday.
Who will be in it???
Who will win it???



San Francisco 49ers or LA Rams
Cincinnati Bengals or Kansas City Chiefs

On that Sunday place your “bet” (free will offering)
into whichever soup pot

represents the team you want to win.

There will be one for each team.

Let's see if we pick the winner!

***There will of course, be the Pity Pot,
for all of those who root for any one of the other
30 teams who didn't make it this year!***



All monies collected will be donated
to a local food bank here in Hampton Roads.

