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## From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

As we well know, two of the most iconic texts in the Bible, Genesis 1 and John 1 begin with “In the beginning....”. The Genesis verse goes on to relate the beginning of the natural or physical world as we know and experience it.

The verse from John relates the beginning of spiritual creation or “new birth”. But even this is grounded in a physical event, the Word (Jesus the Christ) becoming flesh and dwelling, literally “pitching his tent among us”, an analogy to the Tabernacle (abode of the living God) in the center of the encampment of Israelites as they trod through the wilderness.

Well, we now stand at the beginning of a new civil year of 2021 (the church year began November 29, 2020, the first Sunday of Advent). Our month January is derived from the two-faced ROMAN god Janus, depicted with the profiles of two faces, one looking forward and the other looking backwards.

As we look backward, there is much sadness at the enormous loss of human life brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, a continuing, painful reminder of the frailty of human life.

As we look forward, we continue to hope and pray that COVID-19 too, will pass as we thank the tireless health care professionals and researchers working to provide care and a solution to this pestilence — as well as putting our trust in God who promises to make all things new, looking to Jesus, the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith”. (Hebrews)

As we also know, new year’s resolutions are part of the tradition of ringing in the New Year. I gave up on that a long time ago! Except — the resolution to follow, trust and serve Jesus Christ Our Lord through the worship, ministry and mission of his body, the Church. I ask you to join me in continuing to serve Him here at St. John this new year of 2021.

Blessings,

Pastor Don

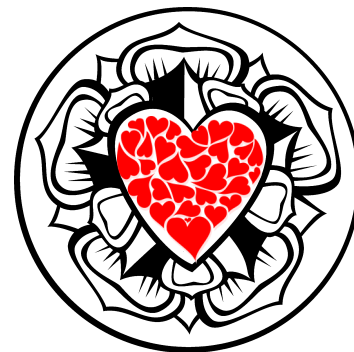


## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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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Council Minutes  
November 9, 2020

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Roxiee Dollar, Jim Dollar, Tara Taffe, Carolyn Moran, Tim Garvin, Maria Hoyt, Stephen Chivers, Stephanie Chivers, Debbie Midgette, Jackie Byers, Pastor Wilson, Sheila Sanchez

OLD BUSINESS

1. Successful opening of the church, critique went well. Some concern regarding Pastor wearing only a face shield. Addressed and he will use only a mask the next Sunday.
2. New security system. Follow up being done by Jim Dollar.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations of the new council members. Nominee's as follows:
  - A. Maria Hoyt
  - B. Patricia Kindred
  - C. Gail Davidson
  - D. Karen Sutton
  - E. Ellen Wilson
2. Congregational meeting December 6, 2020. Ballots prepared and will be distributed. If there is a quorum we will carry out the election.

## Call Committee Update

Steve Chivers is serving 2 years in Japan. The committee has not decided what action to take regarding his position.

We have no new profiles to interview at this time. Hope everyone had a safe and blessed holiday season.

Gail Davidson, Call Committee Chair



## Worship Attendance for November 2020

Date	Congregation	Choir/ Assistants	Nursery	Total
November 1, 2020	26	6	0	32
November 8, 2020	33	3	0	36
November 15, 2020	21	6	0	27
November 22, 2020	23	6	0	29
November 29, 2020				25

Are you ready for 2021? It has been a trying time and it is not over. Please keep our congregation, our state and federal government in your prayers.

We continue to practice social distancing and safety using masks. Your temperature is taken upon entry into the worship space.

Epiphany is January 6th. We will be celebrating this momentous time on Sunday, January 3rd.

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettias to adorn the altar space for Christmas. De-Decking the hall will take place on Saturday January 9th.

I look forward to serving on council beginning this month. Please share any comments and concerns that you would like the council to address.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Davidson, Chair



*A Gentle Membership Reminder -*

*To remain an active Voting Member in this Church Family,  
all that is required is  
one (1) Offering of Record and  
one (1) Communion of Record  
in a calendar year.*

*All of you are a valuable part in the life of the Congregation.*

## January Anniversaries

14 ~ Dennis ♥ Ellen Wilson  
44 years

Let us take the opportunity to  
congratulate them on their years together,  
and wish for them to have many, many more.



## January Birthdays

09 ~ Don Greene  
14 ~ Seika Smith  
16 ~ Judith Vlcek  
17 ~ Arthur Chivers  
19 ~ Stephanie Chivers  
19 ~ Gerry Reed  
21 ~ Gail Davidson  
24 ~ Rachel Shaffer  
26 ~ Linda Grubbs  
27 ~ Joann Krumm



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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Roxiee Dollar

Vice President: Stephanie Chivers

Council Secretary: Sheila Sanchez

Financial Secretary: Stephanie Chivers

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

If your mailing information has changed,  
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021**

**FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

***ALL ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND***

**PURPOSE:**

REVIEW ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES & GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE WELFARE OF THE CONGREGATION AND NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

**THIS NOTICE SERVES TO INFORM YOU OF THIS MEETING  
IN LIEU OF A SEPARATE MAILING.**