

The Messenger

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THANKING THE CANNON FAMILY

As you probably have heard by now, Fr. Daniel has felt God's call to serve in a capacity outside of St. John's and will soon begin work as a lay chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital. If you have not yet received your letter from Fr. Daniel, please contact the church office. While we are sad to see the Cannon family leave, it is certainly true that we will keep them all in our prayers and support them in this transition.



Sunday, January 17th, will

be the last Sunday the Cannon family shares with us. Please plan to stay for a special farewell coffee hour following each of our services. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please make your contribution by Sunday, January 24th. Please make checks payable to St. John's Episcopal Church and indicate "rector gift" in the memo.

Be assured that just as God has called the Cannon family to their own path of service, the congregation of St. John's remains faithful in our service as well in worship, caring for one another and ministering to our community. The vestry and staff will continue to keep you informed about our search process and together through our worship, outreach and fellowship our ministry will remain strong.

Blessings,
The Vestry of St. John's

UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Meeting | Jan. 24 @ 9am

Each January the people of St. John's gather to review the previous year and set the pace for the year ahead. We elect three new vestry members annually, review the annual budget and hear ministry reports. This year's meeting is also when we officially begin our search for a new rector! We'll have some questions for you that will help set the direction.

Coffee and danishes will be available following the 8:00 worship service and during the meeting. Nursery care will also be available beginning at 9:00am.

Pancake Supper | Feb. 9 @ 6pm

This is the party before the somber season of Lent begins and who doesn't love breakfast for dinner? Pancakes, sausage and applesauce are the on the menu. Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child (10 and under) and can be purchased Sunday after worship or by calling the church office. Profits benefit Vacation Bible School and other youth activities.

Ash Wednesday Services | Feb 10 @ Noon & 6pm

Christians set aside Ash Wednesday as a time to focus on their sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to insure their salvation. Ashes are referred to

many times in the Old Testament as signs of sorrow, mourning, humility and repentance. Come and worship with us during one of these special services to mark the beginning of this important season and remind yourself exactly why Easter is such a celebration!

Family Game Night | Feb. 26 @ 6pm

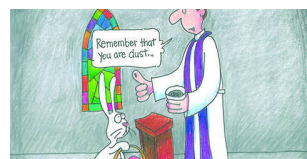
Cards, chess, Connect Four? Whatever your game, February 26th is the night to play it at St. John's from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Please bring a snack to pass and BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage, whichever is most age appropriate.)

IN RECOGNITION

Christmas Outreach Boxes

Thank you to all who donated, delivered and otherwise helped with 2015 Christmas Outreach Boxes! Together we delivered over 100 boxes filled with personal care items to our neighbors at Rosien Towers and our efforts were very appreciated. Our committee is currently thinking of ways to reach out again at Easter time!

NEW!



Lenten Devotional

"How do we honor Lent? How do we celebrate Easter? By giving up chocolate and taking on piety?" Episcopal priest, Tim Schenck, offers good humor and spiritual direction for this challenging season. This year, read along with your comrades in the pews or take on this personal Lenten devotion. Copies are available for purchase in the church office for \$8.00 each.

Birthdays

Jan 1 - Barb Jones
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Jan 4 - Kerrie Blackney
Jan 6 - Dave Rzeszutek
Jan 6 - Robert Gillman
Jan 7 - Arthur Penney
Jan 9 - Jack Luxton
Jan 9 - Mary Jane Scott
Jan 10 - Marie Blake
Jan 11 - Sue Brigham
Jan 12 - Owen Baillie
Jan 16 - Serena Cannon
Jan 19 - Andy Hoag
Jan 21 - Diane Grigg
Jan 22 - Tom Grantham
Jan 27 - John Emond
Jan 29 - Jan Young
Jan 30 - Katie Keehn
Jan 31 - Keven Washburn

Feb 2 - Mary Spence

Feb 2 - Pat Lynes

Feb 3 Cannan Peters
Feb 3 - Dann Federico
Feb 6 - Will Sunderman
Feb 13 - Kathi Spence
Feb 15 - Anna
 Baukus-Konieczka
Feb 16 - Asher Curell
Feb 16 - Emma Keehn
Feb 16 - Tom Kostrzewa
Feb 18 - Louise Small
Feb 22 - Diane Carter
Feb 23 - Brooklyn Rzeszutek
Feb 23 - Ric Roberts
Feb 25 - Al Vondrasek
Feb 25 - Emmaly Miller
Feb 25 - Sarah Miller
Feb 26 - Chris Schaub
Feb 28 - Betty Galbraith
Feb 28 - Marcia Hoffman

Anniversaries

Jan 16 - Matt & Tara Gerhardt
Jan 30 - Ed & Wendy Majask
Jan 31 - Dennis & Janis Thom

Feb 1 - Beth & Gino Garza
Feb 10 - Steve & Laurie
 Seibert

Feb 22 - Keith & Nancy
 Birdsall

Feb 26 - Ken & Mary Jane
 Scott



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