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STRONG FUN BRAVE PATIENT
LOVING DEVOTED
KIND HONORABLE
GENEROUS PROTECT
UNDERSTANDING
FUNNY, HANDSOME, WISE
HARD-WORKING
ENCOURAGE & MOTIVATE
FAMILY HERO
MAN OF THE HOUSE
AMAZING GUIDANCE
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Granddads, Step-dads. and dads
who are longer no with us.

We wish you each a wonderful Father's day!



A Note from Our Pastor

St. John's Summer Programs

After the beautiful Easter season, now it is time to walk with the Holy Spirit! Before the Risen Lord was lifted up to Heaven, He promised the Advocate - Holy Spirit for us. As we are heading to somewhat busy summer season soon, please remember that Holy Spirit is everywhere you are. When you are in vacation, you are with the Holy Spirit. Please value this year's Pentecost season spiritually.

This month is full of lots of things indeed. First, all clergy and lay delegations will join the 243rd Virginia Annual Conference, Roanoke, Virginia (June 12-14). Marty Bickford, Barbara Turpyn, and I will join it representing St. John's UMC. Please keep this Conference in your prayers to be a milestone meeting to move forward, not to dig out all the issues in the past.

Right after the Conference, there will be St. John's Music and Arts Camp (June 16-20), and our church Vacation Bible School (June 23-27) consecutively. Still, you can join each of the programs as a volunteer. And you can share these programs with your neighbors. Your encouraging words for the staff will make a big difference!

Today, the most difficult area of church ministry is children and youth. Ironically, they are the busiest ones today, not only on weekdays but also on weekends. Also, being exposed to all electronic devices, games, and social networks is impacting their lives day by day. We recall that one student who had been friended with an AI Chatbot and ended up committing suicide last year. More seriously, he had no friends to talk to. The AI Chatbot was his only friend to communicate. Not sure how this case's lawsuit has been until now. But we assume that things will fizzle out eventually. The world easily forgets it, and will be excited by a new world brought by this AI technology by justifying it was inevitable...

With that, the mission of St. John's is to give our children more opportunities to get along, hang out, and eat together. I hope that this year's summer programs will be used to give (holy) immune system for our children in this dehumanizing culture. Plus, the Trustees is working on cleaning our Rally Room (aka Youth Room) near the church kitchen for all children and youth. Not only our children, but also Scouts and the SDA church will benefit from this space!

On Father's Day (June 15), we are excited to welcome Catherine (Catey) Kellogg and Todd Gary as our new members. Don't miss this Sunday! Thank you again for your prayers and support for St. John's all the time.

Blessings,
Pastor J.W.



A “Note” about Music Ministry



This is normally the time when our music groups here at St. John's get ready to take a deserved break. The Children's choir last presentation for this season was on Mother's Day May 11th, and the Bells last performance was on May 18th. The Adult choir are still leading worship until August. I'm grateful and thankful to God for this lovely people's dedication to the music ministry. They enhance our worship services here at St. John's, and for that we wish them a restful summer.

Also, on behalf of the music ministry, I'm grateful for the opportunity to host Holmes Middle School's music group here at St. John's recently. They used our premises for practice and performance thereafter. This is an opportunity for St. John's outreach. Thanks to Pastor JW and Debbie for helping me out to set up chairs for the kids.

Now, the next big thing here at St. John's as we cruise in the month of June is the summer Music camp, which starts on **June 16th to 20th** from **9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. There will be a performance on June 22nd in the service by all the summer campers. This is an opportunity for outreach. Please send me your children, grandchildren and those in your neighborhood for fun music activities and games.

Paul Kigenza
The Minister of Music



♪ St. John's Summer 2025 Music and Arts Camp (FREE) ♪

♪ ♪ for Children of 5-12 Years Old ♪ ♪

**Classes include: Handbells/Hand chimes for Children, Rhythm and Creative arts,
Modern Dances, Singing, Percussion Instruments, games**

**Music Camp Dates: Monday, June 16 – June 20, from
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day ♪♪ Concert is on Sunday @10:30 a.m.**

Please send this registration form to Paul Kigenza
email: kigafrica@yahoo.com text: 240-575-0388
or mail to:

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Children will Participate:

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Birthday: _____ **Birthday:** _____

School: _____ **School:** _____

Contact Info:

Parents: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address:

1. _____

2. _____

Phone Number:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



United Methodist Women

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

It's that time of year when the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church (June 11 -12 in Roanoke, VA) is calling on local churches to provide the following UMCOR "Kits for Conference":



Cleaning (a/k/a flood buckets) –
Hygiene – Menstrual. ("Period Pack") –

If assembling a kit is not for you, please consider making a monetary donation to help UMCOR purchase kit items. For your information, the cost of each kit (including shipping) is: (a) cleaning kit \$78, (b) hygiene kit \$14, and (c) menstrual kit \$26.

Monetary donations in any amount can be made by check, payable to St. John's UMW (write "kits" in the memo line), and mailed to Marty Bickford at 3561 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302, or left in the UMW mailbox at church. Donations must be received no later than Sunday, June 8, 2025.

Should you have any questions about the above information, don't hesitate to contact Marty at 703-731-7992 or martybickford121@outlook.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

End of Year Gathering

All ladies of the UWF are invited to Debbie Ashby's home on **Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.**

Debbie lives at 6904 Chestnut Ave. Falls Church. The theme is RED, WHITE & BLUE! Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, and join us for an evening filled with lots of good food, fun, and fellowship.

READING PROGRAM CORNER

June and summer are here!
July and hot weather are next!
August is right around the corner!
Only three months until your list of books are due!
Turn in your list of books whether you completed a Plan or just read for the fun of reading!

Here is a partial list of some of the books recently read by our members. Maybe there is a title you might find interesting. (Read any book listed in the 2020-2025 Reading Program Catalogs.)

EFM: How the Word is Passed (2025)
EFM: The Girl With the Louding Voice (2025)
EFM: After the Last Border: Two Families (2025)

LD: Right Worthy Woman (2025)
LD: The Girls in the Wild Fig Tree (2025)
LD: I Am A Girl From Africa (2024)

NFC: All My Rage (2025)
NFC: Light We Carry (2025)
NFC: Alicia and the Hurricane (2024)
NFC: Before We Were Yours (2022)

SA: This Is Your Time Ruby Bridge (2025)
SA: Running (2024)
SA: The Nickel Boys (2024)
SA: The Four Winds (2023)

SG: Forgiving what You Can't Forget (2025)
SG: The Watcher by Nikki Grimes (2020)

You will learn something new no matter what book you read!



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

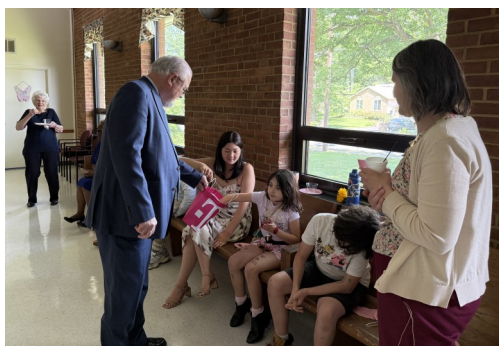
Crew number or name (for church use only): _____



Church News



Mothers Day Reception hosted by UMMen



Freebies for All

If you would like any items in rooms #2, 6, & 8 please come and pick out what you would like to have.

If you can help with the cleanout day on **June 5th starting at 10:00** am we would love the help. Thank you.

Congratulations to St. John's 2025 College Graduate

Dylan Singh Gill graduated Magna Cum Laud, with a bachelors degree in Biochemistry, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on May 15th. During his four years at Tech, Dylan was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He served two executive positions, Vice President of Risk Management his sophomore year and Vice President of Brotherhood his junior year. During his junior and senior year, Dylan volunteered to coach the Blacksburg Youth Sports Basketball League. An avid golfer in his free time, he also worked part time at The Pete Dye River Course, in Radford, VA. His last year, Dylan was an instructional assistant in the Biochemistry department. We are extremely proud of all of his hard work and grateful beyond measure that he had such an exceptional college experience. He plans to take the dental exam this summer and apply to dental schools in the near future. Thanks be to God for all of these blessings.

**JULY & AUGUST CHIMES
DUE
JUNE 20th**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays...

1 Jared Davis, Rob Leese
2 Brendan Cockrell
4 Anne Moore, Ron O'Neill
5 Michelle Kinzer
8 Elizabeth Kemp
14 Jaxon Ashby
17 John Bartos
18 Savannah Ward
20 Susan Lacheman
22 Faye King, Ann Via
23 Lydia Ray, Ashley Whittle
24 Natalie Gibson
25 Betty Aldrich
26 Kelly Pratt, Melissa Pratt
27 Ian Kraft, Gineen Leamon
28 Donna Jeffries



In Our Prayers

Betty Aldrich, Zimme Goings,
Virginia Halterman, Dollie
Hankinson, Faye King, Judy Paseur,
Emily Pederson, Susan Ray, Patsy Simpson



June Anniversaries...

4 Pat & Doddie Cave
8 Brian & Katia Anderson
15 John & Susan Novack
25 Will Gill & Judi Gill
30 James & Tina Ashby

In Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Jay Train,
& Jennifer Bridges in the passing of their mother
and our beloved friend Bebbie Train.
A memorial service will be held here at St. John's
on June 6th at 10:00 am

We express our Christian sympathy to Bryan &
Kimberly Strong and family in the passing of Bryan's
mother Kaye Strong.

FAITH
SUSTAINS US
WHEN THINGS
SEEM HOPELESS
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FAMILY
LOVES &
COMFORTS
US IN TIMES
OF NEED
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FRIENDS
ARE AN ADDED
BLESSINGS WE
ARE LUCKY
TO HAVE

June 2025

June 2025						
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29	30					

July 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Pathfinders	2 7:00pm Scouts	3	4 8:00am SDA Prayer	5 9:00am Rahul-Graduat ion 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	6 9:00am Lucas Graduation 10:00am Memorial Service Train	7 8:30am SDA Worship 5:00pm SDA Youth
8 10:30am Worship Service	9 7:00pm Scouts	10 7:00pm SDA Board Mtg.	11 8:00am SDA Prayer	12 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	13	14 8:30am SDA Worship 1:00pm SDA Lunch 5:00pm SDA Youth
15 Happy Father's Day 10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Pathfinders	16 9:30am Music Camp Week 7:00pm Scouts	17 Primary Election 9:30am Music Camp Week 6:30pm Staff Mtg. 7:00pm Council Mtg.	18 8:00am SDA Prayer 9:30am Music Camp Week	19 9:30am Music Camp Week 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	20 9:30am Music Camp Week	21 8:30am SDA Worship 5:00pm SDA Youth
22 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am PSPR Mtg 1:00pm Pathfinders Outside	23 9:00am VBS Week 7:00pm Scouts	24 9:00am VBS Week 6:30pm UWF Summer Gathering	25 8:00am SDA Prayer 9:00am VBS Week	26 9:00am VBS Week 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	27 9:00am VBS Week	28 8:30am SDA Worship 5:00pm SDA Youth
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