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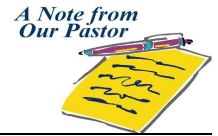


Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out
there whether you are a
Past, Present or
Soon To be Moms.
May your day be filled
with love,
joy and laughter..



A Note from Our Pastor



The Old One Has Gone, and the New Is Here

I hope you enjoy this beautiful Spring season with the Risen Lord. As I remember, this year's Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter were very busy, meaningful, and productive. On Easter Sunday (4/20), 144 people attended and celebrated Jesus' Resurrection. I am so glad to officiate infant baptisms for two little ones. I believe that this Easter should be valued not only to celebrate the Risen Lord but also to celebrate picking up St. John's average worship attendance before the Pandemic.

When I began my ministry at St. John's in 2018, St. John's weekly average attendance was 115. This number lasted consistently before the Pandemic. Indeed, to count the average worship attendance was meaningless during the Pandemic and is even post-pandemic. Still, many churches are struggling with lots of issues, among them, picking up worship attendance has been challenging.

Some of you may have reservations because there were families for the Baptism. Of course I agree. Reflecting all those numbers from the Baptism family, I believe St. John's picked up '115' successfully. Plus, all the beautiful music, Children's fantastic music performance, Bells and Choirs, and singing hymns without masks... all these things were the special gifts from God this Easter.

The Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (4/17) should be mentioned highly. To be honest, recruiting a minimum of 13 people for this event is not easy. Do you know this? It is like a local church's worship attendance every Sunday! With that, all those who made the Living Last Supper this year should be highly praised.

No matter how, St. John's is experiencing a big transition. Please look at the pictures. On April 4 (Friday), St. John's old kitchen stove was removed. It took roughly two hours as the stove was so big and heavy. On the same day, in my home country (South Korea), their Supreme Court ordered the impeached president to be removed from office. Stay tuned! More good things will come soon!

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

I am so happy to see all the good changes at St. John's. Let's roll up our sleeves to keep this good move. Wishing you a very blessed month of May. Blessing to all mothers (5/11) and St. John's wonderful United Women in Faith (5/18). Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support for St. John's.

Easter Joy,
Pastor J.W.





A “Note” about Music Ministry



We just celebrated Easter a week ago, and I do hope the music we selected during the lent season leading up to Easter spoke to you in a meaningful way. I do want to thank the musicians at St. John's and our guest musician who sang beautifully and played their instruments skillfully on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Glory be to God.

In a special way I do want to thank Anne Moore for directing the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. I know Anne, it was somewhat tedious getting all the members together, but once you got everybody in, the narration and acting were so compelling. After the service a member of the congregation told me that the service was so powerful. Hope we can repeat this service some time to come.

I do also take this time to thank Mark Saade for donating to us a set of jazz drums to St. John's, I believe this will be used very well mostly in the children ministries.

Soon and very soon we will be having the Music camp, please do send your children from ages 5-12 to have fun playing instruments, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, fun games and eating. The Music camp starts June 16th, from 9:30-12:30, from Monday to Friday and there is a performance at the 10:30am service on June 22nd. Registration form is attached.

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 Women in Faith



The United Women in Faith invite
all women of St. John's to their 2025

Spring Luncheon and Program

Sunday, May 18, 2025
12 noon in Donaldson Hall

"WWJE": What Would Jesus Eat and Other Biblical Stories About Food

The meal will not be potluck but catered to go along with the theme of food eaten during Jesus's time. Because of this, reservations to attend must be made in advance. The price for the meal is \$15.00. Reservations AND lunch payment must be received by Tuesday, May 13. Payment may be dropped off at the church office, mailed to Marty Bickford (3561 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302) or given to Anne Moore. (Please make checks payable to St. John's UMW.)

Mission Project: Food items will be collected
for local food banks.



GERRY DAGGETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR WOMEN

St. John's United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) is offering tuition assistance to any woman who is applying to – or currently attending – an accredited institution of higher learning (community, two-year and four-year colleges/seminary/business and technical schools). Applicants must be 17 years of age and an active member of St. John's UMC for one year. If you're interested in a scholarship, please contact Anne Moore at atrd@verizon.net, or Marty Bickford at martybickford121@outlook.com for an application.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

It's that time of year when the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church (June 11-14 in Roanoke, VA) is calling on local churches to provide the following UMCOR "Kits for Conference":



Cleaning (a/k/a flood buckets) – <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>
Hygiene – <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>
Menstrual. ("Period Pack") – <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit/>
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 1, 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.

YOUR 2025 PLEDGE TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Your pledge to the St. John's United Women in Faith (formerly known as United Methodist Women) is voluntary and confidential. If you haven't already done so and you are a member, please consider making a pledge (there are no dues) to St. John's UWF for 2025.

At the Harvest Banquet (our annual meeting) last October, a budget in the total amount of \$4,462 was adopted, which includes certain charitable state and local mission projects. To date, a little over 50% of that amount has been received. A check made payable to St. John's UMW may be left in the UMW mailbox at church, or mailed to Marty Bickford, 3561 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-2003. Thank you for supporting United Women in Faith. Your generosity means so much to so many.



News Around the Church

Thank You

"Thank You!" I am truly blessed for my St. John's family and friends in the wonderful celebration given in my honor of 20 years working for St. John's. Words cannot express the way I feel, but my heart is filled with all of the love and support. Thank you, hugs to all, Debbie



In Need of a Notary?

If you are in need of a notary, Debbie Ashby is a VA notary and will help you in getting your papers notarized.

Mother's Day Reception

The Methodist Men will host a Mother's Day Reception in Donaldson Hall following the service on **Sunday, May 11**. Plan to bring the family as we remember and honor those women who have played such an important role in our lives.



Easter Celebrations!



June Chimes

June Chimes will be due on Friday, **May 23**. Submit your articles to stjohns1@aol.com



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): _____

Birthdays and Anniversaries & More

May Birthdays...

- 1 Jalen Burgess
- 2 Eileen Leamon
- 3 Danny Green
- 5 James Ashby
- 9 Virginia Halterman, Lisa Kinzer
- 10 Jessica Strong
- 12 Chris Burgess, Lamar Moore, Elaine Posey
- 15 Maria Delpizzo
- 17 Hannah Listopad
- 22 Vicki Holcombe
- 24 Jay Train
- 26 Patsy Settle
- 27 Nancy Madert
- 28 Janice Lowery
- 29 Jonah Kuhlman



In Our Prayers

Betty Aldrich, Judy Brasse,
Sarah Etheridge, Zimmie Goings,
Virginia Halterman, Dollie Hankinson,
Ron O'Neill, Judy Paseur, Emily Pederson,
Susan Ray, Patsy Simpson and Bebbby Train



In Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to the
Hankinson family in the passing of our beloved
Gordon Hankinson.

We express our Christian sympathy to Terri
Bucklin and her family in the passing of her
Father Bob.

We express our Christian sympathy to Vicki &
Tip Holcombe and family in the passing of
Vicki's mother.

May Anniversaries...

- 8 Tip & Vicki Holcombe
- 10 Pastor JW & Hannah Park
- 11 Debbie White & James Saunders
- 15 Amy & Blaine Jackson
- 17 Ron & Kathy Kinzer
- 18 Patrick & Melissa Pacak
- 20 Terry & Kay Donald
- 24 David & Ann Via
- 29 Michael & Rachel Parker



Dear God, we pray for the soul of
our beloved who has passed on.
May they rest in Your eternal peace,
free from all pain and suffering.
Grant them the peace that only
You can give, and may they find
comfort in Your embrace. Amen.



May 2025

May 2025							June 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
				10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	4:15pm Childrens Music	9:00am SDA Worship 5:00pm SDA Youth
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30am Worship Service 3:00pm Pathfinders	7:00pm Scouts	7:00pm SDA Board Mtg.	7:00pm Bells of Praise 7:00pm SDA Prayer	10:30am Bible Study 11:00am Holmes MS Band 7:00pm Choir Practice	4:00pm Childrens Music	9:00am SDA Worship 5:00pm SDA Youth 6:00pm SDA Health
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