



St. John's Weekly Email

March 1, 2021

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The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and continues through the Great Three Days of Holy Week that lead to Easter Sunday. For some people, Lent is thought to be a time to give up something. Others consider adding new disciplines to keep in this season of Lent. However you choose to keep Lent, may the things you give up or the things you add help you see the treasure that is your relationship with God and the way faith shapes your life.

*If you have any information to include in the weekly email,
please submit it to the church office by 7 PM on Sunday evening.*

WORSHIP UPDATE

At the February council meeting, the council re-considered the question about whether to return to in-person worship or remain virtual. While the transmission rate in Montgomery County is going down, the numbers are still too high for council to feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. So our worship will continue to remain online.

Council will keep the question of returning to in-person worship on each month's council agenda and will review data from local and state government, as well as the transmission rates in our county, each month. At such time as council feels it is safe to resume in-person worship, we will.

Thank you for your understanding of our desire to keep the St. John's community, and all those connected to it, safe and healthy as we continue to live through this pandemic.

Join us for worship

**Sunday, March 7th
Third Sunday of Lent
9:30 AM on Zoom**

[Click here](#) to join us for this service.

Communion will be celebrated so please have all elements ready to share the meal within worship.

Following worship at 10:45 AM, our monthly faith formation offering for adults - **Adult Faith Talks** - will begin. **[Click here](#)** to connect to the Zoom call as we continue our conversation on Spiritual Practices with Dr. Lauren Winner and author Donald Miller.



Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:

Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Robin Seasock, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Glen Van Dyke, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Abigail and Eric Hails, Sonny Carson, Frank Puskoskie, Patricia Wheeler, Ann Brown Hager, Alyssa Gegan, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Joseph and Lisa Yost.



Thank You to everyone who pitched in to the Bake a Hug project.

From everyone on the initial brainstorming zoom call to naming the project, designing the advertising, creating the senior over 70 list, creating the tags, baking the cookies, packing & delivering the cookies. You warmed some hearts & made some seniors smile! Thank You for all your time & efforts!

~Joyce Foesig

**Remarkable Faith Encounters
LIVE on Zoom!**

This weekend - pick the time that works best for your family - and they'll be recorded so if you can't make it, check out the recordings on the website.

Saturday, March 6 - 8:30-9:30 AM

or

Sunday, March 7 - 8:30-9:30 AM



**CLICK here to connect to the LIVE
Remarkable Faith Encounters!**

(the same link applies to both sessions)

Save the date for the next LIVE Faith Formation Encounters:

March 20/21

Reverse Egg Hunt



YPO missed the Egg Hunt last year - but we're not letting a pandemic ruin the fun this year ... so get ready for the First Ever Reverse Egg Hunt at St. John's.

How does it work?

1. Sign up your family to participate.
2. Let us know how many children are in the family and what their ages are.
3. On Sat. April 3rd between 9-11 AM, YPO members will visit your house and leave filled eggs in your yard for your kids to have their own safe egg hunt after we depart.
4. That's it!

CLICK HERE to sign your family up to participate in the Reverse Egg Hunt.

Candy Donations Needed!



To help the YPO prepare for the Reverse Egg Hunt, donations of INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED Easter Candy are needed.

Donations can be dropped off at church during normal business hours as well as during the food collection drop-off times on Sat. March 6 and March 20.

Thank you for helping us share the sweetness of Jesus' love with the children of the church!



Flower Orders

Help dress up the sanctuary for Easter Sunday and send some cheer to our homebound members!

[Click here](#) to for the form.

Place your order no later than Sunday, March 14th for flowers to honor or remember someone special.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

It's that time again! We'll be sending out care packages to our college students in the early part of March - and we need your help! The items listed below will be a wonderful treat for our college students to remind them that we love them, are thinking about them, and praying that the semester goes well and that they stay healthy.

Drop items off:

- Sat. March 6 - 9-11 AM during Food Collection Drop-off Time
- **All items must be dropped off at church by Sunday, March 7.**

Please make sure donations are clearly marked - CARE PACKAGES - so they do not get mixed up with food donations for Open Link. If none of these drop-off times work for you, please contact the church office to arrange a time. Thank you for helping us send a box full of love and care to our college students!

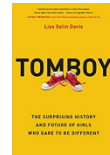
[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Sign Up Genius sign up page for all items needed.

Get ready for next month!

March Book Club

Date: Thurs. March 25 at 7:30 PM (Zoom)

Book: Tomboy: The Surprising History and Future of Girls
Who Dare to Be Different
by Lisa Selin Davis



[CLICK HERE](#) to connect or use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86248011123?pwd=Nkt3Y1JkQXN3RDhrcVM5LytIUjJPQT09>

ADDITIONAL DATES have been added to the Meal Train for Brian & Jennifer Allebach



*Thank you to everyone for your support
of Brian and Jennifer Allebach.*

*All the dates on the meal train filled quite quickly,
so additional dates have been added.*

To access the meal train sign-up, see the new dates that have been added and find out all the pertinent information, [click here](#).

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is:

**Brian Allebach
1096 Soffa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.



Adult Faith Formation: Lenten Journeys of Faith

Tuesday evenings thru March 30

7:30 PM on Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect for the Small Group

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Join us as we explore the theme **Created for Community**

7:30 PM Wednesday evenings on Zoom, starting February 24

Zoom Link for Mid-Week Lenten Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83316940549pwd=dG9ieVA3WEVMZjIYTIV2ZFhMXcyQT09>

To Dial in, call 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID: 833 1694 0549
and Passcode: 411944 when prompted.

- **March 3** – *In community with all the saints* – Pastor Becky Schanely and the people of St. John's, Sumneytown
- **March 10** – *In community with our neighbor* – Pastor Nick Pence and the people of Palm Schwenkfelder, Palm
- **March 17** – *In community with those on the margins* – Pastor Deb Schwartz and the people of Friedens UCC, Sumneytown
- **March 24** – *In community with Christ* – Pastor Homer Royer and the people of New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Worship will be followed by a fellowship time utilizing breakout rooms on Zoom for small group gatherings.

Lenten At-Home Service Project

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is in serious need of personal care kits. Their warehouse shelves are nearly empty and they cannot keep up with the demand.

This Lent, St. John's invites you to create personal care kits at home. Make one - make 10. You determine what you are able to give based on your family's personal situation.



The challenge - we have 200 active families at St. John's -

our hope is to collect 200 personal care kits - this Lent!

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the LWR website to get all the information you need on what goes in each personal care kit and how to package it. (if you want to participate but need the information sent to you, please call the church office)

Personal care kits can be dropped off at one of two times:

Sat. March 20 from 9-11 am (during the food collection drop-off time)

Sat. March 27 from 9-11 am (when palms will be available for pick-up)

You can also drop off personal care kits at the church office,
Monday thru Thursday (9 am to 12 noon) the week of March 22.

YPO Spring Flower Sale

It's not too early to start dreaming about spring...and flowers!

The YPO will be hosting their Mother's Day weekend Flower Sale. All proceeds will go to support the youth adults traveling to Minneapolis in July 2022 for the National Youth Gathering.



Flower Sale orders are due by Sunday, April 18 - flower will be available for pick up at St. John's on Saturday, May 8 from 9-11 AM.

Order forms can be found by [clicking here](#)!

Thank you for supporting the youth as they participate in this life-changing experience.



Food Collection

Saturday-9-11 AM to the back entrance- March 6

Top Personal Items Needed

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap

- Tooth Paste
- Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer

Top Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Tomato Products

- **Canned Soups and Stews**
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beans (Dark Beans, Light Beans, Pork & Beans)
- Canned Vegetables (Green Beans and Canned Potatoes)
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats
- Cereal
- Rice
- Pasta/Rice Sides
- Canned Tuna
- Pancake Mix
- Soups

If you don't feel comfortable going to the grocery store, monetary donations are always welcomed and then we can do the shopping for you! Please donations for Open Link Thanksgiving Collection in an envelope - make checks payable to Open Link.



Financial Update

It has been almost a year since the pandemic caused the members of St. John's to worship differently. Our church family has been unable to physically come together and celebrate our Christian unity. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the St. John's family continues to financially support our ministries and for that we are grateful for your contributions.

With us now in the Lenten season, we continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively identifying alternative opportunities to connect with each other and the broader community. Your generous contributions of time and money are helping us with our outreach. We continue to receive most of our offering through the mail. You are certainly able to continue sending you gifts to St. John's. Our mailing address is **3104 Main Street, Green Lane, PA 18054**. Please recognize that we are currently counting offering twice a month - so please understand if there is a small delay in cashing your check.



You can also choose to give online and now is a great time to begin!

For those that give electronically, some important news!

We are moving online giving from Simply Giving to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) provides you with the option to pay by debit or credit card. [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to convert your existing Simply Giving contribution and set up online giving with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

For those interested in giving electronically with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) and have questions, please call the office for help. Your online gifts can be designated to general or specific places, like what is designated on the church envelope, and gifts can be made one time or set up to repeat.

We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider your ability to continue supporting God's work here at St. John's as we continue to live through this pandemic.



March 1

Colin Zander
Dennis Hunsberger
Leonard Herman
Charles Walter
Jennifer Landis

March 2

Debra Crum
Wendy Renninger

March 3

Taylor Gray
Ainsley Smith
Natasha Nelson
Roy Moll

March 4

Tina Mack
Raymond Kleinsmith
Stephanie Roesener
Kristin Landis
Alaina Keller
Kevin Eagle

March 5

Dalton Heacock

March 6

Jonathan Graf
Nathan Schramm
Meagan Quinn
Sharon Snell

March 7

Dale Kleinbach
Rylee Brooks

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