St. John's Announcements

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The railings are being installed!

I have happy news to share today. Our long-awaited railings are all on the property and are currently being installed. They will be finished before Sunday. Please feel free to use the north entrance and the ramp to try it out. This concludes the handicapped accessible ramp portion of the project. We are still anticipating a temporary wall to be built on the south side and the overhangs on the north and south doors to be completed before Christmas.
We have a wonderfully generous parish. Thank you all who are participating in the food drive. We will be continuing this drive through the month of November. This food is making a big difference to our food pantry partners as they feed the hungry of our communities.

Blessings, ***Marc***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/17 @ 7pm
Vestry Meeting
St. Mary's Hall

11/22 @ 9am
Holiday Bazaar
St. Mary's Hall

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Tree of Light
We are starting to collect names for our 11th annual Tree of Light. For those not familiar, my family and I started this fundraiser to honor our family and friends, and we light the tree next to the walkway by St. Mary's Hall during December.
As explained on this form, which is also available in the Narthex, we collect names in Honor of, in Memory of, and Special Holiday Wishes for. We will make the tags and hang them on strings of lights. The tree will be lit on Sunday, November 30th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, and will light automatically every night until Epiphany. We hope you will buy tags for your loved ones and help us make this our brightest tree ever.
All monies raised will go to WCK (World Central Kitchen). They provide meals anywhere in the world after natural disasters, as well as war-torn countries.
Thank you,
Linda Borovicka and Family

2025 Christmas Gift Card Sales – Sale will begin November 2nd and the last day to order is December 7th. Delivery to the church will be December 14th. Please make your check payable to St. John's Episcopal Church and give your orders to Bill Francis or leave them at the parish office. This is an easy way to shop for Christmas and a chance to help those who are in need amongst us. Thank you!

BASKET TABLE NEEDS SOME HELP - Unfortunately, I am in a predicament due to illnesses from end of October to present – pneumonia. I am looking for a few people to make me a basket. It can be very simple. I have some items ready to go in a basket that need to be put together, the basket, basket cover, tag and bow will all be there for you. I Can arrange pickup and will need item back to church no later than Sun 11/16.
CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME.
Blessings,
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Outreach Announcement - St John's will have a non-perishable Holiday Food Drive the four remaining weekends in November. We will pass along the collected items to Cornerstone (Vernon), MACC (Manchester) and the East Hartford food pantry. The need for food donations is always great this time of year and the interruption of government funding has made it much worse. Below is a list of non-perishable food items requested by local pantries. Please consider donating some of them as you do your own grocery shopping. There will be a collection area in the upper level of the church entrance.

Thank you for your support,
St John's Outreach Group
Cereal
Chili / Canned Pasta, Beef Stew, Baked Beans
Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter / Jelly
Sugar, Flour
Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans
Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Potatoes Knorr or rice side dishes
Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup
Individual snack size packages of cookies
Packaged scalloped/mashed potatoes