

St. John's Announcements

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July 4th Service in the Memorial Garden



This weekend the General Convention of the Episcopal Church is meeting in Baltimore. General Convention is the legislative body of our denomination. The Episcopal Church has bishops just as the Roman Catholic Church does, but our church does not have the equivalent to the papacy or the magisterium. Churchwide decisions are made by the elected body called General Convention. The Convention has two houses: The House of Bishops (made up of all bishops working and retired) and The House of Deputies (elected clergy and lay people from diocesan conventions around the Episcopal Church). All major decisions like the national church budget or revising the prayer book, needs to pass both houses of Convention.

Normally, Convention takes place every three years, but last year was postponed because of the outbreak of the Delta variant. Despite lower COVID numbers this year, it was still decided to keep convention to only 4 days vs. 10 days. All in-person worship and social gatherings were canceled. Only the legislative sessions will be in-person this year.

The resolutions are wide-ranging. Two issues that will be discussed are the church's role in racial reconciliation and healing, and if the convention will permit General Theological Seminary to affiliate with Virginia Theological Seminary. This affiliation would allow for General to be largely ran by VTS but keep its historic New York City presence.

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brunch with Rev. Marc

Berry Breakfast

REMINDERS

Prayer requests can be emailed to cmorin@stjohnsvernont.org

Has your mailing address, phone number or email address changed? Please email updates to cmorin@stjohnsvernont.org

Please help keep our pantry stocked. Non-perishable items are always accepted.



Berry Breakfast

A reminder that the Berry Breakfast will take place in the Lower Parish Hall following the 10am service today.

Donations to Ukraine

Thank you to the Knitting Club for their donation to the Ukraine Relief Fund!

Brunch with Fr. Marc

Thank you to all who have RSVP'd! There is one date available if you would still like to sign-up – Sunday, July 17th @ 9am in the Undercroft. Please email Christina Morin or call the office.

Fun Summer Events for Children

On **July 24th**, we will have a **water balloon toss** immediately following the 10:00am Eucharist. On **August 21st**, we will have our first annual **Slip 'n' Slide Sunday** in the front field. Adults are welcome to join us. **August 28th** will be **Ice Cream Sunday** which features Fr. Marc's homemade ice cream. We also would love to see pictures of you and your adventures with Flat Jesus. Please send any pictures you take to Christina Morin.

Durable medical equipment

As you've all heard Maria will no longer be serving as St. John's parish nurse. One of her tasks was overseeing a variety of durable medical equipment that parishioners could borrow. These items include but are not limited to walkers, shower chairs, raised toilet seats and more. To inquire about borrowing or even donating an item you may now contact Chris Emery.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry meeting will be on **Wednesday, 7/13** in the Church Undercroft from 6:30 to 8 pm. All men of St. John's (and their guests) are invited. We will have a short business meeting, followed by a short prayer service, and then continue our study of the SSJE Fruits of the Spirit podcast or the Bishop Rob Wright - For People devotional series. Come join us in fellowship and help us plan our next project.

Updates to the Directory

Please send Christina Morin any updates to your contact information. She is also gathering birthday and anniversary dates. Please email or call with any changes!

Newspapers Needed

The Ellington Community Theatre is putting on the musical Newsies this summer. They need newspapers for the show! There will be a box in the Narthax to put them in.

Memorial Garden

Worshipping outside in our lovely Memorial Garden space is one of the special treats about belonging to St. John's. While worshipping outside is popular with most parishioners, it not easy for all of our community, and it does pose technology challenges. In an effort to offer the best worship experience for as many people as possible, we will offer indoor and our normal streamed experience most Sundays we are outside. Here is a schedule of our outdoor Sundays - July 17th, 24th, and 31st – 10:00am is outside. 8:00am inside. The 8:00am will be streamed - August 14th, 21st, and 28th – 8:00am is outside. 10:00am is inside. The 10:00am will be streamed. September 4th – 9:00am is outside and streamed.

HOW CAN I HELP? WHERE DO I RSVP?

Brunch with Rev. Marc - Christina Morin
860-872-0517
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Durable Medical Equipment- Chris Emery
860-593-3176
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This week's Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Happy Birthday to:
Shirley McGarry

Happy Anniversary to:
Holly & Stephen Filipek
