

# St. John's Announcements

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### Homecoming Sunday Festivities



Next week, we will have our first adult forum of the fall program year (9:00am in St. Mary's Hall). It will be led by our wardens and the nominating committee. We will be briefly discussing the role of the vestry (our governing board), reviewing our combined vestry plan that we passed as a parish back in October, and then describe the process we will follow to create our next vestry. We will be accepting nominations to the vestry and other parish leadership positions during, and following, the meeting. All nominations will then be reviewed by the nominating committee. The committee will then begin asking individuals in the parish if they would be willing to be nominated. If they accept, they will be part of our slate of candidates that will come before the parish at our next annual meeting in January. Our vestry makes up key positions of leadership, and we want to make sure that the parish is both excited for those who are willing to serve, and that we encourage open and fair processes that include plenty of helpful communications. If you have any questions, please see me or a member of the nominating committee: Tom Sessions, Joy Dorin, Edith Bushell, and Lois Valliere.

Blessings,  
**Marc**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/22 - Creation Care  
Sunday

9/25 - Eucharist @  
10:30am

9/25 - Bible Study @  
12:30pm

9/29 - Parish Forum @  
9am

#### Happy Birthday!

Barbara Feldstein

Carol Kittle

Gary MacNeal

Kevin Fenner

Linda Collier

Lynda Wodopian

Marcia Krajewski

Marsha Francis

#### Happy Anniversary!

James & Susan Hutton



**Guest Organist for Sunday's Service – Heeyon Cha** will be filling in for Zoe this week while she is on vacation. Heeyeon Cha is a highly accomplished organist and harpsichordist, originally from South Korea. Before relocating to Branford, Connecticut, she was based in Texas, where she served as the organist for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Houston. Heeyeon has performed solo organ recitals at prominent venues such as Christ Church Cathedral, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Philip Presbyterian, South Main Baptist Church, Houston Christian University, and Christ the King Catholic Church in Dallas. As a harpsichordist, she has appeared with esteemed ensembles and festivals, including Bach Society Houston, Houston Early Music, the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival, the Amherst Early Music Festival, and other musical events across Greater Houston. She is also a co-founder of the baroque trio *La Joie*. Heeyeon holds a Certificate of Music Performance (C.M.P.) in organ from the University of Houston, a Master of Music (M.M.) degree from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degree from Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea. She studied organ with Daryl Robinson and harpsichord with Matthew Dirst at the University of Houston's Moore School of Music.

**Creation Care Sunday** - Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be celebrated as Creation Care Sunday. This will be a time to pray and reflect on our environment and draw attention to environmental issues and ministries. As has been encouraged in the past, the congregation is challenged to walk, bike, or carpool to church that morning. Our environment is a creation of God, and it needs our prayers. The prophet Micah so beautifully wrote that "God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Since the early monastic movement nearly two thousand years ago, part of walking humbly with God is living a simple life. A simple life is good for the soul and good for the environment. Join us next week for a special "green" Sunday.

**Parish Forum sponsored by the Nominating Committee** – Next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in St. Mary's Hall, will be a meeting about the future vestry. Last October, the newly merged parish of St. John's voted on a plan to combine the vestries of the old St. John's and St. Mary's into the newly merged parish. We will be reviewing with the congregation of what that plan is and discussing next steps. The Vestry in 2025 will have many new members. Nominations for vestry are now open. You may nominate yourself, or someone else, by chatting with a member of the committee, or by depositing a paper nominating slip in the designated basket at the meeting. All nominations will be reviewed by the committee. The slate of a new vestry will be voted on by the congregation at the next Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025.

**Bible Study** – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. All are welcome from those who love to read scripture to those who have never read a word of Acts in their lives. We have a great group with lively conversation. If you are not able to come in person, that is just fine. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.

**Blood Drive** – Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 12pm- 5pm there will be a blood drive in St. Mary's Hall. More information to follow!

