

St. John's Announcements

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Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Though it may sound like something the church has always done, this is the youngest of our major feasts, and we have a couple of parishioners who older than this feast which only dates to 1925. It is certainly meet and right for us to honor Christ as our leader who has special authority that no human political leader could ever hold. In the United States, we are a democracy, and sometimes the people we pick win and other times they do not. This is normal. I find it helpful during this election month to remember our support for Jesus Christ. It is to his person whom we are pledging our ultimate allegiance. He will be our ruler for all times, and he will save us in a way that no human being could possibly do. Christ has real power in the world and should not be viewed as some distant ruler. He is our current leader, now, and for all time. All of us are loved and cared for by this leader, and we give thanks for him. Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/27 - Eucharist @
10:30am

11/28 - Thanksgiving
Day Service @ 9am

Happy Birthday!

Linda Borovicka
Tom Sessions

Happy Anniversary!

Susie Kinsloe-Byers & Bill Byers



Gift Card Sales - Sale begins now and last day to put in orders is **December 8th**. Gift cards will be delivered on 12/15. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please hand in your orders along with a check made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. You can give your order to Lois Valliere at the 8am service and Bill Francis at the 10am service. You can also drop your order at the office or call Bill Francis to arrange a pick-up – 860-836-6748. Please remember those amongst us who are challenged with grocery insecurity.

BENEFIT CONCERT Saturday December 7, 2024 at 7 p.m. at St. John's - Zoe Vandermeer and her students and guest singer are giving a special benefit concert on Saturday December 7, 2024 at 7 p.m. as a fundraiser for the many people and animals who have suffered from hurricanes Helene and Milton. Although the news has abated, these hundreds and thousands of people and animals are still struggling with the most basic needs of food, shelter, water, and medical support. The concert features the fine singing of guest singer Julianne Freeman, and Zoe's highly talented students - Lilly LaCaprucia-Hull, tenor Shane Dwy from New Fairfield, high tenor George Quach, and soprano Janet Aldrich. Musical selections will include musical theatre, beautiful classical songs, opera arias, operetta, and baroque music. Julianne and George will be singing the lovely duet 'The Prayer', made famous by Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli. Composers represented include Johann Strauss, Henry Purcell, Adam Gwon, Bellini, and others. The evening will conclude with an ensemble piece. Suggested ticket price is \$20. Tickets are by donation and proceeds will be given to the Humane Society and the American Red Cross, or a charity of your designation.

St. John's Toy Drive - Asking for new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls, ages infant to 12 yrs. old. We are donating to Vernon, Manchester, and East Hartford Fire Departments. There is a table at the Tree of Life for the collection. We are accepting CASH donations; if you would like us to shop for you. Also looking for volunteers to sort and deliver the toys. Santa says thanks for the help! Any questions please contact John Horan (860-578-6412), Joy Dorin (860-614-8183) Terri Sessions (860) 644-5892

Help needed! – If you gave a check for Hawkwing food bank please contact Terri Sessions with the amount and check number at 860-644-5892 or terrisessions@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Day Service – Please join us at 9am for a Thanksgiving Day service.

