

St. John's Announcements

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Pat Cleveland discovered the hidden prize in the Kings' Cake and was crowned queen for the day at last week's Lunch Bunch!



The Week of Christian Unity

Father Paul Wattson started an important observance in New York back in 1908. It is now called the Week of Prayer for Christianity Unity (traditionally Jan 18-Jan 25). Wattson realized that churches seemed to be getting increasingly sectarian not seeing how valuable other Christians are. Christ's high priestly prayer which included the line that we should "all be one" seemed to be ignored by the various denominations. In the Anglican Communion, great efforts had been made in the previous generation to recognize our common mission. In 1886, the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church adopted what would later be known as the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral. The Lambeth Conference of 1888 also endorsed the concept. The idea was to explain to the wider church what was most crucial to the faith of Episcopalians and that we were open to ecumenical dialogue. These talks would be beneficial in themselves but also could lead to reunification with other denominations. The Quadrilateral focused on the importance of scripture, the Nicene Creed, the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist, and the historic Episcopate. (The statement can be found on page 877 in the BCP). This declaration is still supported by our church today and has led to fruitful dialogues with other denominations. Wattson understood the importance of high-level talks with church leaders and theologians, but he wanted to see more work done at the parish level. He wanted the regular people in the pews to focus on Christian unity, and he understood that it would only be through prayer and the changing of attitudes by the faithful that could lead to real progress in ecumenical relationships. Today we remember that we have siblings in Christ throughout the world who do not all call themselves the same things. Perhaps they do not share all of our theology and politics, but they are important to our common life. We all have much more in common than what divides us. Let us pray for unity.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/22 - Eucharist @
10:30am

1/22 - Bible Study
@12:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Dave Smith
Dave Farrell

Happy Anniversary!

Stephen & Laura Harshly



Offertory Envelopes – Envelopes are available for pick up! The boxes are located on the back table in the Narthex. Don't forget to grab yours!

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th after the combined 9am service. Please get your reports to Christina Morin ASAP.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of names for officers and vestry positions:

Officers

Senior Warden: Skip Sutcliffe

Junior Warden: Bill Francis

Treasurer: Kevin Fenner

Assistant Treasurer: Gene Marinelli

Clerk: Loretta Symons

Vestry Members at Large

Class of 2026 (term ends at 2026 Annual Meeting)

Mary Davis

Jim Hutton

Bruce Perry

Class of 2027 (term ends at 2027 Annual Meeting)

Elaine Anderson

JoAnn Palica

Sarah Tierinni

Class of 2028 (term ends at 2028 Annual Meeting)

Meghan Birdseye

Betsy Ibsen

Polly Schaefer

The slate will be formally presented for a vote at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26.

Has your contact information changed?

Please email Christina Morin if your contact information has changed.

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