

**This Week at St. John's:
December 25-31, 2016**

Sunday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



One Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Noon ~ 1:00 p.m. NOAH Meal

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Prayer Table
9:00 a.m.- Noon Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. No bible Study.
Bible Study will resume on
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
12:05 p.m. Healing Service



**Next Week at St. John's:
January 1-7, 2017**

Sunday, January 1

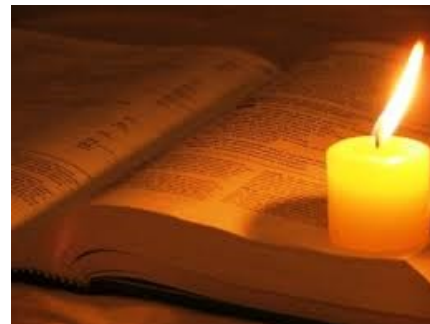


One Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Noon ~ 1:00 p.m. NOAH Meal
6:30 p.m. No Teen Bible Study
(For January, Teen Bible Study at the
Rectory will be on the 8th & 22nd.)

Wednesday, January 4,

9:00 a.m. Prayer Table
9:00 a.m.- Noon Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. No bible Study.
Bible Study will resume on
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
12:05 p.m. Healing Service



JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday bible study will resume on
Wednesday, January 11th at 10 am. Our study
book is called "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred
Practices in Everyday Life"

Sundays 9:15-9:45 a.m. "Bible 101"

St. John's Episcopal Church

December 24th, 2016

Christmas Eve



6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Family Eucharist

Greeters/Presenters: Stella and Amy Williams **Ushers:** Pamela and Marissa Miller

First Reader: Steve McGrattan **Second Reader:** Jennifer Rowland

Prayers of the People: Jeffrey Fonda **Chalice Bearer:** Jeffrey Fonda

Acolytes: Lucy LoDestro, Rory McGrattan, Natalie Baxter and Caleb Blackmon

10:15 p.m.

Concert & Carol Sing

St. John's Bell and Voice Choirs, Price Family Musicians & Carol Sing

11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Greeters/Presenters: Ann and Roger Rhodes **Ushers:** Russell Brown and Dan Cameron

First Reader: Ann Streit **Second Reader:** Steve McGrattan

Prayers of the People: Tom Bell **Chalice Bearers:** Bonnie Peters and Katy Grady

Acolytes: Jennifer Rowland, Katy Grady, Nancy Marucci, Kelly and Michael Lawlor

Altar Set Up: Audrey Kline & Pat Beck

Christ Candle Lighting

Hope, peace, joy and love. Four candles, four promises
continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest
in this one we light tonight: the Christ candle.



Final Blessing

May the Lord Jesus be born in us this night,
in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of His life be kindled in us,
And lead us to the shining truth of God with us,
God for us, God in us.

And may the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, be with you this night and always. *Amen*

Welcome to St. John's Church!

For those of the who are visiting St. John's today, we extend you our warmest welcome. We pray the message of Christ's birth is one which finds its home deep in your heart.

If you would like more information about our church, or if you are looking for a church home, please consider visiting us again.

Our Sunday services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. You can also speak to one of the ushers to receive a Welcome Packet that tells you more about our church and our ministries.

You are also welcome to call or visit our Rector, Mother Laurie. To contact her, simply introduce yourself after one of our services or call the church at 762-9210 to make an appointment.

*All of us at St. John's wish you a
Blessed Christmas
And a Happy New Year!*



May I receive communion?

If you are a baptized Christian you are invited to receive communion, no matter what your affiliation.

May my children receive communion?

Yes, if they receive communion at their own church. Some parents prefer their children receive first communion instruction prior to taking communion.

If I choose to receive communion, how is it done?

The ushers will direct you to the center aisle. The consecrated Bread is received with both hands and carried to the mouth. The consecrated Wine is received lightly grasping the base of the chalice with one hand helping the minister to guide it to our lips and tipping it up until you receive enough.

What if I don't wish to drink from the common cup?

You may dip the Bread in the Wine yourself, or leave the Bread in the palm of your hand. The minister with the Cup will pick up the Bread, dip it into the Wine and place it on your tongue.

Must I receive consecrated Wine?

No, if you wish to receive only the Bread, simply pass by the station with the chalice, or cross your arms over your chest to let the chalice bearer know.

What if I choose not to receive communion?

Then we invite you to receive a blessing at the altar. Kneel at the altar with those receiving communion, and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a simple blessing. You can then stand up and return to your seat.



*Our thanks to Todd Cleveland,
who donated our beautiful Christmas Tree .
Todd is a friend of our sexton Jim D'Amore
and sells trees from his
property in Rockwood.*

Thank you

*to the bakers and buyers at the
Cookie Sale and to the Reformed Church for
their donation of the Christmas Money Tree for
our raffle ! We raised nearly \$700 to benefit
the NOAH program, feeding those who are
Needy Or Alone and Hungry*



December Prayer List

Anica	Ellen	Marianne G.
Arnold	Frank	Nancy B.
Bella R.	Gayle	Niles L.
Betsy	James & family	Rose
Betty C.	Jean	Rosemary
Bonita M.	John L.	Ryan
Carol	Joseph	Sandy
Charlie B.	Kamdon W.	Scott I.
Cindy	Karla	Sharon
Dakota C.	Kenny S.	Sheldon
Dave B. & family	Kyle & family	Skip
Dave M.	Laura	Sophia
David	Linda R.	Timothy C.
Deb	Lynne	Tim & Veronica O.
Devon	Madalyn	Wendy
DJ	Maggie C.	
Elaine	Marge	

We pray for...

- Our NOAH participants
- The inmates at Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Those who come to the Prayer Table on Wednesdays
- Volunteers who will prayerfully lead our NOAH Program
- Those who cannot be at our services this weekend. They include: Audrey Baird, Tinker Baird, John Bernard, Erika Crear and Millie Rathburn.

The flowers on the Main Altar are given in memory of Martha & Neil Vanderwerken & their daughter Virginia Vanderwerken Stortecky by the Alfred Stortecky Family and the Daniel Melita Family



The flowers on the Columbarium are given in loving memory of Reverend Richard E. Barrett & Dr. Constance E. Barrett by the Barrett family and Marc Weinert



For the Hearing Impaired: *If you have any difficulty hearing, please ask our ushers for one of the individual hearing units located in the back of the church. Each unit has an earpiece and individual volume controls that connect it directly to our sound system.*

Please note: A handicapped accessible restroom is up the ramp in the Hawkins Room.

We pray for those serving in the Military:

Brian M.	Devon	Ian S.	Tim S.
Christopher	Dylan	Matt B.	Will
Connor W.	Guy H.	Ryan R.	