

MEN’S GROUP THIS WEEK

The Men’s Group will meet this Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to begin a study on the book of Isaiah. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information. All men are welcome!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to those in our church family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a birthday card in the mail. If you have an October birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell at blbmccconnell@aol.com.

- October 1** Steve Oliver
- October 7** Garrick Bellew
- October 8** Nader Engheta
- October 12** John Shaw
- October 13** Troy Fisher
- October 15** Jim Little
- October 17** Patrick Marshall
- October 19** Andrew Ward
- October 26** Tom Higgins
- October 28** Matt Crill

COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE DRIVE FOR GREAT VALLEY FOOD CUPBOARD
Throughout October, we are collecting coffee and packets of hot chocolate for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. We just ask that the coffee has been purchased recently and is unopened. A collection box has been set up in Fellowship Hall.

GRATITUDE IN ACTION

This year’s stewardship theme is “Gratitude in Action,” and we are featuring members of our church family (like Katie Yoder today!) who are sharing the impact St. John’s has had on their lives and faith. There’s an activity on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for you to think about how St. John’s has made an impact on you!

WHY ST. JOHN’S?

Our St. John’s family has been our home away from home for 30+ years. St. John’s has played, and continues to play, an integral role in my faith journey through worship, many Supper at St. John’s study groups, the Sunday morning women’s book study, teaching Sunday School, mission trips, and Christian fellowship in various ways through the years. I am grateful that our St. John’s family helped raise our children in a loving, compassionate, faithful community. Benevolence at St. John’s has always been a priority and it is important to me to try to help others both locally and around the world. Giving to St. John’s is critical to me as a way to give thanks for all our many blessings and to continue to support those programs, including worship, that have impacted, and continue to impact, my faith journey. – Libby Dalrymple

WOMEN’S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 1

Rev. Ridgley Beckett and Rev. Maggie Niles will be leading a collaborative women’s retreat with Covenant Presbyterian Church at St. Peter’s in the Great Valley on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (with optional workshops from 3–5 p.m.). Please register by using the link in the weekly email.

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY – NOVEMBER 2 (1:45–4:00 P.M.)

Children, youth, and their families are invited to join us at Linvilla Orchards for a hayride, corn maze, and apple catapulting! We will meet Pastor Ridgley under a purple umbrella outside the food store at Linvilla and walk together to the hayride that begins at 2 p.m. Please RSVP by clicking the link in the youth and families newsletter.

INQUIRERS’ CLASS – NOVEMBER 2 & 9

In November, we will be hosting classes led by our pastors for those interested in learning more about St. John's and becoming a member. This two-class series will be held on **Sunday, November 2 and Sunday, November 9 at 11:15 AM in the Carriage House**. We will be talking about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of a church, and telling you more about St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) for more information.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, Oct. 19	8:15 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	9:45 am	Confirmation Class (Carriage House)
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Youth Grog (Carr. House)
Mon, Oct. 20	10:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean)
Tue, Oct. 21	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Wed, Oct. 22	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carr. House)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John’s (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Mission Project (Carr. House)
Thu, Oct. 23	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, Oct. 25	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	Noon	Laura Jean McClintick Memorial (Paoli)
Sun, Oct. 26	8:15 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Kean)
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat (Covenant Frazer)

This Week in the Church Office

Annie is out of the office on vacation and will be back in the office on Monday, Oct. 27. We will have volunteers in the office to answer the phone and let people in. Please send any bulletin announcements to rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com by **Noon on Wednesday**.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley’s sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed, please call 484-604-0499



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Prayer is not something we do because it ‘works’...When the great saints of the Church speak of prayer, they very rarely talk about whether it works or not. For them, prayer is all about love, the creation of communion with the God from whom the soul cannot bear to be apart.”

– From *The Beautiful Work of Learning to Pray*
by James Howell

Sunday, October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost