



# St. John's Prologue

"In the beginning was the Word..."

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Williamstown, Massachusetts

September 2017

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## **PROFILE / SEARCH TEAM FORUMS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

At open forums on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 and 11:30, members of the Profile and Search Teams will review with parishioners our completed profile documents, which will be distributed beforehand, and the shape of the search process going forward. This event will mark a handoff of the process from the Profile Team to the Search Team. The Search group will begin charting its course in September and will receive the first batch of candidates from Diocesan Transition Officer Rich Simpson in October. We thank the Profile Team for their hard work and pray for the Search Team as they begin theirs. Profile Team: Jim Kolesar (chair), Julia Bolton, Charles Bonenti, Paul Heggseth, Kathy McKnight, Celia Twomey, Amanda Wilcox. Search Team: Laurie Glover (chair), Janice Cook, Dave Coughlin, David Cupery, Jim Mahon, Polly Macpherson, Tom Nicholson, Sarah Nix. Sloane Torres is chaplain to both teams and author (along with the vestry) of the following prayer.

*God of abundance and grace, you have blessed the members of St. John's church with love for one another and with joy in our community. Help us to discern your will and be open to your guidance as we seek a new rector for our parish. Grant us the ability to hear your voice as we listen to one another. Give us wisdom and patience, courage and calm, mutual respect, and clarity of vision that we may receive a priest who serves with warmth and humor, enthusiasm and faithfulness, and who challenges us with the demands of love. In Jesus's name, we pray. AMEN.*

## **NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON – WITH YOUR HELP!!**

Plans are underway for a new parish directory. This project should benefit all of us as well as our future new rector. The directory will not be fancy or glossy, but will include the names of parish members and friends as well as photos. It will be 8 ½ x 5 ½ and produced in black and white with a color cover. The goal is to have the directory available for all to use in early November. Photos will be taken and submissions accepted during September with a firm photo deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can help in one of the following ways:



1. Have a current photo taken after the 8 a.m. Sunday church service or before or after the 10 a.m. service during September. Additional photo opportunities include at both forums on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and during the Parish Picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup>. No appointments are necessary.
2. Submit your own photo by e-mail to kmcknight@roadrunner.com or mail a hard copy to the address below.
3. Send or give a photo to Madeline at the church office.
4. Agree to have your photo scanned from the most recent parish directory (January 2012).
5. Arrange to use a photo taken for the current loose leaf "living directory" located in the Welcome Area at the back of the church or taken for the newcomers' display board.
6. Contact me (Kathy McKnight) and arrange to have a photo taken at your convenience.

So – NO EXCUSES – we hope to include as many photos as possible!

Volunteers are welcome to assist in this important parish project. Remember, we can make this happen – WITH YOUR HELP! Peace to all—and with much gratitude for your cooperation and support.

Kathy McKnight 458-1694 265 Stone Hill Road, Williamstown 01267

## **CALL FOR GARDENERS**

St. John's Garden could use extra hands to weed, water, harvest the produce and/or make deliveries from the garden to the Friendship Center Food Pantry in North Adams. If your own home garden is producing more than you can use, consider donating fruits and vegetables to a contribution box found in the church foyer on Sundays. For more information or to volunteer, please see Charles Bonenti at the 8 a.m. service or Robin Lenz at the 10 a.m. service. The Food Pantry recently thanked St. John's for delivering 207 lbs. of produce from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>!

## A NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR FAMILIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

Make note that Sunday morning for families (and anyone of any age who enjoys singing and learning the hymns, prayers, and other worship elements of our tradition) will begin at **9:40 a.m. in the Lower Room** this year. Come add your voice to the **Lift Every Voice** gathering, led by Jimmy Bergin and Mary Pierson with special appearances by Libby Wade and others. The music we learn there will be part of upcoming services, and when you join in Lift Every Voice, when those songs come up in church, you will not need a hymnal! You will know them by heart. Two candle processions will lead people from the Lift Every Voice gathering. One candle will lead to the church for the start of the 10:00 a.m. service. The other will lead the children to the Godly Play room. When the children return to the wider worshipping community after Godly Play (at the time of the offering), they will bring their candle with them, and then both candles will be in place by the altar. Godly Play is an extraordinary program, and if your child has taken a break from church school, this might be a good time to encourage a return. Either way, please consider participating in Lift Every Voice. It will make the Sunday service more familiar and engaging, especially on those monthly Sundays when we'll all worship together from start to finish.

	<b><u>September schedule:</u></b> 9/10/17 (Sunday)	9:40 a.m.	Lift Every Voice (Lower Room)
		10:00 a.m.	Godly Play (Sun Room)
	9/14/17 (Thursday)	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir (Upper Room)
	9/17/17 (Sunday)	9:40 a.m.	Lift Every Voice
		10:00 a.m.	Godly Play
		11:30ish	Parish Picnic
	9/21/17 (Thursday)	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	9/24/17 (Sunday)	9:40 a.m.	Lift Every Voice
		10:00 a.m.	Full Community Worship (no Godly Play)
		11:15 a.m.	All Ages Outreach Food Focus Event (Lower Room)
	9/28/17 (Thursday)	3:30 p.m.	Children's Choir



Our **NURSERY** will be staffed by Wendy Norcross and Charity Fletcher from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. each Sunday. On Sundays when there is an adult forum after the 10 a.m. worship service, the nursery will be open until 12:30 p.m., if there is need. Next month's "Prologue" will introduce you to our capable and experienced nursery staff, but for now we want you to know that our nursery staff strives to create a place where each child feels safe and parents feel comfortable leaving their precious little one. The health and safety of your child is one of our primary concerns. Caring adult staff ensure each child's needs will be personally met as we partner in these little ones' faith development.

### ***What is Godly Play?***

Godly Play is the church school program we will be implementing this year for elementary-aged children. It arises from the Montessori method of education and was crafted by the Rev. Jerome Berryman, an Episcopal priest. In this country, it is currently being used as a church school program by well over a thousand churches of different denominations (and as Torah Play in Jewish congregations and Faith & Play by Quakers) as well as in hospitals, retirement communities, prisons, by facilitators of social justice, and in adult, young adult, and youth groups. Godly Play also is well established abroad in countries as diverse as Finland and Tanzania. It can be applied so broadly because it is a program that facilitates a life-long process of spiritual formation rather than disseminating particular information about God, about Scripture, or about the liturgical practices of the church. Instead of "information about," Godly Play provides "experience with." It does this by each week presenting, using tactile materials, a parable, sacred story, or liturgical action. The children then have an opportunity to reflect on what they heard by wondering together about which parts of the story might be most important, which parts might be most about them, and other questions to which there are no right answers but which allow for both deep reflection and playfulness. Then the children are invited to respond with "work." They may choose to engage with any of the materials in the room, to journal, use art supplies, or research something that catches their interest. The community then gathers for sharing, prayers, and a blessing before joining the wider community in the church for communion. Though the program sounds serious and is certainly engaging in the important business of spiritual formation, it is playful, joyful, and responsive to each child and his or her interests and needs. If you have an elementary aged child (ages 5-12) who hasn't responded well to church school before, you might want to urge him or her to give Godly Play a try for at least a few Sundays. It probably won't be like anything s/he has experienced before, and s/he may enjoy it more and more as the rhythm becomes more familiar, the community of children coheres, and s/he finds the work that s/he loves. In August, Mary Pierson, Erin Keiser-Clark, and Sloane Torres completed a Godly Play Training Conference and are eager to begin work on Sunday mornings as Godly Play Storytellers.

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Safe Church Training for volunteers (anyone who works with children or teens, vestry members, lay eucharistic visitors, and anyone who is interested) will be on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00 to Noon at Grace Church Office, 67 State Road, Great Barrington with the Rev. Janet Zimmerman as instructor. Register by calling 413-644-0022 or emailing [jjzimmerman@graceberkshires.org](mailto:jjzimmerman@graceberkshires.org). Then call Madeline in the St. John's office for our records and so that carpooling might be arranged, if desire. See the diocesan website ([www.diocesewma.org](http://www.diocesewma.org)) for other Safe Church Workshops this fall and winter.

## CHOIR SEASON BEGINS

Choir season is underway as of September 7<sup>th</sup>! If you are interested in joining the choir, I would love to hear from you! Send an email to [music@saintjohnswilliamstown.org](mailto:music@saintjohnswilliamstown.org) or talk to me sometime at coffee hour. The **adult choir** rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:15 a.m., and this group helps to lead our music at 10:00 a.m. Sunday services. We welcome new members! If you would like to sing but need childcare, please let me know. The first choir rehearsal of the year is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Our **new youth chorister program for children in grades 3-7** is taking shape, too. The grant that we received to launch this program included a stipend for a Music Scholar, who will assist in the program's implementation. The application review process for this position is already underway and looks promising! The Music Scholar will ideally be a student with some keyboard or choral singing background—and someone who has a special interest in helping children find their voices.

The choristers will gather on Thursdays beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-5:15 p.m. An initial meeting for interested parents will be held Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Our parish website includes more information for anyone who may be interested: <http://saintjohnswilliamstown.org/new-youth-chorister-program>.

**Vespers is moving to a new time beginning this month.** We have moved our monthly Vespers service to 5:30 to allow time for parents to come from work and school pick-up, and also to allow time for choristers to be picked up before Vespers begins. Our next Vespers service is **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (St. Michael and All Angels)**. Vespers is a 20-minute meditative service with prayers and readings—a peaceful and uplifting end to the work day.

-- Bob Hansler

## CONCERT OF HOPE AND HEALING

The North County Chorale and soloists will present a Concert of Hope and Healing: A Community Response to the Disease of Addiction on **September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 134 Main Street, North Adams**. There is no charge for admission; freewill offerings will be accepted to benefit the Roots Teen Center. For further information, you may contact Michael Daunis at [M.P.Daunis@gmail.com](mailto:M.P.Daunis@gmail.com).

## MISSION/OUTREACH INTERESTS?

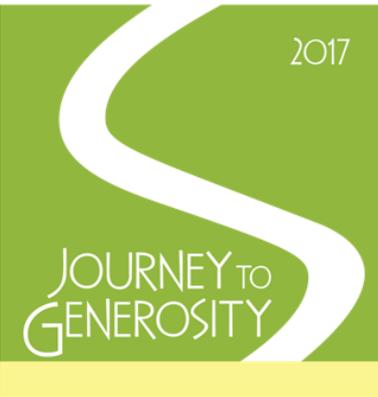
As efforts to “rethink” St. John's outreach activities get underway, the Outreach Committee would like to find out more about the current interests of parishioners—what organizations or programs are most important to you? To accomplish this, we would like to find out which organizations/programs you support, whether a “donation” of time, talent, financial assistance, or advocacy. They all are indicators of interest. We do not expect anyone to list their name or detail how much they give to a particular organization. To gather this information, the Outreach Committee has placed an easel board in the church entry. We need your guidance, so please stop by anytime during September to list your favorite service-oriented interests. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Van Ellet at [vellet1@roadrunner.com](mailto:vellet1@roadrunner.com) or 413-884-6158.

## GO GREEN!

If you would like to receive the Prologue by email each month and are happy to dispense with the “hard copy,” please let Madeline know at [saintjohns@roadrunner.com](mailto:saintjohns@roadrunner.com). So far, 26 people have joined the Go Green group. We will of course continue to send the printed Prologue to those who prefer to receive it by “snail mail.”



## JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY “YES”



### **Giving: A Multitude of Reasons** by Cathy Clement

“Why do people give?” That question was asked in many ways at last year’s Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) conference. I came up with the following reasons I give to my parish:

No. 10: It’s a habit. It’s how I was raised. From my earliest days in Sunday school at Holy Faith in Inglewood, California, I remember folding little blue mite boxes for depositing my weekly offering every Lent.

No. 9: The Bible tells me so. From kindergarten in a little Christian School to my Master’s at Fuller Theological Seminary, I learned that the Bible teaches us to give back. Sharing my resources is clearly a biblical value.

No. 8: Giving to my parish is fun. Stewardship at All Saints always involves a party. As our rector said in a recent sermon, Jesus’ parables often ended in a party. And as I understand it, heaven is going to be one mega-party.

No. 7: Giving to my parish feels good. I think Jesus was onto something when he said it is more blessed to give than to receive. And studies show that people who give live longer.

No. 6: I give to change the world. My parish is plugged in to where I can make the most difference in addressing the world’s greatest needs. My parish stretches me.

No. 5: My parish is my community. I have made lifelong friends there; I was married there, and will be buried there. At my parish I’m part of something larger than myself.

No. 4: My parish is inclusive and not only with a capital “I.” I was tenderly included when I was out of work, when I battled cancer, and when my husband died.

No. 3: I’ve been blessed and want to be a blessing to others. I am blessed to be able to continue to tithe my income in my retirement. My parish is a priority in my budget.

No. 2: I want to leave a legacy. I am indebted to visionary parishioners from whom I inherited the church I love. I owe the same to future generations.

No. 1: I give because I was asked. In turn I’d like to ask you. Won’t you join me in pledging your financial support on this awesome journey.

Why do you give? Is giving to St. John’s different from giving to other ministries? To other charities? How?

*Cathy Clement is the retired Director of Philanthropy at Five Acres, a child-abuse prevention, treatment and education center in Altadena, California. She is a member of All Saints Church, Pasadena, and the president of the TENS board of directors.*

### **CENTERING PRAYER – FINDING A STILL POINT IN THE TURNING WORLD**

In Romans, St. Paul writes: “The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” Perhaps we don’t all know how to pray as we ought, but we do know how to sigh, to yearn for a deeper relationship with the Divine. Centering Prayer is one way to bring our sighing hearts to God. Perhaps you are curious about how. Perhaps you want to reinforce that practice by participating with a group. Mary Pierson and the Rev. Libby Wade invite you to join them on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the church** for an introductory Centering Prayer Session. If having child care would make it possible for you to participate, please let Mary or Libby know. This new group will continue at the same time one Thursday a month on **October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Come join us for an hour of quiet and reflection, as we support each other in prayer.

### **DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING?**

If so, sign up for a Matter of Balance class. Matter of Balance is an evidence-based program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels in older adults. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable and exercises to increase strength and balance to reduce fall risks at home. A class led by Bret Beattie and Amanda Chilson will be offered at the **Williamstown COA / Harper Center** on eight Thursdays, beginning **September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Participation is FREE, but registration is required, and class size is limited! Please call for further information or to register.

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES EVENTS

*The mission of the Parish Life Committee is to plan, promote, and facilitate ways for parishioners and visitors to engage in various activities that support community and ensure that all are supported in their spiritual journey and feel welcomed and sustained as part of the parish community.*

**Backpack and School Supplies:** St. John's and All Saints' response to this project was overwhelming. You donated 26 backpacks, filled two bins with school supplies, and donated \$433 for continuing needs for the North Adams Public School Parent Resource Center. Because St. John's Outreach Committee matched your cash donations, we were able to give the center \$866. All these offerings will bring happiness and peace to the students receiving your gifts. Your caring and generosity are greatly appreciated.

**Welcoming Rectory Students:** On behalf of the Parish, the Vestry will welcome the Williams Seniors who are renting the Rectory this year. The Vestry is putting together goodie bags to be delivered on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Parish Potluck Picnic:** We will welcome fall and celebrate our faith community together on **September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 on the lawn in front of the church**. Please bring your friends and family to enjoy fellowship, food, and fun. The grill masters will cook hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers. A sign-up sheet for side dishes, desserts and beverages is in the back of the church. There will be helping hands for children. We have put in a request to the town to close the street area in front of the church during the picnic.

**Blessing of The Pets:** The blessing will take place on **St. Francis Day, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. on the church lawn**. This tradition, which dates back hundreds of years, is credited in part to St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of God's creatures. If your pet is unable to attend, please bring a photograph.

**The President's Own Marine Band Concert at UMASS:** On **October 10<sup>th</sup>** this renowned band, originally commissioned by Thomas Jefferson and once directed by John Phillip Sousa will perform at the UMASS Performing Arts Center in Amherst as part of their Northeast Tour. Jane and Carl Jenkins' son David is a member of this band. Tickets are free, but reservations are necessary. If you would like to attend this concert please make your reservations at [www.marineband.marines.mil/calendar/](http://www.marineband.marines.mil/calendar/). If you would like to carpool, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church; please indicate if you would like to be a driver or a passenger.

**Evening Prayer at Christ Church Cathedral with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:** The Most Rev. Michael Curry, who is the first African American Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will celebrate evensong **October 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral** as part of the church's 200th anniversary. If you would like to carpool, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church; please indicate if you would like to be a driver or a passenger.

**The Holy Cross Monastery Weekend Retreat, scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, was regretfully cancelled.** Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas for community activities.

Claudia Ellet, Jane Jenkins, Ildy Boder, Drew Gibson, Carl Jenkins, Margot Sanger, Josephine Nicholson, Lisa Bernard, Robin Lenz, Grace Breckinridge, Jim Wade, Debbie Monahan and YOU.

## ANGELS WALKING THIS EARTH



Thanks go this month to Coffee Hour hosts, Jean and Richard Blake, Claudia and Van Ellet, Margot Sanger, Mary Lovvorn and Richard Shotwell; to Charles Bonenti and Mary King for shepherding the building of the Columbarium; to Jim Wade and John and Judy Ladd for their handyperson work; to Debbie Monahan for her assistance with the Summer Monday Concert Series and with the monthly Prologue; to all the artists who performed and our Special Events Coordinator, Jimmy Bergin, for a superb summer concert series; to Evita Cobb & friends and Trio

Café Budapest for their summer Sunday afternoon concerts; to those who are answering the call to replenish St. John's food pantry and who have brought produce for the Friendship Food Pantry; to Robin Lenz and Charles Bonenti who tend our garden; to Tom Nicholson, Margot Sanger, Claudia Ellet, Madeline Burdick, and Nancy Sacco for hours spent sorting out membership records and recording them in the new computer system; and to all who gather at various times and places to study scripture and pray for others.

Great thanks to all those of any age who participated in worship ministries this summer! You may have noticed more children and young people serving as acolytes (altar assistants), lectors (readers), and ushers. Also, some have helped the altar guild or have assisted with set up for coffee hour. This has happened both formally (by invitation) and informally as children have asked adults in those ministries if they can be of help. Young people and adults are invited to continue to serve alongside one another and to learn from each other in these important ministries. If you are a young person or an adult who is eager to serve and hasn't officially joined a ministry team, please contact the Rev. Libby Wade. Go ahead and give something new a try! Your inner usher, lector, or acolyte may be waiting for a chance to come out!

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## **SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m.: Piano Dedication Concert on All Saints Sunday**

Guest Artist: *Igor Lovchinsky*, a Russian-American classical pianist

**Annual Messiah Sing, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. (note time change!)**

Come help fill the church with the glorious sounds of Handel's masterpiece!

And if you'd like to come and just listen, that's fine too.

The program should last about an hour. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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## **NOTES FROM AUGUST VESTRY MEETING**

Though St. John's vestry usually takes the month of August off, this energetic and committed group of parish leaders met on August 9<sup>th</sup> to hear the following reports: from Jim Kolesar – search process documents developed by the Profile Team; from Bob Hansler -- the Children's Chorister Program beginning this fall; from Mary King -- the Columbarium project; from Sloane Torres -- plans for Christian Formation for children, Lift Every Voice, and All Ages Worship; and from Libby Wade -- tentative plans for adult forums and special educational events. Information about all these topics may be found elsewhere in this issue of the Prologue.

## **VESTRY STEERING COMMITTEE TRANSITION**

The Steering Committee is composed of wardens, treasurer, rector and one vestry member at-large who serves a 6-month term. Alison Kolesar has ended her term, and Lisa Bernard will begin a term at the September meeting.

Thanks go to Alison for her steadfast guidance, patience, vision and humor. We are grateful her vestry term continues for another year.

-- Claudia Ellet, Margot Sanger, Tom Nicholson, Libby Wade

## **OPEN DATES FOR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

September 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the easel in the Upper Room or contact Claudia Ellet to volunteer. If you've never helped with this hospitality time before, Claudia will be happy to explain the procedure.

## **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANES HENRY AND IRMA**

For the month of September, Raile's Bowl (the small bowl hanging from the pulpit) is open to receive cash or check donations to assist recovery from Hurricanes Henry and Irma. Make checks out to St. John's and mark "Raile's Bowl" or put cash directly in the bowl. St. John's will send money collected this month to Episcopal Relief and Development for distribution to the affected areas. From its Outreach Budget, St. John's matches the first \$1000 donated to Raile's Bowl. We hit that goal on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and \$2,019 will be sent quickly to ERD from this parish. The need will be great for some time to come.

## **ANOTHER WAY TO REACH OUT INTERNATIONALLY**

It's being called the most life-threatening food crisis since the Second World War. Nearly 20 million people are at risk of starvation in central Africa (including Somalia, South Sudan, and Nigeria) and Yemen, according to the nonprofit agency, SERV. For the month of September, 5% of any purchases you make from fair trade products made by African artisans and found at their online shop ([www.serv.org/Africa](http://www.serv.org/Africa)) will be donated toward famine relief work. Thanks to Mike and Celia Twomey for bringing this to our attention.

## **COFFEE CONVERSATIONS FALL BOOK STUDY**

Sam Coughlin will lead discussions of Lauren Winner's book, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, on Sundays, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Expect the discussions to be intriguing as the group explores "simple, do-able ways of keeping company with God in the ordinary, day-to-day world" (Brian McLaren). Lauren Winner is an Episcopal priest with a Jewish background and a PhD in history who teaches at Duke Divinity School. Grab a cup of coffee in the Upper Room and join Sam in the library at 11:30 a.m. beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. The nursery will be open, if needed.



## **LITURGY**

After listening carefully to those who attended the August liturgy forum, as well as others who shared their experience of this summer's change in the ending of the 10 a.m. worship service, and conferring with our organist Bob Hansler, I made a decision to continue with the dismissal before the postlude through the remainder of the season of Pentecost. During Advent, we will provide a more meditative ending to the service that will include time to listen quietly to the postlude (more about when we are closer to Advent). Bob and I truly appreciate the many and varied voices around this change and the respect and thoughtfulness with which people engaged the discussion.

Libby+

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Debbie Monahan, The Rev. Jim Harkins
- 3 Tom Nicholson
- 5 Young Ja Yoon Kim, Joel Van Liew,  
Finnegan Voisin
- 6 B. Whitney Montgomery-Nassif, Tina Nurmi
- 7 Julian Ticconi
- 8 Marion Alton, Nicholas Langman Zimmerman  
Melissa Cirone
- 9 Paola Friedrich , Erin Beattie
- 10 Scott & Wesley Fairfield, Bart Saxbe
- 11 Margot Starr Kernan, Zoë Buhner
- 12 Jean Morris, Janet Wheeler
- 14 Geff Fisher
- 15 Katey Winant, Tony Drummond, Charles  
Hopton, Patrick Zimmerman '03,  
Melanie Murphy
- 16 Rosemary Lane, Jan Schutzman
- 19 Wim Pardoe
- 21 Evelyn Mahon
- 23 Lindi von Mutuis '03,
- 24 Dick Blake
- 25 Lauren Howard, Edward Gebara
- 26 Alison Kolesar, Allison Perry
- 27 Charlie Starenko, Marina Bacher, Sarah Nix,  
Sarah Foehl
- 28 Barbara Kourajian, Elizabeth Howcroft,  
Michael Twomey
- 29 Susan Moore
- 30 Sandi Hamel



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Alicia (Groth) & Matthew Weber
- 3 Spencer Foucher & Michaela Lane  
James Bartley & Rachel Glover
- 6 Tom & Leslie Orton-Mahar  
Andrew & Betsy (Ware) Fippinger
- 8 Thomas & Carla Secor
- 15 John & Wendy Skavlem
- 21 Tim & Sarah (Thorn) O'Shea
- 28 Barbara Kourajian & Bud Fisher
- 29 Ted & Betsy Taylor



## CONDOLENCES

### To the families of...

- Jean Halverson (inurnment September 23)  
Steve King (inurnment at St. John's September 9)

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

- 1 Susan Briggs



## FROM THE PARISH CALENDAR

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### ONGOING:

#### Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, church
- 7:00 p.m., ACOA, upper room
- 7:30 p.m., AA, library

#### Wednesdays

- 9:30 a.m., Early Intervention Playgroup, sunroom
- 10:00 a.m., AA, upper room

#### Thursdays

- 1:00 p.m., Affin-KNIT-ty Group, library
- 3:30 p.m., Children's Choir (beginning 9/14)
- 7:00 p.m., AA, library
- 7:30 p.m., Adult Choir rehearsal

#### Fridays

- Noon, AA, upper room
- 12:00 p.m., Bible Study, room 3

#### Sundays

- 7:30 p.m., AA, library
- 5:30 p.m., The Feast (college students), upper room

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

#### Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m., VESTRY, library

#### Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

- 3:45 p.m., Evening Prayer, Sweetbrook
- 5:30 p.m., Centering Prayer, church

#### Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m., Vesper Service, church

#### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m., Friendship Knot Quilters, lower room



## Worship Schedule

**Sunday Holy Eucharist:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. Lift Every Voice, Lower Room

**Tuesday, Holy Eucharist:** 9:30 a.m., Upper Room

**Bible Study,** Fridays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Room 3 (Church School wing)

### St. John's Parish, Williamstown

*We come from communities along the Hoosic River Valley in North Berkshire,  
Southern Vermont, and Eastern New York, united in Christ  
whose springs of living water we find here.*

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*+The mission of the people of St. John's Parish, Williamstown, is to know God and make God known through  
worship, love, and service, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the strength of the Holy Spirit.+*