



St. John's Weekly Email

April 19, 2021

The season of Easter began this year on Easter Sunday, April 4, and lasts for 50 days. In that time period, we hear of the different encounters that Jesus had with the disciples and the other believers after the resurrection. In part, this season of the church year is focused on helping the disciples grasp the task that stands before them – to take the good news of Jesus Christ and share it throughout the world. The color of the season of Easter can be either white or gold.

Within the season of Easter, our lectionary, which gives us the Bible readings we use from week to week, lifts up the book of Acts – we only hear from the book of Acts during the Easter season. Forty days into the Easter season, we celebrate the ascension of Jesus Christ – marking the day when Jesus ascends into heaven and returns to the Father.

WORSHIP UPDATE

At the March council meeting, the council re-considered the question about whether to return to in-person worship or remain virtual. While the transmission rate in Montgomery County is going down, the numbers are still too high for council to feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. So our worship will continue to remain online.

Council will keep the question of returning to in-person worship on each month's council agenda and will review data from local and state government, as well as the transmission rates in our county, each month. At such time as council feels it is safe to resume in-person worship, we will.

Thank you for your understanding of our desire to keep the St. John's community, and all those connected to it, safe and healthy as we continue to live through this pandemic.



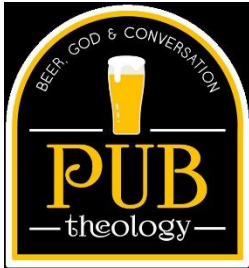
Worship
Sunday, April 25
9:30 AM on Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect with worship.

Communion will be celebrated so please have all elements ready to share the meal within worship.

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:

Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Robin Seasock, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Glen Van Dyke, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Abigail and Eric Hails, Sonny Carson, Frank Puskoskie, Ann Brown Hager, Alyssa Gegan, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Joseph and Lisa Yost, Theresa Gross, Linda Lysoby, Dave and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater and Leanne Kratzer.



Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30

**grab a beverage and
click the link below to join us**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88036537623?pwd=bVg1R3kxMmRpN3M0SGY4VFVlUUNDUT09>



The Suite Brass Ensemble

On Easter Sunday, the music at St. John's is truly festive! For many years, the Suite Brass Ensemble has provided music for this celebratory service.

Money is not budgeted for the brass ensemble. The Worship and Music Committee invites you to contribute towards the cost for the Suite Brass Ensemble so we are able to continue to celebrate Easter Sunday with joyous music. If you have questions please contact Janet Aldinger for details (jeald@yahoo.com). If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "St. John's Church" and indicate it is for the Worship Musician Fund or Suite Brass. *Thank you!*



**Do you have a passion for St. John's?
Growing our church?
Communications? Social media?**

The Marketing & Communications committee is welcoming new members, including students (think about a special project for school credit). If you are interested in helping St. John's to improve both internal communications with our members and outreach inviting area residents to visit and experience our faith community, reach out to [Linda Lewis](#) or [Kristie Faust](#) to learn more.

YPO Spring Flower Sale

It's not too early to start dreaming about spring...and flowers!

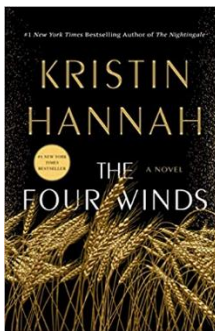
The YPO will be hosting their Mother's Day weekend Flower Sale. All proceeds will go to support the youth adults traveling to Minneapolis in July 2022 for the National Youth Gathering.



Flower Sale orders are **due by Sunday, April 18** - flower will be available for pick up at St. John's on Saturday, May 8 from 9-11 AM.

Order forms can be found by [clicking here](#)!

Thank you for supporting the youth as they participate in this life-changing experience.



**Book Club
7:30pm, Thursday, April 29th
Zoom in and join us!**

Click below to join the zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83890001742?pwd=MXMvNHZlbnS9Oa1Y0SDJWSFFsSWFEUT09>

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Description: From the number-one bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. *The Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the

haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

**Meal Train
for Brian & Jennifer Allebach**



*Thank you to everyone for your support
of Brian and Jennifer Allebach.
All the dates on the meal train filled quite quickly,
so additional dates will be added.*

To access the meal train sign-up, see the new dates that have been added and find out all the pertinent information, [click here](#).

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is:

**Brian Allebach
1096 Soffa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.



**Heavenly Helpers will once again have their
monthly summer hoagie sales from May until
September.**



This is very exciting for all of us. Number one because so many people have enjoyed these hoagies through the years and number two, it helps the mission team continue to serve those who need the help. Our hope is to return to doing trips in October. If you have any questions about the hoagies or our trips, please contact Elaine

The first sale will be Thursday, May 20. Orders must be in by May 13.

Since we are in the midst of virtual church services, please contact Elaine Keller by phone (215.262.5366) or email elaineakeller@comcast.net before May 13.



St. John's is sponsoring a blood drive on

**Friday, May 14th
from 2-7pm**

sign up at redcrossblood.org



Food Collection

**Saturday,
May 1 from 9-11 AM
at the back entrance**

Most needed items right now at Open Link include:

Top Personal Items Needed

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cleaning Supplies

Top Food Pantry Needs

- Tomato Paste
 - Canned Soups and Stews
 - Canned Fruit
 - Fruit Juice
 - Canned Potatoes
 - Canned Beans in sauce (Pork & Beans)
 - Canned Meat products (Spam, corned beef hash, etc.)
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Financial Update

It has been almost a year since the pandemic caused the members of St. John's to worship differently. Our church family has been unable to physically come together and celebrate our Christian unity. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the St. John's family continues to financially support our ministries and for that we are grateful for your contributions.

With us now in the Lenten season, we continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively



You can also choose to give online and now is a great time to begin!

For those that give electronically, some important news!

We are moving online giving from Simply Giving to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) provides you with the option to pay by debit or credit card. [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to convert your existing Simply

identifying alternative opportunities to connect with each other and the broader community. Your generous contributions of time and money are helping us with our outreach.

We continue to receive most of our offering through the mail. You are certainly able to continue sending you gifts to St. John's. Our mailing address is **3104 Main Street, Green Lane, PA 18054**. Please recognize that we are currently counting offering twice a month - so please understand if there is a small delay in cashing your check.

Giving contribution and set up online giving with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

For those interested in giving electronically with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) and have questions, please call the office for help. Your online gifts can be designated to general or specific places, like what is designated on the church envelope, and gifts can be made one time or set up to repeat.

We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider your ability to continue supporting God's work here at St. John's as we continue to live thorough this pandemic.



April 19

Darrin Frederick
Owen Krauss

April 20

Kathleen Travis

April 21

Joy Benfield
Shirley Clauser
Dean Johnson
Tanya Sheetz
Blair Young

April 22

Amanda Miller

April 23

Matthew Asmann
Westley Heffernan
David Keller
Gwenda Keller
Rachel Knowlton

April 24

John Bellegue
Jacqueline Gates
Jonathan Nuss
Otto Quinque

Russell Styer
Patricia Wheeler
April 25
Dennis Gery
Merissa Havens
Scott Jabs
Kristen Maciejewski
Makenzie Pope

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