



St. John's Weekly Email

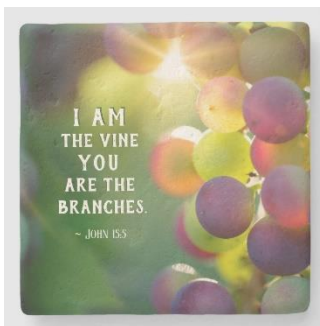
April 26, 2021

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

The Worship and Music Committee, in conjunction with the church council, is formulating a plan to return to in-person worship outdoors beginning June 6. As plans are finalized, they will be shared with the congregation. Please watch the weekly email and website for more information.

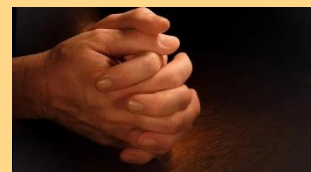


Worship
Sunday, May 2nd
Senior Citizen Sunday
9:30 AM on Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect with 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

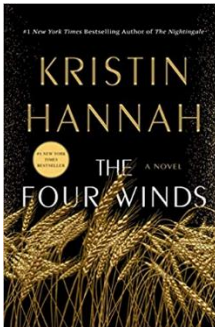


Van Dyke, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Abigail and Eric Hails, Sonny Carson, Frank Puskoskie, Ann Brown Hager, Alyssa Gegan, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Joseph and Lisa Yost, Theresa Gross, Linda Lysoby, Dave and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater and Leanne Kratzer.



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.



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=MXMvNHZlbnN9a1Y0SDJWSFFsSWFEUT09>

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.

New Dates in May and June now open!

**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.



**Spring Flower Sale
Sat. May 8
9-11 AM**

Flower sale orders will be available for pick up.

The following flowers will be available for purchase:

HERBS - \$3.50/pot

Parsley – 8 pots available

Basil – 4 pots available

VEGETABLES - \$2.50/pot

Tomatoes – 1 pot available

Green Peppers – 11 pots available

Red Peppers – 10 pots available

MARKET PACKS - \$4/pack

Red Begonias – 4 packs

Mixed Begonias – 3 packs

Cosmos – 2 packs

Pink Wave Petunias – 5 packs

Red Wave Petunias – 2 packs

White Wave Petunias – 5 packs

Mixed Impatiens – 4 packs

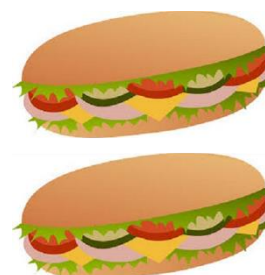
Red Impatiens – 5 packs

Salmon Impatiens – 3 packs
Yellow Marigolds – 5 packs
Orange Marigolds – 5 packs
Mixed Marigolds – 1 pack
Giant Zinnias – 2 packs

GERANIUMS - \$5/pot
Red – 1 pot
White – 3 pots

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

Outdoor Work Party Sat. May 15 9 AM - 12 Noon

St. John's has identified another way that we can be present to support and help Brian Allebach. Brian loves his flower beds and is no longer able to maintain them. Weeders and mulch spreaders are needed!



Please [click here](#)
to sign up for the work party at the Allebachs

Have you seen it? Have you had a chance to explore? Check out St. John's [new website!](#)

It's new and easier to use and we are continuing to add and improve.

We also have a new online giving platform called [Tithe.ly](#). It's easy to use and will be accessible through our own St. John's app (coming soon).

Check out the [new website](#) and [let us know](#) what you think!





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.)

Financial Update

It has been more than 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.

We continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively 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.



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 [Tithely](https://tithely.com). [Tithely](https://tithely.com) provides you with the option to pay by debit or credit card. [Tithely](https://tithely.com) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to convert your existing Simply Giving contribution and set up online giving with [Tithely](https://tithely.com), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

For those interested in giving electronically with [Tithely](https://tithely.com) 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 through this pandemic.



April 26

Carol Bossert
Erin Eisenhart
Elizabeth Wilson

April 27

Lacey Barndt
Kristi Casey

April 28

Matthew Hutt

April 29

Josephine Forbes
Kristopher Gilbert
Sean Robinson

April 30

Lisa Heffentrager
Troy Martin

May 1

Chelsea Letts
Sydney Perry
Amy Yaskowski
Sarah Yaskowski

May 2

Shea Wisler