

# Good News from St. John's

January 2022

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## **The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ**

The Epiphany of our Lord is the wonderful liturgical festival observed on January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the oldest of the Christmas festivals and originally the most important.

Epiphany Day itself commemorates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to worship the Messiah and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since the earliest days of the church, these wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the earth. By means of a miraculous star, God showed them that Jesus was born to be not only the King of the Jews, but the Lord and Savior of all nations.

**Epiphany is on a Thursday this year, the kings will arrive at the creche. We hope representatives from St. Mary's and St. Peter's will attend and have a part in the service.**

**The children of the Sunday School will bring the kings to the creche. We will have our traditional Epiphany party after the service and crown our Kings or Queens.**

**Hope many of you will join us.**

Mother Sharon

## **The Christmas Season and Epiphany**

One of the great opportunities we have these days is to savor the Christmas season. Christmas is not a single day; it's a season over a period of 12 days. Having prayed that our Lord might come to us, we can let the reality of His coming enter more deeply into our daily experience, by savoring the story and letting His being one with us become a more conscious reality as these stories intersect our daily lives.

Imagine yourself in the stable.

Listen to what Mary & Joseph are saying to each other.

Let yourself be moved by how open the shepherds were to this mystery.

Did you want to hold the Christ child?

What happened to you as you looked at the Christ child, knowing he would die on a cross, but would be raised to breathe the Holy Spirit into us all?

The Feast of Epiphany, one of seven principal feasts, is celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January. We will have Holy Communion service that night to celebrate Epiphany.

The Three big events we remember in Epiphany are:

The visit of the wise men bringing gifts to the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

The flight of Mary & Joseph with baby Jesus to Egypt to escape the threat of Jesus' young life from King Herod.

Jesus' baptism by John in the river Jordan revealed his divinity as the Son of God.

May you have a Holy and blessed Christmas & Epiphany season.

Mother Sharon

## **Notice of Annual Meeting Sunday January 30 at 11 am**

### **St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting**

November 8, 2021

Present: Carrie Tierney, Verlyn Bolinger, Karla Cox, Bess StoneBolinger, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Matthew 15:1-20.

Treasurer's Report:

The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The report was approved.

Old Business:

The confirmation service for the Chambers was well attended and the reception was very nice.

A vote was taken on the Bylaw change increasing the Vestry to 7. The change was approved and will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval.

Plans for the Thanksgiving dinner are in place and fliers have been distributed to all the residence towers.

New Business:

A Letter of Agreement extending Mother Sharon's tenure as Vicar was presented for approval. It was approved and signed securing her leadership for another year.

We will decorate the sanctuary for Advent after church on November 21.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday November 21 at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church.

Approved a credit card for Carrie to facilitate purchasing supplies for Snak-Paks.

Bess asked for approval of a new Ministry for the purpose of addressing the needs of our parishioners. It was approved as The Pastoral Care Ministry.

Assessment:

Sharing:

Minutes from the October 11, 2021 meeting were approved.

Vicar's Report: No report.

Wardens:

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: Getting ready to change to Year C with the start of Advent.

Outreach: Still packing Snacks.

Evangelism: Bookmarks will be distributed with Thanksgiving dinner.

Communications: No report.

Education: Children's: Sunday School is partnering with ECW for the Christmas wreath providing Christmas for Good Samaritan residents.

Adult: No Advent Study this year.

Stewardship: The campaign continues.

Planned Giving: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Endowment: October 31 balance is \$119,287.58. Clergy Support is \$101,460.

ECW: Planning to meet to discuss the Christmas dinner.

Next meeting, Monday December 13, 2021, at 5:30.

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen,  
Clerk

### Treasurer Report



Fellow Parishioners,

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.  
Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church



### Prayer List

Teresa, Jim, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Ron, Randy, Rita, Bridget, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, William, Debra Lynn, Molly, Frank, Laura, David, Nicky, Jackie, John & family, Special needs children their families and caregivers, Les, Mark, Kay, Priscilla, Jennifer, Jaden, Kelle, Michelle, Alice, Robbie, Anna, the Livingston & Stone families, the Fowler family,

Barb and the Wulf family, Keith, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 and their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all clergy in the Southeast Convocation especially, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.

Those who have died:  
Mary Livingston  
Laurilla Fowler-Crispell



### **January Birthdays**

6 Sue Long  
12 Karla Cox  
26 Fran McLarty  
29 Regina Cook



### **January Anniversaries:**

12 Mike & Candy Scarborough  
18 Lynn Reeves

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# St. John's Episcopal Church

## JANUARY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 The Second Sunday after Christmas</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am	3	4	5	6 Epiphany Service 6:30 PM	7 Mother's day off	8 Ordination of Ryan Willis to Priesthood 10:30 Grace Cathedral
<b>9 The First Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	10 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Mother's day off	15
<b>16 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20 Worship & Music meeting 5:30 pm	21 Mother's day off	22
<b>23 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion 9:30 am Annual reports due	24	25	26	27	28 Mother's day off	29
<b>30 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am. <b>Annual Meeting 11 am</b>	31					

# St. John's January 2022 Schedule

	01/02/2022	Epiphany 01/06/2022	01/09/2022	01/16/2022	
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ryan Willis	Verlyn Bolinger	Martha Stone	Candy Scarborough	
<b>Lector</b>	Alice Miller	TBA	Patty Vernacchia	Jupe Allen	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Karla	Karla, Zoey, Elsa	Sidni	Alex	
<b>Greeters</b>	David Bamberger	TBA	Frank & Patti Vernacchia	LT & Carrie Tierney	
<b>Counters</b>	Vestry				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Daria				

# St. John's January 2022 schedule

	01/23/2022	01/30/2022			
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon			
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Joe Stone	Verlyn Bolinger			
<b>Lector</b>	Daria Condon	Alice Miller			
<b>Acolytes</b>	Verlyn Bolinger	Karla			
<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis & Daria Condon	Alice Miller			
<b>Counters</b>	Vestry				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Daria				