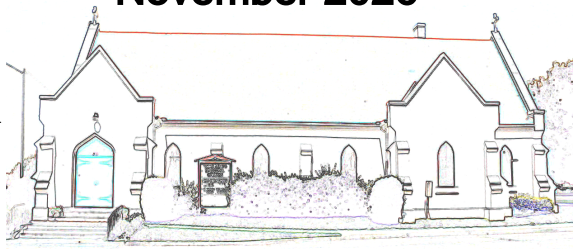


Good News from St. John's

November 2026

St. John's Episcopal Church
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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.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
September 20, 2026

Present: Heidi Daley, Candy Scarborough, Anna Baker, Martha Stone, Ava Tierney, Senta Meister, Verlyn Bollinger and Father Lackey.

Opening prayer at 11:30.

Minutes from the August 9, 2026 Vestry Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Old Business:

Irrigation System for the Garden: Awaiting a bid from VanBecelaere Greenhouse. Gave up on Nate's Landscaping, evidently just a little too busy for St John's!

Tanner Remembrance: Richard's family was pleased with the arrangements. Thanks to all who helped.

Bishop's Meet and Greet Bus Tour: It was a marathon with over 20 parishes visited. St John's hosted the Clergy lunch along with a Q and A session. It was a worthy and quite necessary undertaking.

Blessing Box Update: The box remains a popular answer to the question "What's for dinner?" It empties as fast as it is filled and it seems like more donations are needed. The box will be blessed during the Service in the Lawn on October 4.

T-shirts: The T-shirt idea has been taken up by the youngsters and they will design a shirt for -I hope- the Vestry's approval. Ava and Anna will serve as the art jury.

Mass in the Grass: The Mass of St Francis will be celebrated on October 4 at 10:30, the picnic will follow. A lunch will be served following the service.

Blessing of the Animals: Will happen at 2:00 pm on October 4. Coincidentally it is the same day as the Feast of St Francis.

New Business:

Tanner Family Donation: The Tanner Family has generously donated \$100 in appreciation for hosting the Remembrance. The money will be placed in the Discretionary Fund.

Convocation Board Meeting: Was Held on Saturday September 19. It included a long discussion about the Education for Ministry. EFM offers a unique distant learning certificate program. It is designed to educate and strengthen the spiritual formation of the laity (regular church folks). They discussed grants that are available from the Diocese for the support of youth programs. As is customary at the September meeting, the annual budget was discussed.

Discretionary Fund Disbursement: The often mentioned, at least in this meeting, Blessing Box was again a topic of discussion. It was agreed to give \$50 a month to the Box to help defray re-stocking expenses.

Name recognition: It was mentioned that St John's is receiving more than usual chatter in the social media world. Sadly it is only known as the white church with the red doors, which is better than nothing but far from optimal. In an attempt to correct this problem Father Kelley will outline a rough proposal of a trifold pamphlet to be generated and placed, among other places, in the, for the fourth time, Blessing Box.

Diocesan Convention: Since the Diocese does not cover the expenses of their Council of Trustees members and we are proud to

have a representative from our flock in the body of Martha Stone, it has been agreed to cover one night of her lodging. It is customary for St John's to pay lodging expenses for our delegates and alternates.

Reports:

Priest: Reporting from our Parsons Ministerial Alliance representative, Mother Sharon, the Community Thanksgiving service will be held on the Sunday night before Thanksgiving. Planning the St Francis service in two weeks. Plan to visit our shut-ins once a quarter.

Sr Warden: No report.

Jr Warden: No report.

Ministries:

Worship & Music: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Communications: No report.

Children's Education: No report.

Adult Formation: No report

Stewardship: Heidi will compose a letter outlining our needs to be posted by the end of October.

Buildings & Grounds: The air conditioners have been serviced.

Altar Guild: No report.

Endowment: August 31, 2026
\$100,535.10 Down \$215.16

Clergy Support: August 31, 2026
\$201,736.99 Up \$3,888.61

ECP: Meet to talk about the Feast of St Francis

Next regular meeting, Sunday, October 18, after church.

A blessing by Father Kelley concluded the meeting at 12:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen, Clerk



Prayer List

Our prayers have been asked for:



November Birthdays

1 Charlaine Baker
2 Tom Tanner
4 Tommey Vick
19 Teresa Downum
25 Ray LaVallee

27 Joe Stone
29 Anna Bolinger



November Anniversaries:

7 John & Heidi Daley
18 Joe & Martha Stone

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St. John's Episcopal Church

NOVEMBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Holy Eucharistic 9:30 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 The Twenty- fourth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 The Twenty- fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharistic 9:30 am Vestry Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21

22 The Last Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30 am	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 The First Sunday of Advent Begin Year B-1 Holy Eucharistic 9:30 am	30					

St. John's November 2026 Schedule

	Holy Eucharist All Saints 11/01/2026	Morning Prayer 11/8/2026	Holy Eucharist 11/15/2026	Morning Prayer 11/22/2026	Holy Eucharist 11/29/2026
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Clergy	Father Kelley		Father Kelley		Father Kelley
Leader		Martha		Daria	
Eucharistic Minister	Verlyn		Candy		Martha
Lector	Chris	Ava	Peggy	Heidi	Senta
Eucharistic Visitor	Senta				
Acolytes	Verlyn, Ava, Zoe		Verlyn, Ava		Joe, Zoe
Greeter	Jupe	Tom Tanner	Peggy	Heidi	Alice
Coffee Hour					
Counters	Vestry				
Altar Guild	Martha, Anna				