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**Annual Meeting and Vestry Update**

Video of the Annual Meeting is available [here](#). The Annual Report is available on the church website [here](#).

The Vestry Officers for 2021-22 are Jennifer Jones (Senior Warden,) Kathryn Supinski (Junior Warden,) Genny Biggs (Secretary,) and Susan Aley (Treasurer.) All the Vestry members can be seen [here](#).

**9am Service Moves to Zoom** Beginning this Sunday the 9am Family Service will be held on Zoom. We hope this will allow for a more interactive service. The link for the service is [here](#).

**Spiritual encouragement during Lent** Sign up [here](#) to receive a short daily email during Lent with reflections from St. John’s members and staff.

**Forward Day By Day** are daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church’s Book of Common Prayer. *(Note: Print copies will be available once St. John's resumes in-person worship. Thank you for your understanding.)*

- Daily email (FREE): [Click here to subscribe](#)
- E-book on Kindle
- Daily podcast: [Available here](#) or anywhere you listen to podcasts
- Smartphone App: [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)

This pandemic is tough ... if you or your loved ones need support, resources, or prayer, the church is here. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to Rev. Chris.

**WORSHIP**

**Sunday 9am: Family Worship** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) for family worship with a story and prayer for all ages.

**Sunday 10am: Worship** (live-streamed)
Click [here](#) for worship with music and sermon.

**Sunday 11:30am: Children’s Sunday School** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) for Sunday School for ages 4-11. The passcode is 456268.

**Sunday Coffee Hour** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) to join us for conversation after the 10am service.

**THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

**Sunday 5pm: Bible Study** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) for an hour of warm and welcoming Bible Study.

**Monday 6:15pm: Yoga** (live-streamed)
Click [here](#) for yoga live from our sanctuary.

**Tuesday 7:30am: Christian Meditation** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) for an half hour of prayer and meditation. To receive a weekly prayer outline, [email](#) group leader Melinda Ching.

**Last Tuesdays 6pm: Forum** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) to join in an online discussion group. For information, [email](#) group leader Marjorie Sun. *(Note: Forum is Dinner Church reimagined.)*

**1st & 3rd Saturday 8am: Men's Group** (Zoom)
Click [here](#) to request a meeting invite.
Annual Fund 2021 . . . And still we sing Alleluia

Here at St. John’s in the midst of this season of pandemic, pain, and turmoil, we have continued to sing “Alleluia”. Not because we are indifferent to the suffering going on around us - and not because we aren’t suffering ourselves. But because we are a people of hope and faith. We trust that God is at work in the world, even now, comforting the sick, encouraging those in despair, creating connection in a time of isolation. And we trust that God is at work in us, moving us to participate in that work of healing and love.

Your generous support towards this year’s Annual Fund goal of $935,000 ensures that St. John’s can continue to inspire all to find God’s love and mercy in the face of many challenges. An average gift of $3,200 per household is needed to offer our programs and services this year. Please keep this average in mind as you discern your commitment and know the Vestry gratefully understands that some can do more and others can do less.

You can use a credit card for a one time or recurring payment here, or make a commitment here. For more information please contact Emily McFarland, Director of Stewardship, via email or at 415.456.1102, x117.

Mask-erade Drive-by Parade

This Sunday, 2/7, is Rev. Ginger’s last Sunday at St. John’s after six years as our amazing Associate Priest! To celebrate her ministry there will be a drive-by car parade from 1:30-2:30 this Sunday afternoon. We invite you to create posters or decorate your car to show your love and thanks for Rev. Ginger. To participate in the car parade you will need to drive by St. John's heading west along Lagunitas (so the church is on the passenger side.) We will be blocking off street parking so people can drive by and wave to Ginger. Please follow the guidance of those running traffic control for the parade. Specific details will be in the Saturday worship email. Cyclists and pedestrians are also welcome to come by. Everyone should observe proper protocols for masks and social distancing.

Like to garden? St. John's volunteers did a great job weeding and pruning to make the backyard play area at Homeward Bound's emergency shelter for families usable again. However, there is more work to do, and we are looking for a leader/organizer for this quarterly activity as well as potential volunteers. If you think you might be interested, please email Rev. Ginger.

URGENT: Bags needed for SVdP

The St Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room is in need of sturdy reusable paper and plastic bags with handles. They must be large enough to hold one of their to-go boxes and one or two bag lunches. You can drop them off to the Dining Room at 820 B Street in San Rafael any day of the week before 3 pm. If the front door is closed, just knock and someone will help you. Please let your friends and neighbors know, too! Thanks!

Mardi Gras 2021!

Despite the pandemic, St. John's is still feasting . . . Grab your beads and join the festivities online on Tuesday, February16, 6 to 7pm. Prizes for best mask and best virtual background. Make your own jambalaya at home with this recipe. Come to feast and have some fun together online before we fast!

Lent in a Bag

Lent symbols and activities for families will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 14 at the church. If you would like to receive a bag, email Sandra Pathik, Children’s Ministry Director.

Children’s Worship Bulletin for 3+ years old and 7+years old. Free online game included. Here’s the secret code to unlock the games: AHHM05

Volunteers Needed for Summer Adventure Camp 2021! Yes, we are already recruiting for volunteers to help out with our Summer Adventure Camp in the 1st week of August. If you are interested, email Sandra Pathik, Children’s Ministry Director.

Children’s Ministry Updates If you are interested in receiving a monthly email with children’s resources and updates of our ministry to children in St. John’s, email Sandra Pathik, Children’s
**Summary:**
1.) Morning Youth Group - Lectionary Readings, Videos, and Creative Stories - Sunday, 1130am.
2.) Car Drive Bye for Ginger - *(Masquerade Drive-by Parade)* 130-230 at front of St. Johns.

**SUNDAY @ 1130AM Morning Youth Group (6-12th)**

- Morning Youth Group will be discussing our readings for this week. Jokes, videos, and art will all be part of the discussion. *Zoom link*
- Join Meeting Number *(zoom.us)*: **307546372**

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