



Ever Growing in Spirit

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Wilson, New York
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Dear Parishioners of St. John's:

This month I'd like to share with you a poem which may be familiar to you. I believe it speaks to our times. It is by Emily Dickenson.

Hope is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never stops—at all—

And sweetest—in the Gale—is heard—
And sore must be the storm—
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm—

I've heard it in the chilliest land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet, never, in Extremity,
It asked a crumb—of Me.

Keep hoping.

Randi+

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Treasurer's Report

September, 2020

Income:	\$ 2,585.00
Expenses:	\$ 3,470.42
Dividends: (+)	\$ <u> </u> .38
Total:	\$ - 885.04



Schedule for Newsletter for 2021

January/February:

Articles Due By: 12/30/20
Distributed: 01/03/21

March/April:

Articles Due By: 02/24/21
Distributed: 03/07/21

May/June:

Articles Due By: 04/28/21
Distributed: 05/02/21

July/August:

Articles Due By: 06/30/21
Distributed: 07/04/21

September/October:

Articles Due By: 08/25/21
Distributed: 09/05/21

November/December:

Articles Due By: 10/27/21
Distributed: 10/31/21

Please support
St. Andrew's
Community Store

THE STORE IS OPEN

Wednesday: 11-4
Thursday: 1-4
Friday: 12-3
Saturday: 10-2

2768 S. Main Street
Newfane, New York

**MASKS MUST BE WORN AT
ALL TIMES !!**





Please keep the following people in your prayers during our time away from each other:

We pray for..... Ann, Geoffrey, Carolyn, Deirdre, Sandy, Cathy Dempsey-Sims and family, Peter, Barb, Bob, Father Sam, Karyn, Joan, Linda, Millie, Ron, Lori, Jayliann, Connie, Margaret, Peter, Zada, Madeline, Linda and our Prayer Partner – St. Peter's in Niagara Falls, Priscilla E., Nancy, Heather, Bob, Revella, Clara, Howard & Family.



Congratulations to Stephanie & Matt Nugent on the Baptism of their son, Vincent. The service was held on Sunday, November 1st at a private ceremony.

Sr. Warden's Report: Janet M. Hoffman

Chairperson Building & Grounds:

St. John's has moved its services inside to the sanctuary and we have the same amount of attendees as the outdoor service and our usual inside service before the Covid. Seating has been sectioned off and we follow the same CDC guidelines adding temperatures being taken upon entering.

The Yoga Classes have begun they are free to everyone attending, so you are more than welcome to attend. The classes are on Tuesday evenings, 6-7pm and Friday mornings 8-9. If you are interested please contact the instructor, Jessica Senek at Jsenek3@gmail.com or 716-622-0754.

The Vestry has also decided to offer the usage of the church driveway and parking lot for a vendor faire. Those participating will be some of the vendors that were at the Farmer's Market this year. The first event will be Halloween, October 31 10-2pm. The other dates are November 7th, 21st and December 5th, 19th, hours are the same. I encourage you to shop locally and support our local entrepreneurs.

The charcoal is working in the basement and the area is nice and dry and smells good. The furnace is working great as the cool weather descends upon us. The grounds have had their fall clean-up and we are awaiting the next season, with the white stuff coming hopefully later than sooner.

Please continue to support our church with your monetary gift as pledged or a general donation. We still have bills that need to be paid and other church related obligations. We miss seeing everyone on Sundays and at our fellowship events/fund raisers, but this too shall pass and we will arrive at a new "norm".

The Vestry is looking for candidates to serve, please pray and consider this position to continue carrying St. John's forward in our commitment to our church and community. Feel free to contact me to discuss this opportunity.

Thank all of you for your continued support and remember; while we watch over others, HE is watching over us.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hoffman, Sr. Warden



We will be adopting a Christmas family again this year, but as of yet the school hasn't started looking into that. I was told that they will begin working on that after November 1st. There will be more information on that coming in the next few weeks.

Thank you again.

Lois Bateman



SJC MOPS schedule has adjusted to meet once a month in the evening; with no childcare per International MOPS office. We gathered in September at Tuscarora State Park and it was decided to meet at night versus virtually at least to start, monthly. CDC guidelines are followed. Childcare leaders are welcome.

At the September meeting artificial pumpkins were distributed. Moms were asked to write every day something they or a family member were thankful for. They could use their thankful pumpkin through Thanksgiving as a center piece on their table!

We met Wednesday night in October with 7 moms present and 5 with pumpkins; prizes were given to all pumpkins. It was interesting to see each one's creation.

Next month we are focused on Operation Christmas Box and will pack them up at our meeting. We not only bless children around the world, but those in our own life as well as they learn the joy of giving! Anyone is welcome to contribute. We will be dropping off Christmas Shoeboxes the week of Nov. 16th.

GOD is Good.

Priscilla and Jennifer





Wilson Community Food Pantry Last half of 2020:

Needs for the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinners:

Turkey Stuffing, Turkey Gravy, Jello, Canned Sweet Potatoes

The Board and Volunteers say, again, "Thank You, Thank you" for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Our shelves are full and we are able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables weekly. The community farmers are keeping us supplied with fresh vegetables during these summer, and soon to be, fall months. We are open every Tuesday, 2pm-8pm, but are available for emergency food requests. We are staffed with all volunteers to cover the 6 hours every Tuesday along with the pantry administrator (no one is paid).

We are fully funded by community donations, monetary and food wise. A reminder, there are Federal Income Guidelines for the pantry and you can only shop every 4 weeks. You receive enough food for 3 meals per day, per person, in your household, x 3 days. If you need the guidelines please visit our web page; www.wilsoncommunityfoodpantry.com or call us at 716-727-4074.

In this Covid-19 crisis the pantry is available for you to apply for our services. Go to the web page for the criteria to apply. Again, we are open every Tuesday, 2-8pm. We continue doing curbside pick-up to maintain the distancing criteria. The pantry has provided gloves, masks and sanitizer for volunteers, if needed. Again, please check on your neighbors and the elderly, we have a lot of food to share.

We are here for you,

Janet M. Hoffman, Administrator

Wilson Community Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY**CHAIRPERSON: LUCY KRAATZ**

I hope this finds everyone good and managing through these challenging times. When I look around and see what is happening to families all around the country and world I realize how blessed I am. Unfortunately there are many right in this area that need help. Thank goodness our area has Janet Hoffman and the volunteers at the Wilson Food Pantry to assist those in need. They also need our help in donations-either food donations or monetary donations. The bin is under the rear pew for food donations. If you would prefer to let them do the shopping, you can make a donation and just note on the memo line "Wilson Food Pantry".

This year we will be distributing 60 Christmas bags to these families. We will be putting in laundry detergent and dryer sheets-\$1 size available at Dollar General. We will also be adding Christmas dessert plates with matching napkins, dish towel and 2 packs of instant hot chocolate. If you would like to shop for your own donation you can leave it at church. If you would like to make a monetary donation just note the memo line WFP Christmas. All donations are greatly appreciated!!

Feel free to contact me directly at lucykraatz@aol.com or you can call or text me at 859-816-6869.

God's blessing to all.

*Operation Christmas Child**Nov 1, 2020*

This year SJC MOPS will participate in putting together Christmas shoeboxes to bless children in need around the world at our November meeting. Moms are collecting items that will fit in a shoebox to pack. We have preprinted shoeboxes available.

The boxes are packed and labeled accordingly: Boy or Girl 2-4 yrs old, 5-9 yrs old, and 10-14 yrs old.

Anyone who would like to help out SJC MOPS filling boxes for the children please feel free to put items in box at the back of the church.

Item suggestions "WOW" items doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal. Other gifts may include small fun toys (yoyo), hygiene items and school supplies. November 10th is last day of collection.

We will include a Christmas card and personal message to each child. This may be the only gift they receive. All boxes will be blessed before going to the drop-off location the week of November 16th.

God is Good ,

Priscilla and Jennifer



Election Day



Chicken N' Biscuit Dinner

TAKE OUT ONLY

At

St. John's Episcopal Church

431 Lake Street, Wilson

Tuesday, November 3rd

4 p.m.

Adults: \$10.50

Age 12 & Under: \$5.00

Includes:

Chicken w/Biscuit, Potatoes, Squash, Cranberry

Gelatin, Apple or Pumpkin Dessert

Reserve Your Dinner: 716-751-6109





*Thank you in advance for everyones help with the
upcoming Chicken N' Biscuit Dinner
Priscilla Moot & Jennifer Farwell-Puskas*

We are looking for a new home for the wooden desk in the office. It hasn't been used in years and in order to make that space more useful we need to move it out. Please let Janet Hoffman, Sr. Warden know if you are interested.



Lois Carter

November 8

Frank Boeck

December 20



- Please note that our ANNUAL MEETING is on Sunday, December 6th immediately after the service. Please plan to attend as this will be held in the sanctuary.
- The Christmas tree will be put up in the sanctuary after Thanksgiving to prepare for the upcoming season. Please note these dates for decorating:
 - Sunday, December 13 - Greening of the church
 - Sunday, December 20 - Final Decorating
- Your Vestry is still meeting each month via “Zoom”.
- Please note that the “Book of Common Prayer” is located online at: <https://episcopalchurch.org/files/bookofcommonprayer.pdf>
- Please continue to check your email, the website and your US Postal mail for current information regarding St. John’s.



St. John’s will again be doing the coat drive for the children in Wilson Central school District. I am working with the nurses in the schools to find children in need. If you would like to donate, please make a check payable to St. John’s with “Coat Drive” in the memo line. I will need all the donations by November 15th. Thank you all for your support of our neighbors in need.

Lois Bateman

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DATED MATERIAL

If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar for Christmas please fill out the attached form and return it.

FLOWER / GIFT DONATION	
FROM:	_____
ENVELOPE #:	_____
AMOUNT:	_____
IN HONOR OF:	_____
IN MEMORY OF:	_____

