

The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

October 2024

From Pastor Susan...

The Blessing of Animals Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m.



Animals are such a blessing to us and in so many ways! This is our opportunity to bless them back. If your animal would be comfortable in church for our usual Sunday service—with other animals

present!—please bring it. If your animal would not be comfortable joining us, or if you would like to remember a past pet, please bring a photo of it, that we can put on the altar, so we can bless it from afar. If you'd like to bring a large animal, be ready to tether it outside, and we will process out to bless it. Pastor Susan has been doing this service for many years and has had everything from an ant farm to a donkey in attendance. Plan on joining us at Coffee Hour and be prepared to introduce your animal and perhaps share a story or two about it.

Hurricane Relief through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Hurricane Helene has wrought massive damage in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. If you would like to help with relief efforts, one way of doing it is making a contribution through ERD, which administers donations through Episcopal congregations in affected areas. This gets help out where it is needed, and it allows Episcopalians to make a difference in their communities. You can make a donation online, at ERD's website <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief> or you can put your donation in the mail, making the check out to:

**Episcopal Relief & Development
815 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017**

Be sure to make a note that your donation is meant for Hurricane Relief. Thanks for your generosity!

A visit with the saints on All Saints Sunday, November 3!

Pastor Susan invites and encourages you to come to church Sunday, Nov. 3, dressed as a saint or Bible character. Instead of a sermon, we will check out the costumes and try to guess identities, so come prepared to give a few hints about your saint/Bible character, to help people identify you. This can be as simple or complicated as you like: one year a person came wearing a rain slicker and carrying two stuffed animals with him: Noah. A father came dressed as a dragon and his little son chased him down the aisles brandishing a sword: St. George. The possibilities are endless! Pastor Susan will bring some books about the saints to coffee hour the next several Sundays, in case anyone would like to get some ideas for their costume.

Sr. Warden Report...

Fall has certainly arrived and with it the beauty of this time of year. After witnessing the devastation of the recent storms it makes me so thankful to live in our area.

We did receive a \$9,000 grant from the diocese which we will be deciding on the best use of it once it is in hand.

Thank you to all who made our chicken chowder sale a great success. We had about 70 pre-orders which emptied one kettle and the rest was sold in about 30 minutes of opening. With all our volunteers we were able to get everything ready Friday morning. A very special "thank you" to Frank for chairing this and Anne and John Frank for their help on Saturday. We cleared over \$1100.

A very sincere heartfelt thank you to Barb Farwell's family for the generous donation to our kitchen.

St. John's continues on because of you, our church family, and for that I am so very grateful. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Moving forward with God,
Lucy Kraatz lucykraatz@aol.com
859-816-6869



Anniversaries...

Denise & Bob Failla 10/06



Vestry Report – September 2024...

The following is a summary of our last meeting:

- Blessings of Animals will be held on Sunday, October 6th in the sanctuary.
- Convention will take place on October 12th.
- Global Mission Advocacy: Vestry members went over a survey that was sent to all parishes for Pastor Susan.
- We have received a grant from the Diocese for \$9,000 for buildings and grounds.
- Chowder Sale: Prep at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. on 9/19. Sale on 9/20 at Noon.
- All Saint's Day: Pastor Susan will be doing a special service on Sunday, November 3rd. Members of the congregation are invited to dress up as the different Saints. Please see Susan if you are interested.
- Water Bill: Investigation is continuing.
- Snowplowing: Kenny Dillon who plowed last year will not be plowing this year. He has recommended Kyle Doty and a bid has been received.
- While Lucy Kraatz is out of town for three weeks the phone in the office will be forwarded to Jane Hamilton, Jr. Warden.
- The office is almost ready for Pastor Susan thanks to Priscilla Moot and Janet Hoffman.
- SJC Moms Group is still looking for childcare helpers.
- 911 Service: Was a success with 22 in the congregation.
- Middle School Supplies: It was noted that supplies are needed elsewhere besides the elementary school. Will keep in mind for next year.

Jennifer Farwell-Puskas
Clerk of Vestry

Buildings & Grounds...

We have received one bid for our snowplowing needs this year and I am trying to get other bids. I know that in the past that has been challenging so I am very happy we have one in hand.

The shed has been cleaned and organized so please be considerate when putting items in there.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Lucy Kraatz, Chairman
Buildings & Grounds

Treasurer's Report...

January - August 2024

Income:	\$26,488.03
Expense:	-\$23,029.52
Dividends Reinvested:	+\$ 2,492.69
Interest:	+\$ 16.73
Total Net Income:	\$ 5,967.93
Total Ordinary Income (Dividends Out):	\$ 3,458.51

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Will (who is stationed in Iraq); Dylan, Kevin, Zack, and Joe (recovering from collisions); Priscilla & John, Lincoln, Joan, Theresa, Eleanor, Ron, Dawn, Craig, Alberta, Chris and Ela, Marcia and Ren, Father Sam, Brian, Jennine, Vicki. Pray for Bishop Sean as he prepares to take on the responsibility of the office of Presiding Bishop; and for our Diocesan partnership, as we begin to consider our future leadership needs. Pray for our Roman Catholic neighbors who are facing the closing of their church; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, the hostages taken in the October attack on Israel.



Fellowship Committee September 2024...

- This was our first 911 Service and was well attended. The Fellowship Committee coordinated and served refreshments after our 911 Service. We had a new baker, Richard Miller who caught everyone's attention with his homemade baklava!! Thank you.



- We sent our "snowbirds" off with our annual Belgian Waffle Breakfast September 8th. No one left hungry. Great comfort food!
- Thank you to all who have graciously signed up for coffee hour especially some of our newcomers. There is no right or wrong to coffee hour!! It's great fellowship! Let's fill in the rest of the Sundays for 2024.

God is Good.
Priscilla, Chair Fellowship Committee

To honor and remember our mom, Barbara Farwell, our family has decided to use the monies that were donated in her memory to purchase items for the church that were greatly needed.



We purchased a used commercial refrigerator and a brand new 5.0 cu. ft. freezer. We still have some monies leftover and have a plan for what remains.

The thoughtfulness that was received for mom was overwhelming. We love her and miss her every day.

Jennifer Farwell-Puskas



- * We will have to limit the number of moms per children if we can't get enough volunteer childcare. You do not have to belong to a church, so if you know someone who would like to join us with the children twice a month through May, please talk with me.
- * With many schools having Pre-K available, it limits some of the moms from coming because of the timing of school dismissal. Our children are younger and require more hands on in some cases.
- * SJC MOMS were unable to meet for their last meeting in September due to the water issue, but will resume in October. The girls look forward to this time for socializing and the support of other moms.

GOD is Good.
Priscilla Moot



SJC Moms Group...

- * The new group of MOMS started September 11th; with an additional 2 new moms joining the group making 10 total moms.
- * We had 14 little ones and many first time away from their mom upstairs. This was challenging and interesting at times. By the end of the session we had 6 adult childcare volunteers.



- * Please reach out to me if you would enjoy a change. A couple of mornings a month will keep you feeling younger and put a smile on your face; filling your heart with joy, doing God's work. With the childcare workers being retired, we take longer vacations.



Jr. Warden's Report...

The sinks in the kitchen are back up and running. The faucet has been replaced on the mop sink. The sink basket has been replaced on the three bay sink. Thanks to SM Pynn Plumbing for getting us fixed up.

Also, the parish phone has been forwarded to me in Lucy's absence. If any emergency arises or information is needed please know that I will be answering the phone.

Jane Hamilton
Jr. Warden



Our friends, family and neighbors appreciate our continued support of the Wilson Food Pantry on a monthly basis.

This month we have been asked to donate canned beets, canned sauerkraut and canned sweet potatoes (yams). Every can donated helps the food pantry and our community.

Thank you for always stepping up to help. If you prefer to make a monetary donation just note it on check memo line or if cash, just note it on an envelope.

Lucy Kraatz
859-816-6869

ELECTION DAY CHICKEN N' BISCUITS
Tuesday, Nov 5th

- ✓ Please see the signup sheet in the Parish Hall for food donations and helpers.
- ✓ Monetary donations accepted to cover the expenses of:

Chicken
Biscuits
Take out containers
(3 different types needed)
Other items not received

When paying by check, please write "Chicken n' Biscuit" on the memo line!

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Priscilla Moot, Chairman



With the help of Bill Joseph from the Diocese we have created a new website for St. John's.

The site is up and running and you can access it here:

www.stjohnswilson.org

As always if you would like something to be on the website please feel free to contact me.

Jennifer Farwell-Puskas
Parish Administrator

We have a **FREE** Christmas tree available for anyone that would like it. It is pre-lit but not all lights work. It is 7 ½ ft tall. Please see a Vestry member if you are interested.



St. Andrew's & St. Paul's
Southern Fried 2024
Chicken Dinner
& Basket Raffle
Monday, October 14th
Dine in or Take Out!

Basket Auction Starts at 2 pm
Chicken Dinner 2 - 6 pm
Drawing at 6 pm



Adults \$17 Children \$10
Dinner For Two \$20
Pre-Sale Tickets & Walk Ins Welcome

*Raffle: 100+ Baskets! Several Grand Prize Items Valued at over \$150 Each!
Winners need not be present to win!*

Dinner: Four Pieces of Chicken, Fries, Cornbread, Mac Salad & Homemade Dessert!
Children's: Chicken Tenders, Fries & Dessert!
Dinner for Two: 2 Plates of Sides Along with 4 Pieces of Chicken & 2 Desserts!

Food by Chef Tom & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Burt
Basket Auction by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lewiston

Tickets are available at St. Andrew's & St. Paul's on Sunday Mornings,
at the Community Store on Main Street in Newfane,
or by Calling Tom at 716.778.5554 (Pre-Sale Tickets Not Required)

LOCATION: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church A Portion of the Proceeds Will Support
2239 West Creek Road, Burt, NY
StAndrewsBurt.com Breast Cancer Network of WNY



Denise Failla & Jerilyn Carney picked flower bouquets every Sunday for parishioners and the community is welcome to come also. Thank you to Nick's Garden for beautifying Wilson !!

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