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The Compass

... Pointing People toward Christ

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Homecoming Sunday, November 5th

Isn't it nice to go "home again"? Having that touchstone can help make sense of your life and remind you how far you've come on your journey with Christ.

The Rector and Vestry of St. John's Church have designated All Saints' Sunday, **November 5th** as **Homecoming Sunday**. We'd love to see former parishioners share the Eucharist with us and then stay for one of our famous pot luck dinners!
Let's celebrate our common faith, community, fellowship, friendship and history!

With God by our side, you've helped to make St. John's Church what it is today by sharing your gifts and talents.

At the meal after the **10:30 a.m. service**, we'll share stories and peruse photos of old times. *Bring some of your pictures, too!*

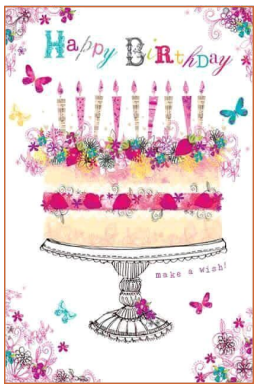
You will get to meet our Rector of over one year, the Rev. Dr. Nina George-Hacker, and her husband, Richard Hacker, our Organist and Choir Director. He's planning special music for this day!

Please share this invitation with your family, friends, neighbors and Facebook friends. How great it will be to all get together to praise God for the beauty and richness of this life, and for St. John's Episcopal Church, Compass!

Sincerely,
Robin Baldwin,
People's Warden

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/8	Joseph McLauchlan
10/11	Eileen Holland
10/14	Sara Snyder
10/15	Michele Seiders
10/19	Thomas Rohrer
10/20	Linda Zynn
10/23	Cynthia Boyd
10/27	Selena Baldwin
10/31	Shirley Fisher



10/12 Tracy & Nancy Miller

TURKEY DINNER COLLECTION FOR STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Help make a family's Thanksgiving truly thankful

This organization is located in Honey Brook and helps local families in need. This year has been another difficult year for many and they have reached out to Steeple to People for help.

St. John's Outreach is asking for **donations of Turkey Dinners to be given to Steeple to People** as they will distribute to local families in need.

Please include the following for your donation:

- Frozen Turkey
- Potatoes
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Stuffing

Plus, anything else you'd like to give for this meal. ***Please remember, items must be non-perishable,*** *as items have to keep for a week.*

The Turkey Dinners are to be dropped off at St. John's on Saturday, November 18 between 9 AM and 10 AM

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS for BRIDGE OF HOPE

You can help bring hope to those in need, this Christmas

Bridge of Hope is asking for help with gift cards for their mothers, so they may buy gifts for their children and have a Christmas Dinner.

On **Homecoming Sunday, November 5**, a Christmas tree will be in the back of the church with envelopes and a description of the gift card needed.

If you would like to help, please take an envelope and purchase the gift card and dollar amount shown on the outside of envelope.

Return the envelope with the card. and tie it back on the tree. Inside the envelope is a sticker; please put this on the outside of envelope when you return it, so we may know that envelope has been returned.

All gift cards need to be returned by November 26, as we will deliver to Bridge of Hope the first week in December. Last year we collected 30 gift cards to donate—let's see if we can top this in 2017.

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Supportive friendships for lasting impact

Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

Bridge of Hope is a Christian-based organization of Lancaster and Chester Counties that works with churches to help homeless and at-risk mothers and children. Bridge of Hope believes homelessness ends when a family is living in permanent, affordable housing with adequate support systems in place to remain stable.

This is achieved with donations received; teaching budgeting and life skills; assisting with goal planning; and providing support services for the women and their children.

A major part of this support are the mentoring groups from churches that are willing to establish an ongoing "ministry of friendship."

(Contact **Sharon Fremont** if you are interested in the Bridge of Hope mentoring program.)

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE DITTY BAG COLLECTION

The Seamen's Church Institute needs our help. This year we will be collecting items for the Seafarers that go in "ditty bags" given to them at Christmas time. These men can be at sea for 9 months at a time, and will not be with their families for Christmas. When they are in port, many times they are not allowed to leave the ship, so they greatly appreciate the items given to them by the Seamen's Church Institute. **Starting now, <u>until November 12</u> we will be collecting the following items:**

- ✯ Shampoo
- ✯ Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- ✯ Combs
- ✯ Deodorant
- ✯ Nail clippers

A container will be located at the entrance of the church. These items will be given to **Father William Rex , Chaplain of the Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia & South Jersey**, when he visits us as our **Guest Preacher on Sunday, November 12.**

A POETIC THE HISTORY OF THE DITTY BAG

"In the days when Napoleon ruled the land,
But never the sea, you understand
The women of England packed parcels so neat
To send the men who sailed with the Fleet,
And to make them more friendly and add some fun

A "Ditty" was written and enclosed with each one,
So to this day when parcels we pack,
For the men of the Sea, for every man Jack,
They are called "Ditty" Bags, in memory you see,

The Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, founded in 1834 by Charles Sherman Haight Sr., is affiliated with The Episcopal Church, and serves mariners through education, pastoral care, and legal advocacy.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey has a mission to serve proactively without prejudice the human needs of seafarers and the maritime community of the Delaware River."

New "Point-Person" Needed for Lunch Bunch and Easter Brunch 2018

Although not resigning from the Social Committee, Linda Zynn has stepped down from her job as **"Point-Person" for the monthly Lunch Bunch, and as the contact person for the annual Easter Brunch.**

We need another St. John's member to take over this important ministry that brings joy to many.

The Zynns are hosting the **October 18** lunch at **Yoder's Family Restaurant** on Tower Rd. in New Holland. We have hosts for November and December. But **we will not meet in January or February 2018** due to winter weather.

That means the new "Point -Person" won't have to start until March.

We enjoy gathering for the monthly "Lunch Bunch" to share fellowship and good food

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Robin Baldwin—People's Warden
Jenny Landis—Treasurer
Kaye Lee—Clerk of the Vestry
Steve Boyd—Property Manager
Nancy Miller—Christian Education
Jen Hoskins—Outreach
Glenn Martin—Evangelism & New Members
Bob Yarnall—Social Activities

MISSION STATEMENT

We welcome all persons searching for spiritual guidance and wholeness in our broken world, as together we seek to serve others in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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"Come and See!"

October Service Schedule

DATE	First Lesson, Psalm, & Prayers	Second Lesson & Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeters	Coffee Hour Host
October 1 Pentecost 17/Proper 21	Kaye Lee	Cynthia Boyd	Hank Fant	Pat Owens	Howard Lee Fran Gilfillan	Lees
October 8 Pentecost 18/Proper 22	Kurt Gansauer	Pat Owens	Linda Zynn	Glenn Martin	Helen Esbenshade Joanne Cipollini	
October 15 Pentecost 19/Proper 23	Mary Lou Weaver	Robin Baldwin	Tom Rohrer	Linda Zynn	Ron Zynn Paul Weaver	Zynns
October 22 Pentecost 20/Proper 24	Susan Gansauer	Tom Rohrer	Pat Owens	Glenn Martin	Ron & Joyce Kelly	
October 29 Pentecost 21/Proper 25	Sharon Fremont	Linda Zynn	Cynthia Boyd	Pat Owens	Mary Lou Weaver Steve Boyd	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE THIS MONTH	**Altar Guild** Nancy Miller	**Offering** Steve Boyd Nancy Miller Reid Heeren Kaye Lee	**Card Ministry** Joan D'Aloisio	**Lunch Bunch** Ron & Linda Zynn		