



The Grapevine

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Tomato Season

If you've noticed vegetables overflowing in the entranceway on Sunday morning, that's a blessing that the Social Ministry team organized. The team suggested that we bring in the extra produce from our gardens and the rest of us, who don't have such luck growing things, can take what we want in exchange for a donation. The St. John's Produce Stand has been a great success. To this date, we've raised almost \$300 and we'll be able to meet our goal of sending a couple goats or sheep to a family across the globe who will use it to make a living. Extra produce on Sunday has been donated to the Thurmont Food Bank, and there will also be money left to donate to the Food Bank. Evidently there are plenty of green thumbs (and generous hearts) here at our church!

Personally, it's also been a real treat for me to be able to buy fresh produce for Sunday dinner for my husband and myself and not have to make an extra stop on the way home. My husband isn't much of a vegetable eater, but he did enjoy the mashed potatoes I made with the fresh potatoes someone donated and he unwittingly ate what he thought was "spice cake"—zucchini bread I made when I had sautéed about as much zucchini as I could possibly eat. My very favorite vegetable this year, though, and each year I've been here, is the Famous Angleberger tomatoes. Once you taste one of those, you're spoiled for life—they are sweet and plump and so flavorful that any other tomato pales in comparison. To tell you the truth, I've saved the seeds from tomatoes Gloria gave me other years and they've grown okay in the small patch of sunlight I have in my front yard. I've actually gotten a couple tomatoes, but they're just not as good.

The trouble with tomatoes, though, especially those delicious ones, is that there's only that way-too-short three to four weeks at the end of summer you can have them. They can be canned or preserved, but it's just not the same as the ones I eat as soon as I drop my purse and bag on the floor Sunday afternoon and eat at the kitchen counter before I even say hello to my husband. I eat and eat them—with eggs for breakfast, on my sandwich for lunch and as a side with just a little salt with dinner. I know that this is a treat and blessing that I can have for just a short season, and that I have to get as much of them as I can because, unlike those way-tasteless tomatoes I get at the grocery store, they won't last long.

The writer of Ecclesiastes may never have tasted a Famous Angleberger Tomato, but he knew something about just how fleeting both the good and the difficult can be and

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the need to be in that moment of joy when God gives it. He wrote in words that are familiar to most of us, but never lose their impact:

**For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.**

There's no doubt that we often live with anxiety about the future and regret about the past. There's no doubt that so many people are carrying burdens that are heavy and will never really be lifted in this life. But God has promised that there will also be those moments when joy is as sweet as an August tomato, and God wants us to relish and enjoy and know that those joys are a gift.

As the days shorten and the seasons change, may you be blessed with the knowledge that it's all pure gift. May you know that when burdens are great, God is there to help you through, just as when the joy is sweet, God delights with you.

And, yes, I do have some of those seeds saved for next Spring.

Peace,
Pastor Susan+



“Rally Day” Sunday — September 13!

We return to our **regular schedule of worship** at 8:30 a.m. (traditional) and 10:45 (casual), with **Sunday School** resuming at 9:40 a.m. for all ages, 3-adult. Ages 3-elementary school will meet in the downstairs Preschool room, and middle and high school classes will be held in the upstairs classrooms. Adult Education will be held in our newly-renovated Corbett Chapel, beginning with food, fun, fellowship on September 13. Registration forms will be available, and all are all invited to attend and to bring a friend!

If you have any questions or to volunteer, contact Pastor Susan at 301-271-7877 or Marcia Andersen, Coordinator, at 443-918-8119.



Bible on Tap: Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Shamrock Pub. We will begin a study of the life and letters of the apostle Paul. Bring your Bible and a thirst for knowledge!

Worship planning for both services is set for Friday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us and give input on the worship and hymns.

Worship and Picnic in the Park — September 6, 10:00 a.m.



On Sunday, September 6, we will gather at the Thurmont Community Park (Small Pavilion) for worship at 10:00 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch. The main dish (along with plates and utensils) will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share . . . and relax and enjoy the fellowship!!!

Next Church Council meets Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Social Ministry Team will be meeting to firm up plans for fall and winter events on Thursday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Frederick Wegmans café section. This team has great fun doing good in our community and across the world. Please feel free to join the group for dinner and planning.

Ecumenical service at St Catherine's: September 27, 2:30 p.m., in the activities room. Help is always needed with the service and transporting residents. If you can help, please let Pastor Susan know.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



St. John's Christian Preschool will begin its 48th year of bringing quality Christian education to the Thurmont area. School will begin on Tuesday, September 8 with a staggered schedule. School hours are from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

We are pleased to welcome back our teachers:

- Ann Kruhm - Teacher, two- and four-year-olds
- Tammy Tingler - Teacher, three-year-olds
- Janice Grams - Assistant Teacher, two- and four-year-olds
- Mariah Beard - Assistant Teacher, three-year-olds
- Stacey Shriner - Aide, three-year-olds
- Rachel Mosiychuk - Aide, two-year-olds
- Ann Kruhm is also our Education Coordinator

Members of the Preschool Board are Stacey Brown-Hobbs, Chairperson; Cathy Delauter; Wanda Mathias; Gayle Spahr; and Dottie Valentine. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS — August 13, 2015

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS: September 10 and October 8, 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- A) Concerns regarding services in the Corbett Chapel were reviewed. Further discussion tabled for now until more council members are present.
- B) The refrigerator is now working. However, there is some condensation that is forming in front of the unit. Please use caution if floor is wet.

New Business:

- A) Worship and Planning was discussed; specifically, the use of Corbett Chapel for services in winter months and also the institution of one service vs. two service times. It is the opinion of the Council to keep services as they are currently scheduled. The use of Corbett Chapel for services will be brought to the congregation for vote in January.
- B) Preschool would like to remove the piano from their classroom area. It was decided, however, that it should remain in the Preschool area.

Open Discussion:

- A) The Prayer Kiosk is not being used; discussion of what to do with it to free up that space. Pastor advised that the Food Bank seemed to use the Kiosk and it was suggested that we may want to look into moving it to the new Food Bank location. Discussion tabled until the next Council meeting.
- B) A Nominating Committee should have been elected during the January 2015 Congregational Meeting (as Old Business carried over from the November 2014 Meeting). However, this was not done. Five people are currently identified: Brian Getz, Carol Donovan, Carolyn Fraley, Connie Fox, John Ford. One more person is needed. Discussion tabled until next Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Donovan, Secretary

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Volunteers are still needed for completing renovations in the Corbett Chapel. Please contact Mary Lou Royer at 717-655-5083 if you are able to help, especially if you can be available at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, for setting up heavy furniture, etc. Also, donations of church-related artifacts for decorating would be appreciated. ... Many thanks to those folks who have already donated their time and talents to beautify this sacred space!

THE KENYA CONNECTION

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer. I'm sorry I wasn't able to get an article written for the July Newsletter before I left on vacation. I will try to make up for it now. We've Got Mail!!!! In late May, we received responses to our Pen Pal letters. I would like to share a portion of Joshua's e-mail to me: "Please find attached e-mail letters from the students. Thank you for sending them out here and the joy to our students. How I wish you were here to see them with the letters. To some, this was the first time to get to read a letter. Thank you very much."

Here are some excerpts from the girls' letters:

- Having a look at the letter you sent for me, made a lot of joy reign all over me until my classmates were amazed.
- I am age 15, and in all my daily activities, God is my guide and I truly uphold to His teaching.
- I remember when I had finished grade 8 and ready to join high school, my father had no money to pay for the school fees needed. I was almost going to stick at home and not further my studies as per my expectations, when my dad managed to talk with the director to facilitate my learning. He did accept, and joining Lenana was miraculous. Miracles are real.
- Life at Lenana Girl's is wonderful. It is rainy season. We plant different crops on specific days. This helps our school to have enough food.
- I am doing well in my education and I would like to be a doctor in future. I believe that education can take me places where I have dreamt of.
- My mother died seven years ago when we all were living together. Life was not so easy and my parents would struggle for us to eat or to go to school. My mother died because we did not have enough money to pay for her medication.

I think you can see that most of these girls have suffered through difficult struggles at home, but they are all very thankful to be in school at Lenana to continue their education. They are also very excited to be communicating with pen pals from the United States. I encourage each of you to continue your correspondence with your pen pals and hopefully you will receive letters in return. If you need any help in doing this, please feel free to contact me. There are still a couple of letters I'm trying to get from Joshua. I haven't forgotten you, Kenny and Olivia.

This month, I would also like to share with you the great accomplishment of my friend Benard. Benard was the Chaplain at Pathfinder Academy when we were there. Before I left, he expressed his desire to return to the University to complete his last two semesters for his B.A. in Theology. Benard has struggled 40 years towards getting his degree, and during his last semester, he had to do research in the field and write a paper to complete his course work. I sponsored Benard for his last two semesters because I felt that it was a great investment that would ultimately touch many lives in Kenya, and bring the word of God to those with little hope. He will be graduating from Bugema University in Uganda (this is a Seventh-Day Adventist school) on October 25th. His greatest dream is to have his family and friends at his graduation to celebrate with him. He is one of nine children and his father died when he was seven years old. His mother is still living and is 87 years old. He has a wife, Judith; a daughter, Dorothy, who is in high school; and two sons, Alfa and Melchizedek, who are attending school at Pathfinder Academy by the grace of Joshua.

If you would like to contribute towards Benard's dream to get his family to graduation, you can see me at church or send your donation to me at Lisa Riffle, 26 Vista Ave., Thurmont, MD 21788. I will be sending the donations by Western Union at the end of September. Please open your hearts and show this family some American generosity.

Blessings to all,
Lisa

NEWS FROM THE THURMONT THESPIANS

Auditions for Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" will be September 1st at 7:00 p.m. and September 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church. This play, directed by Matt Bannister, is based on the Biblical story of Job set in modern-day terms by the best writer of comic theatre today. The setting of the play is a Long Island mansion, and the household consists of a pious, God-fearing tycoon named Joe Benjamin and his family. ... If you have always wanted to give acting a try – now is your chance!! The play has a set of twins, a mother, a father, an older brother, an eccentric angel (which could be a man or a woman).....does that sound like fun, or what??

The Thurmont Thespians' book sale was a rousing success with a sell-out for soup and tons of books being moved both up and down the steps; lots sold and going out the door as well as a good donation for India. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Seussical Jr was a rousing success in July and is the first show to make money since "Smoke On the Mountain". We will be making a donation to the Thurmont Library to buy children's books. Becca Richards' direction was wonderful and Rosalyn Smaldone shone as Stage Manager. The kids did a quick little bit at the Library after the fact which was great fun and gave us some exposure and they sure loved getting together again.

Speaking of "Smoke on the Mountain," there is a rumor the Thespians might be bringing that same cast to do "**Sanders Family Christmas**" to St. John's in December – what an exciting thought that is. Stay tuned for the latest scoop on that thought!! Kelli Donaghue at her best direction!!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FELLOWSHIP PROVIDERS' SCHEDULE

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>THURMONT THESPIANS</u>
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>SOCIAL MINISTRY</u>
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>WORSHIP & MUSIC</u>
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>FUNDRAISING</u>
<u>MAY</u>	<u>WOMEN OF THE CHURCH</u>
<u>JUNE</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<u>JULY</u>	<u>(No Luncheon)</u>
<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>(No Luncheon)</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>PICNIC</u>
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YOUTH/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL</u>
<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u>

The provider of the month will bring the main dish
(sandwiches or whatever dish desired).

YOU MADE US WAIT

(from the column entitled *From Olives to Apples*)
by Ann Marie Bezayiff

“See the haze over the mountains? It’s dust from the Sahara Desert, blown in on the Trade Winds.” Naomi pointed through the tour bus window. “Causes allergies for us Puerto Ricans.”

Suddenly quiet, Naomi skillfully scooted our twenty-passenger van across three lanes of traffic and onto another hotel driveway. There our petite, energetic driver jumped out her side door and checked in ten more tourists. We continued on for two more stops before entering the highway and making our way towards our final destination, the El Yunque Rainforest. She filled the thirty-minute drive with not only facts about the island but her own personal connections to Puerto Rico.

She described herself as a typical Islander: part Taino Indian, Spanish, and African. “The Spanish were cruel,” she shared. “And introduced enslaved Africans into the New World.” She quickly moved on and spoke with pride about the rainforest, its history, flora and fauna, and the cooling pools of water at the bottom of our trail.

Once we’d arrived at the forest, Naomi checked in at the entry gate and continued driving until she negotiated a parking space along the edge of a two-lane road. Then she walked the entire group down to the bottom of the trail where we found the waterfalls and the deep, rocky pools beneath. At that point she spoke to each of us individually and pointed to a trail on the opposite side of the pool.

“Take that trail. Don’t go back the way we came. I’ll meet you in the parking lot above. You have forty-five minutes before you need to start back up the trail.” With that she returned to the trail we’d just left and disappeared through the lush, tropical ferns.

The waterfall pool was cooling and refreshing and the rocks slippery and smooth, but just right for sunbathing. Too soon the minutes passed. We dried off and followed the trail Naomi had designated.

She was right on-time and met us in the parking lot. Our group watched, amazed, as she maneuvered the van into a tiny parking area. Then the door flew open and we boarded the van.

“Did you have a good time?” she asked as we boarded the van. “Are we all here?” Several minutes passed before she realized three people were missing. She read off her check list and discovered Mandy Herold and her two sons hadn’t returned. No one had her cellphone number and the signal was weak anyway. So after checking her watch for a third time, Naomi decided it was time to leave. “Hopefully Mandy is waiting for me at the start of the trail but that will take some time. Tell you what I’ll do. I’ll leave all of you off for lunch and drive back to the beginning of the trail. If she’s not there, I’ll hike down to the pools again.”

The hungry group was pleased with the idea. So Naomi dropped us off at a Puerto Rican take-out in the middle of the forest, and we enjoyed our authentic Puerto Rican lunch and tropical fruit juices and rum-infused drinks.

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Thirty minutes later, Naomi arrived and joined us for lunch. “I found them at the beginning of the trail, waiting. They’re not eating but are waiting in the back of the bus, really mad, fuming.”

“Why are they mad?”

“Mandy told me, *if you knew where we were, why did you make us wait so long? You could have picked us up sooner.*”

We finished our lunch and headed back to San Juan. We all watched with interest as the three stragglers left the bus and entered their hotel. Mandy went right to the concierge and started yelling, pounding her fist. The concierge behind the counter listened patiently, not responding.

“Naomi, can we write you a letter or something?” passengers offered.

“Thank you, no. I’ll handle it.” She drove the tour bus out of the drop-off area and onto the road. She spoke softly, “The first time in my three years.”

I’ll be the first one to admit that I’m in the Mandy camp when it comes to following directions. I’m a terrible listener. However, Mandy took the situation to another level. She was going to do everything possible to hurt Naomi, even get her fired, because she had to wait too long to be picked up. Shifting blame was easier than Mandy admitting her own mistake. The real issue is she hadn’t listened. Her fault.

Most of us don’t follow directions or listen very well. We just aren’t good listeners and certainly don’t like taking responsibility for our own missteps. God knows that about us. So He gave us some specific directions to help us out, like the Ten Commandments. He also shared the Old Testament stories which are filled with examples of humans who fell short of his expectations. Who can be perfect before God? Not one of us. So, out of love for us, He sent his son to suffer and die, so that we might understand true forgiveness.

Even though we stubbornly refuse to listen and insist on walking the wrong path, time and time again, he’ll always be at the trailhead waiting for us with compassion and forgiveness.

A few thoughts on the advantages of listening:

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom. *Proverbs 19:20*
Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. *James 1:19*

Worship assistants/participants needed: We are very much in need of people willing to be welcomers, acolytes, readers and prayer leaders, especially at the second service. If you are able to serve our church in this way, please call the church office at 301-271-7877. Thank you.

Greetings from Recent St. John's Graduates

Hello from Guatemala!

Hi Saint John's, Sarah Johnson here! I have a prayer request.

Guatemala is in the midst of a groundswell of public outcry against the involvement of the president in a \$120 million bribery and corruption scandal, and people of all political affiliations and economic classes are calling for his resignation and electoral reform. Please join me and the Guatemalan Roman Catholic Church in the following prayer:

"Lord, we give thanks for those who speak truth to power. We pray that you create through us a new Guatemala. Give us the strength to break free from the cycle of corruption, impunity, and conflict that controls this nation. Let peace and justice take root and blossom here in the weeks and months to come. In Jesus' name, amen."

Thanks!

Paz,
Sarah



Hello Everyone!

Just wanted to let everyone know that my first week of college was amazing! While it has been very busy and stressful, I have already met a lot of new friends and some great professors. I am rooming with a friend from Thurmont. We are getting along great so far and I am very happy with our dorm. I have not yet started classes but I am confident that I will do great. Thank you everyone for being supportive. My fall break is October 16-October 20. I can't wait to come home and see everyone! I will try to send updates every few months. I miss you all!

Much love,
Sarah Getz

9/1 Marie Seiss
 9/5 Wendell Zentz
 9/11 Amy Delauter
 9/17 Mary Lou Royer
 9/18 Dottie Valentine
 9/20 Sharon Lewis
 9/21 Rick May
 9/24 Becky Carpenter
 9/25 Rev. Susan Beck
 9/25 Carolyn Fraley
 9/27 Brian Fox
 9/29 Kurt Johnson
 9/30 Brandon Humerick

**SEPTEMBER
 &
 OCTOBER
 BIRTHDAYS**

10/1 Dylan Goins
 10/1 Mitchell Unger
 10/4 Melinda Jarvis
 10/6 Delilah Miller Fox
 10/10 Kaitlin Mueller
 10/12 Eric Royer
 10/18 Jessica Zentz
 10/26 Donald Creager
 10/26 Kevin Fox
 10/27 Kendel Pfister
 10/28 John Ford
 10/30 Barbara Roderick



Please remember in your prayers . . .

ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

Marie Seiss Janet Heckert
 Luke Bradley Dorothy Stowell
 Belle Grimes Ruth Barry

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dale Wireman - friend of Debbie Ayers
 Jeremy Hahn
 Larry Haga—family of Becky Smith
 Kevin Orndorff— son-in-law of Debbie Ayers
 Michele Myers—niece of Harriet Valentine
 Rick Baker - brother of Darlene Fogle and Debbie Ayers
 Kelly Heath – family of Belle Grimes
 Jesse Wolf – family of Belle Grimes
 Jacob and Edna Matthias – family of Belle Grimes
 Rev. Frederick Simmel – former Pastor of St. John's
 Betty Post – sister of Gayle Spahr and Judy May
 Marge Dolson – friend of Gayle Spahr
 Lauren Jones – stepdaughter of Carol Donovan
 Brian Murphy – friend of Carol Donovan
 Debbie Ayers – sister of Darlene Fogle
 Barb Burkhardt – sister of Nancy Riffle
 Eugene Myers – brother of Gloria Angleberger and Rodman Myers
 Debbie Ayers— sister of Darlene Fogle
 Sheryl Porter – sister-in-law of Gayle Spahr and Judy May
 Philip Bishop – friend of Carolyn Fraley
 Josh Kerr – friend of Gayle Spahr
 Robert Spencer and Melinda Davis
 Deborah Smith – aunt of Amy McGuire

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Dylan Goins Josh Waldron Brandon Meek

September 2015 Worship Assistants' Schedule

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>WELCOMERS</u>	<u>ALTAR</u>
9/6	10:00 a.m.	<u>ONE SERVICE IN PARK – Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Potluck Picnic Following</u>			
9/13	8:30 a.m.	S. Brown-Hobbs	C. Fraley	H. & R. Valentine	L. Riffle
9/20	8:30 a.m.	B. Riffle	L. Riffle	L. & N. Riffle	L. Riffle
9/27	8:30 a.m.	S. Dart	S. Brown-Hobbs	D. & D. Valentine	L. Riffle

SING & REJOICE SERVICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>WELCOMERS</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
9/6	10:00 a.m.	<u>ONE SERVICE IN PARK – Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Potluck Picnic Following</u>		
9/13	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	B. Riffle	T. & A. Hauk	C. Kreitz
9/20	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	C. Donovan	T. & A. Mumm	B. Riffle
9/27	<u>10:45 a.m.</u>	K. Donaghue	C. Fox M. L. Royer	G. Spahr

**** Please Note ****

*If you cannot be present on the assigned date,
be sure to trade with another assistant. Thank you!*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Auditions "God's Favorite" 7:00 p.m.	2 Auditions "God's Favorite" 4:00 p.m.	3 Bible on Tap at Shamrock 7:00 p.m.	4 Worship and Music Meeting 10:30 a.m.	5
6 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Town Park followed by potluck Picnic	7	8	9	10 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 "Rally Day" Traditional Worship — 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Sing & Rejoice 10:45	14	15	16	17 Social Ministry Dinner Meeting 5:00 p.m. at Wegmans	18	19
20 Traditional Worship — 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Sing & Rejoice 10:45	21 Preschool Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27 Traditional Worship — 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Sing & Rejoice 10:45 St. Catherine's Service — 2:30	28	29	30			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible on Tap at Shamrock 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4 <u>One Service</u> Sing & Rejoice 10:45	5	6	7	8 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11 <u>COLORFEST</u> 8:30 a.m. ONE SERVICE ONLY	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Traditional Worship — 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Sing & Rejoice 10:45 Hauk Family Event—1:30-5:00 Fellowship Hall	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Traditional Worship — 8:30 Sunday School 9:40 Sing & Rejoice 10:45	26	27	28	29	30	31

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“Loved by God ... to love others!”
Ministers: The People of St. John’s
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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:30 AM Traditional Worship
9:40 AM Sunday School, all ages
10:45 AM Sing & Rejoice Worship



*Please submit articles for the
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September 18.*