



## Candlelight Tour

The Fairfield County Heritage Association will host its annual Candlelight Tour on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 from 6 until about 9:30 p.m. The evening will open with simultaneous choir performances at the First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church and end at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. In between, guests will visit St. John's Episcopal Church, Emanuel Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, First English Lutheran Church, and Mill's Memorial United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the tour. Children ages 5 to 12 are \$4. Advance sale tickets may be purchased at Fairfield National Bank branches, Kroger East, Meijer, Sherman House and Georgian museums and the night of the tour at the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Tickets are non-refundable. Tour goers are advised to wear comfortable shoes, dress warmly and bring a flashlight. A van is available for those who have difficulty walking by calling in advance 740-654-9923.

## Parish Health Ministry Conference Refresh Your Soul—2018 Positive Aging

**Monday, March 12, 2018 — 9a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The conference this year features keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Chapman, Ph.D. Dr. Chapman is a bestselling author, inspirational speaker, marriage counselor, and a highly respected pastor. He is well known internationally for his bestselling book, *The Five Love Languages*, which has sold over 10 million copies and translated into 50 languages. He will describe how to deal effectively with our failures to support healthy relationships and positive aging through the five languages of apology. He will share how to discover our own apology language and that of others. We will learn what forgiveness does and does not do. Three other speakers will share their knowledge about positive aging.

The conference location is The Cintas Center at Xavier University, 1624 Herald Ave., Cincinnati. All registrations include continental breakfast, box lunch and event materials. The cost is \$59 or \$85 for those needing contact hours.

See the brochure on the reception room bulletin board for further information or contact Fr. Bill or Mary Oehler.

## Stewardship Pledge Cards

Stewardship is an important part of a healthy church. Pledges help the budget committee and vestry to have an accurate idea of the funding St. John's will have to care for our beautiful place of worship and to forward our mission in the new year and to plan accordingly.

We ask that all of you take the time to prayerfully consider pledging funds to the church for 2018 and returning a completed pledge card by **Sunday, December 10th**. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the back of the church. If you would like a card to be mailed to you or have any questions, please contact the church office at (740) 653-3052 or e-mail the financial secretary at [finance@stjohnlanaster.org](mailto:finance@stjohnlanaster.org)

## 2018 Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention has been a two day event for some time, if not for all of the Diocese's existence. Its location rotated from Dayton to Columbus to Cincinnati from year to year. This made it expensive and difficult for lay delegates from churches in southeastern Ohio to attend. So at this year's convention, it was decided to alternate between a two day convention and a one day convention. So in 2018, the Diocesan Convention will be held on one day only, Saturday, November 3, at the Diocese's Proctor Center, 11235 St. Rt. 38 SE. London, OH 43140. (You can learn more about Proctor Center at <http://proctercenter.org/>). Every church in the Diocese can send delegates to the convention, which include clergy and lay delegates. If you are interested in being a lay delegate, and the one day format and the central location would make it easier for you to be a lay delegate, please contact Mark Conrad at 740-243-4933 or [mconrad92@gmail.com](mailto:mconrad92@gmail.com). Mark has been a lay delegate for St. Johns for three years, so if you have any questions about what it means to be a lay delegate, you can ask him.

**Birthdays**

- 1 Bruce Beebe
- 3 Nickie Leckrone
- 5 Katie Kittle
- 6 Ralph Kittle
- 7 Sandie York
- 11 Nathan Campbell
- 12 Chris Hurdley
- 13 Jessie Smith
- 18 Deacon Don Eager
- 21 Barbara Mohler
- 25 Milt Taylor
- 26 Ruth Whiley
- 27 Carol Uhl
- 30 Tom Hammer  
David Walker
- 31 Alanna Hurdley

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Mike and Barbara Parker (79)
- 9 Matthew and Ashley Canter (06)
- 12 Doug and Kirsten Carr (98)
- 28 Lloyd and Katie Kittle (02)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 4 Mike Parker (41)
- 7 Libby Garbrandt (08)
- 8 Kim Carter (68)
- 13 David Berner (53)
- 22 Sarah Perlow (57)  
Mary Shook (74)  
Jack Warnett (71)
- 23 Steve Wood (69)
- 30 Katie Kittle (79)  
Fran Utley (17)
- 31 Rebecca Pursley (78)

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon~2nd Wednesday**

The next Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 13h after the noon Eucharist. Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship. If transportation is needed, please contact Fr. Bill or the church office. (740-653-3052)

**December Fellowship Breakfast**

The December Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, the 3rd after the 9 a.m. service.

***Altar Guild Reminder***

The Altar Guild will decorate for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd at 10 a.m. We will also meet at 10 a.m. on December 23rd to change the bows and hangings and place the poinsettias. Please plan to attend as many hands will be very helpful.

**Hospice Cookie Walk**

The Cookie Walk for Hospice will be Saturday, Dec. 2nd in the undercroft from 8 a.m. until noon. If you would like to contribute cookies, you may drop them off Thursday, Nov. 30th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. or on Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. You may also bring them in early on Saturday. If you have questions, please call Mark Perrine at 740-438-4817.


**2017 Pledge Reminders**

All contributions toward 2017 pledges must be received by December 31, 2017 in order to appear on your 2017 giving statement. If you have any questions regarding your pledge, please contact Janet Kling at 740-653-3052 or by e-mail at [finance@stjohnlancastr.org](mailto:finance@stjohnlancastr.org).

**Merry Christmas**

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8-12 Hospice Cookie Walk 10 a.m. Altar Guild deco- rating
3 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellow- ship Breakfast	4 7:00P Choral Evensong	5 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	6 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	7	8	9 6 p.m. Can- dlelight Tour
10 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	11 7:00P Choral Evensong	12 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	13 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Lunch.	14	15	16
17 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	18 7:00P Choral Evensong	19 8:00P AA Meeting	20 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	21 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	22	23
24 9:00 Morn. Pr. 10:00 Coffee Hour 8:00 P Choral Eucharist	25 11:00 HC  <b>Christmas Blessings!</b>	26 8:00P AA Meeting	27 12:00 HC	28	29	30
31 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour						

## December 2017 Serving Schedule

<b>December 3</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Shawn Dyer & Holly Coffill	Isaiah 64:1-9
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 80:1-18
Lectors	Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss	I Corinthians 1:3-9
Ushers	Steve Messerly & Steve Wood	Mark 13:24-37
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe	Set-up: All Members
<b>December 10</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Isaiah 40:1-11
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter & Joanna Carr	Psalm 85:1-13
Lectors	Frankie Mathias & Caitlyn Hurdley	2 Peter 3:8-15
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Mark 1:1-8
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
<b>December 17</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Isaiah 61:1-11
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 126
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Joan Ream	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Ushers	Steve Wood & Steve Messerly	John 1:19-28
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
<b>December 24 9 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers		2 Samuel 7:1-16
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter	Psalm 89:19-52
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Luke 1:26-38
Altar Guild	Sally Stallsmith & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Mid Hall & Gita Sadoni
<b>Dec 24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>**8:00 PM Carols &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Ivan Smith & Robin Harris	Isaiah 9:2-7
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Joanna Carr	Psalm 96
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Frankie Mathias	Titus 2:11-14
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Steve Wood	Luke 2:1-20
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up:
<b>Dec 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>11:00 AM Holy Communion</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Isaiah 52:7-10
Acolytes		Psalm 98
Lectors		Hebrews 1:1-12
Ushers		John 1:1-14
Altar Guild		Set-up:
<b>December 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Lay Readers	Mark Conrad & Frankie Mathias	Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Joanna Carr	Psalm 147
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Joan Ream	Galatians 3:23-4:7
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Steve Wood	John 1:1-18
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Janet Kling	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

**\*\*If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a replacement from your previous list. If you cannot find a replacement, please let Fr. Pursley know by Saturday evening (740-215-3900).**

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF**

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For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's  
sermons, visit St. John's website  
[www.stjohnlancaster.org](http://www.stjohnlancaster.org)