



ST. JOHN'S JOURNEY UPDATE

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A Note from Tom

Sometimes, there simply are no words...

The recent shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas has left me struggling with my own emotions. Am I sad? Am I angry? Am I disgusted? As this week rolls on, I'm not sure what I feel. But whichever emotion it is, I know that it is strong. Our normal routine in America is to express outrage when the shooting occurs, and then let it die down until the next shooting. But this one seems particularly heinous.

Heinous because the 18-year-old shooter—Salvador Ramos—squeezed off a stunning 100 rounds on his way to killing 21 people, including two teachers and 19 children. Heinous because the police chose to wait an hour and 15 minutes before unlocking the door and confronting the shooter. Heinous because at least two students in the room made 911 calls during the assault, and Miah Cerrillo, 11, survived the shooting by reportedly smearing blood on herself as she watched her friends and teacher being killed.

No words.

So this time, the emotion is not dying down. In fact, I'd say it's building up as more information comes to light. I was furious to read today that the director of public safety for the state of Texas

said, "From the benefit of hindsight...of course it was not the right decision [waiting]. It was the wrong decision."

Ya think?

When the shooting took place at Oxford (MI), it struck me how close to home it was. Now, the dust has barely settled in Oxford and we are confronted with another tragedy. Oxford students are immediately thrust back into the horror of their own experience. Forced to face horror and sadness all over again.

I believe in America. I do. I believe that we can overcome this ridiculous amount of violence. When our constitution was written, it was written with the idea that our country had to be able to grow and change. And the founding fathers were quite right. In 1920, Prohibition went into effect. Many Americans felt that alcohol should be banned and so we tried it. Alcohol *was* banned for 12 years. Ultimately, Prohibition was repealed. We learned that it didn't work. But at least we *tried*.

It is time to *try* to ban assault-style weapons.* Time to make it impossible for an 18 year old to casually stroll into a local gun dealer and buy two AR-style rifles and a whopping 375 rounds of ammunition without any kind of a permit.

Time to do *something*.

With every blessing...

Tom+

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Happy Birthday...

Bob Miller

Dear Friends,

Summer has arrived and St. John's is giving it a grand kick-off. First, there's Pentecost Sunday which is not only the birthday of the church, but our annual congregational picture day too. Wear something red and bring your best smile. Then there's our Music Night on June 11th – it will be a lovely concert and we're hoping you can come and bring a friend or two. Not only will they hear some good music, but we'll have treats too! You know we can't have a special get-together without food, right? We're starting a new approach to Morning Prayer (see article in this issue). And we're sponsoring a young lady to the Skyline Summer Camp later this summer. After the long, cold winter, we're definitely on the move!

And we're on our knees too. The war in the Ukraine and the tragedy in Texas have touched our hearts. We yearn to comfort those who have been wounded in any way by these events. We trust that God will show us how to help, how to protect and how to love. May we make this a summer where we pray for anyone drawn to violence or wounded by violence. May we find a way to bring God's peace to our world.



Blessings and Peace
Becky

PENTECOST

June 11th – A Birthday celebration for the Church.
Wear something RED! Be ready for a congregational picture!



Spring Clean-up

Tuesday, June 8

10 am to 12 noon

Please bring gloves and a tin or two of elbow grease!

How this for a slogan?

“St. John’s does good, like all churches should”

OK – maybe you can do better? We’re asking everyone to create and share a short phrase or a few sentences that they think might be a good slogan for our church. ALL entries are good – don’t be shy. Materials to write your entry and post it can be found in the Parish Hall. This is fun and thought provoking – give it a try! We will “vote” on our favorites in late June.



What are you reading this summer?

Looking for recommendations for a good summer read. Send your suggestions to Becky at heislerbecky52@gmail.com.

She’ll be sure to share them in the July newsletter. Happy Summer Reading!



The Classic Chorale
Women’s Ensemble presenting
A Variety of Choral Music
Saturday, June 11th at 7pm
Free Will offering benefits the Ukraine
Relief Fund of the Episcopal Church

A graphic featuring musical notation on a staff. The staff is curved and contains various notes, rests, and clefs. A large treble clef is prominent, with a heart shape inside it. The background is light with soft bokeh effects.

Serving God:

Worship

Belong

Reach Out

Almighty God, we seek your grace, healing and balm is the face of the unspeakable evil wrought on innocent children and teachers in Uvalde, Texas. We lift to your loving embrace the souls of the nineteen children and two teachers who were killed on Tuesday. We ask for your healing presence among those who are injured and for all the children and families of Uvalde. We commend to your care and guiding light those who tend to those who have been murdered and injured, and their families and friends — medical care workers, nurses, physicians, first-responders, counselors, clergy and communities of faith.

We ask for the healing of our nation. As we pray once again for those who have been lost by gun violence, may our petitions lead us to action, that we will be vessels of change and peace. We ask that you guide and govern our public officials and all of our people to make this world a safer place for all children. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

Uvalde

LAMENT AND HOPE, LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

A Service of Evening Prayer for the Community of Uvalde

Thursday, May 26th

6:00 p.m.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

343 North Getty

Uvalde, TX



Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Counting Member 1</u>	<u>Counting Member 2</u>
June 5	Mary	Sherry	Rev Manney	Sherry Wagner	Jack	Becky
June 12	Ina		Kitty	Wes Wagester	Ina	Neil
June 19	Margaret	Neil	Rev Manney	Becky Foster	Becky	Wes
June 26	Tammy		Neil	Ida Lynn Dodd	Neil	Jack
July 3	Rachel	Tammy	Rev Manney	Mary Cameron	Wes	Ina
July 10	Darlene	Corinne	Rev Cavin	Becky Foster	Jack	Becky
July 17	Kathy	Mary	Rev Manney	Sherry Wagner	Ina	Neil
July 24	Wes		Becky	Wes Wagester	Becky	Wes
July 31	Jim		Kitty	Ina Dockham	Neil	Jack

St. John's And Skyline Summer Camp Partnership Continues



Outreach

Teen

Relief

Belief

Teen



We thought we might not be able to send someone to Skyline Summer Camp this year – our Dryden resources didn't have a candidate. But Russ Underwood contacted Iml

A Summer of Uncommon Prayer



Summer and Pentecost are seasons for growing. St. John's worship leaders have been looking at various ways to "grow" our experience of Morning Prayer. We looked at the New Zealand Prayerbook and the Scottish Prayerbook for inspiration. Then Connie Ogg told us about an approach that her church up-north had used that was very popular with members. We're calling it Uncommon Prayer. It follows the basic outline of standard

Morning Prayer BUT it's conducted by the folks in the pews. Everyone has the opportunity, if they desire, to read prayers and readings. Also, there is a time for sharing blessings and requests for prayers, even for prayers for healing. It's a simplified service – no sermon, no hymns. A quiet, relaxing time to pray, reflect and share. We're starting right after Pentecost. It may take a little time to "settle in" – we're hoping everyone will attend as regularly as summer permits. Don't worry - we will still have Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. Looking forward to a blessed summer of worship.

Table 1						
	April Actual	April Budget	Above/below budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Above/Below Budget
Total Income	\$ 5,355.36	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 85.36	\$ 25,805.87	\$ 21,080.00	\$ 4,725.87
Total Expense	\$ 6,055.22	\$ 5,087.67	\$ 967.65	\$ 17,422.94	\$ 20,350.28	\$ (2,927.34)
Net Income	\$ (699.86)	\$ 182.43	\$ (882.29)	\$ 8,382.93	\$ 729.72	\$ 7,663.21

Financial Report for Month of April

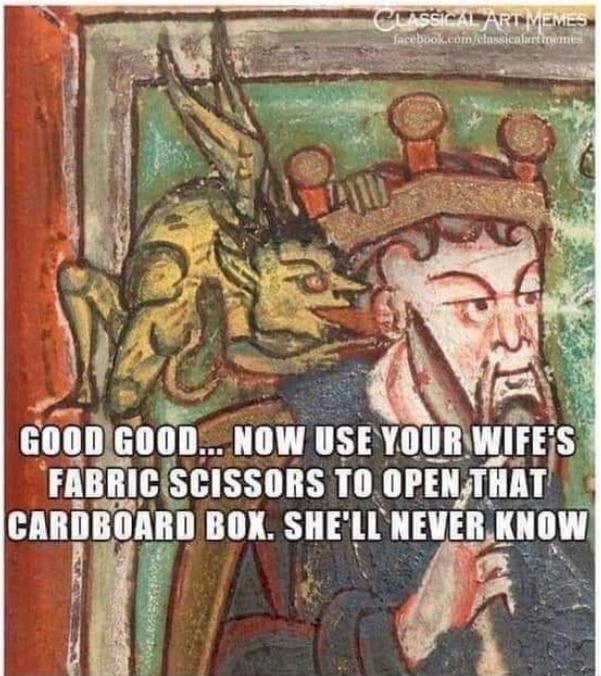
April income was lower and closer to budget levels. Income was only \$85.36 above Budget. However, YTD Total Income is still \$4,725.87 above Budget. Therefore, Total Income for the year is still about one month above the budgeted amount.

Total Expense for April was above Budget by almost one thousand dollars. YTD we are still under Budget.

As for Net Income, the result of lower income and higher expenses gave a loss position of almost \$700 for the month. However, for the year, Net Income is \$7,663.21 which gives some cushion for the future.

We will need to watch Expenses closely for the next few months. April's high Expenses could be a result of timing or cold weather.

In summary, Total Income is down in April. A return to the higher levels of Total Income experienced in January through March would assist in preparing the church to deal with higher expenses when St. John's begins to pay for clergy salary in mid-2023.



THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

IMAGINE OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY. IMAGINE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY.

IMAGINE OUR GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONS WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY. IMAGINE BUSINESS AND COMMERCE WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY.

IMAGINE THIS TIRED OLD WORLD WHEN LOVE IS THE WAY.

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

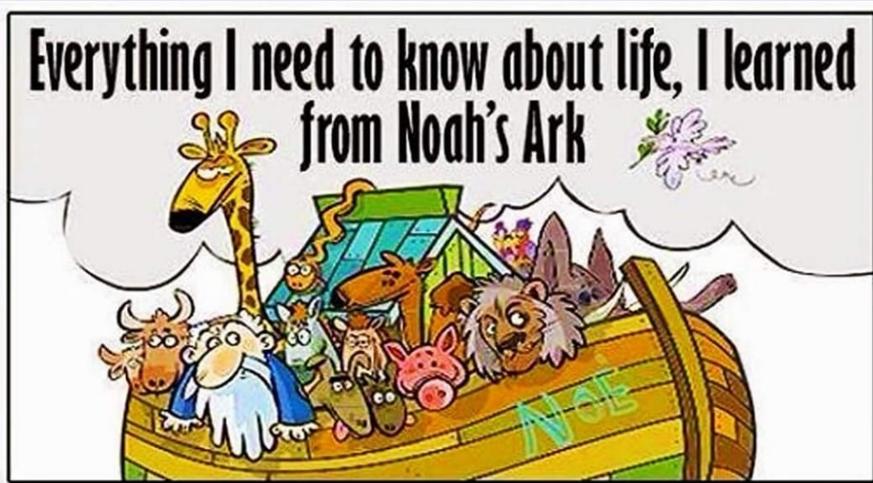
Linked Hearts		
May 2022		
We appreciate any donation of unexpired non-perishable food items and toiletries. Thank you		
Ketchup	Coffee	Pudding
Ramen Noodles	Women Deoderant	Rice Meals
Mayo	Can Ravioli	Toothpaste
Crackers	Men Deodorant	
Mustard	Dish Soap	Kleenex
Laundry Soap		
Pork & Beans	Shampoo	Paper Towels
	Any Cuts of Meat	
Cereal	Jello	Can Meats
5595 E. Main Street		
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Monday 12pm to 4pm		
Wednesday 10am to 2pm		



Special Guest Speaker, Evelyn Hoeksema of Linked Hearts

Evelyn Hoeksema of Linked heart will give an address about the work that Linked Hearts does in our community on Sunday, June 19th during our worship service.

There are several things on the Linked Hearts wish list we may be able to help them with! If you have any of these items you can donate, bring them with you to church!



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..



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