



ST. JOHN'S JOURNEY

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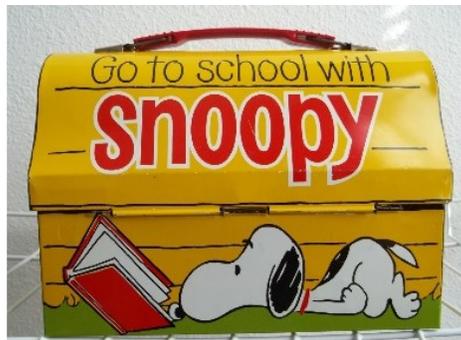
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Junior Warden
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A Note from Tom

Believe it or not, I remember distinctly my first day of school as a first grader. It was 1969 and I was off to Beacon Elementary School in Harper Woods. I had a Snoopy lunch box that looked like this:



Now to be honest, the lunchbox might be part of the reason I remember the day. But the main reason I remember it is because of the intense feeling of nervous excitement I felt. With all my years of school, college, and a 30+ year

teaching career, I had many first days. And the feeling of nervous excitement was always there. I never seemed to grow out of it. And maybe that's because there is a newness to the coming of the school year. A fresh start, a clean slate, a new opportunity to experience the joys and heartbreaks of life—all these things await us. Not just for the school children waiting at the bus stop, but for all of us. We all get to feel excited about the new school year. Because the new school year is a metaphor for our lives with God. Although we may have been through some tough times or had a bad year, we also get a fresh start. We get to put the mistakes behind us and we get to forget the unpleasant memories.

So get excited. It's a new school year! Let's make it a great one. With every blessing...

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Happy Birthday

Terry Manney
Myron Petrie
Jon Steele



Dear Friends,

I sure hope your Summer To-Do List is nearing completion. I know mine isn't. But Fall is in the air and we'll have to accept postponing some things until next year. Luckily, we're not thinking of postponing anything at St. John's. And some items have moved to the Done list even with hot weather. Have you noticed the shrubs along the back of the parking lot – they are trimmed to perfection! Thanks to the volunteers from Gateway Church and our fully recovered Jr. Warden, a group of young people and a few adults helped trim and weed our gardens FOR FREE! And then, for those who take the "back" stairs from the Parish Hall to the Sanctuary, you might notice that the landing area seems quite a bit brighter. That's thanks to Rev. Tom who channeled his inner Michelangelo to paint not just the walls, but the ceiling too! Other projects intended for later this year are making progress. Not bad for our small group.

We'll host our second concert later in September. Look for details in the following pages. This will be a fun evening with popular music presented by two talented musicians. I hope you can come. And I think we plan to restart the Taste-and-See classes in late September as well. I always look forward to those

sessions.

There is one Vestry change to report. Sadly, Jim Fry has resigned his position on the Vestry and as Treasurer due to health reasons. We enjoyed and benefited from Jim's time with us. He even drafted a 5-year budget overview to help prepare for our 2023 budget planning. We've never been that far ahead! Thank-you, Jim, for all you contributed. We hope that you and Corinne find healing and peace. Russ Underwood volunteered to fill the open position on the Vestry. Among other things, this will help us further develop the OTR program – something we've been considering for a while. Welcome, Russ, and thanks for offering to help. As for the Treasurer's position - anyone interested in this responsibility, please see me. Until a new Treasurer is named, I'll be covering the basics.



Wishing all a lovely and peaceful September.

Becky

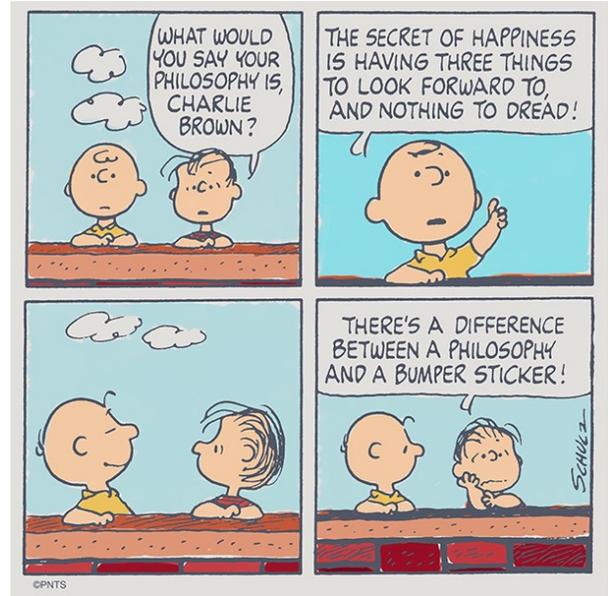
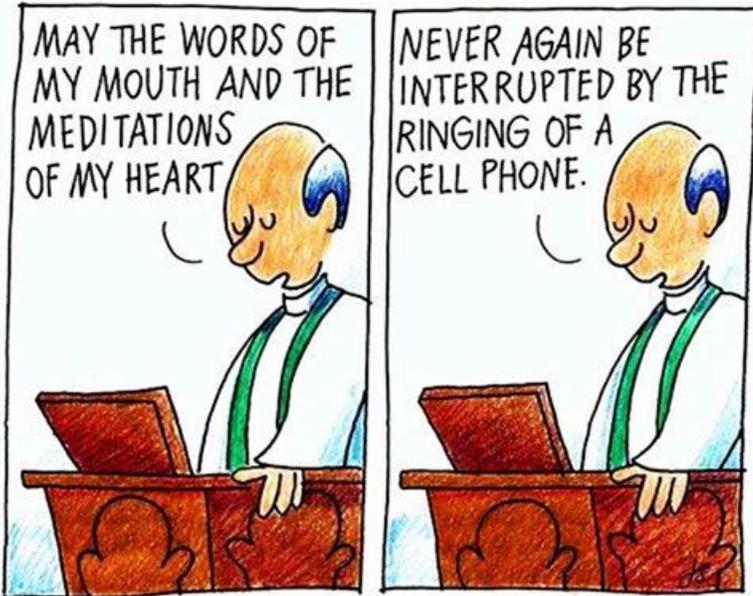


Giving Thanks for this annual treasure – Home Grown Tomatoes!



SunShine Service and Answered Prayers

Remember how we've been praying for rain these last several weeks? Well, God answered our prayers. Unfortunately, that meant that our Sunshine Service was moved indoors. And the service was just as bright inside! The pot-luck was outstanding. You might be asked if you think September would be a better time – but not sure that will reduce the risk of rain. We will try again next year. Thanks to everyone who made this year's gathering so enjoyable.

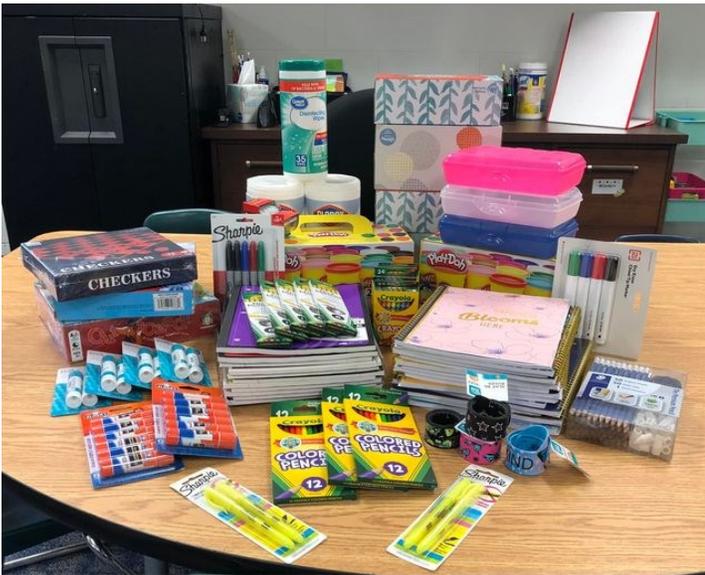


Financial Updates

July is the most recent month reviewed by the Vestry. The basic figures (full numbers only) are below:

July 2022	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Over (+) or Under (-) Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (+) or Under (-) Budget
Income	\$5,270	\$5,536	+ \$266	\$36,890	\$40,272	+ \$3,382
Expenses	\$5,179	\$5,235	+ \$56	\$36,254	\$34,979	- \$1,275
Net Profit	\$90	\$301	+ \$210	\$635	\$5,292	+ \$4,657

Our pledges have resumed hoped-for levels – thanks to everyone who made that possible. And thanks to folks who have helped control expenses. We continue to be in the black for the year. Also, we continue to build the Salary Allocation Restricted Fund intended to help us pay for clergy salary when that time comes (mid-2023). Look for a more detailed discussion of how we are preparing for that day in the October Newsletter. Meanwhile, thanks for your financial support AND for your help in so many other ways.



St. John's Gather's School Supplies

It's so much fun to buy this stuff when it's for someone else, right? We especially love to get supplies for Susan McNary's "firsties". I'm especially intrigued with the Play-Doh. I hope we get some pix showing how she uses it in her classroom. AND we also collected quite a pile of supplies for the students at Dryden High School – it filled a BIT Chewy box to overflowing. Thanks to all who participated – and prayers for a safe and fruitful year for our students.



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Ministry Schedule

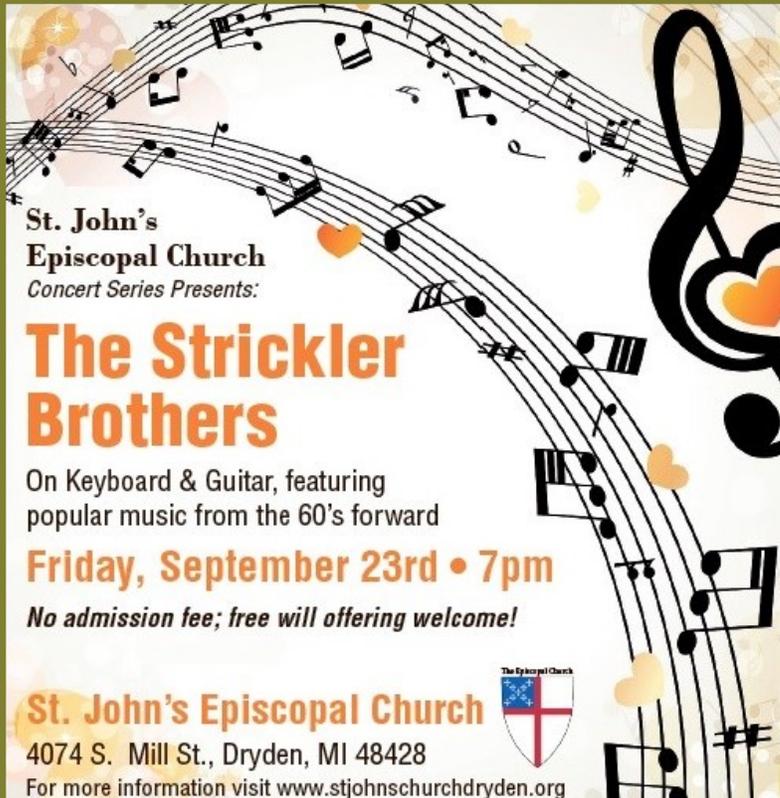
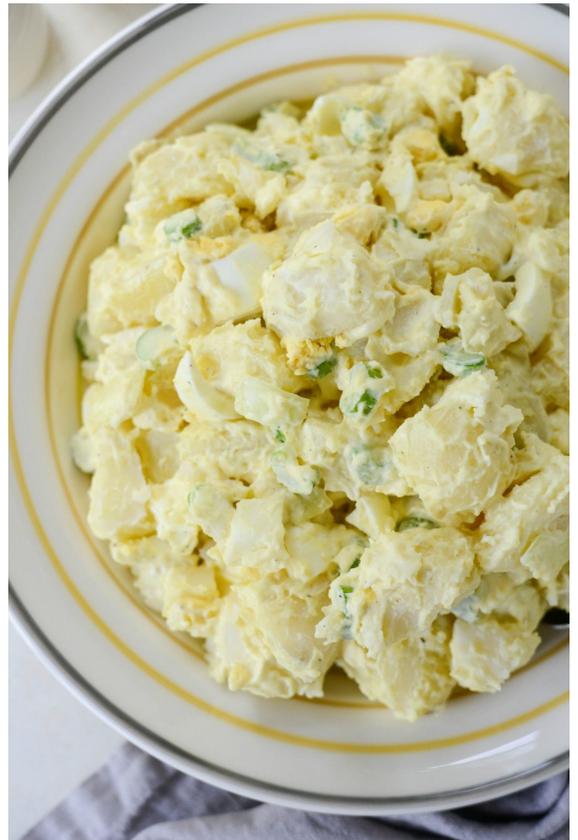
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Sep 4	Neil	Tammy	Rev Manney	Wes Wagester	Neil	Jack
Sep 11	Ina		Kitty	Ina Dockham	Wes	Ina
Sep 18	Margaret	Jack	Rev Manney	Ida Lynn Dodd	Jack	Becky
Sep 25	Tammy		Neil	Mary Cameron	Ina	Neil
Oct 2,	Rachel	Mary	Rev Manney	Becky Foster	Becky	Wes
Oct 9	Darlene		Becky	Sherry Wagner	Neil	Jack
Oct 16	Kathy	Neil	Rev Manney	Wes Wagester	Wes	Ina
Oct 23	Wes		Kitty	Ina Dockham	Jack	Becky
Oct 30	Tammy		Neil	Mary Cameron	Ina	Neil

Kathy Wagester's Potato Salad recipe

Five (5) pounds of Potatoes, Peeled,
Cooked, Cooled and Diced
Six (6) hard boiled eggs ;chopped
½ Large onion diced into small pieces
½ Cucumber, diced

Dressing:

One (1) Cup of Miracle Whip
Small amount of Salt and pepper
One (1) tablespoon of Apple Cider Vinegar
One (1) tablespoon of sugar
One (1) tablespoon of Mustard
(Add more sugar if needed)



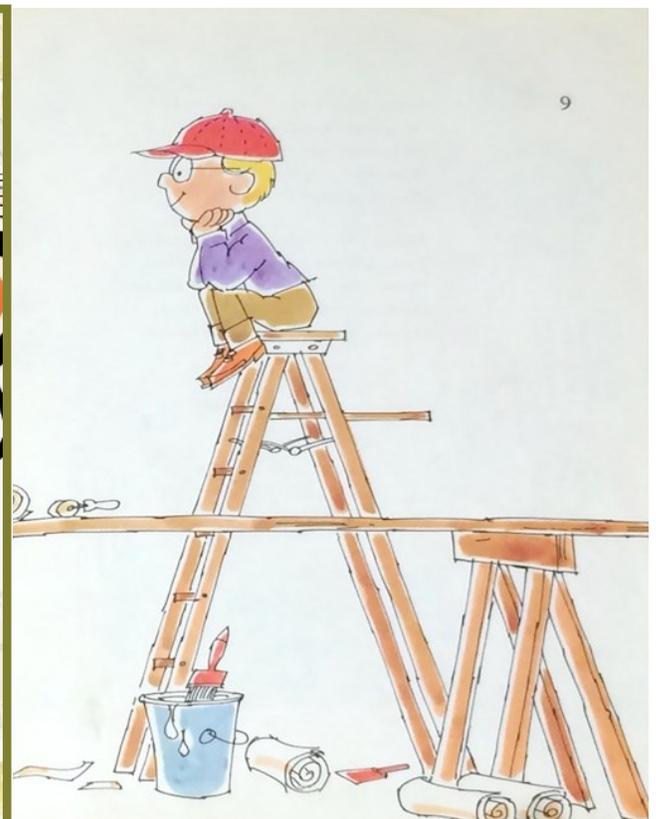
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