## St. John's Announcements

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This is a picture of our St. John's shoppers. The men's ministry granted MACC a \$500 emergency donation for much needed food items.



With cuts in federal funding for hunger alleviation and the current government shutdown, our local food pantries are in crisis. They have asked their partners in the faith communities for help. We are responding both by offering outreach grants to hunger ministries and by offering food directly. Beginning on Sunday and continuing through the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we are collecting nonperishable food items for Cornerstone in Rockville, MACC ministries in Manchester, and Friendship Soup Kitchen in East Hartford. We will be delivering the food weekly. See below for more information on the items that are most needed. I thank you in advance for your generosity, and I ask for your prayers for all those who are struggling with hunger. I have spoken with volunteers from several area food ministries and they all report larger than normal numbers of people who are seeking help. We will do all in our power to help. and I thank our many volunteers who assist our efforts and the efforts our local partners.

I am away with my family in New York City this weekend. We will be visiting the 9/11 memorial. The Rev. Ben Brockman will be celebrating the Eucharist at the 8:00am and 10:00am services. You will be in my prayers.

Blessings, Marc

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

11/12 @ 10:30am Wednesday Eucharist St. Mary's Hall

11/12 @ 12:30pm Bible Study St. Mary's Hall

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## Tree of Light

We are starting to collect names for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Tree of Light. For those not familiar, my family and I started this fundraiser to honor our family and friends, and we light the tree next to the walkway by St. Mary's Hall during December.

As explained on this form, which is also available in the Narthex, we collect names in Honor of, in Memory of, and Special Holiday Wishes for. We will make the tags and hang them on strings of lights. The tree will be lit on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, and will light automatically every night until Epiphany. We hope you will buy tags for your loved ones and help us make this our brightest tree ever. All monies raised will go to WCK (World Central Kitchen). They provide meals anywhere in the world after natural disasters, as well as war-torn countries.

Thank you,

Linda Borovicka and Family

**2025 Christmas Gift Card Sales** – Sale will begin November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last day to order is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Delivery to the church will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to St. John's Episcopal Church and give your orders to Bill Francis or leave them at the parish office. This is an easy way to shop for Christmas and a chance to help those who are in need amongst us. Thank you!

BASKET TABLE NEEDS SOME HELP - Unfortunately, I am in a predicament due to illnesses from end of October to present – pneumonia. I am looking for a few people to make me a basket. It can be very simple. I have some items ready to go in a basket that need to be put together, the basket, basket cover, tag and bow will all be there for you. I Can arrange pickup and will need item back to church no later than Sun 11/16.

CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME.

Blessings.

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Outreach Announcement - St John's will have a non-perishable Holiday Food Drive the four remaining weekends in November. We will pass along the collected items to Cornerstone (Vernon), Friendship Kitchen (East Hartford), and MACC (Manchester). The need for food donations is always great this time of year and the interruption of government funding has made it much worse. Below is a list of non-perishable food items requested by local pantries. Please consider donating some of them as you do your own grocery shopping. There will be a collection area in the upper level of the church entrance.

Thank you for your support,
St John's Outreach Group
Cereal
Chili / Canned Pasta, Beef Stew, Baked Beans
Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter / Jelly
Sugar, Flour
Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans
Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Potatoes Knorr or rice side dishes
Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup
Individual snack size packages of cookies
Packaged scalloped/mashed potatoes