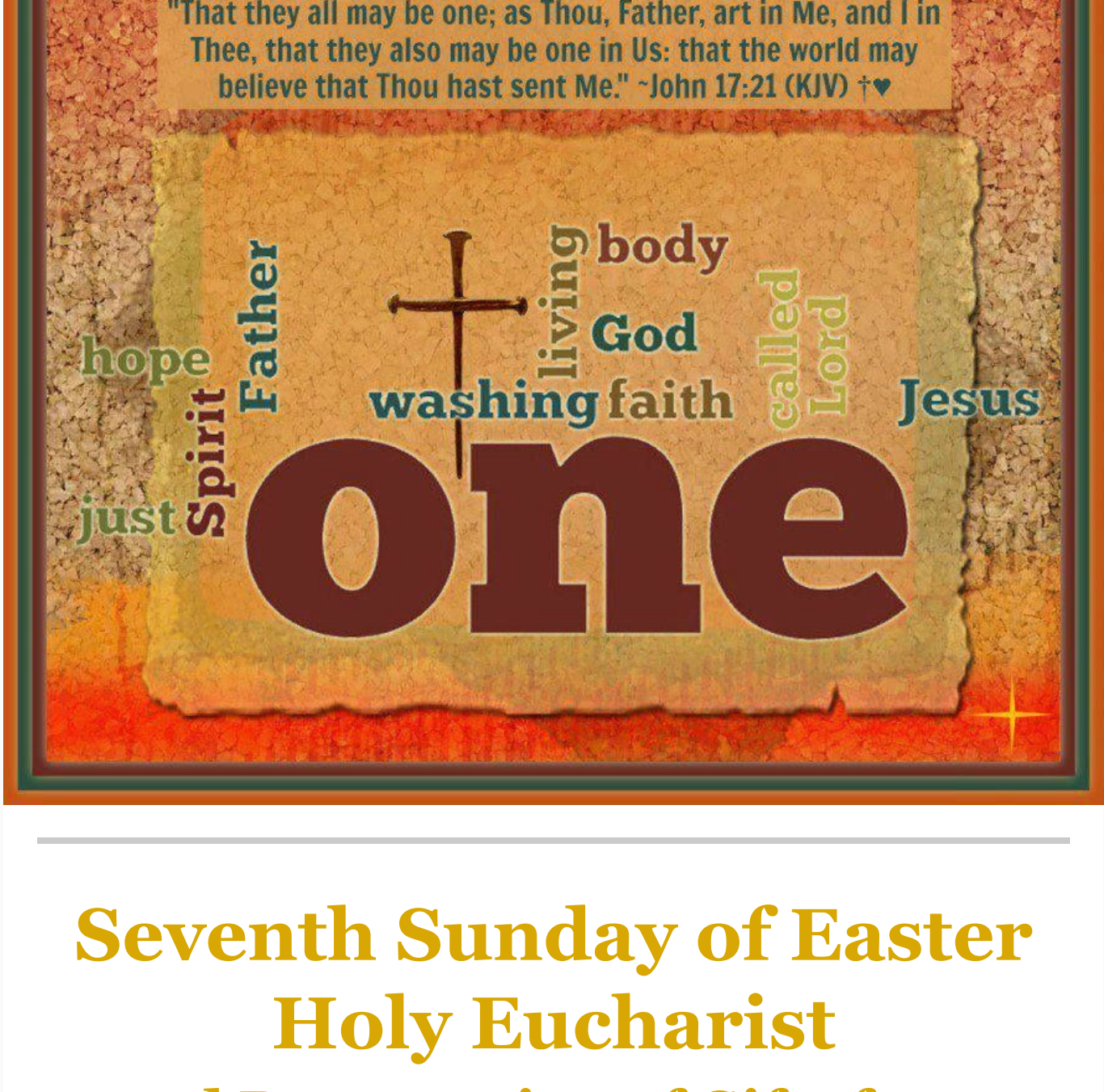


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Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist and Presentation of Gifts from Bob Appleyard

In-Person and on Zoom

In Person Worship

We are back in the church and with the CDC-reported Covid Risk Level for Carroll County is now **High**.

The CDC highly recommends masks for indoor group activities. **Please consider masking to protect yourself and the vulnerable members of our community.**

As always, if you are unwell or have tested positive, please join us on Zoom.

Zoom Worship

PC/Smartphone/tablet: <https://bit.ly/StJBZoom022>

Note: the Bulletin will be visible on screen.

Announcements

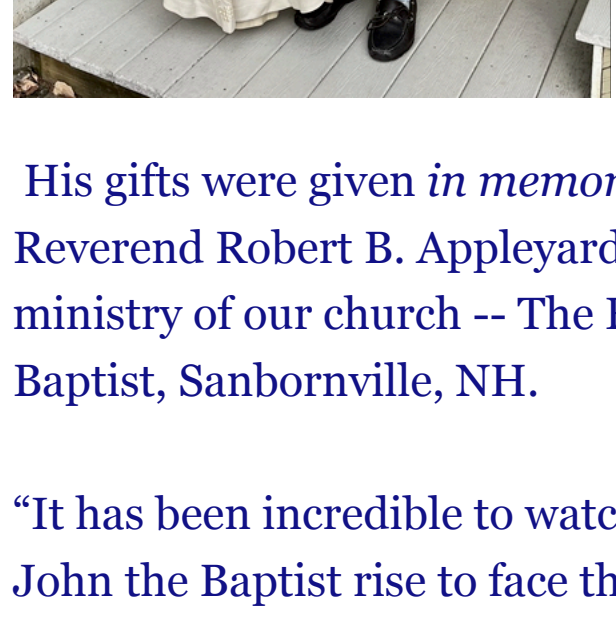
THIS WEEK

- **Sunday Worship:** Sunday, May 29 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:00 am.
- **Bible Study:** Wednesday, June 1 at Noon. In person and on Zoom. Contact Dave Giunta to be added to the Zoom link distribution.

SAVE THE DATE.

- **Community BBQ Chicken Dinner:** Saturday, June 18 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Hansen Pike Hall.
- **Community Cookout (Hamburgs, Hot Dogs, Sausage):** Saturday, July 16 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Hansen Pike Hall.
- **Community BBQ Chicken Dinner:** Saturday, August 27 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Hansen Pike Hall.
- **Community Dinner (Food TBD):** Saturday, Sept 17 5:00 - 7:00 at Hansen Pike Hall.

The Lasting Legacies of Two Bob Appleyards



Last month, St John the Baptist received a most extraordinary gift from a beloved long-time parishioner, The Rev. Robert B. Appleyard, Jr. Bob gave StJB his beautiful vestments (chasuble and stole) and an exquisite full silver communion set (chalice, paten, cruets and host box) in a dovetailed oak box.

His gifts were given in *memory* of his father, The Right Reverend Robert B. Appleyard, and in *thanksgiving* for the ministry of our church -- The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Sanbornville, NH.

"It has been incredible to watch The Episcopal Church of Saint John the Baptist rise to face the challenge of the virus limiting how we gather for worship, communicate and maintain a deep faith in God and one another," enthusiastically commented Bob, "As a bystander, there is loud applause coming from this end of the parish!"

These special gifts, which Father Dave picked up from Bob at his home in April, are quite an honor for St John's. StJB's Vestry Warden, Dave Giunta and Altar Guild's Ann Elkins, accepted them recently on behalf of St. John's, as pictured below. With the new brass dedication plate engraved and now on the chalice box, it is now time to reveal Bob's venerated gifts to the parish, appropriately on this Memorial Day Weekend 2022, as well as share a bit about the remarkable 'father-and-son Bobs' behind them.

Our Reverend Bob (Jr.) served as Rector for St Barnabas (Falmouth, MA; 11/92-9/07) and St Michael's (Milton, MA; 2/77-10/92), as well as an Assistant at Fox Chapel Episcopal (Fox Chapel, PA; 6/72 - 1/77); he long remained connected to the Episcopal Diocese of MA. He earned his MDiv at Virginia Theological Seminary (1969-1972) and BA at Allegheny College (1965-1969). Since retirement in 2007, Bob lives with his wife of 52 years, Debby, in Acton ME, and enjoys travel, time with his family (including his son and four grandchildren), and his connection of worship and fellowship at St John's.

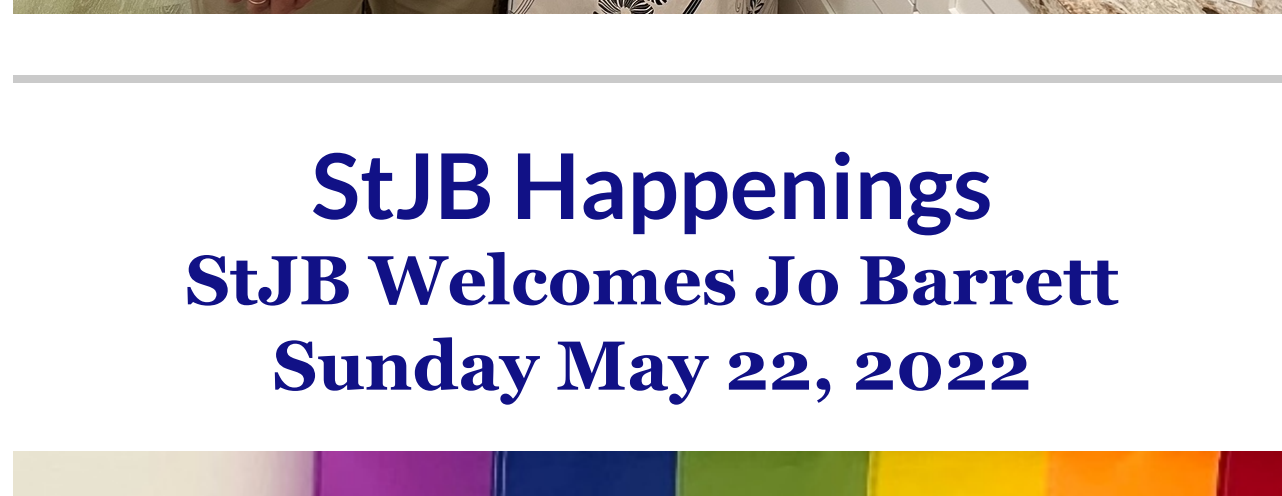
While most of us know Bob, 75, we sadly haven't seen him much at St John's recently as he's been battling pancreatic cancer since August 2021. After his grave illness and many complications with chemotherapy in late 2021, Bob and Debby shared two statements earlier this year: "the more peacefully faces the future of being a bearer of cancer, but not identified by it;" and "The faith, which we all share, is sustaining him as is the love of Debby, his wife and their son, Ben, who surround him with God's presence."

Despite his considerable challenges and pain, the ever-faithful and positive Bob shared with us just this week, "The evidence (of God's presence) is all around: Our grandchildren grow and change. Spring has greenened and budded our outdoors. We face death ... but also new life. We don't know what tomorrow will bring and we know we won't be alone in facing it. Thank God!"

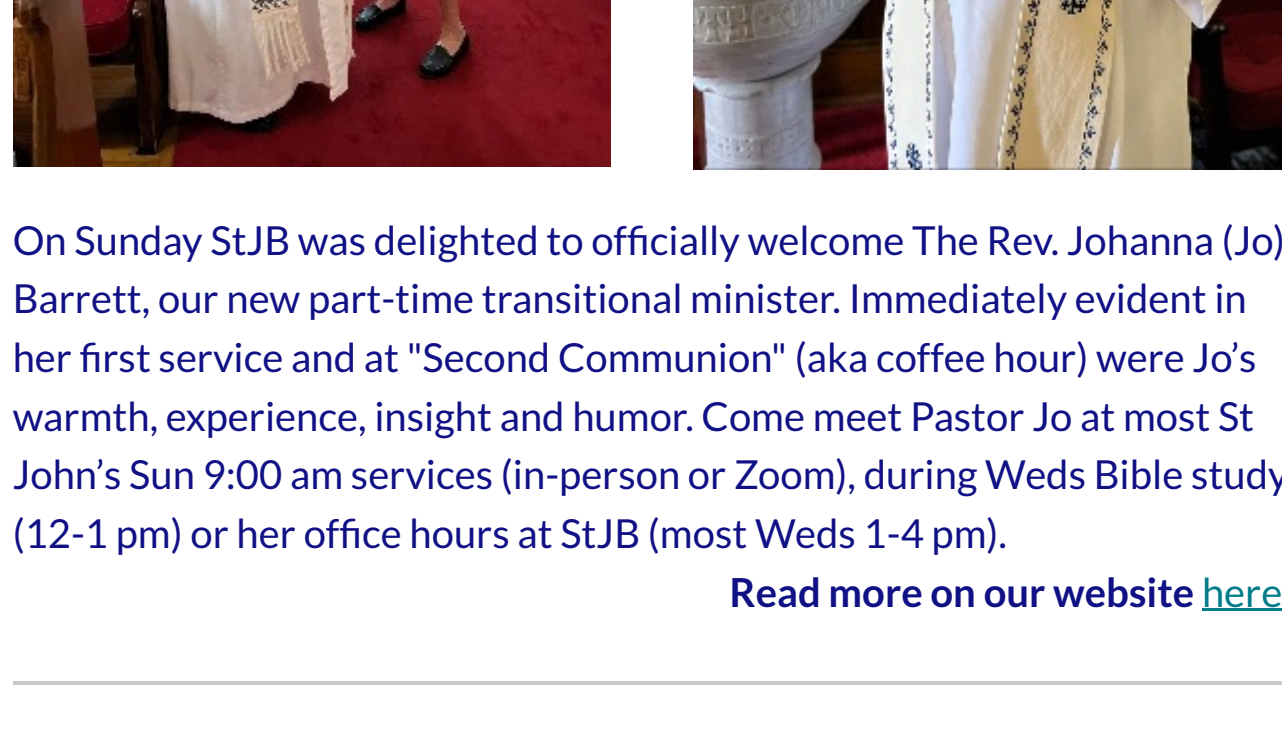
Bob's father, The Right Reverend Robert Bracewell Appleyard (1918-1999), served as the Bishop of Pittsburgh (1968-1983) and Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Parishes in Europe (1983-1986). He was also a Parish rector for nearly two decades in several Episcopal churches in CT and FL and a US Navy Chaplain (1943-1945). Bishop Appleyard was also instrumental in far-reaching shifts within The Episcopal Church (TEC), including the revision of the Book of Common Prayer, ordination of women, the acceptance of gays and lesbians in the life of the church, and the ministry of lay persons in the church. He was also fervently committed to racial reconciliation. Described as "gracious," "gentle," "loving," "positive" and a "great encourager" (he sounds a lot like our Bob, right?), Bob Sr. and his wife Katherine (Gelbach) had four children -- Robert, Jonathan, Jane and Daniel. Quite remarkably, all three of their sons became ministers in his footsteps.

St John's -- and all of TEC -- are deeply indebted for the lasting gifts, contributions and legacies of both Robert B. Appleyards -- father and son (Jr). Thank YOU, Bob Jr, for the gift of your exceptional faith and courage, and the meaningful gifts of your lovely vestments and communion set. St John's will long cherish them -- as we will you. We continue to pray for your peace and comfort.

By Maureen Gillum, 5-25-22



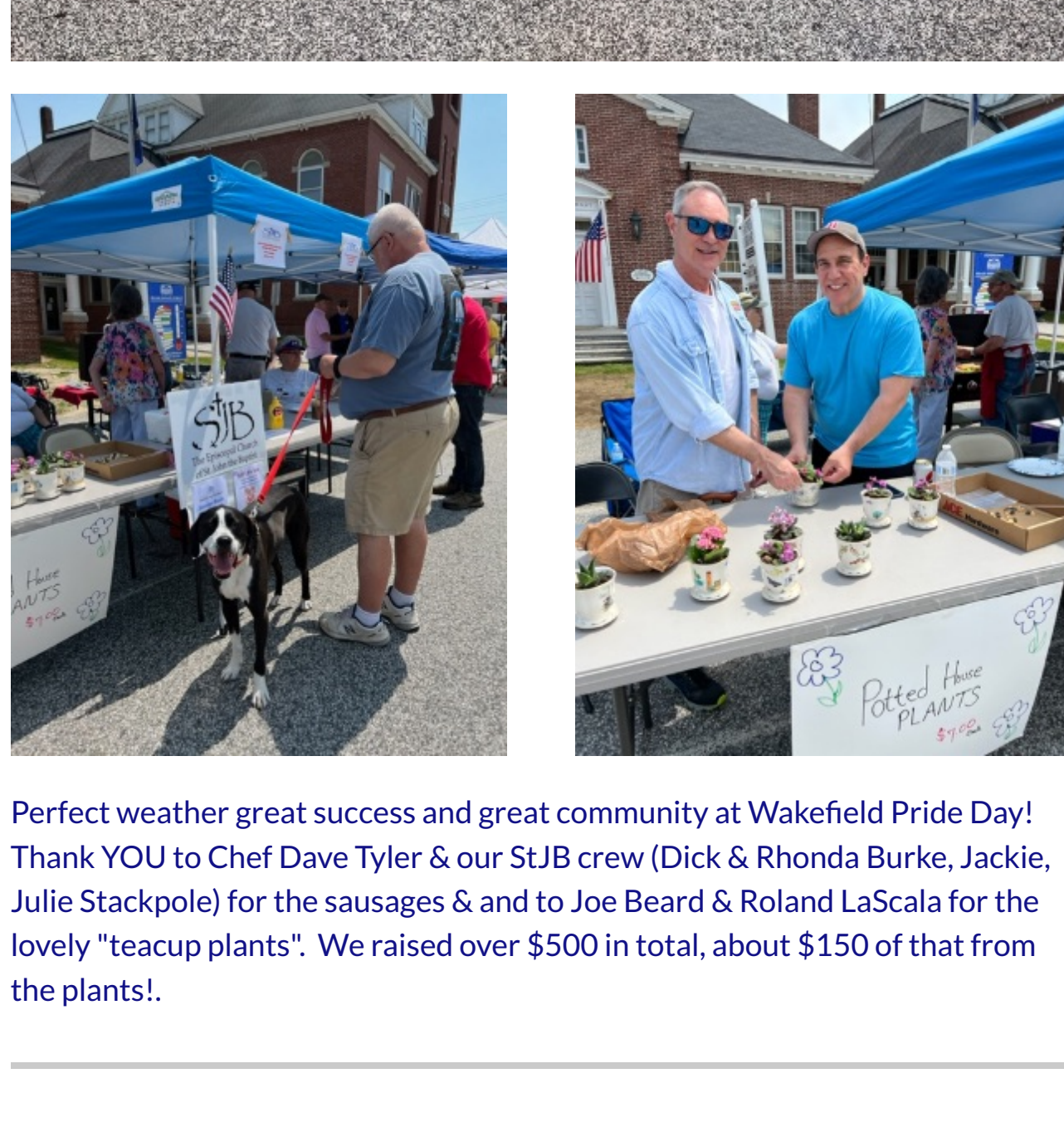
StJB Happenings StJB Welcomes Jo Barrett Sunday May 22, 2022



On Sunday StJB was delighted to officially welcome The Rev. Johanna (Jo) Barrett, our new part-time transitional minister. Immediately evident in her first service and at "Second Communion" (aka coffee hour) were Jo's warmth, experience, insight and humor. Come meet Pastor Jo at most St John's Sun 9:00 am services (in-person or Zoom), during Weds Bible study (12-1 pm) or her office hours at StJB (most Weds 1-4 pm).

[Read more on our website here.](#)

Wakefield Pride Day Saturday May 21, 2022



Perfect weather great success and great community at Wakefield Pride Day! Thank YOU to Chef Dave Tyler & our StJB crew (Dick & Rhonda Burke, Jackie, Julie Stackpole) for the sausages & and to Joe Beard & Roland LaScala for the lovely "teacup plants". We raised over \$500 in total, about \$150 of that from the plants.

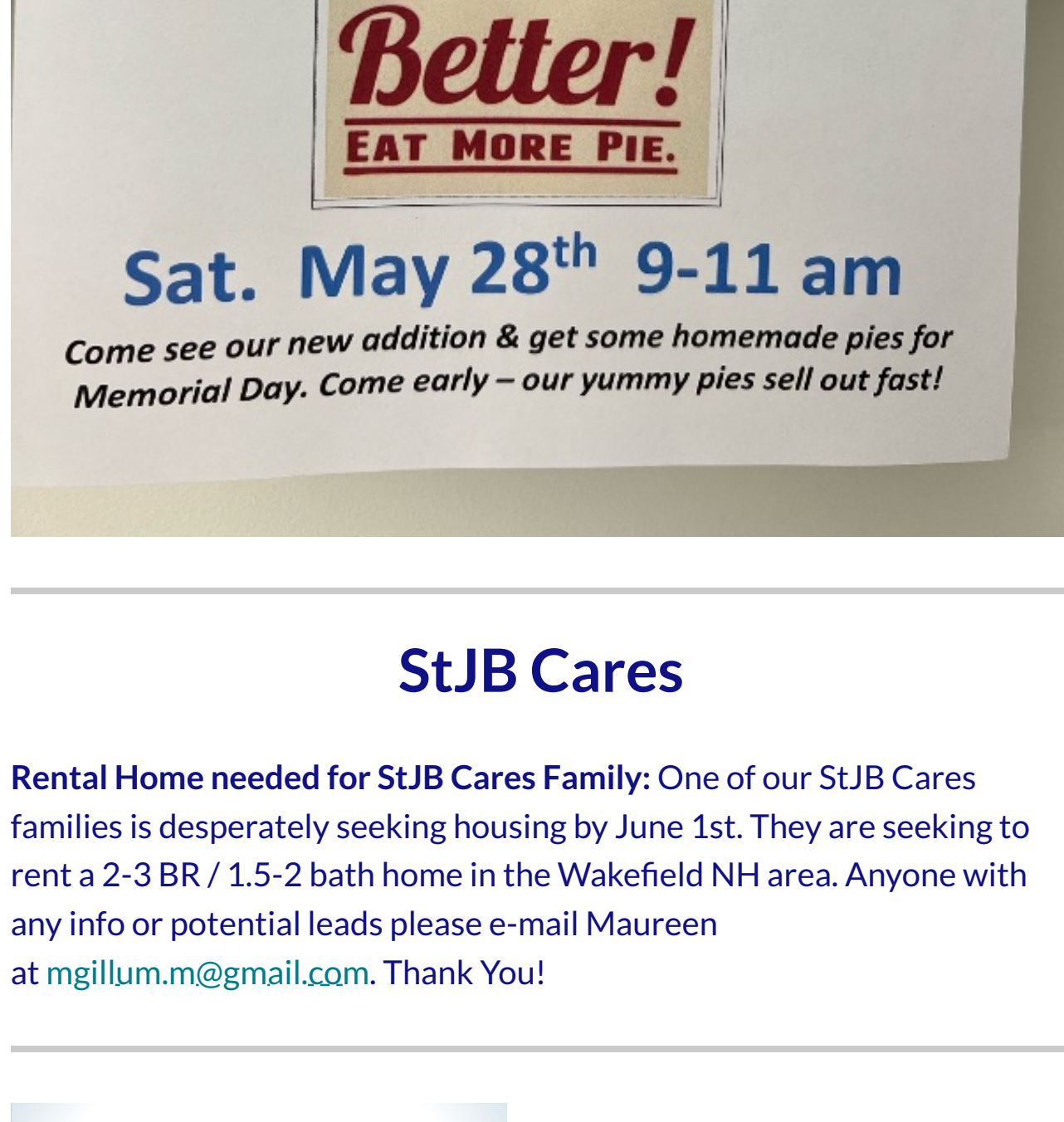
Calling all Pie Bakers!! (and Buyers!)

Support is needed for our first big pie sale of the year.

THIS SATURDAY, 9:00 am

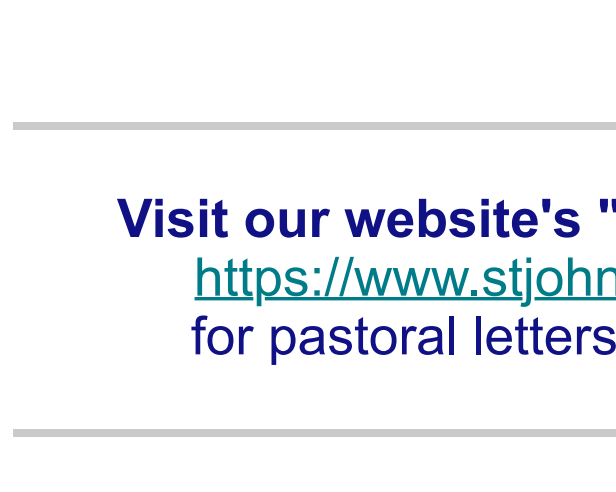
(usually sold out by before 11:00).

Please drop off your pies to St John's Sat before 8:30 am (or at Ann P's adjacent to church).



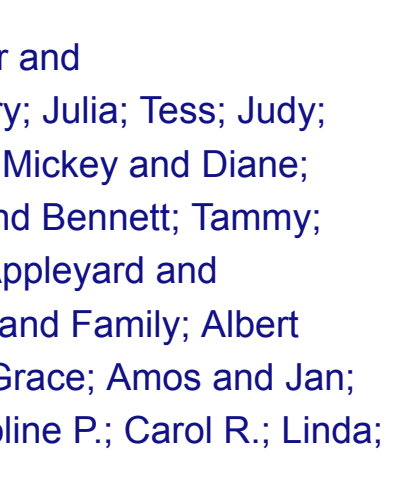
StJB Cares

Rental Home needed for StJB Cares Family: One of our StJB Cares families is desperately seeking housing by June 1st. They are seeking to rent a 2-3BR / 1.5-2 bath home in the Wakefield NH area. Anyone with any info or potential leads please e-mail Maureen at mgillum.m@gmail.com. Thank You!



- David Tyler, May 4
- Puma Lanoix, May 6
- Kathy Poulin, May 7
- Kasey Poulin, May 11
- William Drown, May 13
- Joanna Cotter, May 25

Margie O'Kane & David Randall, May 2
Carole & Ed Conners, May 10
Pam and Dave Tyler, May 10
Louise Billy & Andrea Morrill, May 22



Visit our website's "Church Online" page:
<https://www.stjohnsb.org/church-online>
for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.

Prayer List: Victoria, Tim, Sean and Michael; Jenifer and Dave; Joanna; Maria; the Walker Family; Barry, Harry, Julia, Tess; Judy; Johnny; Will; Hap and Karen; Kathy and Steve; Kiri; Mickey and Diane; Richard and Lisa; Pam D.; Norma; Jean; Brandon and Bennett; Tammy; Shirley; Jim and Sue; Bob J. Dotty; Joe Jr.; Robert Appleyard and Family; Samantha; David M.; Andrew; Donna Marie and Family; Albert Theroux and Family; Jim C. Jr.; Yolanda; Diane C.; Grace; Amos and Jan; Michele; Kaja; Ann and Lisa; Kris; Charles C.; Caroline P.; Carol R.; Linda; Penny and Otter; the Azean Family; Jessica.

Military Prayer List: Marlin, Kevin, Maxwell; Tyler; Alex.

