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The Episcopal Church  
of St. John the Baptist

## **24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NOVEMBER 19TH 2017**

**SERVICE TIMES: 8am and 10:30am**

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 10:15am**

**REV. SUE POULIN, RECTOR**

### Lectionary Readings:

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Scheduled Participants

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L.E.M. 8am Jackie Keating, 10:30am David Moberg

Lector: 8am Jim Keating, 10:30am Carol Branca

Acolyte: 8am Jackie Keating, 10:30am Dave Tyler

Ushers: 8am Jim Bennett, 10:30am Dave Guinta and Ann Elkins

Counting: Dave Tyler and Mickey Mallory

Coffee Hour: Carol Branca and Pam Tyler

Altar Guild: Tina Firicano

Thrift Shop: CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Bread Ministry for October: Pam Tyler, for December: Ann Elkins

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**ANNOUCEMENTS**

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**PIE SALE AND TRIM A TREE SALE**

**THIS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**

**9AM-1PM**

**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
HOMEMADE CHILI,**

**Help needed to work sale tables and clean up**

**Buy your holiday pies and chose from a wonderful assortment of gently used and new  
Christmas items for home and tree.**

**Contact: Carole Connors**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH  
5-6:30pm  
COMMUNITY TURKEY DINNER  
WITH ALL THE FIXINGS**

**\$8.00 adult, \$4.00 child under 4**

**sign up sheet in Narthex**

**These 2 events are the last for this year's church budget. We  
already met the budgeted amount, but please attend these  
events and help the end of year St. John's budget numbers.**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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### **2017 pledges**

**To every member of St. John's, the vestry appreciates your  
financial commitment.**

**Pledge statements were distributed via email or regular mail  
the beginning of the month.**

**For those that have met their pledge, thank you very much.  
For those that are behind on their pledge, if you could try to  
catch up by the end of the year it would be greatly  
appreciated. If you are not in a position to satisfy your 2017**

**pledge, please contact Rev. Sue (603-522-3329)**

## **STEWARDSHIP 2018**

**Stewardship is about being grateful responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing" which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. it's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.**

**Pledge cards have been distributed and mailed. In order for the budget to be completed for 2018 budget, pledge cards returned in a timely way will be appreciated. Please return to Jane Danielle, Treasure, by November 26, 2017. We are all responsible for the care and love of St. John's, our little white church on the hill.**

**If you have questions or concerns please speak with Rev. Sue or Jane Daniell.**

FROM THIS WEEK'S SYNTHESIS:

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as we approach the end of the Church Year, the Lectionary focuses on signs of the end of the age. Today's Parable of the Talents, is the third in a series of parables of judgement. This story is concerned with the responsible use of time and gifts as we await the coming of the Son of Man at an unknown time.

There is no responsible use of the gifts of God which does not involve taking risks. That is a theological point, reiterated in the sayings of Jesus, but it is so true of human growth and development in general that it hardly seems to require theological elaboration. I never grow as a human being unless I cross the sage boundaries I have set for myself and already and make myself vulnerable to failure, rejections and loss. I never learn to speak French, until I am willing to be laughed at by people who speak it fluently. I never establish a friendship, until I am willing to be rebuffed by someone whose good will and esteem I desperately long to have. I can never gain more until I am willing to lose the little I already have. Bernard of Clairvaux observed that people

who do not progress in the spiritual life, regress. Stasis is impossible. There is no standing still, no burying of capital allowed. Martin Luther underscored Bernard's point when he described the Christian life in semper in motu, always in motion.

Peace  
Carole Connors

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