

St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church



NOVEMBER 2021 Newsletter



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Saturday, November 6 - 9:30 am
AWG Meeting

Sunday, November 7 - 10 am
First Fruit Sunday

Thursday, November 11 - 4:30 pm
Finance Committee

Sunday, November 14 - 11:30 am
Vestry Meeting
(if needed)

Saturday, November 20 - 8:00 am
Fall Festival



VESTRY:

Dick Upchurch – Senior Warden
Gerald Lewis – Junior Warden
Maureen Moreland
Dave Howard
Anne Howard
Gypsie Van Antwerp
Robin Renn – Secretary
Jeanine Wickham – Treasurer

THREE EXCITING PROJECTS!

- 1) In September, the vestry voted to use excess funds in the BCP account to pay for an air purification system to be installed in the a/c units of the parish hall. It is the same system as we installed in the church last year: bipolar ionization. It actively kills bacteria and viruses in the air. It was installed in October.
- 2) At it's meeting on Sunday, the vestry approved a Memorial Garden plan submitted by a landscape architect. We are ordering a 96 niche columbarium, which is being paid for by a generous donation of \$75,000 by a church member. The plans are being paid for by the donation of another member and money in the memorial fund will be used on the garden itself. The Memorial Garden will be located behind the chapel. The shed will be moved and some of the jungle by the street will be cleared. You can see the plans that were submitted on the bulletin board in the parish hall hallway. We chose plan D.
- 3) A portion of a generous \$20,000 gift will be used to upgrade the sound and video systems in the church. Blues Angel Music has been chosen by the vestry to do the work. An upgraded sound board will be put in the same room as the video equipment which will allow the sound team to make adjustments during worship, a wedding or a concert. A new PTZ camera will also be installed. It will allow us to zoom in on different parts of the church, such as the pulpit, altar or lectern. The upgrades will give us a much better live-stream for those watching at home and much better sound quality when we need a recording of a concert or wedding.

SOMETHING NEW

Starting this month, we will have something new in our newsletter. Each month under "Welcome" we will list those individuals who have joined our church family during the month along with a brief background. Each month we will also have a "Farewell" heading for those people who have moved away along with any contact information that we have for their new homes

This first listing will cover the period from when Covid came into our lives so we will not be listing the backgrounds since we are familiar with most of the new members.

(and because of space constraints)



VESTRY MEETING

The vestry will not meet in November unless urgent business arises.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's breakfast will be starting back up again soon!



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our regular monthly Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11th at 4:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall. All members are invited to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please remember the Fall Festival is on Saturday, November 20th starting at 8:00 A.M.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

We will need all the help available to make this a successful fundraiser for the AWG.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The most recent financial report which has been approved by the vestry will also be posted on the bulletin board next to the vestry minutes. Any member who wants to see a more detailed report can ask the Treasurer, Jeanine Wickham, for a copy.

September

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$ 23,197	\$ 19,321
Expenses:	\$19,492	\$ 22,136



AWG MEETING

The monthly meeting of the AWG will be held on Saturday, November 6th at 9:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Ladies this is our last meeting before Fall Festival. Last minute issues will be addressed.

*All ladies of the church are invited
and encouraged to attend.*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jacque Jackson - 11/01
 Helena Harris - 11/11
 Joan Jones - 11/11
 Elizabeth Kendley - 11/11
 Elizabeth Mello - 11/11
 John Mello - 11/11
 Paul Renn - 11/11
 Beverly Klyce - 11/14
 Richard Upchurch - 11/26
 Richard Stabler - 11/28
 Albert Key - 11/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Betty Jo Powell - 11/09



If your date is not on these lists or if your information is incorrect, we do apologize.

Please email the church office at stfrancisatthepoint@gmail.com or fill out a communication card with the correct information.



Betty Bowick
Carolyn Goodloe
Stewart Furlong
Milton and Beth Gibson
Albert Key
Dawn Elisabeth Olinger
Richard and Beverly Stabler
David and Allison Steele
Merideth and Terry Trovato
Sally Wilkins
Daniel and Linda Wise
Natalie Kronz, Simon and Parks
Henry and Ann Russell
Paul Snider
Bobby and Peggy Hall
Connie Johnston



MORTGAGE REDUCTION PLAN AND REPORT

Our mortgage currently stands at
 \$ 295,811.54 for September

We are asking every member to prayerfully consider giving a small amount every month towards the mortgage. Every dollar you give to reduce the mortgage is worth more than a dollar to the church because we will no longer pay interest every month on that dollar.

total given to date: \$ 10,375.00

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY

For November, we will collect boxed potatoes and stuffing for Ecumenical Ministries. When you go shopping this week, pick up these items and bring them next Sunday.

FOR THIS MONTH ONLY, WE WILL ONLY COLLECT FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE MONTH SO THESE ITEMS CAN BE INCLUDED IN THANKSGIVING BOXES.

Remember all donations are distributed to needy local families.



YEAR OF PRAYER

Just a reminder to everyone to pray a bit more over the next year for our church, our diocese, our province and all churches globally. The world is a mess and God's solution is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There is a printed brochure in the narthex with prayers you can use when you pray.

Please pick up a copy.



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Betsy Loch

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Hannibal, MO 63401

James and Vivien Hamon

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Birmingham, AL 35210

Farewell

SEND GIFTS TO A CHILD

Operation Christmas Child has begun! We're doing it a little differently this year. You have three options:

(1) You can take a box, go shopping, fill it and bring it back to the church; (take a brochure)

(2) you can go to the Samaritan's Purse website and build a box online; or

(3) donate \$25 for each box to the discretionary fund and Fr. Gary will go online and build a box(es) for you. This is a powerful ministry that brings joy to children and, even more importantly, introduces them to Jesus. All boxes are due by Nov. 14th.



WINE PULL

Again this year, the AWG will offer a Wine Pull at the Fall Festival. We are requesting that members donate red or white wine that retails at a value of at least **\$15.00 per bottle**. The AWG will offer the bottles at \$10.00 each so our guests can expect a substantial savings. Leave the wine in Father Gary's office.

