



# St. John's News - December 14th



This Sunday we light the third candle of Advent—the candle of *Joy*. In the midst of holiday busyness, this bright flame reminds us that true joy comes from God's presence with us. As we draw closer to Christmas, may our hearts be lifted by the good news that Christ brings hope, peace, and lasting joy to the world.

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Please watch for adjusted office hours  
the rest of December and  
month of January.



**Friday, December 12th**  
Ladies Christmas Party @ F&F

**Sunday, December 14th**  
Adult Contemporary Class 9 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Handbell Choir 11:30 AM

**Monday, December 15th**  
Chair Yoga 10 AM  
Hookers & Needles 2 PM

**Tuesday, December 16th**  
Office closes at 1 PM

**Wednesday, December 17th**  
Chancel Choir 7 PM



## GREETINGS

FROM THE ELDERS



PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO OUR  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING FOR OUR  
OUTSTANDING STAFF AT ST. JOHN'S. ALL FUNDS  
COLLECTED WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG  
OUR WELL DESERVING TEAM.

THANK YOU!



## Dover St. John's Live Nativity



This beautiful musically narrated story of the birth of Jesus has become a beloved tradition and gift to the community from Dover St. John's. Please stop by and share in the Christmas story as portrayed by the youth of St. John's.

Saturday, December 20th  
Sunday, December 21st  
7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm 8:30pm



# Help Wanted

St. John's is seeking an Administrative Assistant to serve in the office during the February–April 2026 timeframe while Emaly is on maternity leave.

The office is open Monday–Friday, and this temporary position may be filled by one person or shared among multiple individuals working part-time a couple of days per week.

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR REACH OUT TO DAVE GINGRICH AT [DAVE@DOVERSTJOHNS.ORG](mailto:DAVE@DOVERSTJOHNS.ORG)**



Parrish Bags are now available for anyone who would like to visit and encourage our nursing home–bound church members. Please feel free to pick one up and share a moment of kindness this week.

## Family Members in Nursing Homes

Park Village - Linda Schilling  
Park Village I.L. - Jim Cotton  
Park Village NP - Don Page  
Park Village NP - Carol Sue Keener  
Hennis Care - Judy Frutig  
Inn at Northwood - Norma Haglock  
New Dawn A.L. - Clara Struhar  
Canton Christian Home - Dotty Hartzell



**“Sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel”**

Isaiah 12:2

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEER

St. John's is scheduled to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 19 and 20 from 8 AM–8 PM at the Dover Buehler's. Each volunteer shift is 2 hours, and 2 volunteers are needed per slot.

If you'd like to help, please call Barb Lengler at 330-663-6949.



**USHER MEETING CANCELLED FOR  
JANUARY 4TH. NEW TRAINING DATE  
TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.**

## Bible Study

*We're excited to start a new Bible study and are seeking anyone interested in helping facilitate. You wouldn't be doing this by yourself as Natalie Peterman is partnering in this too. If you are interested contact the church office OR let Natalie know. We are excited to see this meaningful ministry take shape.*



## VITAL SIGNS December 7, 2025

### Weekly Offering Collected:

General Fund	\$5,961
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$86
Capital Improvement	\$155

Average Weekly Offering Needed  
to meet the General Fund Budget: \$ 5,817

Worship Attendance: 111