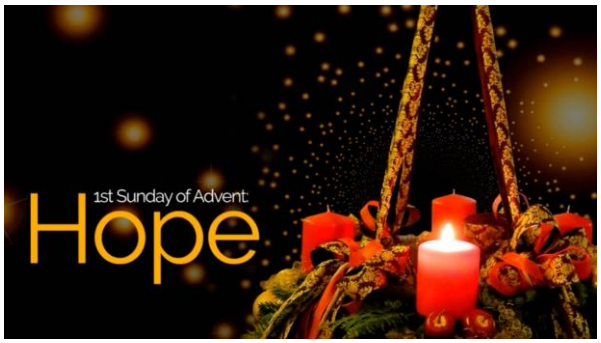

Announcements

November 29, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

ADULT FORUM

You are all invited to join us Sunday mornings before worship for a variety of studies and programs. Bring your friends! We gather in the Trinity Room at 9:30AM for coffee or tea then begin our program at 9:45AM with a sharing of joys and concerns.

December 6 - Michael Schmidt, Central Elementary School Community Coordinator, will join us for an update on happenings at the school. We have long been a partner and supporter of Central Elementary School.

December 13 - This year saw the official ribbon cutting event at Allentown Victory Recovery Homes on 15th Street. Their Founder, Director and Senior Pastor, Matthew Catricola, will be with us to celebrate this milestone and their important work.

December 20 - We will be exploring the history of the celebration of Christmas with our own Bill Falla. Sounds like a wonderful topic and always a great conversation with Bill.

December 27 and January 3 - Adult Forum will be closed for the holidays! Have a Merry!!!

Upcoming Dates

December 20, 11:00AM - Youth Christmas Pageant

December 24, 7:30PM - Christmas Eve service

January 17, 2027 - Annual Meeting

This meeting will be in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. There will not be a lunch served. The plan is to have a lunch, separate from the meeting, sometime in the Spring as a "fellowship" event.



While you are baking your Christmas cookies and making holiday treats, please consider making some extra to share on Pageant Sunday, December 20 and on Christmas Eve.

St. John's is once again participating in the **Christmas Card Project**, which sends prayers and good wishes to three churches in the Fukushima area of Japan where they continue their ongoing battle over radiation. There will be cards available to sign at fellowship after church in the Trinity Room. Please sign each of the three cards letting our friends in Japan know we continue to think of them.

Confirmation Class Project

This year, Erin Dopera, Hawthorne "Hawk" Rissell, and Jacob Pyle, are asking the church to donate some needed items to the resource room at our church. Please consider making a donation! Donations can be placed in the clear bin at the front of the church sanctuary.

Thank you!

Razors **Shaving cream** **deodorant**

Toothbrushes **cleansing wipes**

Backpacks and reusable bags

Nonperishable foods

(preferably ready to eat, as some of the people we help do not have access to a stove or microwave)

Snacks- granola bars, crackers, and nuts

Flashlights **Coats** **Gloves**

Sneakers **Boots and sturdy shoes**

November Special Mission Offering

It is November, which means that Tallulah, the Turkey is back on her mission to combat hunger in the Lehigh Valley. We have agreed to assist her as we did her predecessor Tilly in this endeavor. Therefore, our Special Mission Offering for November is the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. This year Tallulah continues to be very concerned because many of its traditional sources that supply the food have dried up. The need, however, has not. The Food Bank not only needs money to purchase food from new (more expensive) sources but wholesome, non-perishable food donations as well. So, let's help her with our donations for the Food Bank during the month of November. We may do so by dropping off food items in the Food Bank tote in the Narthex. Monetary donations can be given using the pew or your weekly offering envelopes (designated for the Food Bank) or by using the Donate button on our website. Tallulah, and more importantly those in need, will thank you. Respectfully submitted by Bill Falla.

Canned fruit, tuna, spaghetti sauce, dried and canned beans (not green beans), canned corn, dried pasta, and boxed mac & cheese.