

ALL THE ST. JOHN'S NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HARRY ELLIOTT SET FOR JULY 28

St. John's will hold a memorial service for long time beloved member Harry Elliott **Wednesday, July 28** at 2 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this service had been delayed until we could all gather. At the end of the service, Harry's remains will be interred in the St. John's Columbarium. All are invited to support Faith Goldman and members of the Elliott family who will be attending. A light reception follows on the lower courtyard.

RSM FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WELCOME ALL THE TIME!

St. John's is a part of a team of volunteers helping to feed our neighbors in need on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores, RSM. Weekly, the people of St. John's gather items used in the monthly distribution including canned protein-based items such as soup, chili, beans; pasta, pasta sauce; peanut butter, jelly, and also grocery store gift cards. Please bring your food donations to Church on Sundays.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTE FAMILIES!

Acolyte families? What is that? An "acolyte family" is an opportunity to serve at church on Sundays with members of your family. Parent and child, grandparent and child, spouses, siblings, you get the idea. We'd love to see YOU up there with a member or two of your family. An easy training session and you're on your way to serving as part of the Altar ministry. No age limit, although our younger members should be old enough to carry something (cross, gospel book, or candle). If you're interested in serving, contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021

Commemorate or celebrate a loved one or friend by sponsoring altar flowers. More than one donation can be submitted per week. Just send the commemoration along with your name and mail it to the Church Office or drop off on Sundays while at church. The suggested flower donation is \$60. Let's make sure we have a beautiful sanctuary adorned with flowers each Sunday!

BOOK IT ON MONDAYS! FOR JULY

Our women's book club, Book It On Mondays!, will meet again Monday, July 26 at **6:30 p.m. (new time)**. We will be meeting at the home of Scotty King, 20841 Shadow Rock in Robinson Ranch/Trabuco Canyon. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Scotty at 860.876.0515 or mScotland.king@gmail.com. Pauline Afrasiabi will facilitate our reading selection of the novel *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

WOMEN'S HYBRID BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Join us Wednesday mornings from 10:15—11:30 a.m. (our schedule may vary during the summer months). We will meet in-person and via ZOOM so those who are out of town or not feeling comfortable meeting in person can also participate. And if you will be joining us in person, but are NOT vaccinated we request that you wear a mask. If you would like more information about our Bible Study, please contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Join us after the service on the lower courtyard (Learning Commons Courtyard) which is the perfect spot to hold coffee hour where tables, comfortable seating, and shade abound. We even have an elevator you can use to get there! If you have a desire to be part of this ministry, please chat with one of our clergy when you come to grab your coffee and greet your friends! We will need a couple of people each week who are willing to prepare the coffee, etc., set up, and clean up at the end. You can also contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITIES

If you get nervous speaking in public but want to participate in the active life of the parish, then Altar Guild is for you. Joining Altar Guild is an opportunity to serve at church behind the scenes a few hours a month. We set up for the worship services and clean up afterwards at your convenience. Families are especially welcome (no age limits) and men are sought to help with occasional heavy lifting. Here is an opportunity to introduce your children to volunteer service. If you are interested in learning more, contact Christy Morinello, auntchristy4@gmail.com.

NEXT EDITION OF FORWARD DAY BY DAY AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

The August-September-October edition of the daily devotional, Forward Day by Day, is now available in the Narthex. A \$1 donation to help offset costs is suggested.

WOMEN — SPECIAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 18 we will gather at the home of Kathy O'Connor in Pasadena (aka The Bishop's residence) for lunch and a presentation by author Lian Dolan discussing her book, *The Sweeney Sisters*. Watch for more information about this event in the weeks to come.

GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND THE NURSERY ARE OPEN

Bring your children (of any age) to the Nursery this morning where our Children's Ministry team will have lots in store for them this week. Godly Play begins again soon and we need lots of help! Chrissy Hennings has assumed the leadership of our Children's Ministry and she has several important immediate needs: We need Godly Play teachers. Want to be trained as a Godly Play teacher? Contact Chrissy, children@stjohns-es.org. St. John's covers the cost of training. We are also in need of nursery attendants. If you are interested, please contact Chrissy at the same email address.

OUR SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE CONTINUES

We have restarted our Saturday evening service. We celebrate Eucharist in an intimate setting. We recruit volunteer readers and leaders on the spot, and we have a dialogue about the readings instead of a formal sermon. The service lasts about 45 minutes, giving us much time for after-worship fellowship. The music is less traditional than we use on Sunday mornings, but will be familiar to many. So bring your family, your friends, or just yourself, to St. John's at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and celebrate with your voice, your hands, and your hearts as we rejoice in our continued steps towards normal!

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

The St. John's Youth Group meets most Wednesdays over the summer via ZOOM. Our youth group is comprised of young people grades 6-12. Questions? Contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com to get the schedule.

SAVE THE DATES FOR FOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

PACIFIC CHORALE'S "THE WAYFARING PROJECT" COMING IN AUGUST

Created in collaboration with Arts Laureate and award-winning cinematographer Jeff Dolen Productions, "The Wayfaring Project" features members of the Pacific Chorale, members of the Pacific Symphony, and soloists performing the music of J.S. Bach, Samuel Barber, Thomas A. Dorsey, Tarik O'Regan, Dolly Parton, and Moira Smiley. Our own Diana Farrell and (recently-retired) tenor section lead Jason Francisco are part of a small 20-person group with the Pacific Chorale who will be filming two pieces on stage at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts with members of the Pacific Symphony. These two pieces are being combined with six other selections from "The Wayfaring Project" which will be available online **Monday, August 23**. Prior to that date, however, there will be a live screening of this \$250,000 choral project at **8 p.m. Saturday, August 21** under the stars at the Julianne and George Argyros Plaza at the Segerstrom Center. Tickets for the live screening are available now at <https://www.pacificchorale.org/concerts/the-wayfaring-project/>

SPECIAL CONCERT, "LEST WE FORGET" SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11

A special concert is planned for St. John's at 3 p.m. **Saturday, September 11** and all are invited. Members of the St. John's Choir and The Festival Singers will present "Lest We Forget", a Program of Reflection and Remembrance on the 20th Anniversary of the Events of 9-11-2001. We will present music by Brahms, Faure, Gawthrop, Mozart, Rutter, and others, interspersed with short presentations by special guests. This concert will last about 1-1/2 hours and is free to all. Young people are especially encouraged to attend as this nation-changing event transpired 20 years ago when many were not yet born. Our program will be focused on remembering those lost and inspiring those gathered to be peacemakers in their own generation. For questions, please contact Cindy Drennan, cdrennan@stjohns-es.org. This concert is free as a gift to the people of St. John's and their families and friends.

ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S BBQ AND BISHOP VISITATION

Sunday, September 12 we will have one service at 9 a.m. with The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce officiating. At the end of the service we will gather for our annual BBQ. Look for more information and sign ups to come soon!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 6 is the date and the Cardinal Gym is the venue for our annual fundraiser featuring members from our music ministry offering "From the Stage: Music from the American Songbook." This event will feature great food, a wine wall, a silent auction, and wonderful entertainment. Plans are well underway so put this date on your calendar — you won't want to miss it!