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***For June 2024***

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| **Nursery duty**  First Sunday Nancy  Ruark  Second Sunday Pat Kern  Third Sunday Patti  Miller  Fourth Sunday Dudley  Bowman  Fifth Sunday David Craft    **Money Counters**  First Sunday Steve Carey (key) 410-603-4877  [steven.carey@concast.net](mailto:steven.carey@concast.net)  Ellen Vandegrift (key) 410-726-5730  [evandergrift@ymail.com](mailto:evandergrift@ymail.com)  Second Sunday Kim Ruark 443-880-3291  [kruark.cpa@yahoo.com](mailto:kruark.cpa@yahoo.com)    Judy Elliott (key) 302-381-2641  Third Sunday Ellen Vandegrift (key) 410-726-5730  [Evandergrift@ymail.com](mailto:Evandergrift@ymail.com)    Frank and Jennifer Frieman 410-603-2028  [jfrieman@comcast.net](mailto:jfrieman@comcast.net)  Fourth Sunday Kim Ruark 443-880-3291  [kruark.cpa@yahoo.com](mailto:kruark.cpa@yahoo.com)    Judy Elliott (key) 302-381-2641 | **June**  **2 Flo**  **9 Buddy**  **16 Lori**  **23 Pat**  **30 Patty**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Children Message:**  **Karen**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Ushers:**  **David Craft**  **Ellen Vandergrift 410-726-5730** [**evandergrift@ymail.com**](mailto:evandergrift@ymail.com)  **Dudley Bowman 443-944-9042**  [**bowmanharold@comcast.net**](mailto:bowmanharold@comcast.net)  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  Paul Nelson  417 Snow Hill Rd.  Salisbury, Maryland 21804  443-591-0494  [Pnelson37@gmail.com](mailto:Pnelson37@gmail.com)  Scriptures  June 2   1 Samuel 3:1-10    Mark 2:23-3:6  June 9    1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15  Mark 3:20-35  June 16  1 Samuel 15:34-16:13            Mark 4:26-34 | Birthdays and Anniversary  2 Sherrie Messick  3 Kaylee Brown  6 Karen Ayotte  7 Allen Watson  8 Dudley and Joyce Bowman  anniversary  9 Connor Ayotte  10 Paul Nelson  14 Bob Ayotte  17 Sam Ruark  Morgan Ruark  19 Jim East  20 Trey Chatham  22 Melissa Bragg  Wendy Disharoon  Nelson  28 Cara Rosen |

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| |  | | --- | | We need to have people who can help count money and if you can then please contact Ellen.  Many thanks,  Ellen  Treasurer |   A Reminder  We need to have people who can do coffee hour monthly and if you can then please contact Buddy Pennewell and Cathy Grimm.   |  | | --- | | Just a reminder of AVON SSS BUG GUARD sales all profits will be donated to St John’s. Please call Jean Powell 443-235-2431 for more information.  Thank you for your support! | |

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| *I will need* everyone’s submissions for the newsletter by the 24th of every month to get everything together for the following months newsletter. Unless someone wants me to edit something then I will, but if not then I will copy and paste as is. |

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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| **2** Worship and Sunday School 10 am  Holy Communion  Coffee Hour | **3** | **4** Zoom Bible Study  10 am | **5** | **6** Annual Conference | **7** Annual Conference  **Prep for food and yard sale** | **8** Annual Conference  **Food and Yard Sale** |
| **9** Worship and Sunday School 10 am  VBS Meeting after church | **10** | **11** Zoom Bible Study  10 am | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** |
| **16** Worship and Sunday School 10 am  Fathers’ Day | **17** | **18** Zoom Bible Study  10 am | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** |
| **23** Worship and Sunday School **10:30 am**  One Board meeting after church | **24** | **25**  Zoom Bible Study  10 am | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** |
| **30** Worship and Sunday School **10:30 am** |  | | | | | |

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| **Thank you for the last ten years**  Dear members and friends of St John's  As the days move too quickly to the end of my time here at St. John's I want to thank you for this time together. Even while I look forward to this new phase of my life and ministry. it is hard to say goodbye. You are such warm and welcoming people and I have been so blessed to serve here for so long. We have shared so much on both a spiritual and personal level. We have welcomed babies, mourned those who have passed, and done our best to serve God together. As I leave, I wish I could thank everyone personally but please know how grateful I am to all of you.  I know you will welcome Pastor Carm as warmly as you welcomed me. She has training and experience that should help St. John's fulfill its desire to connect more to the community around us. I pray that you will thrive under her leadership.  Even though I am retiring, I will continue in ministry. I have been appointed on a part time basis to the Community Church at Ocean Pines where my main focus will be on visitation, but I will also preach occasionally.  I ask for your prayers as I make this transition.  So again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you, and may God bless you and Pastor Carm as you all step out in faith.  Karen |
| **Service time change.**  As most of you know, Pastor Carm will be sharing her time between St. John's and Union UMC. In order to accommodate this partnership, both churches have needed to adjust their service times. Union will move their service a half hour earlier and St John's a half hour later. Beginning on June 23, worship will begin at 10:30 am. |