

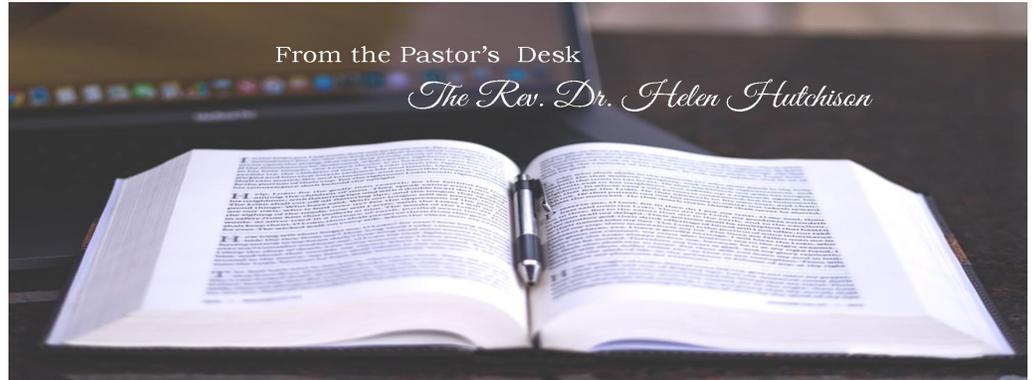
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The Carillon

January 2021

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

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I bet we are all looking forward to 2021! Things will not change overnight, but there is movement with the vaccine which suggests we might be looking forward to opening up the church building and finding our way back to a new normal in the summer. To be honest, the passage Isaiah 9:2 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined," has been one of comfort and hope for me this Advent season.

I want to thank you all at St. John's for continuing to walk this long road with us. The staff has worked exceptionally hard this year and has been extremely flexible. We have had our frustrations (not being able to be together) but also some wonderful surprises (with Zoom we have had others who have been able to join us from a distance). The congregation has continued to join church worship, studies, meetings, and fellowship via Zoom. The congregation also has continued to financially support St. John's and the St. John's mission projects. I am thankful for those who have agreed to serve as Elders and Deacons. We will ordain and install this group on January 10th during our Zoom worship meeting.

However, I know we are not back to our new normal yet. We are still working on keeping things online and on looking toward the future. The session committees do meet regularly via Zoom. With that in mind, I know the session would appreciate anyone in the congregation interested in serving on a church committee. Please contact me if you are interested and available and I will connect you with the right session leader.

Looking forward to seeing you all in person in 2021!

Grace and Peace,

Helen

hhutchison@stjohnschurch.org

Worship

WITH US ONLINE

When: Sunday Mornings
Time: 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 547 022 742
Passcode: 640602

REMINDER: The First Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday
Remember your Communion Elements.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/547022742?pwd=YXkyZ09YWdH5eENudWRyMkFIZXRXUT09>

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No Meeting January 4

When: Monday Mornings
Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 560 802 988
Passcode: 989734

Join Zoom Meeting

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Join us for
Coffee, Conversation and Prayer



No Meeting January 5

When: Tuesday Afternoons
Time: 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 872 6233 1488
Passcode: 451108

Join Zoom Meeting

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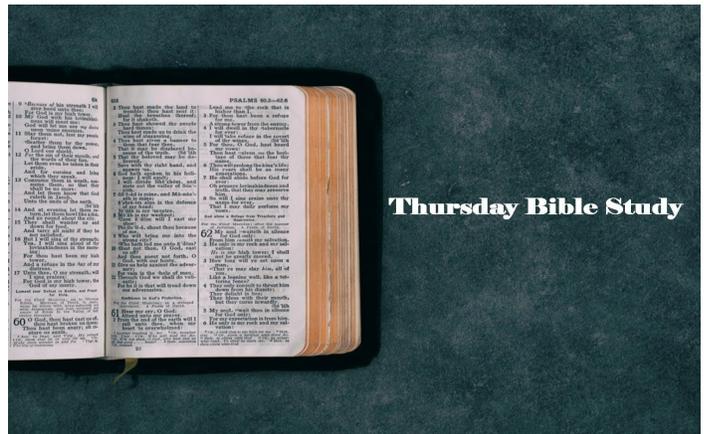


No Meeting January 7

When: Thursday Mornings
Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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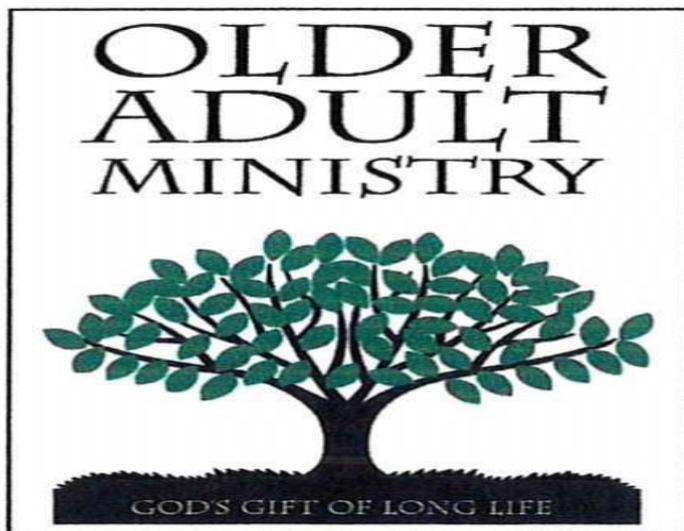
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Join Zoom Meeting

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POAMIN

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

November was National Caregiver's Month. Reno is very lucky to have its Caregiver's Initiative sponsored by the Northern Nevada Community Foundation. If anyone needs help with caregiving, they can call Jean Myles and she can direct you to someone who can help.

POAMIN issues a bulletin each spring prior to the first Sunday of May, designated by the Presbyterian Church as Older Adult Sunday. Older Adult Sunday celebrates contributions that older members of congregations have made to their

churches. POAMIN has helped develop leadership, continuing education and provides resources and network support for Older Adult Ministries around the country.

POAMIN holds an annual Spring Conference, where opportunities are provided for education and certification as an OAM educator and/or consultant on older adult concerns. The current President of POAMIN is a Deacon, Caregiver Specialist, Speaker and Trainer with expertise in OAM, Intergenerational Ministry and Caregiving for all ages.

Older Adults are currently the fastest growing group in our society. More and more churches are creating OAM ministries within their churches. St. John's organized an OAM ministry several years ago under the Session. It should have been placed under the Deacons, the caregiving ministry of the Presbyterian Church. In the Fall of 2017, Pastor Jim Young transferred OAM from the Session to the Deacons; however, it was never recorded. Thanks to Clerk of the Session Ray Bledsoe, this has been done.

OAM at St. Johns has concentrated on serving not only its senior members, but the whole congregation. Whatever we do for our older members, like scheduling flu shots, can affect everyone connected with the Church. OAM works with the Deacons to keep in touch with our homebound members.

During the months of the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic, we have all been able to attend church via Zoom, thanks to St. John's hard-working staff. We have suggested that the Sunday Zoom sessions be continued even after the Church re-opens, so that those who are home-bound can continue to attend. Also, OAM makes certain that St. John's monthly newsletter, The Carillion, is mailed to the homebound members of our congregation to keep them in touch.

One thing that we need to address is preparedness for emergencies, such as the recent Pinecrest Fire. Fortunately, the Peppermill dropped their rates for those who needed instant shelter. Other emergencies include prolonged power outages, or weather that would not allow our seniors to get out for shopping. We will be looking at ways that we can help during unexpected and, perhaps unprecedented, emergencies. The Church needs to be prepared to provide shelter, if needed, and we need to develop an emergency call list for our home-bound. As noted, the Northern Nevada Community Foundation has answered the need for education for Caregivers. Jean Myles and the past OAM Chairman Anne Sigurdson are both members of the Caregivers Initiative Steering Committee. I encourage anyone interested to join.

OAM now has six members in addition to the current Chairperson, Jean Myles: Debra Handke, Secretary, Amy Willoughby, Marlene Hansen, Skip Hansen, Jeanne Robinson, and Bev Zakariassen. Jo Barret has retired from OAM. We miss her positive presence. We appreciate Jackie Leonard's advice and ideas. Ideally, there should be 9 to 11 active members. Should you be interested in serving as OAM Member in 2021, please call Jean at (775) 329-3980. Terms of service are 3-year terms, as are all other of St. John's ministries. Members may serve two terms, then must take a year off before serving a third term.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

Our 2020 January Deacon's Meeting mainly consisted of signing up for committees. Diane Yang accepted and started her third year as Deacon Moderator.

In February, we voted to purchase a listening system, for individuals, to improve hearing within the sanctuary. John Dutton found a system that would be compatible, and helped with purchasing and installation.

We voted to financially help a young mom, whose child attends St. John's Children Center, and was cared for by the grandmother. We were heartened to hear the mother wanted to get her life back on track.

At the March Deacons' Meeting, we decided to make up and hand out the Easter baskets to the Deacons for distribution, directly after the Palm Sunday service. Easter would arrive early, prior to the April meeting, where we usually assemble the baskets.

Due to COVID-19, everything came to a screeching halt. The basket ingredients, already brought to St. John's, were taken to the Sierra Manor.

Not having an agenda, we no longer met for regular meetings. Our Deacons' Congregation Contact Committee, as well as the rest of the Deacons, were able to be in touch with our members and participants. We kept up with health concerns and sent out prayer requests.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was difficult not to help out, in person. In many cases, family members helped bring supplies and food, for which we were thankful. St. John's kept everyone together, spiritually and emotionally. Thanks to Helen, Maria, and others, Zoom services, Bible studies, meetings, programs, and chat sessions were available.

December was set aside for the Deacons to finally get together for a Zoom chat session, to discuss committee duties and how to perform services, working within the COVID-19 restrictions. Incoming Deacons were invited.

Throughout the year, the Deacons have kept St. John's congregation, staff, and each others, in their prayers. We set aside 3 minutes every Wednesday evening to gather, virtually, for prayer and remembrances. We thank the Deacons for their dedication & service: David Bohnhoff, June Rosta, Ann McElreath, Jean Myles, Barbara Voss, Tricia Murray, Venus Parvez, Jeanne Robinson, Christie Pierce, Molly Willoughby, Kathryn Smith, and Diane Yang.

I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute serving as a Deacon, for this term of three years. It has been a pleasure and an honor.

May next year bring renewed optimism and hope for a wonderful and productive future. The Lord is with us!

With love and gratitude,
Diane Yang/Deacon Moderator

From the Clerk of Session



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM ST. JOHN'S SESSION

St. John's Session held its regular monthly meeting on December 15, 2020. [via Zoom]
Following are some highlights from the meeting.

Session approved the 2021 Committee Chairs as recommended by Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison: Building and Grounds—Cary Parke; Christian Education—Pam Ramseth; Fellowship and Nurture—Elaine York; Finance—Joan Jeffers; Mission—Nancy Lim; Nominating—Tom Day; Personnel—Stan Peck; SJCC—Carolyn Williamson; Welcoming—Marla Bohnhoff and Aaron Karr; Worship—Martha Galloway and JoAnn Elston.

St. John's Per Capita Apportionment for 2021 is \$46.00 per member based on 244 members (December 31, 2019) for a total of \$11,224.00. A 10% discount will be granted if filed before February 15, 2021. (\$10,101.60)

Vital Statistics as of press time for the December 2020 issue of *The Carillon*.

- **Active Members:** 240 members in 184 households as of December 15, 2020.
- **Communion:** Worship on Sunday, December 06, 2020 was held via 'Zoom and Communion was observed in individual members homes. [Approx. 131 were served.]
- **Births:** No Births have been recorded since November's Session meeting.
- **Baptisms:** No Baptisms have been recorded since November's Session meeting.
- **Weddings:** No Weddings have been recorded since November's Session meeting.
- **Deaths:** No Deaths have been recorded since November's Session meeting.
- **Memorials:** No Memorials have been recorded since November's Session meeting.
- **Attendance:** Average Sunday worship attendance, held via 'Zoom', for November. [Approximately 129 avg. for November.]



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Fund Balances

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Fund Balances
Month Ending October 31, 2020

	Month of October Actual	Month of October Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Cumulative
GENERAL FUND					
Beginning Balance					(7,921.13)
Receipts	26,037.86	20,134.00	369,162.57	201,340.00	369,162.57
Transfers In	1,967.47	-	43,565.01	-	43,565.01
Supported disbursements	(1,967.47)	-	(43,565.01)	-	(43,565.01)
Disbursements	(29,745.30)	(36,709.00)	(338,697.54)	(367,090.00)	(338,697.54)
Ending Balance	(\$3,707.44)	(\$16,575.00)	30,465.03	(\$165,750.00)	22,543.90
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND					
Beginning Balance					30,449.27
Receipts	1,525.00	2,381.00	19,692.50	23,810.00	19,692.50
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Disbursements	-	-	(10,757.95)	-	(10,757.95)
Ending Balance	\$1,525.00	\$2,381.00	\$8,934.55	\$23,810.00	\$39,383.82

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

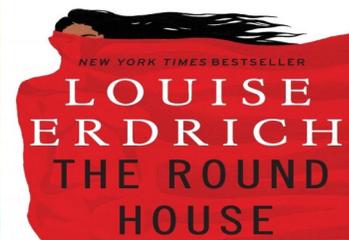
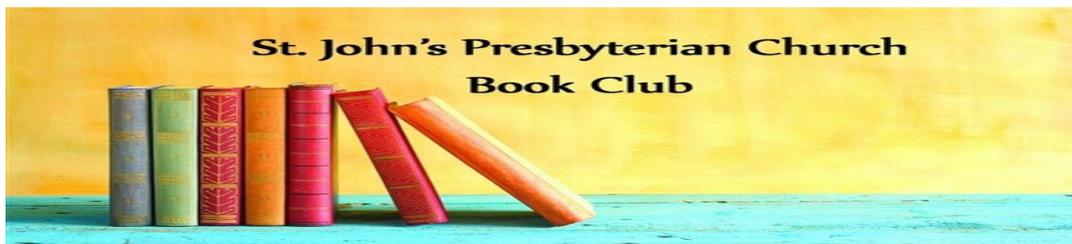
The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?' The boy made no response, so the clergy-

man repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'





Book Club will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 11th on Zoom. We will be discussing the book *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

All are welcome.

Peggy Meyer, convener
peggyhmeyer@gmail.com

Carolyn Williamson, ZOOM host
williamsocarolyn@sbcgobl.net

When: Jan. 14, 2021

Time: 1:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 865 2007 8282

Passcode: 066428

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If you would like to submit an article for the *Carillon* E-Newsletter For the month of

February

Please do so by

January 20

Email your Carillon submissions to

carillon@stjohnschurch.org

Send your submission either in Word format or in the email body itself.

Thank You,
Carillon Newsletter Staff



Greetings from St. John's Children's Center (SJCC)

SJCC would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

The children had a wonderful and busy month celebrating the Christmas season. Classrooms were a decorated beautifully and each had wonderful celebrations. Thank you so much to our wonderful families who donate so much for the children's classroom celebrations.

We will be welcoming a few new families when we come back from break! So exciting! We still have a few more openings for new families! Please call the office for more information.

Looking forward to making 2021 great!

Miss Bernie and Miss Noel