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# Crossroads

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# **Preparing for New Life**

Lent begins in the middle of this month—February 17, to be exact. It's going to be an unusual Lent. Last year, Covid-19 had just begun to affect the United States, and we were still holding normal worship services. We probably planned our normal spiritual practices for Lent: giving up chocolate, perhaps, or taking on a discipline of daily prayer, or some other means of self-denial and penitence. Few of us foresaw that Lent would end in lockdown.

This year, we know what we are facing. Although the vaccine



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rollout has begun, most of us are still waiting to receive our shots. Hayes-Martin Physical distancing, mask-wearing, restricted gathering and travel, virtual school, working from home, and Zoom meetings will be our norm for some time still. We're still lonely, missing friends and family, and now we're tired of being cooped up indoors through the winter. Usually we begin Lent asking ourselves how we might deny self and take up our cross to follow Jesus. I'm not sure that's a spiritually fruitful approach this year. We're already denying ourselves in so many aspects of our lives; God doesn't need us to do more of it. Instead, we might ask a different question. What will help us prepare for the new life of Easter?

That's really the point of Lenten spiritual disciplines: to prepare us to embrace the new life of resurrection at Easter. This Easter will be different than usual, of course, but it may feel more like new life than usual, too. As the weather warms, we'll be able to spend more time outside. We'll be able to meet friends and family for picnics. Worship services in the churchyard will resume. We can dine outdoors at our favorite restaurants again. More and more people will receive the vaccine, and little by little, our dormant lives will open up like a tree coming into leaf. After the winter we're all enduring, spring will feel like stepping out of the tomb. We'll be like Lazarus, unwinding our scarves and thermal underwear and letting the sun warm our cold skin.

What will help you prepare for that new life? Perhaps it's moving your body more, with daily walks or living-room tai chi, so you'll be ready to take on more physical activity. It might be cutting back on alcohol or substance use and choosing healthier means of coping with stress. Maybe it's making plans you've had to delay since fall, plans to sit on a friend's porch for the afternoon or get together with a loved one at the park. I'm thinking about spending a little time outdoors each day, noticing the small changes in nature and getting ready to rejoice as spring blossoms.

Easter is coming, and spring is coming, and new life is on its way. Whatever it looks like for you, I hope you'll spend this Lent preparing to embrace this gift of God as never before.

Blessings, Gia+

# Standing Committee invites participation in diocesan-wide survey

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As part of our work during this transition time leading to the search and call of our next bishop, the Standing Committee invites your participation in a diocesan-wide survey. This will help us understand the health of our

diocese and assess our immediate and long-term needs.

We have heard from some people who believe we must proceed as quickly as possible into the search for our next bishop. Others have told us they believe our diocese has serious challenges which must be addressed before we can begin the search. Still others have said that we can proceed forward deliberately as long as we attend to our challenges and needs.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio Episcopalians in connection

Click here to take the survey

This survey will give us some data to guide our work. Once the survey is complete, we will host listening sessions to gather the kind of stories that cannot be collected in a survey. We have contracted with Holy Cow! Consulting in preparing the survey, and they will also lead the listening sessions. They are experienced consultants who have guided over 50 Episcopal dioceses through bishop transitions.

The survey will be open from today until Wednesday, February 10. Once the survey closes, listening sessions will be held in the late winter and early spring. With this information, we will be able to craft a timeline for the work that must be done to successfully call and elect our next bishop.

If there are people in your congregation who would like to take the survey but who do not have internet access, you may print out a PDF copy of the survey in English or Spanish. *Please mail completed paper surveys to the diocesan office* (412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 4520*2*) to arrive by February 3.

Please share the links widely within our diocese. Kindly share in newsletters, social media, bulletins, or any other channel of communication. It is important that we have wide participation across the whole diocese geographically, but also with our full diversity of race, age, economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, and so on.

We know that many people are eager to know the roadmap which will show us the path to calling and electing our next bishop. Believe us, no one is more eager to hand over the reins of leadership than your Standing Committee! However, we want to make sure we have the right process given who we are and where we are going. This survey and the subsequent listening sessions will be essential in helping us craft a process that is neither too hasty nor too slow.

We will share results from the survey not long after it is complete, and we will provide a summary of our findings from the listening sessions. Our goal is to have a search process that is transparent and clear for all.

Click here to

download a

PDF survey

QR Code link to survey in English

In this Epiphany season, we encourage you to seek Jesus in your own life and in the world around us. And let us all share the glad news of our redemption in Christ Jesus our Lord with a world in need of hope, mercy, and grace. We are,

Yours faithfully,

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

Mr. Larry Hayes, president

The Rev. Philip DeVaul, vice-president

Dr. James Allsop

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Cook

Mr. Barry Feist

The Rev. Canon Scott Gunn

# Celtic Service, Sunday February 7

Please join us on Zoom on February 7 at 5 pm for the next lay-led Celtic Service. We will honor St. Brigid of Kildare and the values of home, healing, and hospitality that her monastery embodied. Our service, based on the Iona Worship book of 2017, is an intimate, quiet, and contemplative worship experience with time for fellowship both before and after the service. Sign in at 4:45 for a little conversation before we begin. We welcome all St. John's parishioners and friends from outside our church family to join us. You can find the Zoom link in St. John's Weekly News Email for February 7.





# **Adult Formation Plans for February**

February brings us to the beginning of Lent and more fully into our Church Year. With that in mind, we continue with two book discussion groups, a Movie Night, weekly Devotions and Bible Study, a special Lenten study of the Holy Land, and a Coffee & Conversation series which seeks to comfort and uplift us. All of these activities and programs, all offered via Zoom, have been planned with intergenerational appeal; all Zoom links can be found in each week's Announcements. We hope you will want to participate in one or more of them!

<u>BOOK GROUPS</u>: Beginning in January on <u>Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm</u>, a group will discuss the book, <u>INNER COMPASS</u> by Margaret Silf; Contact Donna Hissrich for more information by email: donna.hissrich@gmail.com. Our special Lenten study of <u>Luhrmann's HOW GOD BECOMES REAL</u> will be <u>every Monday evening at 7:30 pm</u>, beginning February 22. See the article on page 9 for more information.

**<u>BIBLE STUDY</u>**: a lay-led Morning Worship and Bible Study will continue each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. For information, contact Ann Shelly or Diana Shirley by email: acshelly@aol.com or dianashirleyoh@gmail.com.

**LENTEN SPECIAL STUDY:** A 6 week study entitled **THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM** will begin each Wednesday evening during Lent, starting Feb. 24 at 6:00 pm. This series of video tours of areas of the Holy Land followed by Jesus is created by St. George's Church, the Anglican church in Jerusalem. Parishioners are encouraged to share a simple supper together, while they watch the presentation and participate in discussion. More details can be found in a separate article on page 9.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION "Walking with Jesus in Lent": Beginning Sunday morning, Feb. 28, our Coffee & Conversation will center around the theme of "Walking with Jesus." Each Sunday we will discuss various aspects of staying close to Jesus to gain strength and courage through life's struggles, using Scripture, poetry, music, guided imagery, and personal stories. Look for a specific schedule in the Weekly Announcements as we come closer to the Lenten season.

#### Children and Youth Formation

This month we will continue to hear the parables of Jesus as told through Godly Play. Jerome W. Berryman, in *The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, describes a parable as "a metaphor that uses short narrative fiction to reference a transcendent symbol, which in the Gospels is generally the Kingdom of Heaven." Berryman goes on to write, "Why tell parables? In parables, we enter with wonder to live the question. Parables question our everyday view of life. They wake us up to see in life what we have not seen before. Parables question the status quo, the order imposed by tradition, power, or class. That is why Jesus' parables often got him into trouble, and why Christians ever since have tried to make parables more benign, so they will not disrupt our comfortable worldviews." We have heard the parable of the Good Shepherd, as well as the parable of the Mustard Seed this past month in Sunday School. In the coming weeks, we will hear the parables of the Sower, the Great Pearl, and of course, the Good Samaritan. Last summer, we spent the whole month of June talking about the parable of the Good Samaritan. Before each of the Godly Play parable lessons, the storyteller reminds the students that parables are hard to enter sometimes, but come back to them again and again and eventually, they will open to you.

~ Carrie Troester

# St. John's Early Ed Center

**Enrollment** for the 2021-22 school year has been in progress since January. At this point we have some openings left in our classrooms. We are planning to try to return to normal class sizes but have to be flexible with our planning due to COVID. The excellent program we offer along with exceptional teaching staff makes our preschool an outstanding one in the Worthington area.

The parent group is already planning the **Spring Flower Sale**. Forms for ordering will be available in the church and school offices starting February 22. There will be opportunities to order online so send us your email address and we can forward the link. Orders will be due by March 17, and the beautiful flowers will be delivered in late April. We did drive-through pick-up last year and we more than likely will offer that again this year. The sale will be by order only and there will be no extra flowers for sale on the delivery date, so think spring and order those pretty flowers. If you would like to look at a Foertmeyer catalogue (available online after Feb. 22, 2021) please go to www.springflowersale.com.

You can email us at earlyed@stjohnsworthington.org with questions or to request a link to the sale.

~ Mrs. Cathy Wahoff, Director

#### Thanks to In the Garden Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped with the dinner for downtown residents at Trinity on January 3. Chili cookers included Lily Balukjian, Wendy Ciriegio, Ted Dziemianowicz, Teri Foley-Nelson, Karen Peeler, Andi Reiger, and Janet Souder. Sides were provided by Susie Bonnell, Wendy, Ted, Karen Graham, Karen Peeler, Melissa Redmill, Kim Rice, and Irene Zahm. Servers who went downtown included Teri and husband Jeff Nelson, Karen and Nancy, Janet and Irene. We not only packaged up our food to go, but also made sandwiches and packed lunches for the Trinity guests. Please hold the folks at Trinity in your prayers, as they have done a heroic job of keeping this Sunday feeding



program going every week throughout this pandemic. To get on the list of potential In the Garden volunteers, email Eve Herold at <a href="mailto:eve7125@att.net">eve7125@att.net</a> or Brice Patterson at <a href="mailto:bricepatterson88@gmail.com">bricepatterson88@gmail.com</a>.

#### The Food Pantries



Last month I posed some questions about how you donate or interact with our Food Pantries – thanks to those who responded! I heard from parishioners who have been making financial donations, knowing the money goes farther in purchasing more food. I also heard from parishioners who have made donations to our local food pantries or to food pantries in other



states in honor of special occasions such as a friend's birthday or Christmas. One of my sisters made a donation to the Worthington Resource Pantry as a Christmas gift to me, and that touched my heart.

Speaking of hearts, with Valentine's Day coming soon, February is a month to give from the heart. Please listen to your HEART as you consider how you can help keep the food pantry shelves well stocked to help provide nourishing food to those who are having a hard time paying for heat or food in these COLD winter months. Some may contribute food, some may give money, some may want to volunteer. The Worthington Resource Pantry still needs many volunteers each week to sort, bag, and distribute food. To volunteer at the pantry, please complete the online application at <a href="https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/volunteer">www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/volunteer</a>. Here are some examples of how volunteers help out:

- **Help with Open Pantry** Support Open Pantry efforts on Mondays Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Key roles include serving in the Drive Through line signing in neighbors, loading food into cars, or packing groceries for distribution inside the pantry.
- **Homebound Delivery** Packers/Baggers fill orders on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Drivers deliver food to three to five of our homebound neighbors on Thursdays starting at 2:00 PM.
- **Pantry Cleaning Support** Help with deep cleaning and disinfecting the pantry, and assist in keeping the pantry organized.
- Assist with Large Food Donations Do you have an active group of friends looking to help in a big way? Join WRP as they unload their monthly delivery from the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, or help sort other large donations they have on hand.

If you like to contribute food and toiletries directly, you can fill a box with the weekly suggestions listed below and deliver it directly to the Worthington Resource Pantry. Check their website at <a href="https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/giveitems">https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/giveitems</a> for drop-off days and times. You can donate financially to the Worthington Resource Pantry at <a href="https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate">https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate</a> and you can donate to the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton at <a href="https://gladdenhouse.org/donate/">https://gladdenhouse.org/donate/</a>. Hunger, illness, unemployment, and high heating bills will continue to plague some families and individuals in the coming months, so let's give from the heart to help feed God's hungry people in our community.

February 7 – canned tomatoes, hand soap

- 14 cereal or instant oatmeal, deodorant
- 21 spaghetti sauce, shampoo
- 28 canned fruit, applesauce, baby wipes

~Mary Bailey

# Put Your Vestry Ballot in the Mail or in the Box!



Remember to return your ballot to the church, either by mail, sending it by February 1, or in the box on the South Entry Porch by Sunday noon, February 14.

#### **Church Office to be Closed**

The church office will be closed for the Monday, February 15, Presidents' Day Holiday.

Please plan accordingly.



# The Warden's Corner: Plastered with Property Projects!

I thought it would be a good time, now at the end of my Junior Warden term, to recap what is going on with the property at St. John's.

The most current and on-going task is the repair and restoration of plaster in the nave. I've learned that all plaster is not the same. We have old plaster which requires a certain skilled laborer to repair. There are not many of them around, either. As with many of our projects in our old building, what begins with a small manageable repair often turns into a major restoration and with it the budget goes right out the window! The plaster project has been no exception.



Weatherholt.

We began this project in October 2020 with four main areas in need of repair. Because of the location of need, the nave required scaffolding. This accommodation bumps up the cost Junior Warden significantly. Our estimate for these repairs was planned to be in the range of \$20,000. As the repairs in targeted areas were completed, the contractor noticed another significant area of plaster failure in the nave, as well. This repair began last week. I also learned with old plaster repair that as you chip away, you are better able to assess the extent of the project. As this repair site is very close to the organ pipes, we needed to secure our organ maintenance company, Peebles-Herzog, to dismantle the pipes for protection. When the project is complete, the contractor will place the pipes back to their original location. This most recent phase along with the attention to the organ was estimated to be in the range of \$25,000.

So, how do we pay for such repairs that are not budgeted? Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor over the past three years, we have the money to pay for such unexpected and expensive repairs.

As we look toward the next five years, our list of major repairs will be:

- 1. Replacement of aging HVAC systems
- 2. Roofing: Education building and Atrium
- 3. Parking lot
- 4. Front and back patio

Each of these extensive projects takes a great deal of time and money and have all been estimated for cost. We are grateful to our generous donor, whose gift to maintain our building to further our mission has allowed us to keep our church building safe and welcoming. In the future, I am hoping that we will continue to have other generous souls able to step forward to help fund unexpected repairs. Blessings to you all.

~ Linda Weatherholt, Junior Warden



## The Stewardship of Sharing and Love



Jesus begins his ministry by gathering others — it is nearly his first public act after his baptism. Peter, Andrew, James, and John are the first to hear Jesus' invitation to follow. It is a call so clear, so convicting, that they drop everything to follow it. Jesus leads them, as he leads us, through countryside that is native and into wilderness that is wild. As Jesus moves through Galilee, beginning his three-year ministry, he is extravagant with his generosity, inspiring faith

and growing his following. We take note that Jesus does not hold back anything from those to whom he ministers, proclaiming the

good news, healing every disease, and teaching everywhere he went. This is the model he sets for us: to inspire faith and generosity in those we meet through our own acts of ruthless sharing and love.

This season of manifestation comes to us in the clear light of a star and ends in the dazzling light of transfiguration. Epiphany calls us on a journey, and by faith we will arrive at the Transfiguration. Along our journey we will teach and be taught, we will grow in faith, and we will follow the model that Jesus has set in sharing our gifts with each other and a world in need. It is for this reason that Jesus teaches us that to be called great in the kingdom of heaven we must both do good works and teach them. (Matthew 5:19). This is how we begin a year of faith-filled generosity.

#### For reflection

- What skills do you need to grow in order to step into the role of sharing the work and the wisdom of the Good News with the world?
- Does your generosity come from your faith? How do you describe your conviction to others?

This month's stewardship reflection was written by J. Davey Gerhard, the Executive Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. He lives and teaches his faith in San Francisco, California.

Plaster work continues in the nave while we are participating in online worship at home.

#### **Habitat House Dedication**

The Northside Habitat Adopt-A-House (AAH) Partnership managed to build a house in the Linden area in 2020 despite the pandemic. St. John's is a member of this partnership and contributed financially to the house. which was dedicated on Saturday, January 23, via a Zoom ceremony. Another family housed in our community is a cause for celebration!

~ Eve Herold for the Outreach and Social Justice Committee



#### Ronald McDonald House Wish List Drive Is Here!!

The RMH Charities of Columbus creates a home-away-from-home to families whose children are facing medical challenges. This year we are doing a Wish List Drive to help provide essential items to make the families' stay easier. The Wish List includes the following items:

- 1. disinfectant spray (such as Lysol)/ disinfectant wipes (such as Clorox)
- 2. meal take-away containers, paper plates & plastic cutlery
- 3. paper towels
- 4. plastic zipper bags (sandwich-sized)
- 5. individual hand soap
- 6. toilet bowl cleaner
- 7. wet cloth pads for Swiffers
- 8. large trash bags (55+ gallons)
- 9. Scrubbing Bubbles or similar for bath tubs
- 10. Small boxes of cereal

If you have any pop-tabs you have been collecting and would like to drop them off at the same time, then please do!

The Wish List drop off will look a little different this year as well. Members of the Outreach Committee will be hosting a drive thru Wish List Drop Off at the church on Saturdays, beginning February 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, and Wednesdays, beginning February 24, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. The last drop off date will be Saturday, March 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

In addition, you can contact Lillian Balukjian-Thompson at 614-899-6300 if you need to schedule a different time or would like your items to be picked up at your house. Thank you in advance for helping RMH Charities of Columbus create a home-away-from-home to families whose children are facing medical challenges. It is much appreciated!

~ Lillian Balukjian-Thompson

#### Flower Calendar



There is a new Flower Calendar for 2021. Although we are unable to physically be in the church to sign up on the chart at this time, I would like to make it available to anyone who desires to sign up for a particular week. You can call or text me at (614) 208-8573 to sign up. I will call as I have done in the past to ask you for whom or what you are giving the Flowers in Thanksgiving. Since there are no flowers at this time, no donation for flowers will be asked, but we think that your remembrances should be acknowledged in the bulletin under Thanksgivings. Hopefully we will return to in person services later this year and at that time the Flower Guild will be able to do flower arrangements again. Thank you.

~ Donna Somerville



# Eyes Wide Open—January 13, 2021

We do not walk alone.
We do not need to lose hope or faith or our compassion.
We can be our true selves
No matter who does what.
We are unique, created people,
Gifted with integrity and conscience.
These inner qualities are gold in the refiner's fire.
We need not search for them,
They are within us.

The love that springs from integrity, From conscience, from respect for others Can be seen in eyes smiling over masks, In hand gestures of welcome, In little courtesies that acknowledge Us as fellow passersby on the same path.

We do not walk alone and we do not have to wait. Tomorrow is too late to live-Too late to give our sincere love for others
Wings to fly.
Today, now, is paramount.
Our hearts cannot wait.
Our souls cannot wait.
Humanity cannot wait.

We cannot change the world.
But we can kill ourselves with anxiety
With worry, with fear.
Instead let us reach for the gold.
Let us trust the difference that we can make
Now, today, this minute.
Hope activated by Love
Connecting us to others is all it takes.

~ Tricia Herban

# Lenten Study: The Road to Jerusalem on Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Harkening back to times when we met together during Lent for a simple supper and special study, we will gather together over Zoom every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm to share supper together and enjoy a special series of films and webinars from St. George's College in Jerusalem; St. George's is our Anglican/Episcopal center in the Holy Land, and presents this study free to help churches across the world gain a better understanding of the world in which Jesus lived. Each of the six presentations explores an aspect of the geography and locations in Israel where Jesus walked and taught as he moved from the desert to Golgotha.

We will gather in our homes each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm; feel free to eat supper as you watch and participate in discussion. (It is suggested you have a simple soup and bread dinner to emphasize the sacrifice of Jesus.) We hope that by choosing this earlier time, children and youth will be able to participate, as the series has wide appeal. On two evenings (February 24 and March 31), St. George's will also present live webinars at 8:00 pm EST.

As usual the Zoom link will be in the Sunday Announcements beginning February 21. Plan to join us for this inspiring and educational "video pilgrimage" through the land that was home to Jesus!

### Monday Evening Book Group Begins February 22

The Monday Evening Book Group will begin again on **Monday, February 22,** with discussions of **Tanya Luhrmann's book, HOW GOD BECOMES REAL.** Sarah Iles Johnson will facilitate discussion beginning at 7:30 pm each Monday, and continuing through March 29 (with the exception of March 8). Sarah introduced us to this book during Coffee & Conversation last November, resulting in wide interest to explore the book in its entirety. Luhrmann, an acclaimed anthropologist, explores the effort and paths people pursue that render gods and spirits real to them. Using historical studies and data, Luhrmann shows how these efforts result in faith which is more powerful than beliefs, why prayer is therapeutic, and how such efforts change people in profound ways. The author will join the final discussion on Zoom on March 29. If you want to participate in this book discussion, copies may be purchased at local book stores and on Amazon; Sarah suggests we read the *Preface* and *Chapter 1* for the first session. Contact Sarah with questions at: sarahilesjohnston@gmail.com.

The Zoom link will be found in the Sunday announcements prior to each session.

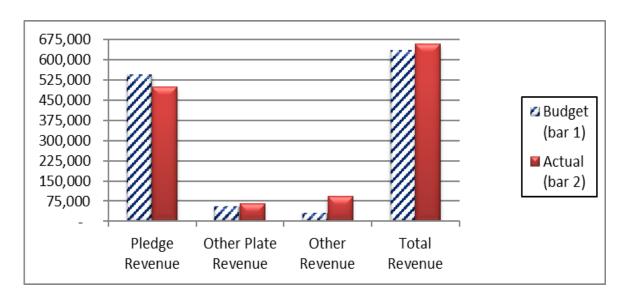
# Financial Summary for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Under) or Over <u>Budget</u>
Operating Revenue:			
Pledge Contributions	545,100	497,950	(47,150)
Other Plate Contributions	57,500	66,946	9,446
Other Revenue	33,650	93,053 *	59,403
Total Operating Revenue	636,250	657,949	21,699
Operating Expenses: Human Resources	321,051	307,324	(13,727)
Diocesan Expense	88,400	85,792	(2,608)
Other Administrative Expenses	28,660	25,188	(3,472)
Building & Grounds Expenses	142,868	109,798	(33,070)
Committee Expenses	59,949	32,713	(27,236)
Total Operating Expenses	640,928	560,815	(80,113)
Operating Cash Flow	(4,678)	97,134	101,812

<sup>\* -</sup> Other Revenue contains the proceeds from the Payroll Protection loan that was used towards payroll costs for the church

#### **Financial Summary:**

At the end of year, our pledge contributions fell below budget by \$47,200; our other plate contributions (which consist primarily of contributions from non-pledging members, plate cash, and prepaid pledges) exceeded our budget by \$9,500; and our total revenues in total also exceeded our budget by \$21,700, primarily due to the receipt of a Payroll Protection Loan to help with payroll costs for the church and the EEC. In total, our operating expenses fell under budget by \$80,100, which, in combination with our revenues, left us with a positive cash flow of \$97,100. However, when excluding the proceeds of the loan, our positive cash flow amounted to \$35,200. Many thanks for your continued support of the church during these unprecedented times!



# St. John's Calendar on Zoom

St. John's has purchased two Zoom accounts for congregational use, to help us stay connected. Below are some, but not all of the upcoming meetings scheduled on Zoom. Contact those listed for sign in links, or watch the Announcements in Friday's email. Or watch your email for a link to specially scheduled meetings. Email VirginiaN@StJohnsWorthington.org to schedule Zoom for your group or committee.

Wed., Feb. 3, 10:00 AM	Devotions & Bible Study
Wed., Feb. 3, 1:00 PM	Listening Group with Geralyn Esselburn
Thur., Feb. 4, 2:00 PM	Inner Compass Book Discussion Group with Donna Hissrich
Sun., Feb. 7, 10:15 AM	St. John's Zoom Worship followed by Coffee & Conversation
Sun., Feb. 7, 1:00 PM	St. John's Youth Group
Sun., Feb. 7, 5:00 PM	Celtic Worship with Eve Herold
Tues., Feb. 9, 5:30 PM	Finance Committee
Tues., Feb. 9, 7:00 PM	Adult Formation with Karen Peeler
Wed., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM	Devotions & Bible Study
Wed., Feb. 10, 1:00 PM	Listening Group with Geralyn Esselburn
Thur., Feb. 11, 2:00 PM	Inner Compass Book Discussion Group with Donna Hissrich
Sat., Feb. 13, 11:00 AM	Listening Group with Mary Bailey
Sun., Feb 14, 10:15 AM	St. John's Zoom Worship followed by Coffee & Conversation
Sun., Feb. 14, 1:00 PM	St. John's Youth Group
Mon., Feb. 15, 1:00 PM	Grief and Caregiver's Support Meeting
Tues., Feb. 16, 7:00 PM	Vestry
Wed., Feb. 17, 10:00 AM	Devotions & Bible Study
Wed., Feb. 17, 1:00 PM	Listening Group with Geralyn Esselburn
Thur., Feb. 18, 2:00 PM	Inner Compass Book Discussion Group with Donna Hissrich
Sun., Feb. 21, 10:15 AM	St. John's Zoom Worship followed by Annual Meeting
Sun., Feb. 21, 1:00 PM	St. John's Youth Group
Mon., Feb 22, 7:30 PM	How God Becomes Real Book Discussion
Wed., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM	Devotions & Bible Study
Wed., Feb. 24, 1:00 PM	Listening Group with Geralyn Esselburn
Wed., Feb. 24, 6:00 PM	Lenten Study: The Road to Jerusalem
Thur., Feb. 25, 2:00 PM	Inner Compass Book Discussion Group with Donna Hissrich
Sun., Feb. 28, 10:15 AM	St. John's Zoom Worship followed by Coffee & Conversation
Sun., Feb. 28, 1:00 PM	St. John's Youth Group

# **February Birthdays**

Mackenzie Heller	Feb. 1	Dawn Pascoe	Feb. 18
Emmanuel Koomson	Feb. 2	Mark Lewis	Feb. 18
Constance Rivera	Feb. 4	Bobbi Jrusovsky	Feb. 19
Elias Anderson	Feb. 4	Monroe Dowling Jr.	Feb. 23
Don Utter	Feb. 8	Seth Reichenbach	Feb. 23
John Herbert	Feb. 8	Amy Barnes	Feb. 24
Tim Price	Feb. 11	Angela Herban	Feb. 25
<b>Emily Masterson</b>	Feb. 13	Judi Guy	Feb. 27
Bruce Batchelder	Feb. 14	Rosalyn Cross	Feb. 28
Stephen Sollars	Feb. 16	Robert Palmer	Feb. 28



Bill Schwartz	Feb. 28
Juliette Ballard	Feb. 28

## Donations to the St. John's All Saints Fund

The following people have recently made a donation to the St. John's All Saints Fund:

Karen Kuhr Donation in memory of Jackie Browning

Susan Mancini Donation in memory of Sally Gibler
Ellen Stukenberg Donation in memory of Sally Gibler
Trudi Snediker Donation in memory of David Snediker

All donations to the All Saints Fund are used for permanent or semi-permanent improvements for St. John's programs or premises. If you wish to make a contribution in honor of someone or in thanksgiving for any event, simply write a check to St. John's Episcopal Church with a notation for the "All Saints Fund." The name of the person or event being memorialized should be included in the memo line.







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