

## From the Interim Rector

*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.*

*Acts 4:32*

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!*

*Psalm 133:1*

Dear people of God at St. John's Episcopal Church,

I am still basking in the glow of the glorious Easter festival that we celebrated together. The emotions of that day will linger in my memory for quite a while.

In the two months that I have served this parish I have not witnessed such enthusiasm. It will be hard to top the events of that entire week.

It revealed to me a few things about the people here; above all, that when we are excited about something, we work hard to make it happen.

I was impressed by:

- The “worker bees,” otherwise known as the Altar Guild, who scurried about to make sure all the flowers, the decorations and all communion and liturgical elements were in their proper place for each service.
- The choir, the musicians, the acolytes, the lectors, the ushers, and all the others who had a part in the innumerable liturgies that we held over the entire week.
- The cooks who contributed to the veritable cornucopia of culinary delights that we feasted on during the Easter brunch.
- The bulletins that had to be prepared, the cleaning and moving of furniture to make sure all was ready for the people to feel welcomed.
- If I've forgotten someone or something, please know that I appreciate anything you did, however great or small.

In the readings for the Second Sunday of Easter, there are two verses which I posted above. In many ways, they inform and guide our relationship to each other as children of God.

The reading from Acts is a description of the Early Church and how they came together to continue the ministry of Jesus after he departed this Earth. One cannot ignore the fact that it was AFTER Easter that the Church grew.

So, the questions this raises in my mind is, what changes would transform St. John's into an Easter church? I saw the expressions of joy in your faces upon seeing the many people that were here, some who had not attended in a while. What can we learn from the joyous experience of Holy Week and apply it to our life together as a faith community?

I am convinced that the power of Christ's resurrection can inspire the life of this church to deepen that Easter spirit in the days and weeks ahead.

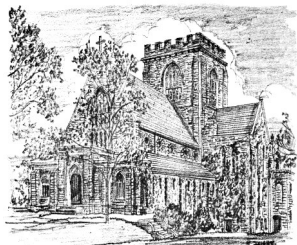
You are, after all, Easter people, created to live together in unity, to proclaim the Gospel and to carry out Christ's mission of justice, peace, and love.

*+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende*

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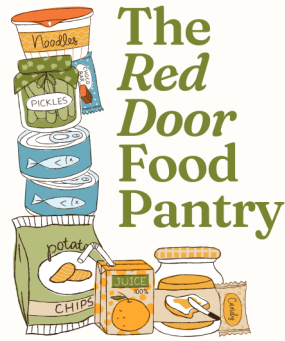




## April Events

April 3	7:15 pm Choir Practice
April 7	8:00 am Service with Eucharist
	9:15 am <b>Family Service Begins!</b>
	10:30 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Service with Eucharist*
	11:45 am EfM
	12:00 pm Finance Meeting
April 8	Eclipse! - Offices will close at noon
April 9	9:00 am English Center in Classroom
	6:30 pm PFLAG Meeting in Parlor
April 10	6:00 pm Abundant Life Service
	7:15 pm Choir Practice
April 11	9:00 am English Center in Classroom
	5:15 pm Vestry Meeting
	4:00 pm Sorority Philanthropy Dinner
April 12	4:00 pm Fraternity Philanthropy Dinner
April 13	Lit Youngstown - Undercroft
April 14	8:00 am Service with Eucharist
	9:15 am Family Service
	10:30 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Service with Eucharist*
April 16	9:00 am English Center in Classroom
	1:15 pm Taft Mobile Pantry
April 17	7:15 pm Choir Practice
April 18	7:30 pm YSU Saxophone Recital
April 19	5:00 pm Fraternity Philanthropy Dinner
April 20	9:00 am Women's Coffee
	10:00 am Red Door Food Pantry & Produce
April 21	8:00 am Morning Prayer
	9:15 am <b>NO</b> Family Service today
	10:30 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Morning Prayer
April 23	5:30 pm EfM
April 24	7:15 pm Choir
April 26	7:00 pm Organ Guild Performance
April 28	8:00 am Service with Eucharist
	9:15 am <b>Family Service</b>
	10:30 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Service with Eucharist*

\* Our 10:30am services are also broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube. Bulletins are available on our website [stjohnohio.org](http://stjohnohio.org)



## Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, April 20th from 10:00-11:15am.

Volunteers are always needed. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at

[stjohnohio@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnohio@gmail.com)

The Red Door Food Pantry is accepting donations of your cloth / reusable bags. Please leave bags in the basket on the bridge. **Thank you!**



## Women's Coffee

All women are welcome for coffee, refreshments, and conversation. Join us for our monthly Women's Coffee Hour preceding the Red Door Food Pantry from 9:00am-10:00am on Saturday, April 20th.

We invite our neighbors to use this as a time to relax, rest, and get to know us and one another.



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to add a new name to the Altar Flower list, you can now do so on the bulletin board on the second floor.

Altar Flowers are \$25 for a week and names are listed in the weekly bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Heather or Karen in the church office.

## April Birthdays

- 3 Cooper & Chloe Johnson
- 10 Suzanne Hill  
Ellie Hamilton
- 13 Avery Amedia
- 14 Robert Murray  
Matt Barillaire  
Dan Lowry
- 15 Alyson Witt Roeseler
- 16 Marcia Gould  
Allen DeMarks
- 25 Barbara Faires
- 29 Christopher Wlodarski



## Family Service Begins!

Our Family Service is beginning Sunday, April 7th at 9:15am in the Chapel in the Undercroft and will continue weekly excluding Sunday, April 21st. All families with children of all ages and abilities are invited to join! Family Service will be led by Pastor Allende.

## April Anniversaries

- 2 Mike & Jessica Schubert
- 6 Hobie & Lori Lambert
- 14 Tony & Bethany Manhollan  
Marilyn & Tim Saxton
- 22 Thea & Sean Hare
- 24 Elaine & Mahlon Hippley
- 28 Joseph & GERALYN DeNiro

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in or removed from upcoming newsletters or bulletins, please contact the office at (330) 743-3175 or email Heather at [stjohnohio@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnohio@gmail.com)



## Taft Elementary Events

Each month we have three ministries that serve at Taft Elementary. If you would like more information or if you're interested in donating to or assisting with any of these, please contact the office at (330) 743-3175 or [stjohnohio@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnohio@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Taft Mobile Pantry - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:15pm  
 Taft Student of the Month - April 12th (usually the first Friday of the month at 12:15pm excluding breaks and holidays)  
 Reading to Taft Students - May 1st at 9:20am



## The Good News Submissions

If you would like to submit something to the St. John's newsletter, please contact Heather in the office. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month and will appear in the following month's edition. We accept prayers, reflections, articles about events, or even things from the archives.



## We Pray For

those on our prayer list:

Allen DeMarks, T.J. Leo,  
 Kim Daniels, Brian Hill  
 Tom Wrona, Jim Ehret,  
 Vickey, Ginger Elliott  
 Carmela, Adam Sullivan,  
 Doug Hotchkiss  
 Charles Rumberg,  
 Derrie Wilkes

## Upcoming in April

**May 1**  
Reading at Taft

**May 5**  
EfM Graduation

**May 18**  
Women's Coffee  
Red Door Food Pantry

**May 21**  
Taft Mobile Pantry

## April Serving Schedule

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Altar Guild 8am</b>	Barbara M.	Barbara M.	Barbara M.	Barbara M.
<b>Reader 8am</b>	David B.	Brooke B.	Sally O.	John M.
<b>Usher 8am</b>	Sue F.	David B.	John M.	George E.
<b>Red Door Café</b>	Christ Episcopal Church	YSU Environmental Science Dept.	YSU Dietetics	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
<b>Altar Guild 10:30am</b>	Cindy S. Tom S.	Cindy S. Tom S.	Cindy S. Tom S.	Cindy S. Tom S.
<b>Videographer</b>	Tony M.	Tony M.	Tony M.	Tony M.
<b>Reader 10:30am</b>	Logan B.	Doug H.	Sam D.	Logan B.
<b>Usher 10:30am</b>	David S. Matt B.	Cindy S. Tom S.	David S. Bill B.	Cindy S. Tom S.
<b>Verger 10:30am</b>	Meg S.	Eva S.	Noah S.	Eva S.
<b>Counters 10:30am</b>	Bill W.	Lance G.	Joe D.	Lance G.
<b>Acolytes</b>	1. Emerson 2. Sveva	1. Morgan 2. Michael	1. Emerson 2. Quin	1. Sveva 2. Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				

### Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person      10:30am streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube  
**9:15 am Family Service      10:30 am Sunday School**

### Staff & Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly *Bishop*  
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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday    8:30 am - 4 pm

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