

From the Interim Rector

Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." Acts 1:8-9

Dear Easter people of St. John's Episcopal Church,

In the month of May, we will celebrate both the Ascension of Jesus into heaven (May 9) and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (May 19).

These are TWO principal feasts of the Church and yet, Ascension always seems to get the short shrift.

We acknowledge the Ascension of Jesus every time we recite the Creed. We say, "He ascended into heaven," but we give little thought to what it really means.

When you consider that the writer of the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts thought this event worthy of narrating twice, the lack of observance of this great ecumenical feast gets shoddy treatment. I personally consider it one of my favorite festival days of the church year.



Just before he ascended, Jesus prepared the disciples for the beginning of their ministry. He recapped the major themes of the gospel and then set the stage for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The disciples were given the task of transmitting this good news.

On more than one occasion in the Gospels and Acts, he tells them, "You will be my witnesses."

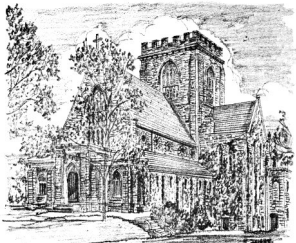
Those words are just as important to us as they were to Jesus' disciples.

Just as they were called to be his witnesses, we are now called to be as well. Because Jesus is not here, the Church can and must be empowered to be his worshiping, witnessing body here and now.

This year, on **Thursday May 9th, at noon**, we will be celebrating an Ascension Eucharist in the chapel. It will be a time to remember what Jesus told his disciples and the effect those words and the Spirit had on his disciples.

Come join us. If we have heard the teachings of Jesus well enough, if we believe in a God who really loves us; then we will joyfully tell others what that love has done for us. Our witness may go a long way in changing others. The change in even one person changes what God *can* do in the world.

+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende



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May 2024

May Events

- May 1 9:20 am Reading at Taft Elementary
 7:15 pm Last Choir Practice
- May 2 7:00 pm Student Recital Fundraiser
- May 3 12:15 pm Taft Student of the Month
- May 5 8:00 am Service with Eucharist
 9:15 am Family Service
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Service with Eucharist*
- 10:30 am EfM Graduation Recognition
- May 8 6:00 pm Abundant Life
- May 9 9:20 am Reading at Taft Elementary
 12:00 pm Ascension Day Service
 5:15 pm Vestry Meeting
- May 11 Lit Youngstown- Undercroft
- May 12 **Mother's Day**
 8:00 am Service with Eucharist
 9:15 am Family Service
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Service with Eucharist*
- May 14 6:30 am PFLAG
- May 18 9:00 am Women's Coffee
 10:00 am Red Door Food Pantry & Produce
 12:00 pm Great Hall Rental
- May 19 **Day of Pentecost**
 8:00 am Service with Eucharist
 9:15 am **Last Family Service**
 10:30 am **Last Sunday School**
 10:30 am Service with Eucharist*
- May 21 1:15 pm Taft Mobile Pantry
- May 26 8:00 am Service with Eucharist
 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

May Birthdays

- 3 Maudie Robles
- 6 Noah Silver
Terri Konzen
- 7 Leah Wlodarski
- 9 Suzanne Cinelli
- 11 Adam Sullivan
- 12 Dale Schall
- 15 Mara Amedia
Heidi Wlodarski
- 16 Carol Miller
- 17 Jon Luke Robles
- 18 Jo Ann Baker
- 19 Carol Leach
David Watson
- 20 Dirk Gould
- 22 Kara Griffith
- 23 Paul Robertson
John Weal
- 24 Kim Murray
- 26 Allie Kovachik
Nicholas Voss
- 27 Lane Schubert
Finn Schubert
- 28 Roshay Huff
- 29 Carol Errington
Patty Papadopoulos

May Anniversaries

- 7 James & Karen Rodgers
Nicole Brubaker & Jason Liggett
- 12 Holly & Jim Welch
- 14 Cheryl & Dale Lisko
- 21 Melissa & Bill Watson
Jonathan & Roshay Huff
- 21 Dick & Terri Konzen
- 28 Kathy & Harry Young
- 30 Mara & Chet Amedia

Upcoming in June

June 11
PFLAG

June 12
Book Club

June 15
Women's Coffee
Food Pantry & Produce

June 22
EfM Rummage Sale



EfM Graduates Honored

Please join us Sunday, May 5th during the 10:30am service as we honor all past and present graduates of Education for Ministry (EfM).

Students spend 4 years in this program and we are so glad to honor everyone from St. John's who has made it through the program.

Graduates:

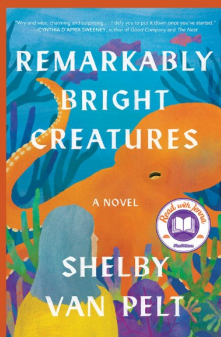
Emma Jones
Meg Silver
Sam Dickey
Jackie Pitman
Diana Robles
Linda Vasconi
Kim Daniels

Kathy Young
Doug Hotchkiss
Judy Graziano
Karen Rodgers
JP Robles
Mary Jane Quaranta

Thank you to Kim Daniels for overseeing this education and ensuring that these students leave as passionate about their faith as you are. We couldn't do EfM without you and without everyone's participation!

If you are interested in joining EfM, please contact Kim Daniels or the church office.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUMMER



St. John's Book Club

Meeting Wednesday
June 12th in the Parlor
6:00-7:00 pm

For more
information on
the book, scan
the QR Code.

Book Club

Attention Book Lovers! St. John's book club is about to be reborn!

Participate by reading one book every two months. The texts will be selected by group members. Books selected will be available from the library (or provided by grant funds).

Tentatively, meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings in St. John's parlor. One or two hostesses will provide a light snack and beverage for each meeting.

Consider joining and inviting a friend, because who doesn't like to talk about books! For more information, contact Eva.

Currently Reading

Our first book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. It's an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

The Book Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12 from 6:00-7:00pm in St. John's Parlor.

All are welcome to join us in this discussion!



Rummage Sale

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting a Rummage Sale to fund Education for Ministry.

Items can be dropped off during regular business hours at the church Monday - Friday 9-4pm. Deadline for drop-offs is June 21st at 4pm.



Family Service

Our Family Service continues for the following Sundays this month: May 5, May 12, May 19 Family service will break for the summer after May 19th.

All families with children of all ages and abilities are invited to join! Family Service will be held in the Undercroft Chapel and led by Pastor Allende.



Congratulations 2024 Graduates!

Rebekah Silver - daughter of Jary and Meg Silver - Graduated from Bowling Green State University. Graduate of the President's Leadership Academy, major in Human Development and Family Studies, Summa Cum Laude. She is embarking on a career with Northeastern Ohio Adoption Services as a Foster Youth Advocate. Congratulations Rebekah!



Our Parish Administrator Heather Seno graduated with a Masters of Science in User Experience from Kent State University.

Let us know if you have a graduate you would like to feature this summer! We would love to share about it in upcoming editions of The Good News!



Taft Elementary

Thank you to everyone who participated in the outreach ministries at Taft Elementary for the 23-24 school year! Our last events of the school year are this month. See you next September!

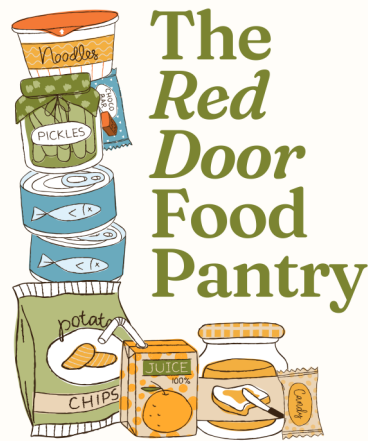
- Reading to Taft Students - May 8th at 9:20am
- Taft Mobile Pantry - May 21st at 1:15pm
- Taft Student of the Month - May 3rd at 12:15pm



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, May 18th.

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



Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, May 18th 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



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.



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
- The Geitgey Family

March 2024 Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Balance:
\$11,870.09

Total Expenses were:
\$38,832.55

Total income was:
\$35,549.60

Current Pledges are:
113.52%

Contributions
(Non Pledged) are:
206.16%



Altar Guild NEEDS YOU!

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All we do is set the table. All we need is you.

Altar guild has the honor of setting out the vessels, linens, and wine and wafers for communion at each service and lighting the candles. It is sacred work, and we are blessed to do it. All we need are a few more helping hands.

Our goal is to have members serve two months per year. All setup is completed a half hour before a

service begins, and clean up is completed in a few minutes following a service--No extra trips to church. New members will ALWAYS have an experienced partner until they are comfortable on their own.

For more information, talk to Mara, Allen, Ginger, Denise J. Molly, Barbara, Kim M. Karen R., Cindy, Tom, Kathy Y, or Eva.





On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms.

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance.

We pray this all in the name of God.

Amen

May Serving Schedule

	May 5	May 9 12:00 noon	May 12	May 19	May 26
Altar Guild 8am	Kathy Y. Kim M.		Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.
Lector 8am	David B.	Sam D.	Brooke B.	Sally O.	John M.
Usher 8am	Sue F.		John M.	David B.	George E.
Red Door Café	Boardman United Methodist Church		Grace Lutheran Church, Hubbard	Sacred Commons	Jary Silver
Altar Guild 10:30am	Karen R.	Eva S.	Karen R.	Karen R.	Karen R,
Videographer	Doug H.		Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Lector 10:30am	Logan B		Judy G.	Noah S.	Logan B.
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Sam D.		Logan B.	Sam D.	Judy G.
Usher 10:30am	Bill B. Matt B.		Cindy S. Tom S.	David S. Bill B.	Cindy S. Tom S.
Verger 10:30am	Meg S.		Noah S.	Meg S.	Noah S.
Counters 10:30am	Judy G.		Lance G.	Charles R.	Lance G.
Acolytes	1. Quin		1. Mathew 2. Morgan	1. Michael 2. Morgan	1. Emerson
Coffee Hour					

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*
 The Rev. Abraham Allende *Interim Rector*
 Dr. Richard A. Konzen *Organist/Choirmaster*
 Heather Seno *Administrative Assistant*
 Karen Warchol *Financial Secretary*
 Adam Sullivan *Sexton*
 Christa Buckler *CE Coordinator*

Officers & Vestry

Tony Manhollan *Senior Warden*
 Martie Witt *Junior Warden*
 Joe DeNiro *Treasurer*
 Jon Caguiat *Clerk*

Brenda Barry Sarah Quaranta Liz Johnson
 David Bobovnyik Logan Burrows Sue Flasco

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

The Good News

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