

From the Interim Rector

“...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”

[Philippians 3:13b-14 NRSV]

Dear people of God at St. John's Episcopal Church,
I love the month of September!

September brings a stimulating chill to the morning air, classes have resumed for most students, football teams have opened their season with hopeful expectations, during the last two weeks in August I've been serenaded by the university's marching band rehearsing in the field a short distance from my office window. I could list many other things that excite me about September, but by now you get the point.

The anticipation and thrill of newness is all around us.

Here at St. John's, we resume the program year with a return to three worship services, Sunday School, and the harmonious sounds of the choir's music and anthems.

Yes, we are still in a state of transition, but that should not deter us from continuing and maintaining the mission of the church, and the warm, genuine hospitality and expressions of God's love.

Most change takes time. So it is with transitions here at St. John's.

Of course there will still be a lingering anxiety. Naturally, there will be a prolonged tension. But those obstacles take a back seat to the wonderful, caring people who have shown openness to new ideas and are willing to make adjustments and, most importantly, are willing to trust in God's promises.

The blessings of this past summer, the single worship during the month of August, and the small group discussions, challenging as they may have seemed, inspired us into renewing relationships that will play a major role in our vision for the future.

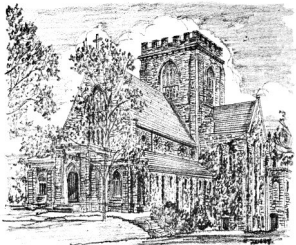
Far too often, we reflect on how things used to be. But have you ever wondered why our eyes are in front of our heads and *not* in the back? In the words of the apostle Paul, let us focus on what's ahead more than what lies behind.

I never cease to tell you how much potential for mission I see at this church. But in the end, it has to be a shared mission, not mine, and most importantly, a mission that aligns with God's mission. I grow increasingly confident that we can build up God's Kingdom here on Wick Avenue and give hope to the university campus community as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

But it will require effort, energy, and enthusiasm from all of us; as well as God's guidance and inspiration.

May the Spirit encourage us to press on toward that goal.

+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende



The GOOD NEWS

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SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Morning Prayer 8:00am Morning Prayer 10:30am</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Office Closed</p>	3	4 Choir Practice 7:15pm	5	6	7
<p>Seasonal Kickoff Rite I 8:00am Family Service 9:30am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am</p>	9	10 PFLAG 6:30pm	11 Abundant Life 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm	12 Vestry 5:15pm	13	14
<p>15 Rite I 8:00am Family Service 9:30am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Finance Meeting 12:00pm</p>	16	17 Taft Mobile Pantry 1:15pm	18 Book Club 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm	19 International Students Picnic 5:00pm	20	21 Women's Coffee 9:00am Pantry & Produce 10:30am
<p>22 Stewardship Kickoff Rite I 8:00am Family Service 9:30am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am</p>	23	24	25 Choir Practice 7:15pm	26	27 Nurses Meeting 12:30pm	28
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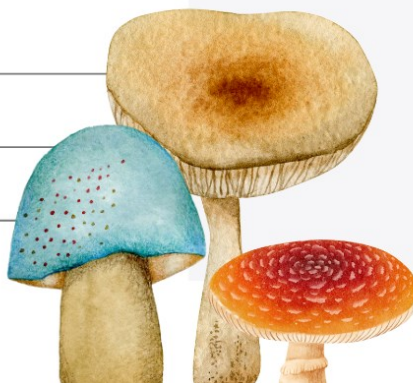
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MONTH GOALS

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NOTES





The Red Door Food Pantry

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY AT 10 AM

Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, August 17th from 10:00-11:15am. Volunteers are always needed. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at office@stjohnohio.org

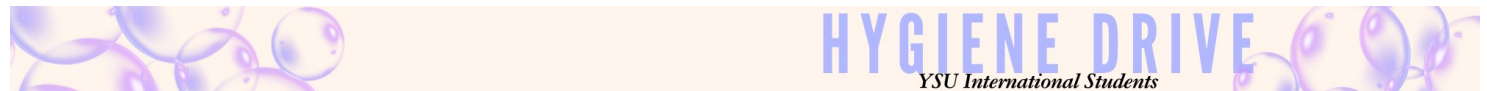


Women's COFFEE

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY AT 9:00AM

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, August 17th. We invite our neighbors to use this as a time to relax, rest, and get to know us and one another.

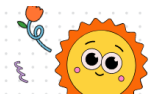


HYGIENE DRIVE

YSU International Students

YSU International Students Hygiene Drive

Please help us collect personal care items throughout the month of August for the international students of YSU. Items to consider are shampoo, body wash, Kleenex, deodorant, toothpaste / toothbrush. Please bring items to church before Tuesday, August 27th so they can be prepared for blessing during the church service on September 1st.



Taft Mobile Pantry Grant Funding

We are collecting to fund our Taft Mobile Pantry Grant. This grant is matched by United Way, First Presbyterian Church, & the Diocese of Ohio. Taft Mobile Pantry helps deliver free meat, dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables to families in our community. Our goal is \$3000.00. Taft Mobile Pantry Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm at United Way Volunteer Center, 8133 Market St., Boardman, Oh.



Nurse Connection Group

Nurse Connection Meeting

Nurse Connection will meet on Thursday, September 26th from 12:30 -2:30 in the Parlor. Lunch is provided. We are gaining momentum as we identify opportunities to reach out, connect, and show love to our church family. If you are interested in learning about us, please join us for September's meeting. RSVP Sally Oberman or Molly Letcher



Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 1 and will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30am.

WE HAVE A LOT TO Celebrate

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Claire Offerdahl
- 3 Tim Saxton
- 5 Samuel Voss
- 7 Barbara Orton
- 8 Pat Griffith
- 10 Carol Krause
Logan Burrows
- 13 David Bobovnyik
Jeremy Shay Smith
Gabiella Schubert
- 14 Brennan Baber
- 19 Brian Voss
- 20 Jon Caguiat
Emerson Hare
- 21 Pat Klinich
- 23 Jim Swager
Harry Young
- 25 Joe Spurio
Cameron Burrows
Dewey Slagle
Karen Eberth
William Yun Boyd
- 27 Derrie Wilkes
Eleanor Congdon

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Diane New and Gaynell Harris
- 4 Chuck and Debbie Schiffhauer
- 5 Sally and John Oberman
- 7 Christopher and Heidi Wlodarski
- 9 Kevin and Lisa Elliott
- 10 Ron and Marcia Gould
- 12 Walt and Melinda Baber
- 14 Jim and Martie Witt
Robin and Early Woodberry
- 18 Mary Jane and Joseph Quaranta
- 26 Jeff and Elizabeth Cianciola

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 office@stjohnohio.org

Church Email Addresses

You may have noticed our new email addresses in recent communications. You can now contact many of the office personnel by their occupation or their names followed by @stjohnohio.org ! So don't be surprised if you see some of the following new emails and others as they get sorted out:

TheGoodNews@stjohnohio.org Adam@stjohnohio.org rector@stjohnohio.org office@stjohnohio.org
Heather@stjohnohio.org info@stjohnohio.org vestry@stjohnohio.org

62ND ANNUAL
Boar's Head & Yule Log
FESTIVAL

Boar's Head Casting Call

Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival is quickly approaching. If you are interested in trying a new role, have a child who feels like they've aged out of a particular costume, if you want to sign up to be Plum Pudding Attendants with your best friend from work - Now is the time!

Beginning September 8th, there will be a sign up sheet on the bridge so you can claim the role you've always dreamed of!

We will also have a display of last year's Boar's Head photos supplied by Eleanor Congdon - Thanks Eleanor! - feel free to look through the photobook and reminisce while you choose your part!

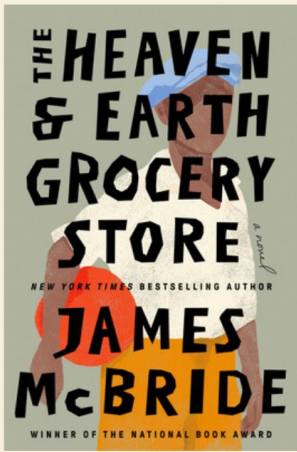


Family Service and Sunday School

Join us Sunday, September 8th for Family Service - welcoming families with children of all ages and abilities to worship in the Chapel - at 9:30am

Our Sunday School program begins at 10:30 am on September 8th. Children will meet in the Sunday School room and join their parents in the service for Communion.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUMMER



St. John's Book Club

323 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503

All are welcome to join in our book discussion of James McBride's novel *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*.

Wednesday
September 18
6:00-7:00pm
St. John's Parlor

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

Currently Reading

All are welcome to join in our book club discussion of James McBride's novel *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*. We are meeting on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00pm in the St. John's Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served.

About the Book:

In 1972, workers uncover a mysterious human skeleton in the neighborhood of Chicken Hill - the community of immigrant Jews and African Americans living side by side, sharing ambitions and sorrow, struggling to survive at the margins of white Christian America. Here they experience how damaging bigotry, hypocrisy, and deceit can be to a community.

Will the characters grow to realize that it is love and community - heaven and earth- that ultimately sustain us?

August 2024 Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Balance: \$18,094.83
Total Expenses were: \$26,032.05
Total income was: \$34,024.67
Current Pledges are: 118.65%
Contributions (Non Pledged) are: 158.38%

Acolytes are asked to attend a meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 12:00pm

If you cannot attend, please contact Heather in the office.

13th Annual Nonviolence Parade & Rally

3pm Sunday, October 6, 2024
Downtown Youngstown beginning at West Wood & Wick.

Join St. John's as we march together!

After the parade, please join us for a rally at the amphitheater in Wean Park as we celebrate the kick-off of nonviolence week in the state of Ohio

There is a sign-up sheet on the bridge or contact Heather in the St. John's office to sign up!



Episcopal Church Calendar

If you would like an Episcopal Calendar, please contact the office.

Calendars are \$5 each

Heritage Foundation

1. INVESTMENT ADVISOR – PNC INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT – FINANCIAL REPORT BY MYRA VITTO

Just like the 1st Quarter (3-31-2024) Report, Myra outlined the results of the 2nd Quarter (6-30-2024) performance of the PNC administrated Sallie Tod and Hitchcock trusts. Both trusts are in a slow but steady growth mode of about 2.3% per year with 70% equities and 30% fixed return investments with large cap companies preferred.

The Sallie Tod trust provides the Church with annual income of about \$17,136 per year or about \$4,284 quarterly; the Hitchcock trust provides the Church with annual income of about \$14,423 per year or about \$3,606 quarterly.

2. DAVE BULKLEY AND SCOTT ZOLDAN-MORGAN STANLEY REPORT

Dave Bulkley and Scott Zoldan presented the second quarter report. The value of the assets they manage as of 06/30/2024 were \$1,411,568.98. The asset allocation was 61.2% equities or \$864,377; fixed income and preferreds were 24.2% or \$342,260; alternative assets were 10.5% or \$148,063 and cash was 4.0% or \$56,867. The projected twelve month income was \$36,487 or 2.57% annually.

The year-to-date investment earnings were \$81,261 and the cumulative performance of all accounts were up 6.06% year to date and 11.95% in the last twelve months. The accounts were up to \$153,930 in the last twelve months.

The Endowment Board voted, as of Friday August 23, 2024, to reposition 5% of our equity investments to fixed income as recommended by our Advisor(s) Morgan Stanley on the premise that in the next 12-18 months the returns to the Church should be greater than equity investments.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Messenger, Chair



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.



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.



We Pray For

those on our prayer list:

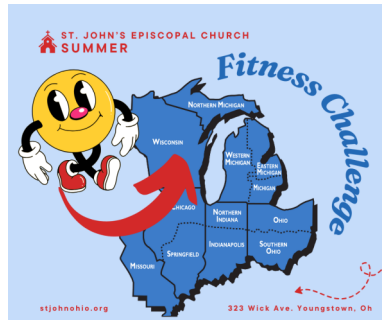
Allen DeMarks, T.J. Leo, Kim Daniels, Brian Hill, Tom Wrona, Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Derrie Wilkes, Pat Klinich, Diane New, Gaynell Harris

picnic.



International Students Picnic

Thursday, September 19th we will show hospitality to the International Students of YSU with a picnic! Join us at 5pm. Please contact the office if you would like to assist.



Parish Fitness Challenge

Keep logging your miles each week as we get closer to our home diocese! Only a few more steps to go!



Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 12th at 2pm
All friendly pets welcome!



Welcoming YSU Students

On Tuesday, August 27th, we successfully welcomed the students of YSU back to classes for the fall semester! Thank you to everyone who assisted with this event. We are hoping to do this again as the weather changes. If you would like to participate in future YSU Welcoming events, please contact the church office.

Upcoming in October

October 6
Non-violence Parade

October 12
Pet Blessing

October 19
Women's Coffee
Food Pantry & Produce

October 22
Taft Mobile Pantry

September Serving Schedule

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Kathy Y.	Kathy Y.	Kathy Y.	Kathy Y.	Kathy Y.
Lector 8:00 am	Brooke B.	John M.	David Bo.	Sally O.	Brooke B.
Usher 8:00 am	David Bo.	David Bo.	John M.	David Bo.	John M.
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.
Lector 10:30 am	Judy G.	Sam D.	Noah S.	Logan B.	Sam D.
Usher 10:30 am	Cindy S Tom S	David S. Matt B	Cindy S. Tom S.	David S. Matt B.	Cindy S. Tom S.
Chalice Bearer 10:30 am		Logan B.	Sam D.	Judy G.	Logan B.
Videographer 10:30 am	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Counters 10:30 am	Lance G.	Bill W.	Judy G.	Lance G.	Lance G.
Acolyte 10:30 am	1. Emerson	1. Morgan 2. Sveva	1. Quin 2. Michael	1. Sveva 2. Morgan	1. Mathew 2. Quin

Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person 10:30am streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube
Family Service 9:30am and Sunday School 10:30am Beginning September 8th

Staff & Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly	<i>Bishop</i>
The Rev. Abraham Allende	<i>Interim Rector</i>
Dr. Richard A. Konzen	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>
Heather Seno	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Karen Warchol	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Adam Sullivan	<i>Sexton</i>
Christa Buckler	<i>CE Coordinator</i>

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Tony Manhollan		<i>Senior Warden</i>
Martie Witt		<i>Junior Warden</i>
Joe DeNiro		<i>Treasurer</i>
Jon Caguiat		<i>Clerk</i>
Brenda Barry	Sarah Quaranta	Liz Johnson
David Bobovnyik	Logan Burrows	Sue Flasco

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

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