

From the *Interim Rector*

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?!" [Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV]

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We are well into the Easter season and awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (June 8).

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Christian Church. However, the Church had been in development since long before then, and it continues to evolve even today.

We read the verse above from the prophet Isaiah on the Fifth Sunday in Lent. As I told you in my sermon that day, making things new or the idea of newness is a concept that is found throughout the entire Bible.

As St. John's moves forward during this interim period, it is worth your while to pause and reflect on just where we are as a church in comparison to a year ago or so, and what may be ahead in the future.

We are different. We are not the same congregation that we were then. And as we move forward, we will continue to change.

As a church, we are called to witness to the love of God for all creatures and all creation.

How do we become those bold, courageous, and faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Since its retreat in March, the Vestry has been diligently working on goals that will help us move in that direction in the coming year.

At the same time, another group has been in conversation with St. James Church in Boardman to explore ways to support each other and discern what a shared ministry between the two might look like.

All the while, our search committee presses on toward the goal of finding that spiritual leader that will serve this community and guide us toward the fulfilling of God's purpose.

But these discussions are not limited to a few. All of you have a stake in this venture.

The question each of you must ask yourself is, "How can I become involved? What is my role in this new thing to which God is calling us?"

No doubt about it. Your participation is vital to the shaping of our congregation's future. But only you can determine what part you will play.

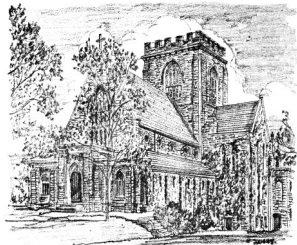
The Church is a community of grace and reconciliation in which everyone has equal right of participation. It's not just up to the Vestry, a small group, the staff, or the Interim Rector.

We all have gifts and capabilities that we don't know about until they are unlocked by a powerful personal experience, like the Holy Spirit.

None of this happens overnight. But it will happen if only we open ourselves to the Spirit and enable it to work within us.

As we move forward toward Pentecost, let us be open to those new things that God is doing in, with, and through us.

+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende



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May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Mission Immersion Visit Walk 3:00pm Dinner 5:30pm	2 First Friday Art & Music 5:00pm - 8:00pm	3 Mission Immersion Visit Gathering at St. James 9:00am - 2:30pm
4 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Efm 12:00pm Evensong 4:00pm	5	6 Read at Taft 9:20am	7 Choir Practice 7:15pm	8 Taft Student of the Month 12:00pm Vestry Meeting 5:15pm	9	10 Lit Youngstown Writing Intensives 9-5:00pm
11 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Mother's Day	12	13 PFLAG 6:30pm	14 Book Club 6:00pm Abundant Life 6:00pm	15	16	17 Women's Coffee 9:00am Pantry 10:00am
18 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Finance 12:00pm	19	20 HomeInstead 11:00am Taft Mobile Pantry 1:15pm Clergy Conference →	21	22	23	24
25 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Last day of choir at 10:30	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29 Ascension Day Service	30	31



The Red Door Food Pantry

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY AT 10 AM



Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, May 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 stjohnohio@gmail.com

The Red Door Food Pantry is accepting donations of your dish soap and laundry soap. Please leave items 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, May 17th.

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



Taft Elementary School Outreach

Thank you to everyone who participated in the outreach ministries at Taft Elementary for the 24-25 school year! Our last events of the school year are this month. See you next September!

Reading at Taft Elementary Tuesday, May 6th at 9:20am.

Taft Student of the Month Thursday, May 8th at 12:00pm

Taft Mobile Pantry Tuesday, April 15th, at 1:15pm at the United Way Volunteer Center.

There is a *new* Taft outreach program - We have been contacted by the Principal of Taft Elementary to sponsor scholars who have received the new *Taft Principal's Award*. Teachers have nominated students 3rd - 5th grade for awards given quarterly. This award is not necessarily given to the scholars with the highest grade point average, but one that shows respect, models for others, demonstrates responsibility, and is safe not only for themselves, but for others around them. We have been asked to donate or sponsor 20 scholars who have earned this award. Students recently celebrated their first luncheon in late March and will be celebrating again at the end of the year. If you would like to contribute funds or items to this celebration, please contact the church office.



Sunday School

Join us each Sunday, for our Sunday School program at 10:30 am. Children will meet in the Sunday School room. Our last day for Sunday school will be Sunday, May 25th, we will reconvene in fall!



We Pray For

Those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Kristen Hamilton, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Brown / Daff Family as well as the entire Springfield / New Middletown community, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Austin Muldowney, Susan Paczak, Bob, Jason, Sandra G, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte.



Care Share Connect Meeting

Growing more important, as we move into summer, is the need to stay connected. Staying connected as a church family is our life line at St. John's. Care Share Connect (formerly Nurses Connection) continues to reach out and share and connect in the following ways this summer:

1. June 1st:

Karen R., Molly L, and Sally O will host an informal in-service on the AED machine between church services. This would inform church visitors where to find the AED in case of emergency, answer any questions, and inform visitors of some basic emergency procedures already in place at St. John's.

2. Phone Tree / Call List:

We are arranging our directory numbers on a call list for checking in, reaching out, and sharing urgent information.

3. Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 19, at 12:30pm in the Parlor at St. John's. A light lunch will be served.



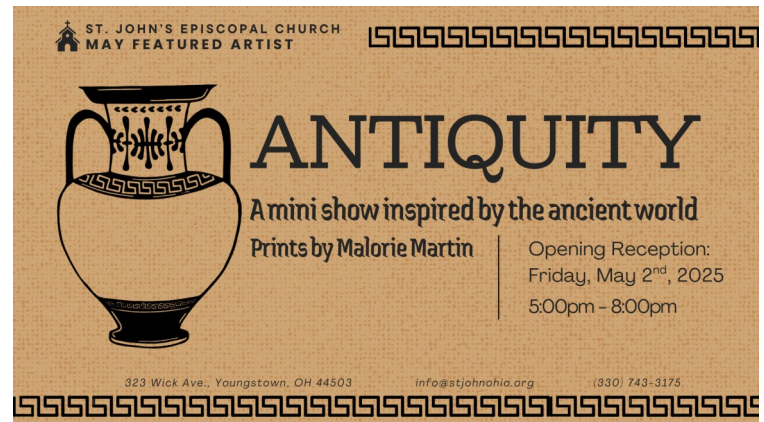
Want to Start a Good News Garden?

Native Ohio pollinators? Assorted fruits and herbs? An array of wondrous fragrances and seasonal colors? We've got the space for growing - What do you want and how will we do it?

Calling for a meeting on the topic of rehabilitating the hill bordering the church parking lot and the back perimeter of the church, along with other discussions pertaining to our grounds and properties.

"The mission of the Good News Gardens movement, as led by The Episcopal Church, is to partner with people in transformational agrarian ministry that feeds body, mind, and spirit. Good News Gardens is a church-wide movement of individuals, congregations, schools, colleges, seminaries, monasteries, camps and conference centers involved in a variety of food and creation care ministries - gardening, farming, beekeeping, composting, gleaning, feeding, food justice advocacy. The list goes on and on. Collectively Good News Gardens share their abundance, their prayers, and the Way of Love in their communities and beyond."

Read more at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-news-gardens/>



First Friday, Art Opening & Live Music

All are welcome to St. John's for our community involvement in Youngstown First Friday.

Friday, May 2nd, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

"Antiquity" is a printmaking exhibition by Malorie Martin that is inspired by a love of the ancient world and the art and writings created by people long since past. Every piece in this show is created using block printing techniques, and printed onto handmade paper by the artist. These works are a love letter to the past, and explore how across centuries, continents, and cultures artists continue to be inspired in many of the same ways.

Malorie Martin is a printmaker from Struthers, Ohio. She graduated from Husson University in Bangor, ME with a Bachelor's Degree in English in 2020. Malorie has been printmaking for over five years, and often finds inspiration in the parts of life that have been captivating humans for a millenia ; flora, fauna, music, and literature.

There will be live music playing in the church throughout the First Friday event.



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

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOOK CLUB

St. John's Book Club
323 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503

All are welcome to join in our book discussion of *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua.

Wednesday, May 14th, 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 *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua. We are meeting on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm in the St. John's Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served.

About the book:

In Berkeley, California, in 1944, Homicide Detective Al Sullivan has just left the swanky

Claremont Hotel after a drink in the bar when a presidential candidate is assassinated in one of the rooms upstairs. A rich industrialist with enemies among the anarchist factions on the far left, Walter Wilkinson could have been targeted by any number of groups. But strangely, Sullivan's investigation brings up the specter of another tragedy at the Claremont, ten years the death of seven-year-old Iris Stafford, a member of the Bainbridge family, one of the wealthiest in all of San Francisco. Some say she haunts the Claremont still.



Congratulations Graduates!

Emerson Hare is graduating from Boardman High School in June of 2025.

Emerson plans on attending the Ohio State University in the fall and majoring in Finance.

He has been an acolyte at St. John's and a participant in the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival.

Congratulations Emerson!

If you have a graduate of any grade you would like to honor this summer, please send their information to heather@stjohnohio.org

**WE NEED
YOU**



We need you!

Properties Committee seeks new members

The Properties Committee is looking for new members. People interested should contact Jim Witt, Properties Chair, or contact the office for more information.

Interested in helping during the Sunday Service?

We are in need of servers for the Sunday Services. If you are interested in being a reader / Chalice Bearer or Usher for either the 8:00am or 10:30am services, please contact Heather in the office

The goal is that each of these responsibilities happens once a month (outside of special services) so that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the Sunday service.



Altar Flowers

Commemorate a loved one with Altar Flowers or an Aumbrey Candle. Your notice will be posted in the weekly bulletin. Altar Flowers are a suggested donation of \$25 for one week. Aumbrey candles are a suggested donation of \$10 for two weeks. 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 or contact 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.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

evensong

MAY 4TH AT 4:00PM

in participation with

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323 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH



all are *welcome.*

May Serving Schedule

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Altar Guild 8:00am	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.
Lector 8:00am	Jack T. / Gail P.	David B.	Sally O.	Eva S.
Usher 8:00am	John M.	Joe D.	Joe D.	John M.
Altar Guild 10:30am	Karen R.	Karen R.	Karen R.	Karen R.
Usher 10:30am	David S. Matt B.	Cindy S. Tom S.	David S. Matt B.	Cindy S. Tom S.
Lector 10:30am	Logan B.	Michael K	Michael L.	Noah S.
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Noah S.	Logan B.	Sam D.	Judy G.
Videographer 10:30am	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Vergers 10:30am	Meg S.	Noah S.	Meg S.	Meg S.
Acolytes 10:30am	Morgan Michael	Mathew Michael	Quin	Quin
Counters 10:30am	Chet A.	Jim W.	Bill W.	Joe D.

Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person 10:30am streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube
Sunday School 10:30am - Last day: May 25th, will reconvene in fall.

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>
	<i>Clerk</i>
Sarah Quaranta	Liz Johnson
Logan Burrows	Sue Flasco
	Noah Silver
	Molly Letcher
	David Bobovnyik

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Good News

Send submissions to newsletter@stjohnohio.org

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