

2025 was a year of faithful discernment, renewed energy, and deepened relationships among ourselves, within our diocese, and in our community.

Soon after last year's parish meeting, a large delegation from St. John's attended the annual diocesan Winter Convocation, where sessions from the College for Congregational Development helped our group envision new ways to strengthen ministry. Our group particularly came away with some ideas and enthusiasm for supporting and building up our food ministries.

That energy carried into our vestry retreat in March, which helped to shape much of what would follow in 2025. The Rev. Canon Audra Abt led our retreat through prayer and fellowship, conversations and exercises to explore all the ways our faith community is connected to one another and to our neighbors in Youngstown.

Broadly speaking, the vision we came away with was one where everyone who comes to St. John's, whether for worship, music, art, fellowship, or a warm meal, finds opportunities for deeper connection.

We have been working toward that vision in several ways. We have intentionally brought our two Sunday congregations (8 and 10:30) together more often. We formed a new Young Adult Ministry Group, which has already met a couple of times. We started exploring ways to make space for church in the busy lives of families with children.

And perhaps most significantly, our Red Door Café has returned to indoor dining for the first time since 2020. Much prayer and discernment went into that change as well as much planning and coordination between Pat Rogers and Eva Sullivan, Logan Burrows and Jary Silver. Pat's long and faithful service as coordinator was a blessing and when her health led her to step down partway through last year, Eva took over coordination with the help of Logan and Jary.

We also spent time last year collaborating with others in our Mission Area when Canon Audra visited again to bring all of the churches in the Southeast Mission Area together to deepen relationships. Our search committee spent much time together in discernment with St. James' Boardman envisioning a way that our two parishes could work formally together in shared ministry for a more sustainable future. Although that process ultimately did not lead to a partnership, all involved felt that it was time well spent building relationships and strengthening our ministry and it affirmed the importance of regional cooperation.

Pastor Allende completed his transformative interim ministry in August after guiding us through a time of healing, rebuilding, and rediscovery of hope – what he dubbed “the year of hope and healing”. We are deeply grateful for his pastoral leadership. Following his departure, The Rev. Sally Goodall began serving as extended supply priest, offering a fresh perspective, a steady presence in worship, and pastoral care, supported by growing lay ministry.

Our community at St. John's remains vibrant. Easter and Christmas services were well attended and our Boar's Head festival continues to be a joyful opportunity to connect with our community. We continued outreach at YSU and downtown neighbors. We welcomed new faces this year, spent much time together in fellowship, and had some fun in December with a karaoke night – more of that to come!

I am grateful to all who have given their time and talents to help our ministries and programs flourish this past year, as well as all who share their financial gifts. It is all of us together who make this church all of the wonderful things that it is.

I especially want to thank our fantastic vestry, who Canon Audra described after the retreat as “a group of hopeful, faith-filled, and courageous leaders” with a vision for St. John's for deeper connections with everyone we encounter.

We will continue to work toward that vision in the coming year. I am confident that all of you will continue the energy and vitality we've experienced this past year and that our new vestry will bring that same bold and hopeful leadership as we look forward to a new relationship with a full-time priest-in-charge. It is each of you, in whatever capacity you are called to serve, offering your unique gifts that only you can give that will sustain St. John's into the future.

Faithfully,
Tony Manhollan

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March 2026

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1 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Finance Meeting 12:00pm Parochial Report Due	2	3	4	5 Glimpse of God Through the Eyes of The Mystics 12:00pm	6 Taft Book GiveAway 9:30am Taft Student of the Month 12:00pm	7
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05 Easter Sunday Rite I 8:00am Brunch 9:15am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am	06	07	08	09	10	11



Easter Brunch
 All are welcome to join us for our Easter Sunday Brunch on April 5th at 9:00am in the Great Hall. If you would like to assist with this, please contact the office.



Spring Forward!
 Remember to move your clocks forward before bed on Saturday, March 7th so you're on time for church on Sunday, March 8th!



March Birthdays

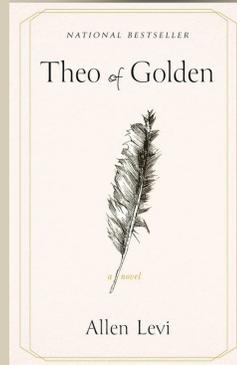
- 1 Joan Stadnik
Gail Paul
- 6 Kris Shepley
- 8 Lori Grim
Peter Glatz
Braiden Bulkley
- 9 Kristen Schmidt
- 10 Ella Hare
David Bulkley Jr.
- 11 Diane New
Hunter Morrison
- 12 Richie Murray III
- 13 Rachel Murray
Thea Hare
- 14 Brenda Barry
- 17 Joseph DeNiro
Maeve Hamilton
- 20 Justin Chisholm
- 21 Judy Graziano
Eva Pandone
Sam Barillaire
- 22 Bill Messenger
- 24 Lisa Callahan
- 25 Matt Barry
- 27 Matt Robertson
Chet Amedia
- 28 Sarah Quaranta
- 30 Mike Kovachik
- 31 Sally Dutton
Bethany Manhollan

March Anniversaries

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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 *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

Wednesday, March 11th
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 *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We are meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00pm in the St. John's Parlor.

Light Refreshments will be served.

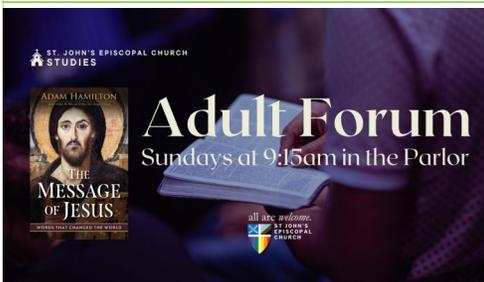
About the book:

Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden.

Who is he, and why is he here?

He arrives early one spring by chance - or is it?- he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'

Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed. *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted story about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the far-reaching possibilities of anonymous kindness.



Adult Forum Lenten Study

In *The Message of Jesus*, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus' teaching, why they matter,

and how they speak to us today. This study will be led by Rev. David Hill on Sunday mornings in the Parlor from 9:15 to 10:20am, beginning February 22 and concluding March 29, Hamilton explores Jesus' preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the I Am sayings in John, and more. Jesus' message is not only life-changing, but world changing.

All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Study books have arrived and are available in the office for a suggested donation of \$5.

all are  welcome.

Glimpses of God Through the Eyes of the Mystics.

Discussion Led by The Rev. Sally Goodall
Thursdays at 12:00pm through Lent

Glimpses of God Through the Eyes of The Mystics

Lent is a time when we may think about giving up chocolate or something else that we love, but why do we do that? Lent is a time to draw closer to God, and who better to help us do that than the mystics? They may seem to be otherworldly beings with strange experiences, but when we look at their lives we see that they are very human people, with very deep relationships with God, which they try to describe using a variety of images.

Perhaps by looking at God through these images, we can draw closer to God too. Thursdays in Lent we will meet in the parlor at noon for a simple Eucharist, followed by lunch and reflection on one of the mystics and the images they chose to describe their relationship with God.

February 26th - Teresa of Avila, March 5th - John of the Cross, March 12th - Julian of Norwich, March 19th - TBA, March 26th - TBA



The Red Door Food Pantry

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY AT 10 AM

Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, March 21st 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

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, March 21st. 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

- Reading at Taft Elementary** Tuesday, March 4, 9:30am
- Taft Book Giveaway** Friday, March 6, 9:30am
- Taft Student of the Month** Friday, March 6, 12:00pm
- Taft Mobile Pantry** Tuesday, March 17, at 1:15pm at the United Way Volunteer Center.



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers are a suggested donation of \$25 and will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin in honor or memory of loved ones.

If you would like to submit names for Easter Flowers, please contact Heather in the church office.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Annual Meeting



Updates



Vestry Candidates 2026 Season

KELLY ROBERTSON

My name is Kelly Robertson, and I have been a member of St. John's for several years. My husband, Matt, has been a lifelong member of the parish. Together we have triplets—Mathew, Michael, and Morgan—who will be 15 later this year.

I was raised in the Catholic Church and, about three years ago, I decided I wanted to be an official member of the Episcopal Church and was reconfirmed here at St. John's. From the moment I began attending, I truly felt at home. Over the past several years, our family has become increasingly involved in parish life. All three of our children serve as acolytes, and we have been happy to help with the Red Door Café and the Boar's Head Festival for the past several years.

I work full time as the Manager of Volunteer Services at Akron Children's Hospital. Outside of work, I am very involved in my children's activities. I serve as a Cloverbud Advisor for our 4-H Club, sit on the board of our school's 300 Club in support of athletic boosters, and am the vice president of our band boosters.

FABIO CECCARANI

My name is Fabio Ceccarani. I was born and raised in Italy, but I have been in the United States for 20 years and I now have dual citizenship, American and Italian.

I am married and have one daughter. My wife Jennifer Behney is a university professor; she used to work at YSU and now works at Kent State University. She is the one who found St. John about ten years ago, and we loved this church so much that we are still here and getting more and more involved. My daughter Sveva is one of the acolytes at St. John's. She is 13 and goes to Boardman public schools. She is a very good student and plays soccer and softball.

I am a chemical engineer and work for a very large chemical corporation called LyondellBasell. I love to cook Italian food and love to travel, I have been to many countries in Europe, the Americas, and Asia. I was raised catholic and have done several bible studies with Franciscan monks back in Italy (my hometown is near Assisi, where Saint Francis was born) but I love the openness, diversity and inclusion in the Episcopal church, including but not limited to the ability of women and married people to be priests.

I think St. John's is an outstanding congregation that does a lot of good for the community, and I am proud to be a part of it.

JOE DENIRO

I was baptized at St. John's on April 10, 1957 and have been a member ever since, I am following in my mother's footsteps by being involved in the Vestry and assisting with the various needs of the church. I care deeply about St. John's and truly want to see the church continue to move forward, with the hope that it will be here for generations to come. This is why I look forward to serving a second three-year term.

LOGAN BURROWS

Hello! Many of you are already familiar with me, but allow me to introduce myself again! My name is Logan Burrows. I'm one of the young people here at St. John's. I started attending St. John's in 2018, shortly after I moved to Youngstown to attend YSU. St. John's very quickly became my home away from home. Being a part of this community has helped in no small way in shaping the person I am today. This is the first church I've attended where I've truly felt the calling of service. Throughout the years I've been here, I've been a Lecturer, a Chalice Bearer, a dedicated volunteer at the Red Door Food Pantry and Red Door Cafe, a member of EfM, a member of the newly reestablished Young Adult Ministry, a member of the Search Committee, and a member of the Vestry. I've also participated in a number of Diocesan events, like the Winter Convocation!

When I'm not helping at the church, I'm working as a Genetic Counseling Assistant and as the President of the Eastern Ohio Area Health Education Center Board of Directors, where I help our future healthcare providers gain experience working with underserved and rural populations. I also volunteer every year with Lit Youngstown at their Fall Lit Fest! I like to stay busy!

Serving my community allows me to see the body of Christ in action. It makes me feel connected to my neighbors and has taught me that any amount of change, no matter how small, can make a big difference in someone's life - just like this church has made a difference in my life. I hope you will consider my candidacy for the Vestry so that I may continue to serve this church and our community.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Meeting



Updates



THE ENDOWMENT BOARD / HERITAGE SOCIETY 2025

A regular meeting of the Endowment Board (Heritage Society) was conducted in the Church Parlor on Tuesday January 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

SUMMARY REPORT

INVESTMENT ADVISOR - PNC INSTITUTIONAL ASSET MANAGEMENT - FINANCIAL REPORT BY MYRA VITTO AND ROCCO DeLUCIA

The review of the PNC Trusts was prepared and presented by Myra Vitto, Senior Investment Advisor for PNC Institutional Asset Management, together with PNC Analyst Rocco DeLucia. This presentation was shorter and less formal than the presentation of October 28, 2025, yet was equally informative. The results of the Sallie Tod Trust and WJ Hitchcock Trust were presented, and each member afforded a written copy.

Myra reported that PNC is optimistic about the performance of the markets in calendar year 2026. The portfolio assets currently are weighted at 70% equity, 30% fixed and will be maintained until the market dictates otherwise. This combination of equities and fixed assets is geared to create the 5% distribution to the Church without excessive risk. The distribution for Sallie Tod should be at or about \$18,327 for the year or \$4,582 quarterly; the Hitchcock Trust is on a fiscal year basis and should distribute \$3,712 for the quarterly distributions in February and May and \$3,975 for the quarterly distributions in August and November for a total of \$15,374 for the year.

DAVE BULKLEY - MORGAN STANLEY REPORT

Dave Bulkley provided the 2025 year-end portfolio report for their portion of the St. John's Endowment Fund. The total value as of 12/31/2025 was \$1,514,057 and the overall asset allocation was 59.7% equities or \$842,915, fixed income and preferreds were 30.0% or \$454,750, alternatives were 13.0% or \$196,507 and cash was 1.3% or \$19,881. He detailed the asset allocation in the report that delineated the diversification of the portfolio highlighting the various asset classes. The projected twelve-month income summary was presented which is anticipated to be \$44,734 with an annual projected yield of 2.96%.

The year-end performance was reviewed showing a return of 11.71% or a gain of \$161,570 and a three-year annualized return of 12.25% and gains of \$461,487.

The projected 2026 income was presented and the three-year rolling quarterly average used to determine the 5% distribution rate. The projected 2026 distribution would be \$76,767 including the Pugh Trust.

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

The Board considered the presentation of PNC Bank and Morgan Stanley and after discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the contribution from the Endowment to the Church Operating Expense (Budget) is \$110,468.

Respectfully submitted, ENDOWMENT BOARD Jim Messenger, Chair

There are many more updates within the full Annual Meeting packets.

If you missed the Annual Meeting and would like a packet of all of the information, there are some remaining on the bridge or contact Heather if you would like one emailed or sent to you.

Palm
SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH

8:00am & 10:30am

Maundy
THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND

7:00pm

Stations of
THE CROSS

APRIL 3RD

time TBA

Good
FRIDAY

APRIL 3RD

7:00pm

Easter
VIGIL

APRIL 4TH

8:00pm

Easter
SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH

8:00am & 10:30am

EASTER BRUNCH

9:15am



March Serving Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Altar Guild 8:00am	Mara A	Mara A	Mara A	Mara A	Mara A
Lector 8:00am	Gail P / Jack T.	Jon C	Chuck S	Sally O	David B, Bruce W, Sally O, Chuck S, Gail P, Jack T
Usher 8:00am	Jim R	Bruce W	David B	Jon C	Joe D
The Red Door Café	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	Christ Lutheran, Struthers	YSU Environmental Science	Farmer's Insurance	St. John's Vestry
Altar Guild 10:30am	Cindy S, Tom S	Cindy S, Tom S	Cindy S, Tom S	Cindy S, Tom S	Cindy S, Tom S
Usher 10:30am	David S Matt B	Cindy S Tom S.	David S Matt B	Cindy S Tom S.	Liz & Steve J
Lector 10:30am	Judy G	Sam D	Chuck L	Michael L	Chuck L, Judy G, Michael L, Sam D
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Noah S	Logan B	Sam D	Judy G	Noah S
Videographer 10:30am	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Vergers 10:30am	Eva S	Meg S	Noah S	Meg S	Meg S
Acolytes 10:30am	Morgan Mathew	Michael Morgan	Sveva	Mathew Michael	Quin Chloe
Counters 10:30am	Judy G	Bill W	Chet A	Jim W	Lance G

Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person 10:30am streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube
Sunday School 10:30am

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>

Officers & Vestry

Tony Manhollan	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Martie Witt	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Joe DeNiro	<i>Treasurer</i>
Sarah Quaranta	<i>Clerk</i>
Fabio Ceccarani	Molly Letcher
Kelly Robertson	Logan Burrows
Noah Silver	David Bobovnyik

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