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Welcome Summer - June 21st!

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Interim Process Update:

If you were at church on Sunday, May 19th you know the Search Committee was commissioned by Rev Percy Grant and was given their Charge by the Vestry after the 10:30 service. If you would like a copy of their Charge just email me (evincenton@gmail.com) and I'll send a copy.



Your dream team, or Search Committee is composed of: Adam Matisz (Chair), Mick Carmichael (Vestry Liaison), Cheryl Krueger, Don Laconi, Greta Myers, Betty Travis and Katherine Vincent.

They need our prayers and support in the coming months.

So, what's next? The Search Committee will be formulating their plans for parish wide meetings, creating the parish profile and preparing for the interviews.

In the meanwhile, Vestry will be doing their homework in preparation for coming up with a compensation package for the new rector.

Any comments or questions please use the Communications Boxes or see a Vestry member.

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Please keep them in your prayers as they do their work!



Soups On Needs YOUR Help!

Soups On needs a person willing to run the dishwasher at Saturday Soups On meals. The task involves an 11:00am to 1:30pm time for 12 Saturdays a year. Some light lifting is required. Training is provided.

Soups On also needs a person willing to help transport food product donated by stores to a charity. Time involved is typically from 9 am till 11 am on Soups On's 12 Saturdays. Some lifting is required. Training is provided. A Van or SUV is needed.

Contact Wes Lacy if you can do either of these very important tasks.

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study

The Wednesday Group then will close out the season by meeting at **Eddy's Deli & Restaurant on Oakwood at 9:30 am on June 5th.**

The group is planning a Summer School term beginning June 19th, if there are enough people interested.

The Bible lessons will be taken from the Morning Prayer lectionary. Please see Tom Hopton for details.

Book Club

The Book Club has finished meeting for the current season. Please join them again on Tuesdays beginning again in Sep-

A Note from Deacon Sally

As I write this, my back is letting me know that this was the first day that I was really able to get out in the yard and get some actual gardening done!

During those weeks when we were tempted by a couple of hours of soft, warm air and sunshine only to be thrown back into winter the next day, all I was able to do was rake leaves and pick up sticks.

Today, however, with a pleasant 74 degrees, I decided to edge my flower beds (or one of them at least) and mulch.

For anyone who has not had the opportunity to do this rather satisfying job, you use a straight spade, and dig down along the edge of the lawn making a nice sharp edge to the grass. The dirt you turn over needs to be broken up and the weeds pulled out, and then you can throw it back higher up into the flower bed. The result is very attractive – a satisfying afternoon's work!

I realized however that it was not pleasant for all the forms of life involved.

As I turned over the dirt, I kept finding worms.

"We all deal with changes in life as the years go by, some by choice, some not."

I love worms – they are very good for the garden and I would not knowingly do anything to harm them, but I realized that I was making their homes into disaster zones. I was changing their world!

I tried hard to keep them safe, but I could tell by the way they wriggled as fast as they could, sometimes into the patch of dirt I was going to dig up next, that they were desperate to get away.

It was not a good day for them!

It got me thinking that the changes we decide to make for ourselves in our lives – new job, new house, new clothes, can be fun, but changes that are brought upon us are often not pleasant.

Those worms did not know that I was actually making life more pleasant for them. I was breaking up the clay soil and augmenting it with some new organic top soil. Life was going to be good for them, but they were not able to see that.

We all deal with changes in life as the years go by, some by choice, some not.

Sometimes there does not seem to be anything good in those changes.

And sometimes in the midst of the change, we realize that there are blessings. There is life and growth that we had not expected, and had not seen beginning to emerge.

In this time of transition at St. John's my prayer is that we will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the awareness that we are always walking in the Lord's sight whatever changes we face.

"For surely I know the plans for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future of hope.

Then when you call upon me and come to pray with me, I will hear you."

Jeremiah 29:11

Calling Hikers (and Strollers)



Summit Mission Area (SMAC) is a group of 13 Episcopal churches in our area (Kent and Ravenna to Medina and Macedonia to Barberton)

SMAC has a Monday evening walking group that meets every week to walk, pray and fellowship together. New and occasional walkers are always welcome.

We meet **every Monday at 6pm** at a different local park each week.

(recent walks have taken place at the Daffodil trail in Richfield, Brust Park in Munroe Falls, Wood Hollow in Hudson, Springfield Bog and Seiberling Nature Realm)

Please contact Trudi Gunter 330-842-1870 or email trudigunter@hotmail.com for the schedule for June.

Summer Begins

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>Good Neighbors Sunday</p> <p>Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Summer break</p> <p>9:30 God in the Undercroft</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>9 8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:30 God in the Undercroft</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>16 8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:30 God in the Undercroft</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Akron Rubber Ducks Baseball Game</p> <p>1:05 PM</p> <p>special St. John's section</p> <p>23 / 30</p>	<p>Coffee Hour every Sunday after the 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>Car Show Ice Cream every Monday 5-8 pm</p> <p>Yoga 7:00 pm</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>BOB CLUB</p> <p>No Book Club for the Summer</p>	<p>Church Office Hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday</p>	<p>9:30 am Bible Study Group breakfast at Eddy's Deli</p> <p>Evening Bible Study and Pot-Luck 6:30 pm</p> <p>No Choir Rehearsals for the Summer</p> <p>Women's NA 7:30</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>ECW Board 10:30 am</p> <p>The Episcopal Church Women</p> <p>Yoga 6:00 pm</p> <p>NA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Relay for Life 9:00 am to midnight</p> <p>5:00 pm Vespers, Chapel</p> <p>1</p>
<p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:30 God in the Undercroft</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>SMAC Hike every Monday at 6 pm</p> <p>Vestry 7:00 pm</p> <p>Yoga 7:00 pm</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>God's love don't keep it share it</p>	<p>Men's Breakfast 8:30 am</p> <p>Eddy's Restaurant</p> <p>No AM Bible Study Group until September</p> <p>Evening Bible Study and Pot-Luck 6:30 pm</p> <p>Women's NA 7:30</p>	<p>St. Monica's 10:30 am</p> <p>Yoga 6:00 pm</p> <p>Investments Comm. Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p>NA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Flag Day</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5:00 pm Vespers, Chapel</p> <p>15</p>
<p>8:30 am Worship</p> <p>9:30 God in the Undercroft</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>No St. Theresa's Guild until September</p> <p>Yoga 7:00 pm</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Akron Coin Club 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Women's NA 7:30</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Yoga 6:00 pm</p> <p>NA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>First Day of Summer!</p> <p>AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Soup's On 11:00 am</p> <p>5:00 pm Vespers, Chapel</p> <p>22</p>
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Dear gentle people:

Finally , the sun has decided to shine and the weather is warming up. Some of us had almost given up on the arrival of Spring and Summer.

I sit in nooks and crannies in the church and watch the things that go on. We have had so many events involving food (I'm not complaining), and I have some suggestions. (Don't know if this falls under Church Mouse duties, but here goes.)

#1 – Our sympathy to Darlene Schlemmer at the loss of her son. The funeral luncheon was served by Donna Scourfield, Janet Klaum, Betty Travis and Gail Clarke. Isn't it a good thing we have so many ladies willing to help out.

My suggestion is that when you see these people who are always there, behind the scene, cooking and serving, give them a thank you and a pat on the back.

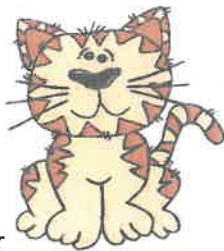
#2-Don Laconi and Kim Kreuger work hard at making coffee hour great. The guilds – St. Theresa's and St. Monica's also put time and energy and baking into these after church get togethers.

#3- I saw a number of our people working on the swiss steak dinner. One of the people who works so hard for us hardly ever gets recognized – Ed Hankins. He cooked for the Swiss Steak dinner and once a month he puts together a Soup's On meal. (I saw Fred Kreuger helping him at the last Soup's On). Many people volunteer at Soups On to chop vegetables, set tables, serve, dry dishes and clean up. I can't list all the names, but I'm sure most of you know who they are. No one asks for a pat on the back, but it sure is nice to be recognized when you volunteer to help.

#4 -Do you know our very own Donna MacDonald plays the hammered dulcimer and she plays well. She gave a program for St. Monica's and it was beautiful. Might she be persuaded to play the offertory one Sunday this summer when the choir takes a vacation.

#5 -I hope I don't embarrass him, but Dan Lance has a great voice and he plays the guitar. Another summer offertory job?

I see hard work and dedication here at St. John's. I'm sure there is room for more. Forgive me for stating my opinion, but from my little place in St. John's I see so much dedication. I felt I had to say something.



Watch out for the Methodist cat!!

Love Johnny

The Deacon's Bench

June, 2019

At my age, I tend to look back at my past, possibly more times than I care to admit! Mostly the good times and places! And the people who made it the "good times." I tend to 'bury' the bad times!

For instance, "tea parties!" With 5 daughters growing up and several grand-daughters, I was busy sitting with them at tea! LOL

Now I don't mind a good cup of robust tea but what I usually got to drink was weak, cool, sugary tea that made me accept the event was more out of love for my daughter than not!

When I was a kid, my Mom worked as a riveter in an aircraft factory building B-25 bombers. She worked afternoons so she set up the evening supper menus for my Dad who worked till 4:30PM.

When he arrived home, he wanted a cup of tea! English, you know! I never understood that! When I came home, I wanted a beer!

My brothers and I made tea the way my Mom instructed us to make it, but my Dad said it was TOO weak! One day we boiled the tea leaves in water before straining out the leaves!

When Dad tasted it, he gulped, choked and admitted the tea was a bit too strong! HaHa!

Now coffee is an entirely different brew! Most of my experiences of odd tasting coffee comes from a working fire when we would come back to the station, dog tired and be faced with coffee that was hours old, strong enough to remove paint!

Drinking a cup of that will raise the dead! Strong, bitter! Yet we drank it till the new batch was ready! Stupid? Yes! Yet it cut the smoke!

I don't drink coffee like that today! Thank God, I

can put a new batch of coffee on in a minute! And I don't have those late-night needs for coffee! Once more, *Thank God!*

What does my written imagery have to do with a God who is everywhere? A God who loves each of us? A God who reigns over ALL humanity? *WELL!*

God comes to us in many ways! Sometimes as gentle as a tea party with an innocent child! Preparing tea that is usually quite mild and prepared with innocent, loving hands!

And other times, God comes to us in the middle of a crisis, as bitter, strong: almost too harsh to be understood!

In my life, there have been difficult fire and/or EMS calls that needed to be dealt with; difficult decisions in church like leading seminars concerning gay lifestyle and the Bible; deaths of family and friends!

Ordering us to do something very uncomfortable, yet necessary!

Our God does not do this out of anger, but love! Love for what is happening in our lives, in the lives of people we touch!

It becomes the relationship we have with God, that makes the choices in our lives when assisting others! As God loves us, so we love others in God's name!

Go in peace, having a tea party with the One true God!

Deacon Bill





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Love God,
love your neighbor,
change the world!



Pledged Contributions:

	Current Period		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
April	9,198	10,415	42,680	41,660

Pledges were down some \$1,200 for April but we continue to be ahead of our pledged amount for the year, thank you. *Praise God from Whom all blessings come.....*

Men's Breakfast

Join the Men of St. John's on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (June 12th) at Eddy's Deli & Restaurant (2655 Oakwood Drive, Cuyahoga Falls).
Breakfast starts at 8:30 am.

June Soups On Meal

YOU can help with the free Community Meal provided by St. John's on the 4th Saturday of each month. This month's meal is June 22nd, beginning at 11:30 am. Come and help serve, clean up, or even just sit and talk with the people who attend the meal!

God in the Undercroft (Adult Education Summer Class)



We will gather over a cup of coffee in the undercroft between the services. Come with whatever is on your mind, or bring whatever book you have been reading lately and we will see how God is working through each of our lives. Please join us downstairs.

~Deacon Sally