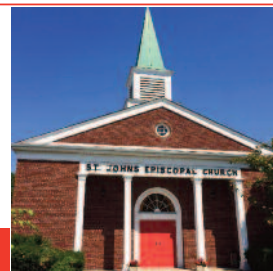




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The Red Door

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME
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St. John's Episcopal Church



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From Your Priest-in-Charge, Your Vestry is Hard at Work for the Future of St. John's

"We thank you, O God, for this day, and for your many blessings which we enjoy."

The Vestry of St. John's met twice in February: once for our monthly meeting and a second time at the bishop's annual vestry retreat at our cathedral.

At the regular meeting our Vestry adopted **five goals for St. John's for the next 3-5 years**. The *first is to find and call a musician to lead St. John's in joyful and uplifting music and song*. Along with this goal are *two sub-goals: to explore new music sources, such as other hymnals and songbooks, and to purchase a license which will allow us to photocopy songs that we want to sing* without having to purchase actual songbooks. The target completion date for finding and calling a new musician is August 1.

The next goal is to conduct a thorough "spring cleaning" of all St. John's rooms and closets. Under the leadership of Don Streeter, the vestry hopes to have this goal achieved by April 30 this year.

The third goal is to establish a "children's chapel" in the former outreach room as a place for children to hear the gospel, learn a simple creed and pray while adults hear their sermon in the church. The target "launch date" for a children's chapel is the first Sunday in September.

The fourth goal is to establish a worship committee to recruit and train greeters, ushers, readers, crucifers, and eucharistic ministers. A target date for this goal has not been identified.

The fifth goal is for the vestry to hold its own retreat in the first quarter of 2021.

Your vestry also worked hard at the bishop's vestry retreat. The day was based on a study of Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan. We witnessed a one-on-one model conversation to learn how to have conversations that go deeper than "how are you" and "I'm fine." Then we practiced what we witnessed, enjoyed lunch, heard how Church of the Messiah identifies and addresses needs of its neighbors, and considered how to create a liturgy for a special event.

Next time you see members of our vestry, give them a big "thank you" for all of their faithful work!

Peace,
Henny+

Worship Opportunities

All are Welcome

Sunday Services



Mar. 1 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am
Celebrant Rev. Henny

Mar. 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am
Celebrant Rev. Henny
John Buehner preaching

Mar. 15 Holy Eucharist 9:30.
Celebrant Rev. Henny

Mar. 22 Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Mar. 29 Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study & Holy Eucharist

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Bible Study 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist 11:30 am

Lent



Meet and Greet Our New Bishop - Up Close and at St. John's on March 19!

Our new bishop, the Right Rev'd. Bonnie Perry, will be at St. John's on Thursday evening, March 19 from 6:30 – 8:30 to become acquainted with the people and ministries of St. John's, and for us to become acquainted with her and her passions for our diocese. Bishop Perry is an engaging speaker with infectious enthusiasm for the good news of Jesus Christ. Please plan to attend, and stay tuned for further details!



Bible Study for March

“Basic Bible” will be our focus for the five Wednesdays in March. Following an introductory session we will look at the books of the Hebrew Scriptures for two weeks, then devote a week to our four canonical gospels and another session to the book of Acts, the letters, and the book of Revelation. No previous experience necessary!



The BIG CLEAN OUT...

...and CLEAN UP! The contents of all rooms and closets of St. John's will be sorted out and organized during the next couple of months. If a room or closet contains items that you typically use in a ministry, e.g. funeral receptions, the fall festival, or other event, please label them clearly by March 15. Items not labeled will be put in our “rummage sale” room, donated to another organization, or discarded.

If you would like to help with the sorting and organizing of a particular room or closet, please tell Don Streeter, John Buehner, or Rev. Henny.

....St. John's News Briefs....

Greeters Needed! Calling all Extroverts – and Introverts!

So this applies to everyone: to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, St. John's needs to be open and welcoming to all, and especially to those who walk in our doors on Sunday mornings for worship. Would you like to greet folks as they arrive, and hand them our worship leaflet? Tell them where restrooms are located, and invite them to stay for food and fellowship after worship?

Then tell John Buehner that you are interested in serving as a greeter. Call him at 734-395-2557, tell him next time you see him, or email him at [jablaw01@gmail.com](mailto:jablau01@gmail.com).

Reverend Henny Now Canonically Resident in Diocese of Michigan

With the arrival of a “Letter Dimissory,” Rev. Henny now officially belongs to the Diocese of Michigan. This is good news, as it allows her to serve our diocese in elected and appointed positions.

“Ashes on the Go” Inaugurated

It was a cold and snowy night, but eight brave souls accepted the challenge and made it to the narthex of St. John's between 5 and 7 p.m. to receive the imposition of ashes and a brief prayer. Seven were known to Rev. Henny. The eighth was not known, but clearly had read our sign on Wayne Road. Another unknown person called to inquire about “Ashes on the Go.” Thank you, Don Streeter, for shoveling the sidewalk to our red doors!

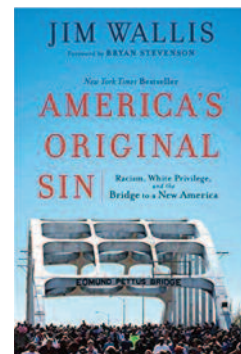


You're Invited to Join Bishop Perry and Sister Vee For a Lenten Bible Study!

As a diocesan-wide Lenten activity, Bishop Perry will host a book study. The book is *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis, and it examines the roots and reality of racism and white supremacy in our country.

Bishop Perry and Sister Vee (curate at our Cathedral) welcome us to study the book and an accompanying guide as a part of our personal devotion, with a group of family and friends or in our congregation. On each Wednesday during Lent, participants will tackle a section of the book using the author's study guide, which includes discussion questions, prayers, scripture passages, videos and more. They also invite us to join them in weekly group conference calls on March 4, March 18 and April 8, each at 7pm. For these conference calls, dial: 929-436-2866, then enter Meeting ID: 822 273 5294.

More information at edomi.org/bookstudy. As an additional resource, they will also send us weekly videos in which Bishop Perry and Sister Vee discuss the chapters and offer their thoughts and reflections.



Pancake Supper Photos (more on page 4)





1	Erin Downey-Tarnowski	20	Ed Parker	25	Jeannie Coyne
9	Kim Caulfield	20	Daniel Grossoehme	31	Greg Aston
10	Megan Aston	21	Joshua Russell		
12	Rod Aston	22	Blake Brown		
14	Wendy Clayton	22	Lonna Brown		
14	Mary Omaweng	24	Mary Anne Ford		

Note: from the office: If anyone's name has been left off the list please let Charmaine know!



*Thanks to Vi Streeter for the Pancake supper photos!
Thank you to all who helped make it possible and to all those that attended. ❤️*

FOOD PANTRY OPEN

Thursday, March 12,
Hours: Noon-2 pm

*Donation always welcome!
(no expired foods please)*



MARCH EVENTS & MEETINGS

SUNDAYS:

Sunday, Mar. 1 **Breakfast, 8:30 am**
 Parish Meeting, 10:30 am
 (to approve STEP agreement)
 Daughters of the King, 11 am

Sunday, Mar. 8 **Food Pantry Sunday**
 bring your donations!

Sunday, Mar. 15 **Breakfast, 8:30 am**
 Vestry meeting, 11 am

WEDNESDAYS:

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 **Senior Exercise Class, 9 am**
 (free will donation)

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