

The Sunday News
November 22, 2020

Thanksgiving Day at St. Patrick's: This year our Thanksgiving Day service will be available on our YouTube channel at 10:00am. This service provides an opportunity, with music and prayer, to gather, reflect and give thanks for what might be close to one's heart on this day. Thanksgiving Day is listed among the major feasts in the Episcopal Church calendar. One of only two national holidays that are also part of our church Holy Days marked to be observed throughout the year (the other is Independence Day).

Thanksgiving Hours: The parish office is open on Wednesday, November 25 until noon. Check with the convener of your small group or ministry about whether you will meet via Zoom the week of Thanksgiving.

The parish office will be **closed** on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving is the first Sunday in Advent and our regular worship schedule will be in place, with a service at 9:30am with limited in-person attendance and streamed via YouTube.

Advent Resources: We will once again have plenty of free copies of the 2020 Advent daily readings from the Living Compass, *Practicing Hope with all your Heart, Soul, and Mind*. They will be available in the church entryway. If you would like yours mailed to you, just let the church office know.

*"Give presents with purpose this year -- donate \$25 to Freedom a la Cart and receive a box of CAUSE COOKIES! Freedom a la Cart brings hope to survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation so they can build new lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. With each \$25's donated to Freedom's Cause Cookie campaign, you'll receive a beautifully packaged box of fresh, from-scratch holiday cookies. Your gift of \$50 (2 boxes) provides one month of supportive services for a local survivor. Order online today through visiting Freedom a la Cart's website, at <https://freedomalacart.org/cause-cookies/>. Order 4 boxes or more and receive free delivery from Freedom a la Cart any weekday from Dec 1-23rd. Free Pickup at is available on **Sunday December 13, 2-3pm at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**. Instructions on how to order and more info can be found in the November Breastplate and on the website above.*

Franklin Co. Children Services will be providing Christmas for several thousand children under their care. Due to COVID, they are asking that donors purchase \$50 gift cards to Walmart or Target instead of actual presents. St. Patrick's members have always generously supported these children and while we won't have the fun of purchasing that special toy we can still make it a wonderful holiday for them. Please mail or bring your gift card to church by December 6. Questions? Call Laura Leach.

Advent in a Box- Come by during office hours beginning **November 23rd** or arrange for an after-hours pickup. Each kit includes: a scripture reading about the Saint(s) for that week, supplies for a fun and simple craft, advent prayers, activity suggestions, emailed links for an on-line component, and more! Additionally you'll receive a *2020 Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent! Calendar*.

As Christians should we support the death penalty or its abolition? This is a timely question, as views are changing in the Ohio legislature toward abolition. On Saturday, December 5, 2020, from 9:30 am to 12 pm, St. John's Episcopal, Worthington, in conjunction with Ohioans To Stop Executions (OTSE), will be presenting a seminar, via Zoom, on the death penalty. We will have five speakers: 1) Hannah Kubbins from OTSE, who will provide an overview of the status of the death penalty in Ohio, 2) an individual falsely convicted of murder, now exonerated, 3) an individual whose family member was murdered who is against the death penalty, 4) an individual representing a conservative political viewpoint who is against the death penalty, and 5) Teri Foley-Nelson from St. Johns who will discuss what the scriptures have to say about the death penalty. This promises to be a lively discussion. There is no fee. The seminar will be taped for later presentation in other parishes throughout the diocese of southern Ohio. If you are interested in attending please contact Teri Foley-Nelson, foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net and I will sign you up.

Education

Adult Forum: Sundays at 11:00am on Zoom: Will not meet this week. We resume on Sunday, November 29th with a discussion of Chapter 10- *Determined to Have a King*.

EYC Sunday Nights meets at 6:30pm on Zoom. The link is mailed to youth and parents weekly. Contact Mother Cameron to receive youth emails or to receive an Animate: Faith journal. This week: Stump a Priest and Good-bye Father Stephen.

Children's Chapel at Home Kits are being prepared for December. If you would like to receive these monthly resources for faith formation at home, contact Mother Cameron. **Virtual Children's Chapel** is a way to engage with Children's Christian formation on-line. The classroom is updated prior to Sunday morning each week. Access the Virtual Children's Chapel via [this link](#).

Outreach

Dublin Food Pantry Dublin Food Pantry also still needs their regular supplies for the weekly pantry This month's most needed items are: Ramen Noodles, Cans of Soup, Pasta or Rice sides, Canned Vegetables, Mac N Cheese boxes, Pancake Mix (regular size). They also give out Feminine Pads, Laundry Detergent, Baby Diapers (sizes 5-6) and miscellaneous toiletries Bring items to the pantry: 81 Bridge Street, Dublin or put them in the wagon in the church breezeway Or, contribute online: [Food Pantry](#)

We are no longer collecting cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, or weekend food for schools. Please consider one of the other outreach programs going on right now from Stephen's email or from the first page of the Sunday News. Thank you for your generosity, it is always overwhelming!

Bill Fairweather will be getting all the Christmas cards out of the breezeway Monday morning, so if you have any please get them in today! We have all faced challenges this year and the prisoners are no exception, as many of them have not even had a visit since March. The shared goal with other churches is 50,000 cards. **Please do:** write encouraging and uplifting messages, address them as if you were writing to a friend, use an ink pen and pray while writing your card. **Please do not:** Include envelopes or use specialty cards (no tri-folds or pockets), sign your full name (only first name), use crayon, or insert any loose messages or photos. Thank you for your love and care of this outreach!

On the Calendar

Worship Team

Sunday, November 22

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
[Sacred Circle at 11:00 a.m.](#)
[EYC at 6:30 p.m.](#)

Monday, November 23

[EfM Extension at 9:30 a.m.](#)

Tuesday, November 24

[Men's Group at 7:00 a.m.](#)
[EfM at 7:00 p.m.](#)

Wednesday, November 25

[Spiritual Direction at 10:30 a.m.](#)
 Holy Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
[Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 a.m.](#)
 (YouTube only)

Friday, November 27

Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith
Lay Reader: Ann Semans
Usher: Steve Pearson
Deacon: The Rev. Rob Rideout
Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Calendar Key

Red: Streamed on **You Tube** and will be available there and posted on **Facebook** after the service if there is a disruption in the streaming.

Blue: Meeting via Zoom invitation. If you would like to participate in a Zoom and do not receive a link, please contact the clergy. For **Coffee Hour**, please see Zoom link in Stephen's email with the bulletin.

Black: Event will be held in person with a limited number of participants with safety measures in place and if it is a service, it will also be available to watch on YouTube.

Birthdays this Week

Olivia Cofer
 Mary Johnson

Lindsay Keeran
 Kirsten Kerr

Mat LaMonica
 Steve Pearson

David Tiemstra
 Ed Yuhas

Anniversaries this Week

Roy & Lissa Barker
 William & Sue Hamilton
 Bruce & Meribah Mansfield

Joe & Carol Ross
 Charles & Virginia Tuttle