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# St. John's Spirit

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Easter is the highpoint of our faith. We could be Christians even if we never celebrated another Christmas (well, maybe not) or another Lent. But we could not be Christians without the resurrection. John Westerhoff in his book *A Pilgrim People* (New York: Church Publishing, 2005) reminds us “that without the story of Easter, the story of Christmas is meaningless.”

Easter, though, is the starting point. Easter begins a season of 50 days that ends with Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the people and the church (as an institution) was born. This Easter season, let us remain grounded in the resurrection even as we reflect upon our mission as the church.

At its Vestry Retreat, we modified our mission/vision statement to read:

*“We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth, and **living** our faith **in** the community at large.”*

Two word changes to reflect one of the things we learned from putting the many ways we reach out into our communities on the bulletin board in Whitlock Hall. More than 70 different groups, organizations, causes and ministries were reflected in that effort. What was abundantly clear is how many of us are active in the community in many, many different ways that have the possibility of bringing God's kingdom closer to reality. Yes, it is true, that we sow the seeds and we do not always get to see the lovely plant that grows from the seed. Yes, it is true, that sometimes the seeds we scatter fall on rocky ground and bear no fruit. Our call from God is to sow the seed and let God take charge of what happens. We are faithful when we live our faith in the community. Remember that you may be the only Bible that someone ever knows.



The last official Sunday visit by Bishop Cate Waynick to St. John's will be **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. This is a time for us to honor her ministry as our Bishop and to hear from her about where her life will focus once she leaves office in April, 2017. Bishop Cate will preside and preach at the 8a and 10:30a services on April 10<sup>th</sup> and will speak at the Adult Forum that day.

Her last meeting with the Vestry will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at their regularly scheduled meeting. Please join me in thanking Bishop Cate for her ministry to this Diocese.

If you have seen the movie “Spotlight” you have been reminded of the horrors of child abuse. We hear about it happening even in our own county. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Be alert. Be aware. Report if you learn of behavior that is inappropriate.



Meribeth Kussmaul is the “Safeguarding God’s People” administrator for St. John’s. If you are a member of the Vestry, a Sunday School teacher/volunteer, a Child Care attendant, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor you must take, and remain current, with the mandated modules for Safeguarding.” If you are not one of the above but are interested in learning about the signs of potential abuse of children or exploitation or harassment of adults, please contact Meribeth.



## Adult Education

- April 3: “Preparing for a Good End of Life” (TED Talk and discussion)
- April 10: Bishop Cate
- April 17: “Our Common Home” – Marc Hudson and Mark Kussmaul
- April 24: “Our Common Home”, part 2



One of the continuing ministries of our Outreach group is Meals on Wheels. Cindy Smith coordinates the schedule for St. John’s. We deliver meals on Thursdays every other month. It takes about 1 hour to pick up the meals at the hospital kitchen and to deliver the meals to those in need. If this ministry appeals to you, contact Cindy Smith.



### *A Quaker Dozen*

*These 12 rules for a way of life, written long ago in a family Bible, still fit today's challenges.*

- 1. Begin each day with prayer*
- 2. Work hard*
- 3. Love your family*
- 4. Make light of your troubles*
- 5. Follow the Golden Rule*
- 6. Read from the Bible*
- 7. Show kindness*
- 8. Read worthwhile books*
- 9. Be pure and clean*
- 10. Have charity in your heart*
- 11. Be obedient and respectful*
- 12. End the day in prayer*

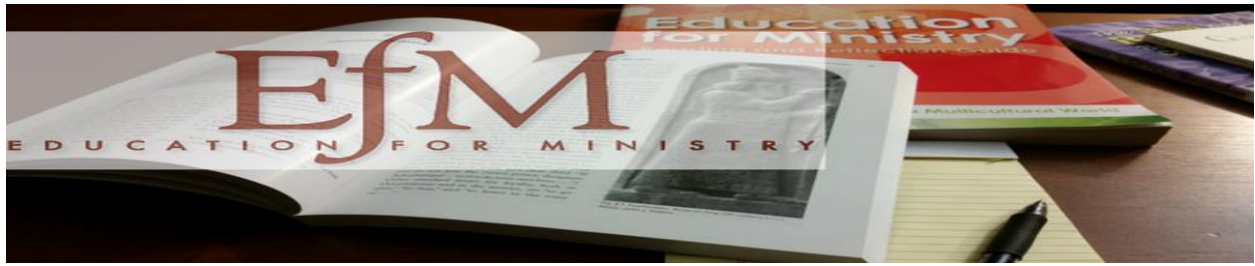
In this time where the rhetoric of public figures often is shaming and denigrates those who do not agree with the speaker, these Rules can help us all recover civility and honor our Baptistal Covenant committing ourselves to respecting the dignity of every human being.



## *The Legacy Society*

The Planned Giving Team announced the creation of the St. John's Endowment Fund at our Annual Meeting in January. Details of the purpose and operation of the fund are found on the St. John's website at this link: <http://stjohnscville.org/documents/planned-giving.pdf> . At the Adult Education Forum on April 3, the Planned Giving Team will lead a discussion on important aspects of 'end-of-life' planning and the possibilities for including St. John's in you estate

planning. There will be handouts and a discussion of the Whitlock Legacy Society. All are invited. *See one of the Planned Giving Team if you have questions: Sam Hildebrand, Harry Siamas, Ed Fain, Rees Olander and John Culley.*



Yes, Education for Ministry is for all people who are interested in learning more about the Bible, Theology and History of the Church. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3-5p in Whitlock Hall from September-May. We'd love to have you join our group! If you would like more information, please contact one of the group: Barb Easterling, Betty Culley, Dan Booher, Kim Roberts, Lynette Zuichkovski, Sam Hildebrand or Rev. Jan.

Won't you please help out? We need hosts for our coffee hour after the 10:30a service. A few of you regularly sign up but there are many more who could.... Please see the bulletin board in the hallway and find a Sunday when you might provide simple cookies or treats to go with our coffee.



**Reminder!** Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, Customaries (that is, policies and procedures) and other important information can be found on our website: [www.stjohnscville.org](http://www.stjohnscville.org) or on our

bulletin boards 

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	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
<b>April 3</b>										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		Cyndy Fields						
10:30	H Hudson	M Hudson & K Roberts	Sam Hildebrand	P Lohorn	Turners	CJ Charles & C Fields	S Albrecht & J Gary	Hudsons	Pickerings	
<b>April 10 Bishop's Visit</b>										
8a	S Vaught	S Vaught		K Haffner						
10:30a	M Hudson	B & J Culley	W Turner	B Turner	Garys	C Meyer & J Tussey	A White & C Smith	J & C Smith	Pickerings	
<b>April 17</b>										
8a	J Suren	J Suren		T Titus						
10:30a	N Bennett	D Booher & A Ashbaugh	J Burd	J Burd	J Binder & B Easterling	B Culley & M Reidy	E Fain & T Twarek	Blacks	D Booher & H Hudson	
<b>April 24</b>										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		P Swanson						
10:30a	C Short	Meribeth Kussmaul & M Hudson	S Charles	CJ Charles	Blacks	S Evans & J Gallagher	N Bennett & J Roberts	Garys	D Booher & H Hudson	

**Meals on Wheels:** Not in April

**Nourish:** Judy Spencer & Larry Bennett

*If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Rev. Jan is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554 and email: janet.oller@gmail.com</b>	<b>Office hours are by appointment.</b>				<b>1</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller Day Off	<b>2</b> 2pConfirmation @ St. John's, Lafayette
<b>3</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation 3p-EFM	<b>4</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 11:30-League of Women Voters (WH) Oller@ Waycross-Spring Clergy Conf.	<b>5</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller @ Waycross: Spring Clergy Conf. 7p-Comm. Chorus (WH)	<b>6</b> 7:30 <b>Centering Prayer (WH)</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 12-Flower Lovers (WH) Oller @ Center for Congregations (Indy)	<b>7</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 7p-Choir 6p YSB (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (SS rooms) Oller @ Waycross: COM	<b>8</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller @ Waycross: COM	<b>9</b> Oller @ Waycross: COM
<b>10</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE- <b>Bishop's Visit</b> 9:15a-Formation 3p-EFM	<b>11</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 12:30-Oller O/s meeting	<b>12</b> 7:15a- <b>YSB/WH</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 7p- Comm. Chorus (WH) Oller Day Off (Transf'd 4/7)	<b>13</b> 7:30 <b>Centering Prayer (WH)</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller @ St. Richard's School	<b>14</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle <b>6p-Girl Scouts (WH)</b> 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	<b>15</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller @ workshop @ Light of the World, Indianapolis	<b>16</b> Oller/Wardens/Vestry @ IMA – Required Diocesan Meeting
<b>17</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation 3p-EFM	<b>18</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller Day Off (Transf'd 4/8)	<b>19</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller @ Dio. Offices re Budget meeting 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	<b>20</b> 7:30 <b>Centering Prayer (WH)</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 7p-Vestry- <b>Bishop Visit</b>	<b>21</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 12-Friends of Sugar Creek (WH) 7p-Choir Oller @ All Saints, Indy re Higher Ed Committee	<b>22</b> Earth Day 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller Day Off	<b>23</b> 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library) Oller Day Off
<b>24</b> 8 & 10:30a- HE 9:15a-Formation 3p-EFM 3p-Comm Chorus Concert @ Wabash Pioneer Chapel	<b>25</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller Day Off (Transf'd 4/15)	<b>26</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle	<b>27</b> 7:30 <b>Centering Prayer (WH)</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle	<b>28</b> 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Day Off	<b>29</b> Arbor Day 8a-Morning Prayer/Tuttle Oller Day Off	<b>30</b> 11a-Bonnie Seely Memorial Service

Nourish: Judy Spencer & Larry Bennett