

St. John's Spirit

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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.



Jay Sidebotham, author of <u>Footsteps: Making Spiritual</u> <u>Growth the Priority</u>, reminds us that:

"It's all about service. The Book of Common Prayer tells us that we are each and all ministers, so that as we seek to grow in loving relationship with God and neighbor, that growth unfolds in intentional acts of service.

"A key learning for both clergy and parishioners is this: What you do outside the church is far more important than what happens inside the walls. We gather as a community, fed by the word and by the bread and wine, and then we are sent out into the world to do God's work. As we share God's love with the neighbors we meet, we

grow in our faith. Perhaps that is why some people consider the dismissal at the end of the Eucharist to be the most important part of the service. One church posted a sign over the exit: The worship is over. The service begins."

As we transition into summer, reflect on where your energy and interest in helping others has been an expression of your faith. It is very easy to get busy "doing" without taking time to consider whether what you are doing is where you have energy and how it is an expression of your faith. There will always be needs and there will always be pleas for your money and your time – more than any of us can fill.

Where you most fully live your faith is where your gifts and talents meet specific needs of the world. Not everyone is called to help with a food ministry. Not everyone is called to be a mentor or a CASA advocate. Those are each wonderful ministries but if you are volunteering for something and your time feels more like a chore rather than a blessing, it is time to step back and discern where your gifts most meet the needs of the world – and then to explore how those connect. Believe me, there is a connection!

Just because you have done "x" in the past does not mean you need to do "x" forever and ever, Amen. There are seasons in our lives and in our ministries. Part of what God calls us to do is to periodically rest and reflect on how we are living our faith into our community. The summer is a

¹ Jay Sidebotham. Footsteps: Making Spiritual Growth the Priority (Cincinnati: Forward Movement, 2014).

great time to do that! And, if you want to talk about where you may feel some nudging- whether it is to put down something or to take up something new, please let me know and let's have coffee.

-Rev. Jan Oller



June 12th: Breakfast at the Shore at Wayne & Rees Olanders (7825 TC Steele Vista, Waveland, IN 47989; 317-760-8038)

Begin gathering at 9a and we will begin the service at 9:30a. A flyer with directions will be available at the church. A pitch-in brunch will follow.

Please join us for the special time of worship and fellowship. *Contact Carole Meyer or Rees Olander if you would like more information.*

Sam Vaught has left for Iona where he will spend 10 weeks as an intern. Follow him on: www.samuelvaught.blogspot.com. Sam will preach at St. John's on Sunday, August 21st when we will celebrate his time with us and his journey forward.





Abby Twarek will be returning state-side for a visit this summer following her time at New Day Foster Home/Orphanage in China. Abby will speak at St. John's on Sunday, **August 7**th. Please be sure to come to one of our worship services that Sunday to hear from Abby.



Purrs, wags and many thanks to all of you who supported by furry friends and me during the Stroll for Strays last month. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to turn in over \$1000 to the Animal Welfare League that day. THEY thank you also. Sincerely, Vixen, PeekaBoo & Terry Lawrence.



The Summer Lunch program is coming in July. Watch for sign-ups – donating food, packing lunches and delivering food will be areas of need.



We celebrate our Education – both for children and for adults – during the month of June. Kim Roberts and others have led our children this academic year in a variety of story telling, crafts and song. We have enjoyed their periodic appearances as a group at our 10:30a worship service.

Adults have participated in a variety of different ways, through small group discussion, watching DVDs and learning about, among other things, what makes a life meaningful. The Adult Forum schedule and speakers have been facilitated by Will Turner and others.

If you are interested in helping our children, please contact Kim Roberts. If you would like to help set programs for adults, please contact Will Turner.

Won't you please help out? We need hosts for 10:30a service. A few of you regularly sign up who could.... Please see the bulletin board in Sunday when you might provide simple cookies coffee.



our coffee hour after the but there are many more the hallway and find a or treats to go with our

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, information about Sacraments and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org or on our bulletin boards



Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment. Check the calendar posted on the office door for the most current schedule.



	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
June 5										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		Cyndy Fields		J Yerkes & T Lawrence		Lamberton	Hudson & Booher	Burd
10:30	Carole Meyer	R. Pickering & D. Booher	Jeff Burd		Don & Ruth Black		A White & J Gary			
June 12										
Breakfast at the Shore	Ed Fain	John & Betty Culley				CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields	E Fain & T Twarek	Breakfast @ The Shore	Fain & Oller	Breakfast @ The Shore
June 19 Father's Day										
8a	Mark Kussmail	Meribeth Kussmaul		Teresa Titus				Yerkes		
10:30a	Jeff Burd	Jeff Burd & Kim Roberts	Steve Charles	CJ Charles	Lamberton / Hartnett	C Meyer & J Tussey	N Bennett & E Fain		Fain & Oller	
June 26										
8a	A Ashabugh	A Ashbaugh		Kitty Haffner				Pickering		
10:30a	Barb Easterling	Marc Hudson & Randy Pickering	Sam Hildebrand	Peggy Lohorn	Jane Gallagher & Cindy Smith	B Culley & M Reidy	S Albrecht & W Olander		Pickerings	

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

~ June 2016 ~											
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
			1 7:30 Centering Prayer	2 Oller: Women's Clergy Grp & Lunch w/Bishop 6p- YSB (WH)	3 Rector's Sabbath	4 Oller Day Off					
5 8 & 10:30a- HE	6 11:30: Lunch w/League (WH)	7 7p-Comm Chorus (WH)	8 7:30 Centering Prayer	9 Rector's Sabbath	10	11 Oller Day Off					
12 9a-Breakfast at the Shore (Olanders)	13 Rector's Sabbath	7:15a-YSB/WH 7p-Comm Chorus (WH) Oller: Pathways to Vitality 2.0 Sterring Comm mtg @ St. Paul's, Indy	15 7:30 Centering Prayer 7p-Vestry	16 Oller: Higher Ed mtg @ All Saints, Indy 6p- YSB (WH)	17	18 Oller Day Off					
19 Father's Day 8 & 10:30a HE 3pComm Chorus @ Lane Place Bandstand	20 Rector's Sabbath	21 Oller Day Off	22 7:30 Centering Prayer Oller Vacation	23	24	25 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop/Library					
26 8 & 10:30a-HE	27 Oller Day Off 28		29 7:30 Centering Prayer	30 6p-YSB (WH) Rector's Sabbath							