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# 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.*



Sometimes life turns things inside out,  
not because of something we did or forgot  
but just because.

Maybe what we hoped for  
was not to be, or  
maybe it was not yet time.

Sometimes life turn us inside out,  
and our yellow turns blue or red,  
or green or purple,  
or even all those colors one after the other,  
or all mixed up, at the same time.

Joy, sadness, anger, disgust, fear,  
all real,  
all meant to be felt,  
all meant to be lived,  
all meant to be moved through.

Do not cheat them; let them be, for  
anger gives way to sadness,  
and sadness can transform joy.  
And disgust and fear  
can arouse hope  
and empower you for a new day.



**one right answer to many important questions of faith and practice.”** (emphasis mine)

As your priest, my hope is that you hear what Epperly is saying: in part, we are all in this together; we can learn from each other; there is no question that is too big or too small. Come and join us in Whitlock Hall on Sundays at 9:15a starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some other thoughts from the Bishop of New Westminster, Canada on **Anglican/Episcopal Spirituality** - we are not bound by these comments but they may offer us something to think about as we engage with “the big questions”:

**Liturgical/Biblical:** Our spirituality is rooted in communal daily prayer (Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayers, Evening Prayer, Compline) as laid out in *The Book of Common Prayer*. Thus, our way of praying tends to have more formality and structure and is shaped by the Scriptures, the divine reading of Scripture and the prayerful meditation on the psalms.

**Communal:** Communal prayer comes before and shapes personal prayer. Prayer is seen as an activity that connects us to God, to each other, to include the living to the dead. Communal prayer is a part of daily, weekly and yearly rhythms and both surrounds and informs community gatherings and meetings in which decisions are made.

**Pastoral:** We tend to see our relationship to God as lived out and “measured” by our relationships to our true selves, other people and the natural world.

**Sacramental:** We see the world, itself, as sacramental, that is, capable of mediating the grace of God. We also emphasize the two primary sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist as well as offer the other sacramental rites of confirmation, holy matrimony, reconciliation, unction, and ordination.

**Incarnational:** We emphasize the incarnation, God’s entry into human life and history. Accordingly, we have an earthy spirituality that affirms the goodness of life and the created world and believe that the extraordinary is to be found in the ordinary.

**Mystical:** We experience union with God as happening over time, bit by bit through a journey aided by spiritual discipline and prayer. Such a belief is consistent with the description of spiritual progress found in the mystics.

### **Anglican/Episcopal Temperament**

**Comprehensive:** We believe the truth is to be found in the tension between counter-opposites. We affirm both sacred and secular, both the material and the non-material, both the mind and the heart, both the transcendence and the intimate closeness of God.

**Ambiguous:** We are not “black and white” thinkers, but instead affirm the ambiguity of experience and the value of learning to tolerate and embrace complexity and ambiguity in many aspects of human life and in the spiritual journey.

**Open-minded:** We are people of a questioning faith. We search for wisdom in many places and encourage people to listen to each other and to bring their honest questions to their spiritual life.

**Intuitive:** We are at home in the world of image, symbol, myth, ritual, and the arts. We are not well known for systematic theologies. Instead we are writers, poets, pastors, and musicians.

Aesthetic: We believe that beauty is the doorway to truth and goodness and that beauty is a doorway to God.

Moderate: We avoid extremes, believing that a godly life is one that is disciplined, balanced and temperate.

Naturalistic: We have a reverence for nature and its rhythms. We believe in working to protect the natural world and its creatures.

Historical: We value our historical roots and learn from a careful reflection on the past.

Political: We believe that Christian life has political implications and that civic life is both a legitimate and important place for the Christian's apostolate to be expressed.

Ponder, reflect and come and discuss. – *Rev. Jan*

## Sunday School is Cool



Our children, under the leadership of Kim Roberts and several others, will be focusing on Old Testament stories such as Creation, Sara and Abraham and other heroes. Our children will also be working with Jerilyn Yerkes on musical offerings which we all enjoy. If you have a child, please consider encouraging them to join!



*Online Christian Learning from expert teachers in scripture, liturgy, prayer, family, self-care, church history, theology, and more*

This might as well be called the “Education” or “Formation” edition of our Newsletter. Here’s another opportunity – and it’s FREE!

Registration is now open for the latest free ChurchNext course: [Bridging the Political Divide with Parker Palmer](#) which can be taken anytime between September 5-19.

As we know, we are in the midst of what may be the most polarizing and contentious elections in recent U.S. history. Many observers note that the political rancor and rhetoric has reached all time highs, injecting unprecedented fear, division, and unease into our culture.

How do we make sense of this? How do people of faith respond? How do we remain calm and centered amidst our difference and tension, taking our roles as peacemakers and even prophets, seriously?

Educator, author, and activist Parker Palmer has a few ideas. He has written extensively on faith and democracy issues. In this course, he offers thoughtful insight into how we might approach divisive political issues with grace and grit.

Again, register for free by [clicking here](#) or go to [churchnext.tv](http://churchnext.tv), click on the Menu select The Big Class.

Once registered, the course can be taken for free from September 5-19. It will take an average student 45 minutes to complete. No special software is required.



**Reminder:** The slate of 4 candidates for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis has been announced. Please review the information on the nominees and speak with your Delegates to Diocesan Convention who will be casting their votes for our next Bishop: <http://hoosierbishopxi.org/index.php/slate/>

Our Delegates are: Jim & Kathy Gary and Jim Suren. Diocesan Convention is October 27-29 in Indianapolis. Our opportunity to meet the nominees will be at the "Walk Abouts". I hope you will plan to go to one of the following sessions:

1. October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6p-St. Christopher's, Carmel
2. **October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9a –St Andrew's, Greencastle**
3. October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3p- St. Paul's, Evansville
4. October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2p-St. Paul's, Columbus



The Planned Giving Team sent a google groups email during August that offered you several articles to consider around Estate Planning and End of Life. I hope that you read it! If you have questions, please contact one of the Team: Sam Hildebrand, Harry Siamas, Ed Fain, Rees Olander or John Culley.



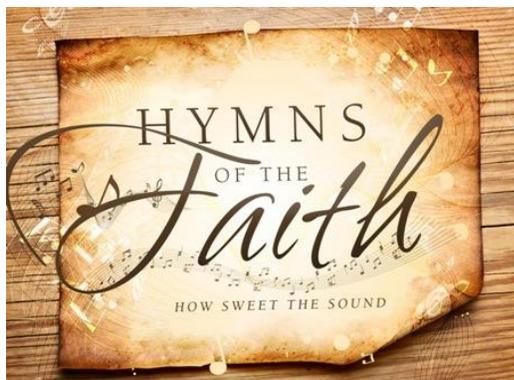
Join us on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7p (doors open at 6:30p; held in Whitlock Hall) for an evening of fun and trivia. Host Christopher Short will challenge you and your team (if you choose to be part of a team) with questions serious and funny. Entrance fee is \$5 and all are welcome.



We celebrate the ministries of music including, but not limited to, our Choir and our Musicians. Those of you who joined us in August for worship in Whitlock Hall heard our new

keyboard. What a delight and an addition to the repertoire of musical possibilities here at St. John's. We were also delighted with the duet of Sheila Evans and Alice Phillips on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward each year to the Dixieland Band jazz group that enlivens our Mardi Gras evening. Thanks to Jerilyn Yerkes for so very many wonderful years as organist and choir director! And to Alan White who has faithfully served as Supply Organist and additional musician. Music adds to our liturgy and to our lives.

We also give thanks for all those who help with Worship & Liturgy. On Sundays we have Lectors (readers), Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers and Acolytes as well as Greeters, Counters, those who provide the flower and those who host Coffee Hour. St. John's is blessed with so many who make our services and our life together ones that glorify God!



Are we singing the hymns you love (or hate)? Once again you will have a chance to tell us what hymns you would like to sing. As long as the hymn is in Hymnal 1982 (the blue hymnal), Wonder, Love & Praise (the green hymnal) or Lift Every Voice & Sing (the red and black hymnal) it's open for your suggestion. Watch in Whitlock for a table with copies of the hymnals, pencils and paper to give us a list. We then insert one "favorite" each Sunday until we have run through the list. Don't be shy!

**Reminder!** Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, information about Sacraments 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>Sept 4</b>										
8a	A Ashbaugh	A Ashbaugh		K Haffner						
10:30	J Harnett	A Ashbaugh R Pickering	S Charles	CJ Charles	J Gallagher & C Smith	J. Gallagher & S Evans	A White & J Roberts	Albrecht & Easterling	S Fain & J Oller	
<b>Sept 11</b>										
8a	R Pickering	R Pickering		C Fields						
10:30 a	S Evans	J Burd & M Hudson	W Turner	B Turner	Charles	J Yerkes & T Lawrence	E Fain & W Olander	White	S Fain & J Oller	
<b>Sept 18</b>										
8a	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul		P Swanson						
10:30 a	H Hudson	J & B Culley	Sam Hildebrand	P Lohorn	Snook	M Reidy & B Culley	N Bennett & T Twarek	Ashbaugh	Pickering	
<b>Sept 25</b>										
8a	P Swanson	P Swanson		T Titus						
10:30 a	J Wynne	K Roberts & Meribeth Kussmaul	J Burd		Olander	CJ Charles & C Fields	S Albrecht & J Gary	Bennett	Pickering	

Meals on Wheels: Sept. 1- Cindy & Jerry Smith; Sept. 8- Sam & Susie Hildebrand; Sept. 15- Christopher Short & Tom Twarek; Sept. 22- Carole Meyer & Betty Culley; Sept. 29- Cindy & Jerry Smith

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

~ September 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 Rector's Sabbath</b> 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir	<b>2</b> Oller: Day Off	<b>3</b> 11a- Oller host Women Clergy in Greenwood
<b>4</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE	<b>5 Labor Day-Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> 9:15a-Tuttle Chapel Noon: League of Women Voters (WH)	<b>7</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 12-Flower Lovers (WH) 6:30p-"Trivia Evening" (WH)	<b>8</b> 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (SSchool) 7p-Lew Wallace (WH) Oller: Ember Day, Interfaith Center, Indy	<b>9</b> Oller: Day Off	<b>10 Rector's Sabbath</b>
<b>11</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-Memorial Service for Don Herring (Pioneer Chapel)	<b>12</b> Oller: Day Off 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>13</b> 9:15a-Tuttle Chapel	<b>14</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 6p-Oller @ Indiana Women's Prison/Eucharist 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>15</b> 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (SSchool) 6p-YSB (WH) <b>Rector's Sabbath</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM	<b>19</b> 12:30-Oller: Outside meeting @ Athens Art Gallery 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>20</b> 9:15a-Tuttle Chapel	<b>21</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 7p-Vestry 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>22</b> 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) <b>Rector's Sabbath</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Oller: Day Off 8a-"Block Party" (contact Cindy Smith) 4p-"Musical Event" @ White's
<b>25</b> 8 & 10:30a-HE (Instructed Eucharist) 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM	<b>26</b> Oller: Day Off 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>27</b> 9:15a-Tuttle Chapel	<b>28</b> 7:30a-Centering Prayer 5p YSB/CASA training (WH)	<b>29</b> 7p-Choir 6p-Girl Scouts (SSchool) 6p-YSB (WH) Oller @ All Saints/Higher Ed	<b>30 Rector's Sabbath</b>	<b>Notes: Rev. Jan is available by cell phone: 765-225-8554 and email: <a href="mailto:janet.oller@gmail.com">janet.oller@gmail.com</a>. Office hours are by appointment</b>