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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.*

**Generosity**  
changes everything

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To really know the story of what St. John's means to our family I feel I need to give a little bit of background. My Husband Chad and I moved to the area in 2012. We were months away from having our first daughter (Annie, now 4). Since we were in the place that we felt we were going to call "home" for the foreseeable decades, God willing, we decided to start "church shopping." As some may already know, I was not raised in the church and didn't really get involved in any type of religion until my 20s when I was baptized Episcopalian. Chad was brought up Catholic. There are several great churches in this area and we tried a few out.

When we came to St. John's we stopped "shopping," and we stayed.

There are several reasons that I can give as to why we love it here and why we stayed after just one visit (everyone was great, the rich history in the town, outreach, etc.) but it was the overall feeling of being there that made us come back. The people that we met and the overall feeling of peace and comfort that the building exudes made it obvious that this was the place for our growing family.

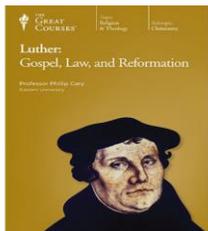
Fast forward a couple of years and we were without heat during a December with two little ones. A member of the church that at the time I was only briefly acquainted with offered heaters. "That's what church family does," she said. CHURCH FAMILY. It occurred to me that

day that we were truly a part of an entirely other family. I had never felt that before now, and my girls will never know any different... how incredible! They will always know what it's like having another whole family to look over them and love them and to look up to. When we see members out in the community we are greeted as if they are uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents and that's truly how our girls (and us) see our St. John's family.

As a parent, knowing that our children have so many people that care for them is an amazing feeling and that sense of family that St. John's brings to our lives means more than I could ever put down in words! –*Thank you to Kari, Chad, Annie and Emmi Brock for sharing their story of why they are at St. John's!*



**Adults: Sunday mornings:** We invite everyone to join us on **September 10th**, when adult education returns with the beginning of a semester celebrating Martin Luther and the 500th anniversary of him nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. We will start with the first episode of the Teaching Company's DVD series *Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation*. The series has more episodes than we have Sundays this semester, so we will discuss which episodes the parish prefers to view.



**Tuesday evenings** at 7p beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> we will repeat the series so if you can't make it on Sunday mornings, or if you want to be part of an ecumenical gathering, we will also offer this series in Whitlock Hall. Joining us on Tuesday evenings will be friends from Christ Lutheran Church and First Christian Church (and possibly some others!).

**Children: Sunday mornings:** Our children will use The Episcopal Church curriculum "Weaving God's Promises" this year on Sunday mornings at 9:15a. We are so excited to have so many children that we have broken the group into three classes (all groups meet downstairs). Each class will have an age appropriate lesson.



## The “Mission” of Weaving God’s Promises is:

1. To teach children and youth how God’s promises of salvation are woven into our lives.
2. To teach children and youth the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world as Christ’s ambassadors.
3. To give children and youth a solid grounding for future youth and high-school formation programs, which prepares them for Christian adulthood.
4. To foster the spiritual formation and growth of our children and youth in Christ’s love and mercy and to teach the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thanks to Kim Roberts and all the others who have stepped forward to help us teach our children!



### Other opportunities for learning!

With the generous sponsorship of the Liberty Fund, CTS will host two lectures this fall on the continuing relevance of the Protestant Reformation. The first will be a lecture on “The Competing Needs for Certainty in the Reformation” by Dr. Susan Schreiner of the University of Chicago and will take place at 7:00 PM on **September 5**, 2017 in the CTS Chapel. The second will be a lecture on the Protestant Reformation and law by Dr. John Witte of Emory University and will take place at 7:00 PM on **October 18**, 2017 in room B29. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

**September 20, 2017**—CTS will host CTS Talks: Gender & Theology with Prof. Rob Saler and Jessica Mesman Griffith. The event will take place from 6:30–8:00 PM in room B29.

*And looking into the future:*

**October 4, 2017**—CTS Alumni Day with the theme, “Breaking the Stained Glass: Celebrating Firsts.” The day will include breakfast, workshops, luncheon and panel discussion, and a worship service **featuring the preaching of Bishop Jennifer Baskerville Burrows**. (Open to all; cost-\$30 includes breakfast and Luncheon with Panel Conversation “Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling: Celebrating Firsts” with guests Christian Church (Disciples fo Christ) General Minister and President Teresa Hord Owens, **Bishop Jennifer Baskerville Burrows** with Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, Rabbi Sandi Sasso with Beth el Zedeck, Faryal M Kharti with the Islamic Center of North America, moderated by Dean Leah Gunning Francis). Contact CTS: [www.cts.edu](http://www.cts.edu) to register.

Repairs and cleaning of our stained glass windows are *now tentatively scheduled* to occur the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> (there were delays in projects prior to ours which resulted in delays starting ours). Come and see as we restore the beauty of our windows!



Humans United for Equality

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> between 4p and 8p**, Humans United For Equality will celebrate at Pike Place (corner of Washington & Pike) with free games and crafts, entertainment and performances by the Crawfordsville Pride Team and the Mariachi Band Zelaya.

The mission of HUFU is “to more fully develop an awareness and understanding of the ways that diversity and equality make our community stronger and our lives richer. You are invited to attend! If you have questions, please talk to Helen Hudson.

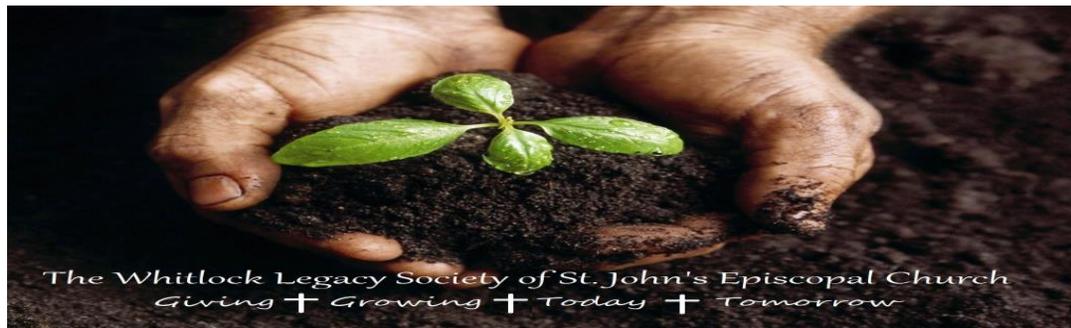


Shirley Burd is serving on the Kairos Prison Ministry Team for Rockville #27 scheduled for Nov 2 - 5, 2017. You can support this ministry in a variety of ways:

- 1) Committing to pray for 30 minutes at some point during the weekend - she has 140 prayer chain links available and access to more. A prayer prompts page is available.
- 2) Bake and/or package cookies in **QUART** (not sandwich size) **ZIPPER** (not slider) bags. The team will be taking in 1200 dozen so that all inmates at Rockville receive cookies during the weekend. (Cookies due October 22.)
- 3) Create a place mat (or help a child create one) that will be used to brighten the tables at meal time during the Weekend (40 team + 40 participants X 5 meals = 800 to be collected by the Team)

4) Sponsor a meal ticket for a participant for \$10.

Shirley will have an information table set up on **September 10** and **October 1** in Whitlock Hall with all the details; however, if you see her and wish to support this ministry, please reach out to her and/or check the bulletin board for the cookie sign up sheet and details.



At any age, any of us might be stricken with a chronic illness. Of course, the older we get the more likely that it may happen, regardless of how immortal we may feel at the moment. The Episcopal Church Foundation has published a short article explaining some of the specific preparations to be made that are important to care for yourself and your property. Here is a link to the article which discusses some of the recommendations we have made in programs presented to the parish over the last three years.

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This article is actually the second part of an extensive discussion of chronic illnesses. Here is the link to Part 1:

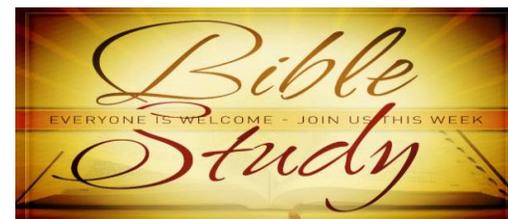
<http://episcopalgifts.org/?pageID=34&docID=14> Please discuss these considerations with your family and with legal counsel to assure any documents you prepare are appropriate for the state of Indiana.



### ***Food, Fun & Fellowship Groups!***

Shirley and Jeff Burd hosted dinner for one of our “Food, Fun & Fellowship Groups.” A good time was had by all! Groups meet about once a month and at a location- in a home or at a restaurant of the group’s choosing. If you’re interested in joining a group, please see Char Lingen.

We invite you to join us on **Wednesday afternoons at 4pm in Whitlock Hall** for Bible Study. Come, read and discuss the Word of God. All are welcome- no prior experience is needed. Just an interest and a willingness to deepen your faith!





**Wednesday mornings at 7:30a**, a group of us meet for ½ hour of centering (silent) prayer, a reading of Scripture and hearing how God speaks to us that day. We finish by 8:15a. It’s amazing how well your day goes after a short 30 minutes in prayer! Won’t you try it?

**Savoring the Sacred Pauses** -- A retreat of practices for the rhythm of our days and a rule for our lives At the Episcopal Women’s Ministries Fall Retreat **September 29– October 1, 2017** at the Waycross conference Center with the Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville Burrows, 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis as retreat leader. *Please see the bulletin board in Whitlock Hall for more details.*



**Financial statements** are posted on the bulletin board as it is available (usually about mid-month for the prior month and once the bank and investment statements are available and the Vestry has met and accepted the monthly financials).



July 2017 Year to date:      Total Revenues of \$98,418.84  
Total Expenses of \$88,682.08      Net Income of \$9,736.76



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 cookies or treats to go with our coffee.



"Time to update the photo directory" ... if you do not have your picture on the photo board outside Whitlock or need to update yours, please find Kitty Haffner at church so she can take your picture. If you have a favorite picture you would rather have posted, just drop it off in Kitty’s mailbox outside the office (lower level).

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. She generally does not read or respond to emails or voice messages on her days off or her Sabbath.



*September*

Date	Lector	LEMS	Cruc/Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	LEVs	Counters	Coffee Host	Flowers
<b>9/3</b> 8	Adrienne	Adrienne	Kitty						
10:30	Jim Gary	Jeff & Marc	Will/Beth	Albrecht's	Sheila & Jane	Kathy and Sue	Alan & John		CJ
<b>9/10</b> 8	Mark K	Meribeth	Teresa						
10:30	Carole M	Dan & Randy	Steve & CJ	Shirley & Jeff	Jerilyn & Terry	Kathy & Sue	Nancy & Jim		Carole M
<b>9/17</b> 8	Randy	Randy	Cyndy						
10:30	Helen	Meribeth & Kim	John/NA	Gary's	CJ & Cyndy	Helen & Dan	Ed & Wayne		Kitty
<b>9/24</b> 8	Peter	Peter	Kitty						
10:30	Kari	Dan & Adrienne	Sam & Peggy	John B. & Barb	Carole M & Jo	Helen & Dan	Susan & Tom		Bennetts

Meals on Wheels: Sept 7- Carole M. & Betty; Sept 14: Ellen and Tom; Sept 21: Susie & Sam; Sept 28: Cindy & Jerry

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Oller Day Off	2
3 8 & 10:30a-HE	4 Labor Day- Office Closed	5 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel Noon: League (WH)	6 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 11:30a-Flower Lovers (WH) 12-Oller: Higher E Comm (All Saints)	7 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir 2p-Oller: Budget Mtg, Indy	8 Oller Day Off	9 <b>Rector Sabbath</b>
10 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM (WH)	11 7p-Bennett (Library) <b>Rector Sabbath</b>	12 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 7p-Reformation (WH)	13 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study 10a-Oller @ Ember Day, Indy	14 6p- YSB (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (SSR) 7p-Choir Oller: "Teaching for Transformation" – Indy – all day	15	16 Oller Day Off 7a- Noon: Community Day @ Franciscan Health
17 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 12-Vestry 2p-EFM (WH)	18	19 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 7p-Reformation (WH)	20 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study	21 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir <b>Rector Sabbath</b>	22 Oller Day Off	23
24 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM (WH)	25 –All day IU (WH)	26 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 7p-Reformation (WH)	27 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study	28 6p-YSB (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (SSR) 7p-Choir 4p: Oller: St. Paul's/Pathways	29 Oller Day Off	30 <b>Rector Sabbath</b>
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