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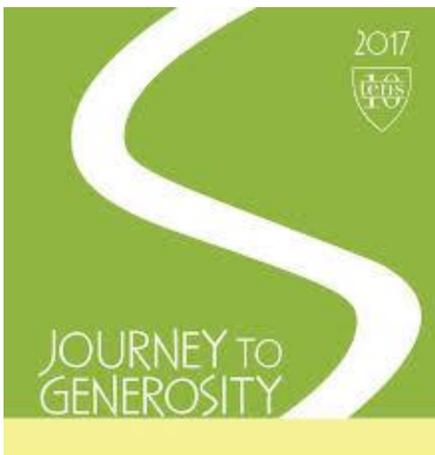
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We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.



When we were married here on an unseasonably warm February day, we were thrilled to be part of a history going back 180 years. The sanctuary was beautiful as always, Whitlock Hall was perfect for the reception - and of course, in between all our outside friends and family, the pews were filled with the faces we'd come to know every Sunday. Your faces.

In fact, by celebrating in the place that's our second home, with the people who are our extended family in Crawfordsville, we were able to marry inexpensively - and we were happy to invest those savings back into the church. Because that's what St. John's means to us: Even in this time that calls for constant discernment, we have a growing congregation with a bright future of serving our community and drawing us all closer to God.

It's hard not to be encouraged by the expansion of our Sunday school, offering Max more age-appropriate support to grow into moral rectitude. It's hard not to feel the essential goodness of our people, ready to burst forth into some new way of reflecting Christ's love to the world.

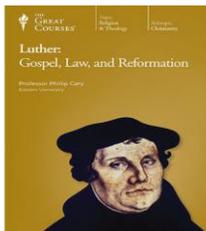
Recently our family was part of a group that went to Good Samaritan, the new service-oriented mission church founded by former diocesan canon Gray Lesesne in Brownsburg. We saw a congregation with no building of its own, that's only been worshiping together for a year - and already they've grown to attendance levels close to our own. Every other week, in place of a Christian formation hour, they undertake several different service projects around their town. And from here, their next step is to find a pathway to survival, essentially: To weather the sunset of their grant money, and become a self-sustaining Christian family.

Naturally, this was a good chance to reflect on the advantages we have at St. John's. We have no rent, no mortgage. We have people who have known each other for decades, and others bringing in fresh potential all the time.

But we do face our own challenges! Challenges of a prosaic and budgetary nature, particularly on a historic building such as ours; and challenges of the energy it takes to be an effective beacon for Christ in the outside world. As a member of the vestry and the outreach committee, I'm happy to see and to be part of all the work that goes on in seeking and refining our mission, and the steps we have to take to get there. I encourage all of you with an interest in that future to join a committee as well! Or two, or four!

And in the meantime, I ask you to join Jessica and me in pledging your financial support to our church. Because everything we can give today – time, energy, treasure, hopefully all of the above! – is an investment that will ensure other new families like our own can find a home at St. John's for another 180 years and beyond.

Yours in Christ, Christopher Short



Adults: Sunday mornings: We invite everyone to join us at 9:15a on Sunday mornings (excluding October 1st) when adult education continues celebrating Martin Luther and the 500th anniversary of him nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. Facilitators for our October sessions include Will Turner, Christopher Short and Rev. Jan.

Continuing through October 24th: Tuesday evenings at 7p we offer some thoughts on Luther and his positions on a variety of topics that still inform our theology today- although we do not always follow what he said! Come and join us 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).



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

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 to register.

Family Fun Night
 Oct. 7, 5-9 pm
 Achaius Ranch
 4592 E 750 S
 Ladoga IN 47954

Pony Rides
 Natural Horsemanship Demo
 Hot Dog Roast
 Barn Dancing
 Praise Music Around The Campfire

FREE EVENT!*

Questions? Contact Elisha McCulloh (765)376-9535 elisha@achaiusranch.org
 *donations are always appreciated



With the generous sponsorship of the Liberty Fund, CTS will host 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. Free and open to the public.



October 28th from 6p until the food is gone, please come and enjoy some beer and brats/hot dogs in celebration of the Reformation. We also plan to have pretzels. We will be grilling the brats/hot dogs outside and serving in Whitlock Hall. Please invite your neighbors and friends. We will be joined by members of First Christian Church and Christ Lutheran Church.

Derek Nelson, Professor of Religion at Wabash College and a Luther scholar will be making brats and beer for our enjoyment. **We will have equally attractive non-alcoholic beverages available.**

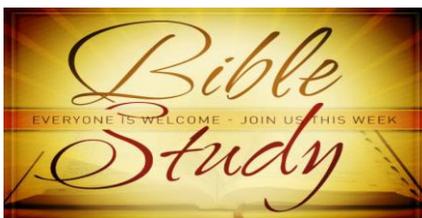
There is no charge although we will accept Good-Will offerings. Whatever is raised at this gathering will be matched by the Outreach Committee. The Committee has selected Halfway Home as the recipient of the offering.

If you are willing to help us set up or take down, please see Rev. Jan or Carole Meyer, head of Outreach.



Come one, come all! On **Saturday, October 14th, from 9am to noon**, the property committee will be hosting a fall clean-up day at St. John's. There are a number of tasks to be undertaken and jobs for all ages and ability levels. While others are putting up cobwebs in preparation for Halloween, there are some for removal. Leaves and debris tend to collect on the patio, among bushes and at the entrances. Our stained glass window project should be complete by then and there may be 'touch-up' tasks. Assuming the weather is good, there is some exterior painting which could be accomplished (wrought iron fence, patio furniture, and entryway railing). Supplies will be provided, however participants are encouraged to bring their personal favorites as one can never have too many brooms, rakes and step ladders. During the next two weeks, put your keen sense of eyesight to work identifying any items to add to the list. I would love to see some of the youth with their agility who can assist those of us whose bending and stretching have limits. I will be placing a sign-up outside Whitlock for task suggestions. I hope to see many of you for this act of stewardship to our historic property. *Debbie Swanson*

Repairs and cleaning of our stained glass windows are hopefully underway by the time October 1st rolls around! Come and see as we restore the beauty of our windows!



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 meets 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?



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).



August 2017 Year to date: Total Revenues of \$108,050.70
Total Expenses of \$99,787.90 Net Income of \$8,262.80

We are running slightly behind on pledges. If you made a pledge, please make sure you are current. And, if your circumstances have changed and you will not be able to make your pledge, please let Cindy Smith, Pledge Secretary know. Thank you.



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.

Rev. Jan will be away between October 2 and October 14th, returning to Crawfordsville on October 15th. She is not likely to have either cell phone or email access during those dates. In case of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact the Wardens, Kitty Haffner or Carole Meyer. Beginning on October 15th, Rev. Jan will be 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.

| Date | Lector | LEMS | Cruc/Acolyte | Greeters | Altar Guild | LEVs | Counters | Coffee Host | Flowers |
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| 10/18 | Frank E | Kitty | Kitty | | | | | | |
| 10:30 | Helen | John & Betty | Will & Beth | Albrechts | Betty & Meegan | Pickerings | Alan & John | <i>None- at Wabash</i> | Sam Smith |
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| 10/88 | Randy | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | | | | | | | |
| 10:30 | Carole M | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | | Shirley & John B | Jerilyn & Terry | Pickerings | Ed & Alan | | Yerkes |
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| 10/158 | Randy | Randy | Cyndy | | | | | | |
| 10:30 | Helen | Dan & Betty | John/NA | Siamas | Sheila & Jane | Burds | Nancy & Wayne | Fain | Brocks |
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| 10/228 | Peter | Peter | Kitty | | | | | | |
| 10:30 | Nancy B | Dan & Jeff | Sam & Peggy | John B. & Barb | CJ & Cyndy | Burds | Susan & Tom | | Roberts |
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| 10/298 | Mark K | Meribeth | Teresa | | | Sue & Kathy | | | |
| 10:30 | Dan | Jeff & CJ | Steve | Shorts | Carole & Jo | | Jim & John | | Culleys |

No Meals on Wheels in October; **Making Coffee:** 1st-Bud; 8th-Tom S; 15th-Tom S; 22nd-Jim C; 29th- Judy; **Kitchen Clean-up:** 1st: Hudsons; 8th:-Sue F; 15th- Meegan; 22nd- Shirley; 29th-Meegan

October 2017 – as of September 27th

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8 HE @ St. John's 10:30-HE @ Pioneer Chapel 12:30p-Blessing of the Animals 2p-EFM (WH) 9p-Compline (Wabash) | 2 Noon: League (WH) Oller Away | 3 Oller Away 7p-Reformation (WH) 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel | 4 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study Oller Away | 5 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Away | 6 Oller Away | 7 Oller Away "Family Fun Night" @ Achaius Ranch 5p |
| 8 8 & 10:30 MP 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM (WH) 9p-Compline (Wabash) Oller Away | 9 Oller Away 1p-C Smith (WH) 7p-Bennett (Library) | 10 Oller Away 7p-Reformation (WH) 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel | 11 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study Oller Away | 12 6p -YSB (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (WH) 7p-Choir Oller Away | 13 Oller Away | 14 9a-12p: "Jobs for Everyone" (Clean up @ St. John's) |
| 15 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 12-Vestry 2p-EFM (WH) 9p-Compline (Wabash) | 16 | 17 7:15a- YSB (WH) 7p-Reformation (WH) 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel | 18 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 1:30p-Fogel (WH) 4p-Bible Study 7p @CTS/Luther | 19 7p-Choir Rector Sabbath | 20 Oller Day Off | 21 |
| 22 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM (WH) 9p-Compline (Wabash) | 23 Rector Sabbath | 24 Oller Day Off 7p-Reformation (WH) 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel 6p-YSB (WH) | 25 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH) 4p-Bible Study | 26 6p-YSB (WH) 6p-Girl Scouts (SSR) 7p-Choir Diocesan Convention (Jeffersonville) | 27 Diocesan Convention (Jeffersonville) | 28 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop (Lib) Diocesan Convention (Jeffersonville) 6p "Beer & Brats" @ WH |
| 29 8 & 10:30a-HE 9:15a-Formation 2p-EFM (WH) 9p-Compline (Wabash) | 30 | 31 9:25a-Tuttle Chapel Halloween | | | | Rev. Jan can be reached by cell phone: 765-225-8554 or email: janet.oller@gmail.com She usually does not read or respond to emails on her Sabbath or Day Off. |