



# St. John's Spirit

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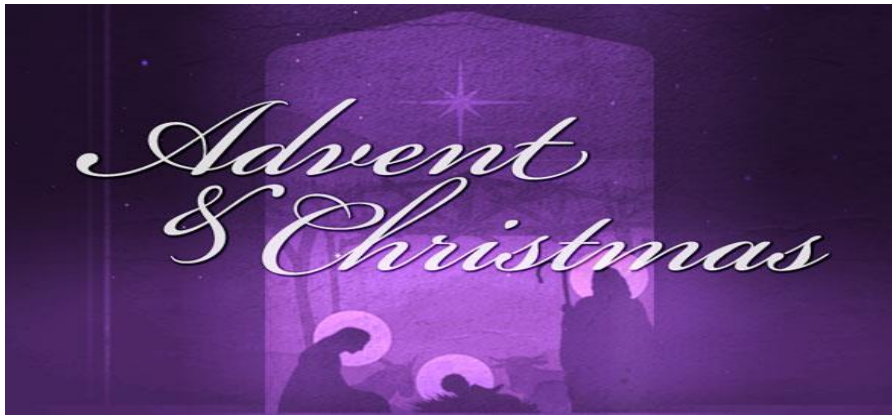
**December, 2017**

*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.*

## **Adult Advent Announcement**

O Lord,  
Let Advent begin again  
In us,  
Not merely in commercials;  
For that first Christmas was not  
Simply for children,  
But for the  
Wise and the strong.  
It was  
Crowded around that cradle,  
With kings kneeling.  
Speak to us  
Who seek an adult seat this year.  
Help us to realize,  
As we fill stockings,  
Christmas is mainly  
For the old folks —  
Bent backs  
And tired eyes  
Need relief and light  
A little more.  
No wonder  
It was grown-ups  
Who were the first  
To notice  
Such a star.

David A. Redding, from *If I Could Pray Again* (1965)



This year we await the birth of Christ looking forward and looking back.

We hope you will be part of this special time of quiet, of hope, of reflection.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

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| December 3  | Advent One: Advent Lessons and Carols                               |
| December 10 | Advent Two: Children’s Pageant at 10:30a service                    |
| December 17 | Advent Three: Greening of the Church following the 10:30a service   |
| December 24 | Advent Four/Christmas Eve   |
|             | 9a- Holy Eucharist @ St. John’s                                     |
|             | 5:30p- Holy Eucharist @ “the stable” (John Binder and Dan Booher’s) |
|             | 10:30p-Holy Eucharist @ St. John’s with Choir and Candlelight       |



From the Society of St. John the Evangelist: Advent begins in five days.

If you would like to receive #AdventWord this year we invite you to click this link [www.adventword.org/sign-up](http://www.adventword.org/sign-up).

#AdventWord – the Anglican Communion’s Global Advent Calendar – begins on Sunday, 3 December, 2017, with images and meditations available via email, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. During the 23 days of Advent, a daily email featuring the #AdventWord of the day will go out at 5 a.m. each day, and respondents are encouraged to share their responses to the meditations and images to the aggregated prayer walls within the advent calendar.

### Vestry Nominees

Each year the outgoing Vestry members comprise the Nominating Committee. Their task is to ask three people to stand for election to the Vestry at our Annual Meeting in January. If elected, these new members will serve a 3-year term. The Vestry is the elected lay leadership of the parish. The primary responsibilities of the Vestry are the financial and building-and-grounds aspects of St. John’s. The Vestry meets monthly (with the authority to not meet in July and August if all is going well). Currently, the Vestry meets on the third Sunday of the month following the second service. Vestry meetings are generally open to the parish (you do not need an invitation to

attend!). Our meetings run an hour unless all agree to extend beyond an hour (and if we finish early, that's great, too!). The following have agreed to stand for election:

**Jeff Burd**  
**Sheila Evans**  
**Jim Gary**

More information about our nominees will be shared in January.

We also need to elect two delegates and two alternates to Diocesan Convention (November, 2018 in Bloomington). If you are interested, please see Rev. Jan



This is your chance to shine! I am looking for the best photos from Advent, from Christmas and from Epiphany (up through January 22<sup>nd</sup>). Snap away and see your photos as part of our Annual Meeting Celebration.



We are pleased to announce that **Marie Stocks** has joined St. John's as the Parish Administrator. Many of you already know Marie from the many, many ways in which she is active in Crawfordsville.

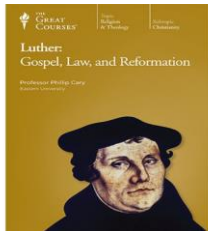
Marie will generally be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays up to 8 hours a week. While we are in this "getting to know you" and "this is what's needed" phase, her hours and her exact duties will evolve.

Generally, Marie will be preparing the bulletins and this newsletter, answering calls, sorting mail, and helping with other administrative tasks as requested. She may also be able to help John Culley, Treasurer, and Cindy Smith, Assistant Treasurer. She may also be able to help us be more consistent with communications, in general, and alert us to new ways of

bringing the Gospel to the world. Please welcome Marie.

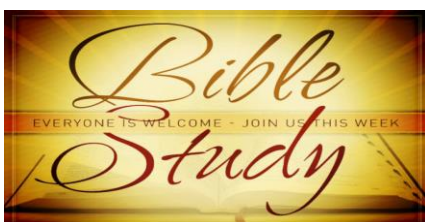


Pledges help support St. John's fulfill its mission in the world. We give to St. John's **so that** ..... (fill in the blank for yourself). Each pledge is important. Each pledge reflects the values and hopes and dreams of the one pledging. If you have not made a pledge for 2018, we encourage you to do so in order that the vision of being Christ to the world around us may become reality. Pledge cards are available on the credenza in the hallway. Or, check with Rev. Jan for a pledge card. *If you have questions, please contact Cindy Smith, Pledge Secretary, or Harry Siamas, Chair, Gratitude Committee.*



**Adults: Sunday mornings:** We invite everyone to join us at 9:15a on Sunday mornings 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. We will meet on December 3, 10 and 17. We resume in January 2018 with study of the Gospel of Mark.

**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!*

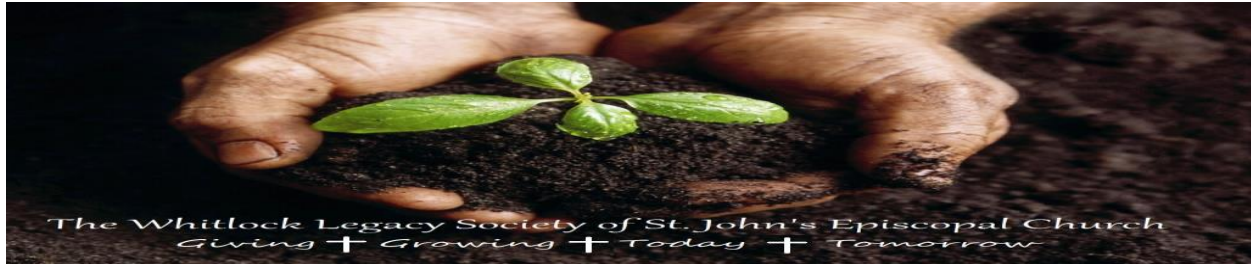


We invite you to join us on **Wednesday afternoons at 4pm in Whitlock Hall** for Bible Study. Come, read and discuss the Word of God. All are welcome- no prior experience is needed. Just an interest and a willingness to deepen your faith!

**Wednesday mornings at 7:30a**, a group (silent) prayer, a reading of Scripture and day. We finish by 8:15a. It's amazing how minutes in prayer! Won't you try it?



meets for ½ hour of centering hearing how God speaks to us that well your day goes after a short 30



The Planned Giving Committee thanks everyone who has made St. John's a part of their estate plan and those who have given to the St. John's Endowment during their lifetime. These funds help ensure that St. John's continues to serve God in this community through all the various ways that St. John's ministers to all.



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 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.*

| <b>December</b>                                     | Lector              | LEMs                  | Crucifer/<br>Acolyte | Greeters         | Altar Guild            | LEVs               | Counters               | Flowers     | Coffee<br>Hour |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 12/3 8  | Kitty H &<br>Mark K | Meribeth K            | Kitty H              |                  |                        | Pickerings         |                        | Altar Guild |                |
| 10:30<br><i>Advent<br/>Lessons &amp;<br/>Carols</i> | Kari B & Jim<br>G   | Betty C &<br>Dan B    | Sam H &<br>Peggy L   | Olanders         | Carole M &<br>Jo T     |                    | Ed F & Jim<br>G        |             |                |
|   |                     |                       |                      |                  |                        |                    |                        |             |                |
| 12/10 8   | Peter S             | Peter S               | Cyndy F              |                  |                        | Burds              |                        | Altar Guild |                |
| 10:30   | Helen H             | Dan B &<br>Marc H     | Steve C &<br>CJ C    | Jo T &<br>Judy W | Betty C &<br>Meegan R  |                    | N Bennett<br>& Wayne O |             |                |
|   |                     |                       |                      |                  |                        |                    |                        |             |                |
| 12/17 8   | Adrienne A          | Adrienne A            | Teresa T             |                  |                        | Burds              |                        | Altar Guild |                |
| 10:30   | Rees O              | Kim R & Jeff<br>B     | Will T &<br>Beth T   | Hudsons          | Sheila E &<br>Jane G   |                    | Susan A &<br>Tom T     |             |                |
|   |                     |                       |                      |                  |                        |                    |                        |             |                |
| 12/24 9am   | Susan A             | Randy P &<br>Teresa T |                      | Garys            |                        | Sue F &<br>Kathy G |                        | Altar Guild | None           |
| 12/24 5:30  | Mark K              | Meribeth K            | X                    | X                |                        |                    |                        |             | None           |
| 12/24 10:30   | Helen H             | Jeff B &<br>Marc H    | Sam H &<br>Molly R   | Culleys          | Jerilyn Y &<br>Terry L |                    | A White &<br>J Roberts |             | None           |
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| 12/31 8<br><i>Christmas<br/>Lessons &amp;<br/>Carols; Sam<br/>V. lead</i> | Judy W &<br>Kitty H   | X | X |  |                   | Sue F &<br>Kathy G |                 | Altar Guild | None |
| 10:30a  | Wayne O &<br>Carole M | X | X |  | CJ C &<br>Cyndy F |                    | Ed F & Jim<br>G |             |      |

No Meals on Wheels in December by St. John's

Coffee Start: 12/3: Burd Arnold; 12/10: Tom Sheets; 12/17: Tom Sheets; None on 12/24 or 12/31

Kitchen Clean Up: 12/3 Marc and Helen Hudson; 12/10: Sue Fain; 12/17: Meegan Reidy; No Coffee Hour on 12/24 or 12/31 so no clean up

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   |  |  |  |  | 1  | 2 8:30a- Divorce Recovery Workshop (Lib)<br>11a-Funeral & Reception for Rita Heuss  |
| 3 8 & 10:30a-HE<br>9:15a-Formation<br>11:45 Finance Comm mtg Library<br>2p-EFM (WH)   | 4 Noon:<br>League<br>5:30p-Board (Bennett) (Lib)<br><br>6p-Culley (WH)         | 5 Oller: High Ed Mtg @ All Saints Indy | 6 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH)<br>11:30a-Flower Lovers (WH)<br>3p-Oller mtg (Library)<br>4p-Bible Study<br>8p-Wabash Festival of Music & Readings | 7 6p-Girl Scouts (SSR)<br>7p-Choir<br>6p-YSB (WH)<br><b>Rector Sabbath</b> | 8 Oller Day Off<br>3p-Smith Family Prep. (WH)    | 9 1p-Funeral: Susie Smith & Reception (WH) & Family Dinner  |
| 10 8 & 10:30a-HE<br>9:15a-Formation<br>2p-EFM (WH)<br>Children's Pageant<br>11:45 Oller mtg Library<br>3p-Comm Chorus Concert | 11 10:30a-<br>Oller Payroll Call<br>11:30 Oller Mtg WH<br>1p Oller outside mtg | 12 7:15a-YSB (WH)                      | 13 7:30a-Centering Prayer/Breakfast (WH)<br>4p-Bible Study   | 14 6p-Girl Scouts (WH)<br>7p-Choir<br><b>Rector Sabbath</b>                | 15 Oller Day Off<br>REINDear bags due back to WH | 16  |
| 17 8 & 10:30a-HE<br>9:15a-Formation<br>12-Vestry<br>2p-EFM (WH)<br>Greening of the Church                                     | 18   | 19                                     | 20 7:30a-Centering Prayer (WH)<br>4p-Bible Study   | 21 6p-Girl Scouts (WH)<br>7p-Choir<br><b>Rector Sabbath</b>                | 22 Oller Day Off                                 | 23  |
| 24 Christmas Eve 9a,<br>5:30 & 10:30p-HE  | 25<br><b>Christmas Day</b><br>-office closed                                   | 26 <b>Office Closed</b>                | 27 Oller Day Off<br>(Transfd 12/1)   | 28 <b>Rector Sabbath</b>   | 29 Oller Day Off                                 | 30  |
| 31 8a & 10:30a-<br>Lessons & Carols   |  |  |  |  |  | Rev. Jan can be reached by cell phone: 765-225-8554 or email: <a href="mailto:janet.oller@gmail.com">janet.oller@gmail.com</a><br>She usually does not read or respond to emails on her Sabbath |