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The Newsletter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



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## House Blessings!

Epiphany is a time for House Blessings, because it symbolizes the light of Christ being carried from the Church to the home. If you would like your home blessed during this season just call one of the clergy and schedule a time. Since Easter is late this year, Epiphany runs long; plenty of time to bless houses.

## Epiphany Service & Pageant with a light reception- January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Everyone is invited to participate in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany by continuing the Christmas story through the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem and into the future as the light of Christ spreads throughout the world. **Children birth up to Grade 5** will fill the roles of the Holy Family as well as the heavenly host, animals, shepherds, and wise men. **Youth and adults** are needed to be Saints, historic church figures, lead angels and shepherds. Notify Mother Cameron of your participation via phone at 614-766-2664 or email at [assistant@pats-dublin.org](mailto:assistant@pats-dublin.org).

Final Costume Fittings following rehearsals on January 3 and 6.

Participants are asked to attend at least one rehearsal; however, some walk-up roles are also available upon request. Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm, and a final run through Sunday morning, January 6<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30am service.

We'd love some volunteers to help with costume fittings, redirecting wayward lambs, errant sheep, and historical church figures on a rant. OR aid us with a quieter task by coordinating the small reception following the service.

## The Linus Project - January 21st 10am-12pm

On January 21st from 10:00 a.m. to noon, we will be assembling weekend food bags for Columbus City Schools students. In addition to this, School Rocks Party Box will be hosting a "no sew" scarf station, and we will be assembling blankets for The Linus Project.



We need a lot of food and a lot of amazing volunteers to make this happen! This event is designed with kids in mind and is meant for them to participate with adult help. :) In the past, we've assembled **800 bags in 40 minutes**. I can't wait to see what we accomplish this time!

Please record what you are bringing on the Sign Up Genius below, I always shop and supplement just before the event.

Thank you for all of your generosity with this program!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0d4fa9ab2c7-mlkday>

~Maggie Rapp Boggess



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The Episcopal  
Church Welcomes  
You.

**From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy New Year.

We endow the first of the year with such hope and promise. We picture the old year as a geezer stepping aside, while the New Year Baby bursts forth with all the yet unrealized potential that every new birth brings.

The theologian Jurgen Moltmann says that daring to have hope actually begins to embody what we hope for. If we hope for good things, then we search out good things. If we hope for healing, then we begin to undertake activities which bring healing. If we hope for a better world, then we begin to take actions that make the world better.

Our hopes and dreams don't always come true. Sometimes they are shattered. But daring to hope opens us to the potential of making things happen that embody at least a small piece of all our hopes and dreams.

So, dare to hope this New Year.

Faithfully:

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith

**Parish Life Coordinator Update**

Happy New Year! As I look back at 2018, I thank God for all of you.

There was much transition in my life during 2018. My father died in January, and I spent time with extended family dealing with his estate. We also did a lot of cleaning and painting in the home we inherited. We now have a vacation home in Door County, WI where my dad had resided for the last 20 plus years. The whole family will use it during the summer months. It was not an easy year of adulting for me.

I thank God for all of you because you are my rock. There is much comfort in worshipping, praying, learning, and laughing with all of you every week. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this a special community. Without all of you doing your part, this would be a boring place to work.

So cheers to 2019!! May it bring new adventures grounded in our tradition, more joy to our community, and lots and lots of LOVE!

~Julie Righter

**Vestry Secretary Needed**

After many years of service Bernadette Westman has decided to retire as vestry secretary. If you are interested in helping the vestry as secretary, please see the Rector.

## Children's Formation

**Children's Chapel- Sunday Mornings during the 9:30am Service- *Back in the Days* (PreK-K & 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**January 6-** "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2) In this reading from the Gospel of Matthew, searchers from the East come to worship the baby Jesus. In today's homily, children hear the story of the visit of the magi and share what gifts they would like to give the baby Jesus.

**January 13-** "After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove." (Luke 3:31-22) In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, John baptizes Jesus and God identifies Jesus as "my own dear Son." In today's homily, children explore and discuss water, then hear today's story.

**January 20-** "Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding." (John 2:1-2) In this reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus performs his first miracle, turning water into wine at a wedding. In today's homily, children first discuss pictures of parties, then participate in the telling of the gospel story.

## Adult Forum

**January 6-** Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal- No Class

**January 13-** Animate: Canon-Mining for the Word. How did these 66 cultural history lessons, collections of poems, family genograms, allegorical stories, and community letters, all gathered from sources that stretch across time and place, become the Bible? Eric Elnes describes a process of canonization that is far messier, subjective, and ongoing that we might imagine. As Eric looks into the methodology used to extract sacred "gold" from the many, many streams of writing and thought that make up the history of our faith, we discover that the sifting and refining might not be complete. What work do we need to do as we work to uncover the richness of the Bible?

**January 20-** Animate: History- Parchment to Pixel. Does the way we access the Bible change the way we read and interpret the Bible? Phyllis Tickle believes this question is paramount as technology makes it easier for us to carry the Bible in our pockets or look up a verse online and out of context. By tracing the history of the Bible from its origins as a set of oral stories passed down from community to community, to the days of the Bible being read to the illiterate masses in Latin, to our current open-source approach to the Bible, Phyllis suggests that access is everything.

**January 27-** Animate: Testaments- One Story, Two Parts. What do we do with the Old Testament? That's the big question for Rachel Held Evans. For a long time, Rachel was troubled by the violence, the strange laws, the treatment of women that she found in the Old Testament. She's not alone. So how do we reconcile images of an angry God with the God of love? How do we find the sweet spot between the Law of Moses and the Grace of Jesus? And how do we not only make peace with the Old Testament but actually find value in it? Rachel's suggestions might surprise you.

**January 27-** "All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, 'This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.'" (Luke 4:20-21) In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches to- and faces the rejection of- the people of his hometown. In today's homily, children discuss times when it is difficult to speak the truth, then hear today's story.

Sign-up here to teach Children's Chapel <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aafae2da3f85-201819> OR Contact Heather Dudash at [dudashhl@gmail.com](mailto:dudashhl@gmail.com) or Mother Cameron at 614-766-2664 or [assistant@pats-dublin.org](mailto:assistant@pats-dublin.org).

**Building Faith- Thursday Nights from 6-7pm for school age children.**

**January 3-** Pageant Practice!

**January 10-** Children hear the story of the magi and share what gifts they would like to give the baby Jesus. The lesson continues as Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape Herod's wrath by fleeing to Egypt. The class will wonder together and retell the story through building with Legos.

**January 17-** This week children will learn about Jesus' baptism by John in the river Jordan and how God identifies Jesus as God's "own dear Son." The class will wonder together and retell the story through building with Legos.

**January 24-** Tonight children will hear the story of when Jesus brings a grieving woman's son back to life, learn what the word "empathy" means and how it helps us identify with other people's situations/needs, and imagine ways we can practice empathy with others.

**January 31-** Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath who had been sick for 38 years. Children learn how this is a story of Jesus breaking rules to show compassion to a person in need. We'll think critically about the impact of rules and imagine ways we might be compassionate to those around us even if others say it's the "wrong" thing to do.





## ● Candlemas February 2 at 7:00pm

As the Hebrew law required, Mary and Joseph presented their firstborn son, Jesus, in the temple when he was six weeks old. What makes this significant in our spiritual history is the reaction to Jesus' presence by two older people who were at the temple that day—Simeon and Anna. They saw, even in this infant, the coming of God's salvation. Simeon even sang a song, which we still sing at evening services.

"For these eyes of mine have seen the savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see; a light to enlighten the nations."

To celebrate the light of Christ and the presentation in the temple, the Church holds a candle-light procession and service every February 2, as we will do at 7 pm that day.

Some have asked if there is a connection between Candlemas and Groundhog Day, since they are both celebrated on February 2. In fact, there is a connection. It can be found in an ancient English poem about the changing of the seasons:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another  
flight.*

*If Candlemas bring clouds and  
rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*

So, if Candlemas is bright then the groundhog sees his shadow, and so we get to Buckeye Chuck.

## St. Pat's Men's Group – Spring Retreat

Another in the series of off-site retreats for the men of St. Patrick's is being planned for Saturday, March 2, 2019! By popular request, we are meeting once again at the



beautiful Spring Hollow Lodge, Sharon Woods Metro Park (Westerville):

In addition to content-rich large group and small break-out sessions, there will be time for rest and reflection, fun and friendship, in a truly relaxing location (and plenty of food!!).

Saturday, March 2, 2019

7:30 am: Walk/Hike at Sharon Woods or Innis Woods Paths (optional)

Upon completion, travel to Spring Hollow Lodge, Sharon Woods Metro Park

9:00 am: Morning Prayer/Check-In/Welcome Breakfast

10:00 am: Keynote Speaker

11:00 am: Full Group Discussion / Activity on Keynote Theme

Noon: Noonday Prayers

12:15 pm: Lunch and Social Time

1:30 pm: Keynote Activity

3:00 pm: Indoor / Outdoor Breakout Sessions

4:30 pm: Evening Prayers

4:45 pm: Dinner and Social Time

6:00 pm: Event Concludes / Head for Home!

Who among us wouldn't benefit from a little R&R with our St. Pat's brothers? Please join us!

Space is limited! Please remit payment of \$45 directly to the St. Patrick's office by February 19, 2019.

Questions? Email Doug Pittsenbarger ([pittsenbarger@gmail.com](mailto:pittsenbarger@gmail.com)) or Mike Kennedy ([mvkennedy30@gmail.com](mailto:mvkennedy30@gmail.com))



Invite • Welcome • Connect\*

As we continue to think about ways to individually contribute to the Invite-Welcome-Connect spirit, consider the following: Do new folks see a "Holy Huddle" of church members when they look around in the narthex or at coffee hour? That is when we members enjoy talking with one another (as we should), but get so caught up in our own conversations that we unfortunately overlook new faces. Try looking up and greeting someone unknown to you while at church or during your next parish event.

## This Month in Episcopal History

### William Lloyd Garrison ♦ Crusader for Freedom ♦ January 25, 1879

The American Civil War did not begin over the issue of slavery. It began as a contest of who was going to develop the West. Southern oligarchs wished to develop it for themselves. They planned to use their usual work force in this effort: slaves. Northern industrial barons wished to develop the West for themselves. They planned to use their traditional work force: immigrants who were streaming in to the United States. The Civil War became about slavery when President Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 freeing all slaves in areas currently rebelling against the Union. He made the Proclamation to discourage European powers from supporting the South. The European leaders knew how unpopular slavery had become to their citizens, and could not support a slave nation, such as the Confederacy, over a non-slave nation, such as Lincoln proposed with his Proclamation.

Above all this political bickering, some Americans saw the slavery of millions of human beings, who were abducted, brought to America by force, and were brutalized for their whole lives in forced servitude, as a mortal sin against Christianity which must be eradicated from our country immediately. One of the key leaders in this national catharsis was William Lloyd Garrison of Massachusetts. From the 1820's, he agitated for abolition. Eventually, he founded the national print leader of the Abolitionist cause – his newspaper, *The Liberator*. Month after month, year after year, Garrison's newspaper told readers of the horrors regularly perpetrated against slaves in the South. Such as daily whippings of slaves who picked the least amount of cotton on the plantation that day and nightly rapes perpetrated by white masters against defenseless black women for the Master's "entertainment" as well as a way to increase his "stock" of slaves.

Even more fundamentally, Garrison noted in many of his articles in *The Liberator* that God taught us we are all made in His image and therefore are equal and should be treated that way.

*The Liberator* had a small number of subscribers. However, some of its supporters were rich. They bought many copies of the paper with each publication and spread it around the country for free. Thereby launching a kind of pamphlet campaign the same way supporters of American independence used pamphlets to convince Americans to join that cause 80 years earlier.

As a result of the agitation of Garrison and others, America developed numerous powerful anti-slavery associations and even a new political party whose platform centered on abolition. The party succeeded in seeing its Presidential candidate elected in 1860. It was that election which supplied the match which lit the great national conflagration known as the Civil War and led to the amendment of our Constitution outlawing slavery in America in 1865.

With his life's work completed, William Lloyd Garrison died in 1879. He is commemorated each January 25<sup>th</sup> on the Liturgical Calendar of the Episcopal Church.

~Jim Westman

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**Tracey Kubik**

**Doug Langenfeld**

**Tawnya Lewis**

**Annika Russo**



# Youth

## Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) News

### God Talks. EYC Sundays at 6:30pm.

**January 6-** Throughout the New Testament Gospels, Jesus tells his disciples to have faith, to have trust in God. He comments that a person with even a little faith can do great things. In the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah, we read about one man's epiphany as he learns just how much he can rely on God. This week's movie clip from *What the Bleep do we Know?*

**January 13-** We'll compare the Epiphany stories of Zechariah from last week with that of Mary and explore the theme of trust.

**January 20-** In addition to Epiphany moments, we also have the celebration of Epiphany, which occurs on January 6 of every year and signals the end of the Christmas season. We'll read the story of the visit by the Three Wise Men, watch a movie clip from *Back to the Future*, and wonder about "ah-ha" moments.

**January 27-** Over the next two weeks, we are going to spend the majority of our time working in teams and examining differ-

ent stories of epiphany that are found throughout the Bible. This week we'll focus on Job's and the Centurion's Epiphanies.

Sign up here to bring a snack for youth group on Sunday Nights <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49ABA929A7FD0-sunday> OR Contact Mother Cameron at 614-766-2664 or [assistant@pats-dublin.org](mailto:assistant@pats-dublin.org).

### EYC Thursdays 6:00pm! Making it Real and Relevant.

**January 3-** Pageant Practice!

**January 10-** Tonight we'll talk about areas in our lives where genuineness is more valuable than imitation, watch a clip from the movie *The Incredibles*, and discuss what it means to act as though we have the Holy Spirit within us.

**January 17-** Last Sunday, we talked about baptism and how the Holy Spirit enters us during baptism. This week, we're going to talk more about the Holy Spirit, what it means, and what it does for us. This week's movie clip: *Dr. Dolittle 3*.

**January 24-** This week we are going to explore what it means to be created with a purpose in the community of Christ.

**January 31-** God built us for a purpose: to love God with everything we have in us, and as a manifestation of that love, to love and care for one another and ourselves. We'll explore the meaning of purpose and who has one. This week's movie clip: *The Matrix: Reloaded*.



## Thursday Family Supper

Join us for a simple family supper on Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:00pm. This is a wonderful mid-week opportunity to come together as a joyful community that breaks bread together. Cost is \$5, ages 12 and up, \$3 for under 12. If you plan to join us for dinner on Thursday nights call or email the office **BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY** with your reservation or to amend a standing reservation. (Please let us know if you are Gluten free or Vegetarian when making your reservation.)

*If you are looking for way to volunteer at St. Patrick's, we are looking for people help with setup and money collection from 5-5:30pm and cleanup from 6-6:30pm. Contact Mother Cameron.*

### What's on the Menu?

**January 3-** Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, and Vegetable Sticks

**January 10-** Chili, Cornbread, Salad

**January 17-** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas

**January 24-** Dirty Mac-N-Cheese (ham and bacon), Green Beans

**January 31-** Pizza Casserole, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread



The St. Patrick's Youth Group will sell homemade soups on February 3, 2019 (Super Bowl Sunday) following all three services or

until we run out.

Proceeds to benefit youth missions.

\$6/Pint and \$12/Quart.

**\*\*Youth-** We'll cook and package soup from 2-4pm on Saturday, February 2.

## EYC Adventures

**Columbus Regional Youth Gathering: Sunday, January 20. St. John's Worthington is hosting a Karaoke Party from 4:00-6:00pm.**



### EYC Summer Mission Trip July 21-26, 2019

This summer the Youth of St. Patrick's ages 12+ in grades 6-12 will be partnering with the Appalachian South Folklife Center in West Virginia. The program assists families in need with home repairs and provides other community service to non-profit and grassroots organizations. The Center also provides volunteers with the opportunity to learn about Appalachian heritage and culture all while gaining valuable teamwork and leadership skills. We will be holding an **information session on January 13 at 10:45am** in the Sanctuary. Questions? Contact Mother Cameron ([assistant@pats-dublin.org](mailto:assistant@pats-dublin.org) or 614-766-2664).

## January Birthdays



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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Megan Adair          | Casey Landers         |
| Maggie Austin        | Randy Leite           |
| Eloise Bath          | William Lewis         |
| Kat Becker           | Mark MacKenzie        |
| Maureen Bowersox     | Bruce Mansfield       |
| Gunnar Carlson       | Grace Mayo            |
| Debbie Cline         | John Palmer           |
| Nicholas Cooperrider | Stan Pounds           |
| Kennedy de Bear      | Wade Purcell          |
| Emily DeAngelo       | Brad Raspberry        |
| Ryan DeAngelo        | Katie Rich            |
| Mike Fairweather     | Evan Richard          |
| Thomas Fowler        | Don Ritchey           |
| Fred Graff           | Anne Robbins          |
| Harrison Graff       | Courtney Sladoje      |
| Corinne Hallermann   | Grayson Smith         |
| Sue Hamilton         | Janet Snapp           |
| Mary Horton          | Ayla Stains           |
| Mim Jester           | Barbara Tansky        |
| Ann King             | April Turner          |
| Lee King             | Garrett Vander Stouw  |
| Larry Lab            | Theo Zelinski-Richter |
| Drew Landers         |                       |

## Happy Anniversary to

Jeff & Phyllis Beuter



## Columbus Episcopal Youth Pilgrimage, 2019!



This coming summer we're planning to go on pilgrimage to Atlanta, Montgomery, and Selma to learn about and celebrate the Civil Rights Movement. **The dates of the pilgrimage are June 25 - July 1st, 2019.** Mark your calendars and save the date! We will be holding two informational meetings in December, the first on December 9th from 1:30 - 2:30 PM at St. John's, Worthington, the second on December 16th from 1:30 - 2:30 PM at St. Mark's, Upper Arlington. Plan to come to one or the other of them if you want to go on the trip. Questions? Contact the Rev. Karl Stevens ([karls@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto:karls@stjohnsworthington.org) or 740-326-0236) by the end of January.



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**A Joyful Community of Faith**

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