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The Newsletter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church



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**Growing  
God's Kingdom  
Spreading  
God's Love**



## **"Growing God's Kingdom, Spreading God's Love" Pledge Drive 2024**

We are nearing the end of our 2024 Pledge Drive! Thank you to all who attended one of the pledge dinners in October, and all who have made a pledge. We are well on our way to achieving our goal of \$550,000 which will fund our ministries, maintain our beautiful church, and allow us to hire a second full-time priest in 2024.

Come join us at **Celebration (All Saints) Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8am, 9:30am, or 4pm** as we wrap up the pledge drive. If you made your commitment in advance, we will already have them in the offering plate. Otherwise, please bring your completed pledge certificate and place it in the offering plate. We will ask God to bless our offerings for the coming year and celebrate our generous community of faith.



Please join St. Patrick's on our journey to grow God's kingdom and spread God's love.

Thank you,

~St. Patrick's Stewardship Committee  
*Ed Yubas, Rick Sicker, Julie Righter, Alex Carter, Vicky Bratton*



## **Save the Date for 2 Advent Events!**

**AdvenTea** will be on Saturday, December 2nd 9-11am

**Advent Quiet Day** will be December 16th 10am-2pm

Registration for both event are on Realm or click below:

[AdvenTea](#)

[Advent Quiet Day](#)

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**From the Rector’s Desk**

**Kick to the Finish Line**

I am so excited for the next couple of months I can hardly stand it. There are just so many wonderful ways to worship and serve God through St. Patrick’s in November and December that my heart might explode.

Coming up on November 5th we have our All Saints celebration where we celebrate the “great cloud of witnesses,” and the “oaks of righteousness,” that are cheering us on in our life of faith. We will also welcome the two newest members of the household God that day through the sacrament of baptism. AND we will offer our pledge commitments to God for 2024 asking God to bless our commitment to Growing God’s Kingdom and Spreading God’s Love.

But all of that is just getting the party started. Near the end of November we’ll have a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00p.m. And then we’ll be rolling right into Advent. I love the fact that in the midst of all the craziness of the secular holiday season we offer a beautiful place to pray, learn, and grow.

We are offering a host of devotional opportunities during Advent. There will be an AdvenTea on Dec. 2nd and a Quiet Day on December 16th. Also, it’s the third year of the gospel read-a-longs.

This year we will be reading the Gospel of Mark. I like to call the Gospel of Mark the Gospel for busy people. It’s only 16 chapters long, so reading a chapter a day starting December 1st will get us through the book about ten days before Christmas. Also, the word “Immediately” appears more in Mark than in any other book of the bible. It’s a fast-paced thrill ride written in the a time of war as the Christian community in Galilee stood between the Roman Empire and a Jewish revolt. Join me in reading this oldest of Gospels this Advent. There will be reflections daily on our YouTube Channel starting Dec. 1. Look for a sign-up on Realm in late November.

Y’all the Holy Spirit is up to something in, at, and through St. Patrick’s. Don’t miss a minute of it, and I look forward to praying alongside you.

God’s Peace,

  
*Father Jason Emerson* †



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

**THE RECTOR, VESTRY & WARDENS OF ST. PATRICK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Rev. Jason Emerson** Rector  
**Ed Yuhas,** Senior Warden  
**Roy Barker,** Junior Warden  
**Vicky Bratton**

**Alex Carter**  
**Bill Eddy**  
**Dick Gehman**  
**Beth Landers**

**Blair McGinnis**  
**Lynette Palmer**  
**John Russo**  
**Ben Trotter**

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## St. Pat's Parish Retreat at Procter Center

Friday, January 12 at 5pm

Sunday, January 14 at 8:30am

Cost: \$100/a room for up to 4 people and \$58/person for meals

### A Gift of Love

Mark your calendars now to spend the first half of Martin Luther King Weekend with us at Procter Center in an Intergenerational Retreat focused on MLK Jr.'s book *A Gift of Love*.

If you are interested in helping plan this retreat please reach out to [Jodie Emerson](#) and she will include you in the planning meetings. The goal is for different people to be responsible for different time slots allowing everyone the opportunity to participate in the retreat.

God's Peace, ~Jodie

## Vestry and Convention Delegate Nomination Process Underway

It's that time of year again when we begin the process to select a new slate of candidates to replace the expiring terms of both Vestry (Alex Carter, Dick Gehman, and John Russo) as well as our Convention Delegates (Mike and Mary Kennedy, Kim Nelson, and alternate Lisa Palchick). All terms expire in February, 2024 at the Annual Meeting. Vestry terms are three years; Convention Delegates are two years.

Consistent with St. Patrick's by-laws, the Nominating Committee is comprised of the Senior Warden, the three retiring Vestry Members, as well as two individuals from the congregation. Over the next month the committee will begin their work to identify members of the congregation for these roles. Outreach to the candidates will begin in November with the intent that the slate is finalized by mid-December, so each candidate can author a bio that will be placed in the January *Breastplate*. Ballots will be available in January in the narthex or can be mailed by request for voting in advance of the meeting.

If you know someone in the congregation whom you believe would make a strong Vestry member or a Convention Delegate, or if you are interested yourself, please let anyone on the nominating committee know.

Finally, if you are invited to run for one of these positions, I would ask for your careful consideration of the opportunity. St. Patrick's depends not only the strength of our clergy and staff, but strong lay leadership as well to fulfill our mission.

Ed Yubas, Senior Warden

## Grief Support

The Grief Support gathering will be Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30pm in St. Patrick's library. Please consider joining us if you have lost your spouse or another significant member of your family for love, support, and understanding as we travel together this road called grief. We have added a Zoom link and will use the OWL if you wish to join us by Zoom. Please let Becky know you want to Zoom and she will send the link. Please contact Angel Cinco or Becky Stains for more information.

## Sacred Circle 5

**Sacred Circle 5** also known as Mature Spirituality will meet November 9th 1:00-2:30pm in the Library. We are beginning to read *Parish Ministry for Maturing Adults, Principles, Plans, and Bold Proposals* by Richard P. Johnson. Join us if you can. Probably shouldn't say this, but you don't have to read the book to participate.

Questions? Contact Rose Walker.

## Fall Landscape and Garden Clean Up

**It's that time of year again! We will once again have a Fall landscape and garden clean up in conjunction with the Boy Scout Troop 299 at St. Patrick's. If you are able, please join us on November 11th from 9:00am until noon to spruce up the landscape and garden areas around our church. Bring clippers, blowers or any other tools of choice. Lawn bags and a light lunch will be provided for all who attend.**

**Thank you!**

## Women's Ministry

**Another successful women's retreat is done!** On September 30, 25 lovely ladies gathered in Smith Hall for a one-day retreat.

We started at 8:00am with morning prayer lead by our own Dianne Clay. Then on to a light breakfast and meet and greet till our program, lead for the second year by Christine Hiester, began. She engaged us with inspirational talks, stories and thought-provoking dialogue as well as music, art, a labyrinth walk and time for personal creation and meditation as well as a prayer for the election of our 10th Bishop. Lunch was provided by Freedom a la Cart. It was a lovely day both inside and out. Thanks to all who participated. Hope to see you next year.

Keep an eye out for details about the Spring retreat being planned by Dianne Clay for Friday evening and Saturday March 22nd-23rd at Proctor and let **her know if you're interested in helping.**

*Deby McGinnis and Lindsey Peterson*

P.S. Come on menfolk, get busy planning!



## The Dublin Food Pantry Has Moved!

On October 11, the Dublin Food Pantry began operations at their new location, 6608 Dublin Center Dr. **It's next door to Germain Honda, just off Sawmill Rd.**

The new DFP has returned to its original format as a **"choice pantry" where clients do their own shopping.**

Our food donations to the pantry are still needed to serve an ever-expanding number of clients, so please remember the DFP when you grocery shop and then leave your donations in the red wagon in the breezeway. Volunteers continue to be needed at the DFP, and you can access their website at [dublin-foodpantry.org](http://dublin-foodpantry.org) to review the positions that need to be filled and sign up.

## CATCH-Freedom Ministry

One of the most exciting happenings in this Ministry is witnessing a CATCH COURT graduation. This year's September ceremony included 16 graduates, up from 11 last year, who have completed the rigorous program. These survivors made a commitment to learn coping skills to overcome the addiction, abuse, and pain of their former lifestyle and make healthier choices to become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community. Each woman is a miracle!

C.A.T.C.H was an acronym standing for Changing Actions to Change Habits. The recently updated letters now stand for Creating Autonomy Through Collaborative Healing. We continue to support this special Court Docket program through the Volunteer Program of the non-profit Freedom a la Cart. This year we have provided lunch for the women on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, January through October at Court where they meet regularly with Judge Jodie Thompson, who heads the program. We support these women also by offering needed items from our two garage sales, by a monetary donation from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner, by a member volunteering in the Freedom kitchen, and by ordering box lunches from the catering division of Freedom a la Cart. We anticipate donating, as last year, winter coats and boots, and hats and scarves hand knit by some of our members. We also have a trained Mentor ready for an assignment and a couple others interested in becoming a GED Mentor.

If you want to make a difference in the life of a survivor of human trafficking, consider registering for the next Volunteer + Mentor Training November 28<sup>th</sup>. This seminar provides abundant information; you do not have to commit to becoming a Volunteer or a Mentor to attend. Register at [www.freedomalacart.org](http://www.freedomalacart.org). "She Has A Name" is another non-profit organization that offers training to educate and fight human trafficking and its many issues. Their next training is Nov. 1st for a virtual webinar and Nov. 8th for an in-person class at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Register at [www.shan.org](http://www.shan.org). Human trafficking is a huge problem in our Columbus community and it is important to be informed.

We're offering the congregation an opportunity to share your many blessings by supporting these survivors. We have committed again this year to donate 100 Kroger \$25 gift cards for Holiday Bags for the women of CATCH and the graduate Butterfly program. Watch for the poster and collection box in the narthex. Collection dates are Nov. 12 - 26. Also, Freedom a la Cart will be selling Cause Cookies again this year. Order through their website if you are interested. We appreciate your support for this Ministry!

JOIN US FOR  
A FILM SCREENING @PhilElevenDoc  
Hosted by the Episcopal Churches of Central Ohio



**The Philadelphia Eleven**



Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm  
Phoenix Theatres, Lennox Town Center  
777 Kinnear Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43212

Panel discussion to follow at 8:30pm

## Philadelphia 11 Documentary

In 1974, a group of 11 women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in an act of civil disobedience. This story is told in a compelling new documentary [The Philadelphia Eleven](#).

The feature documentary film will screen here in Columbus on November 8! The screening will take place at Phoenix Theatres at Lennox Town Center at 7:00 PM. The screening is free and open to the public, but we do need a headcount so that we can upgrade to a larger screening room if we need to. Please use [this form](#) to register for the screening.

This film tells a story that echoes today as women continue this fight for the pulpit. It explores the lives of these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming an age-old institution when they took a stand despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of rejection by the church they loved. These women are an inspiration for a generation of women in the ministry, and a clarion call for the entire Christian Church.

The Reverend Nancy H. Wittig is one of the Philadelphia Eleven featured in the movie. “It’s amazing that women are still fighting for rights in the church, and continuing to feel blowback, similar to what we experienced 49 years ago,” she reflected, and then went on to comment, “we are proud of the changes we have accomplished through our priesthood and the ordinations in Philadelphia.”

The film’s director, Margo Guernsey, is not Episcopalian. She reminds us “this is a story for all of us. It is about how to break down barriers with grace and be true to oneself in the process. This story reveals ways in which voices that are inconvenient, are often buried. It also provides a vision for what a just and inclusive community looks like in practice.”

## Fall Garage Sale Recap

As you may have already heard, we had a great garage sale on October 13-14. I want to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the week, and all those who donated items and provided food as well. The sale **truly wouldn’t be possible without you!**

**From this Fall’s sale we have raised around \$12,500 for church projects.** In addition, we donated items to a variety of ministry organizations during the week, including CATCH Court, a local middle school, two Free Stores around town, and others. Your donations and volunteering of time and talent are what make this possible. So again, Thank you!

Our Spring sale will likely be in early May. **It’s** not too early to start setting aside your treasures to donate to the Spring sale.

Until then, Peace. ~Mark Hanes

## Re-formatting the 2nd Saturday Knitting Ministry

**Thank you to all the St. Patrick’s “makers”** for the wonderful collection of cold weather gear donated throughout the year for the women of CATCH/Freedom and school-children in need of warm hats, scarves and mittens. The styles and colors are simply amazing!!! Just thinking of the ears and fingers they will keep warm fills me with smiles and gratitude.

This ministry started as a monthly intergenerational opportunity to learn to knit/crochet for charity and for personal enjoyment. We are busy people, however, and attendance at the 2nd Saturday circle has been small. Considering the number of donated items, however, there is a desire to move forward with this ministry and there is most certainly a need. So, we are rethinking our approach for the **coming year. Stay tuned for info on what’s next.** In the short-term, we will continue to meet on November 11th and December 9th at 10:00am in the library.

~Deanna Douglass

## Spiritually Speaking

### The Spirituality of Romans 8

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:35-39)


This has for a long time been one of my favorite Bible passages. I committed it to memory when I was in junior high, because it was set to music in a beautiful anthem that we sang in youth choir. While this could be an endorsement for singing in the choir or having your children do the same (please talk to Jennifer Bell if you are so inclined), it is an endorsement for reading Romans 8 in its entirety when you have the time. Or, perhaps consider reading the whole letter to the Romans and not just Chapter 8—it helped to inspire St. Augustine’s conversion (Rom. 13:13-14), and caused Martin Luther, who led the Protestant Reformation, to feel “reborn,” who then wrote a preface to the letter that inspired John Wesley, who founded Methodism. My youth choir director chose well!

In Romans 8, Paul, the author of the letter, tells people about life in the Spirit. He tells us that the life-giving Spirit of God dwells in us, and that we are children of God (vv. 9-16.) He writes that the Spirit will help us in our weakness even when we cannot “pray as we ought” (v. 26.) And finally, Paul assures us that the suffering in this life cannot ever separate us from the love of God. *Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God.* God is faithful to us and remains with us in times of joy and suffering and all that is in between.


These passages in Romans might be very familiar to you, or they might be new. Perhaps you aren’t familiar with the Bible at all. No matter what, my sincere hope is that Paul’s words give you a deep awareness and assurance of God’s presence and love for you.


*Kim Nelson*


Michael J. Gorman, *Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul & His Letters* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2017), 395.



**Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders (SAIL) and Abraham's Tent present a URI North America-sponsored gathering of Cooperation Circles and interfaith communities in the Midwest, with support from the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign**







# ADDRESSING

# IDENTITY BASED

# VIOLENCE

Join us for a weekend of networking, workshops, and speakers that will help us use interfaith cooperation as a lens for the work of justice and equity in our communities.

**Saturday, November 4th, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM:**  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Rd. Dublin OH

**Sunday, November 5th, 12:30 PM - 7 PM:**  
Turkish American Society (TASO), 2885 W Granville Rd., Columbus, OH

**Organizing Committee members include:**

Imran Malik and Barbara Anderson (SAIL), Rev. Patras Rehmat and Hussnain Malik (Abraham's Tent), Alihan Caliskan and David Ozey (TASO), Rev. Tim Wrenn (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church), Dr. Ben Trotter, Dr. Jen Kilps (Minnesota Multifaith Network, MNMN), Dr. JS Jindal, Nithya Thirtharupa Ananda, Linda Karr and Kay Jones Labosky (Worthington Interfaith Neighbors), Rev. Jim Zippay (National Church Residence)

**Register with the QR code or this link: <https://bit.ly/URI-Bio23>**

## Vestry Meeting Summary

The vestry meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> was called to order by Father Jason at 7:05 on zoom. The meeting started with an opening prayer by Father Jason. The meeting then entered a presentation by Jim Bratton who is the representative of the parish for the Boy Scout Troop 299. He presented a power point showcasing the achievements and activities of the past year of the troop and the partnership between the church and troop. Troop 299 is very active, having 78 youth and 33 adults involved. This was followed by a presentation by Dan O'Neill, who is working on his Eagle project here at the church. He provided a timeline and scope of work to be done. The vestry complimented him on his presentation and approved the project.

Father Jason informed the vestry that Kati Glover has started as our Minister of Communications and is already proving to be an asset to the church team. The first Way of Love dinner was a success with an attendance of 45 people. Father Jason



### Habitat Build Day

Saturday, December 9, 8:15am – 3:30pm

Our house at 1262 Genesee in North Linden will be the home of Krishaunda Bell and her three children – **Ja'Mar age 19, and Jeremiah** and K'miyah, age 13. We are limited to 12 volunteers for the day – so sign up soon! All aged 16+ are invited, however, those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.

No building skills or tools required, just attitude! But these items are helpful if you have them: hammer, tape measure, speed square, pencil, utility knife, tool pouch. Gloves and water bottles are recommended.

Dress for the weather! House may not be heated.

We will meet at the house at 8:15am; get our instructions, then get to work. Lunch break with lunch provided by our group.

Contact [Brenda Eddy](#), to sign up to work or help provide lunch. I will send you a link to complete your registration and waiver prior to the work day.

**A brand new home is most people's dream. For our Habitat families it is truly a miracle.** There are several ways you can help make this miracle a reality throughout the year: Volunteer to work on a house build *whenever you can* – build days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, generally 8:30am – 3:30pm. Help provide meals for work crews.

Donate to Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity, through our Northside Adopt-a **House Partnership. Volunteer for and attend our St. Patrick's Lente Fish Fries**, for the benefit of Habitat. Pray for our volunteers and new homeowners. For more information on Habitat MidOhio and St.

**Patrick's involvement in the Northside Partnership:**

[habitatmidohio.org/get-involved/nsp.html](http://habitatmidohio.org/get-involved/nsp.html)

also informed the vestry that our Diocesan mission share estimate for 2024 was about \$13,000 less than in 2023. He was also very happy to share with us an early update on the pledge drive showing 43 pledges already submitted, with a total of \$196,400 committed. The pledge drive is only a third of the way to completion. Last year, we had 160 pledging units.

Ed Yuhas brought us up-to-date with the vestry nomination process. This year we not only need to elect three people to the vestry, but we also need to elect two new convention delegates and an alternate. The nomination committee is open to suggestions for potential nominees.

Roy Barker's Junior Warden report covered some of the items from the facilities report and then ranked and itemized items with estimates. The vestry approved the repair and resealing of both parking lots and the repair and painting of the exterior walls of the administrative wing of the building.

The treasurer's report was presented showing that at the end of September the revenues and pledges were still under budget by \$20,800 with the year-to-date total of \$68,900 under budget. The year-to-date expenses are \$23,400 under budget. The vestry was shown the first draft of the 2024 budget and a short discussion was held. The report was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were presented and approved.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:44 pm.

*Blair McGinnis*



## Wellness Words

The little Ghoulies and Ghosties have made their rounds and all the Halloween decorations are 50% off. The television ads are now focusing on a the wonderful Christmas “stuff” that, by the time December rolls around- “if I have to see that ad one more time I shall be very tempted to throw something at the TV screen.” Of course, if I do that, then I’ll have to figure out one of those Black Friday deals that now start on November 1st. Grrrr! It seems that the wind up to “the most wonderful time of the year” is often the time when it doesn’t feel like the most wonderful time of the year. There’s more pressure and expense and planning and cooking and cleaning and too many football games.

WHOA! Says all of our Advent teachings! Take a breath! Only do what makes you grin (not grimace). Think about the gift that is coming to us during Christmastide. Well, that’s not easy for many of us. It is especially not easy when the holidays are adding to some already tight budgets and stressful situations. Lissa was thinking about what frequently happens in health care settings during this season. Stress related illnesses increase in frequency, increased fatigue, susceptibility to viral or bacterial infections seems to rise and providers get more stressed. So, if you get sick every holiday season, think about the increased stress as a contributor. All is not Gloom and Doom and Stress City, though.

Here are some tips to help:

- If you are feeling stressed, stop and identify what is causing the most stress- then identify ways to lessen the impact of the stress. Set limits. Delegate. Seek out stress limiters. Often this means asking a friend to listen to what’s going on. Sometimes, just talking about it can give insight into solutions. If you are feeling as if you want to hurt yourself or someone else, **CALL 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline.**
- If you are the listener, and the person is expressing hopelessness and thoughts of hurting them self or others. Do not be afraid to ask- you will not put ideas in a person’s head. If a person is feeling like hurting themselves, do not pass go - get to a safe place like an emergency room right away. Don’t take ”I don’t want to go” or “I was just kidding” or “I don’t want to bother anyone” as an excuse for non-action.
- This is also a time when many people get “the Blues” Missing loved ones who are no longer with us. Being sad as families may not be able to get together to celebrate. Not being able to “do” the things that meet others’ expectations”. The stress to provide a “perfect” holiday. Decreased sleep effectiveness. These are all signs of “the Blues”. This is the time to seek out some ways to decrease the feelings of loneliness and isolation. Talk to someone who’s a great listener. A Stephen Minister can be just the person to help. All you need to do is ask at church. These visits are confidential and free.
- There are other great resources here at St. Patrick’s to help chase away some of the holiday stress. One is to use the Living Compass Living Well Through Advent 2023 book. This offers daily meditations that help with balancing Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind. We have them at church- just ask. You can also access daily emails by going to [www.livingcompass.org](http://www.livingcompass.org). Forward Day by Day also offers daily meditations - we also get them at church. These can help provide some quiet space and decrease the daily pressures. On December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at St. Patrick’s, Lissa will be leading a Quiet Day that will give people a chance to take time to rejuvenate. Registration will be on Realm. Lunch is provided - come join us!

The best thing to remember is Jason’s tag line “God loves you more than you can possibly imagine”. Take some time to soak up what that means. Put that on a stickie and paste it on the bathroom mirror. You are never alone. YOU ARE LOVED FOR WHO YOU ARE.

Happy Advent! ~Lissa and Rose

# Youth Group



**Nov 5th** - Columbarium Service Project @ 4:45 pm with Cloud of Witnesses Party @ 6 pm  
**Nov 12th** - Way of Love - Learn  
**Nov 19th** - Christianity in the Public Square  
**Nov 26th** - Birthday Bags Shopping Adventure



This past month, Youth Group started our second formation unit: Interfaith Investigation. We participated in a high-level overview scavenger hunt of the world's five biggest religions in preparation for our own Confirmation next year as well as our interfaith field trips this year. We noticed that there are many things that are the same or similar between us, and we are looking forward to visiting temples, mosques, and synagogues and taking beginner's classes. We have participated in two service projects this year by spending some time in the kitchen getting ready for our Garage Sale Bake Sale and making feral cat shelters for Pet Promise cat colonies. Thank you to all who donated Styrofoam coolers and baked good for our projects. We were able to make nine feral cat shelters and sold out of all our baked goods, raising \$375 for missions. We always have so much fun working with Mr. Hanes and the Garage Sale crew to organize and get ready for the sale. We ended the month with our third Way of Love topic—TURN—on reconciliation, dizzying decisions, and Biblical examples of changes of mind. We are so thankful for your support of donations, friendship, and prayers. If you have any questions about Youth Group, would like to participate, or want to know how to get involved, contact, Angel Cinco, Tawnya Lewis, or Annika Russo. UP NEXT—ADVENT ST. PATRICK'S SWAG SALE!!

**Save the Date Dec 2-3 Lock Out - Lock In**  
 On November 5th, the Youth Group is inviting the parish to help clean and winterize the patio gardens from 4:45 - 5:30pm. We will be working with Cindy Doan to clean the gardens and plant bulbs for the spring. Come share your wisdom and insights with our youth as the youth share our visions for the future.

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### Stepparent Support Group

Are you in a relationship with, engaged to, or married to a spouse or partner who has children who are not your own? Would you benefit from a community of other stepparents who are experiencing both challenges and successes in the role? Please consider joining the new **Stepparent** Support Group at St. Patrick's. I plan on having monthly meetings where we discuss relevant readings, share experiences of stepparenting, provide suggestions and encouragement for one another, and bring in experts from the community to speak to the group who can provide tips to benefit our families, all grounded in Christian spirituality. The first book we'll read is *Grace-Filled Stepparenting: Help and Hope for This Unique and Loving Role* by Laurie Polich Short. This group is open to anyone who identifies as a stepparent, regardless of gender or sexual identity. Let's build a caring and inclusive community for stepparents! I will post a sign-up sheet in the narthex in late October, and we will plan to begin meeting in November or December, meeting day/time TBA. If you have any questions, please call or text me (info in Realm) or [email me](mailto:info@stpatrickscatholic.org). I look forward to connecting with other stepparents! ~Kathy Lamb-Gilbert

### Troop 299



In September, Troop 299 recently held its summer Court of Honor where we recognized those Scouts who earned new merit badges and rank advancements during the summer. We awarded a total of 220 merit badges to 47 Scouts and rank advancements to 17 Scouts. Two Scouts, Akshat Shah and Nathan Ochs, earned Scouting's highest achievement, the rank of Eagle Scout.

For our monthly campout, the troop went on an overnight canoeing trip in western Ohio. The 10 mile float on the the National Scenic Little Miami River started in Oregonia and ended in Morrow with the scouts paddling under the tallest bridge in Ohio. 22 Scouts and 9 Ravens (the name of the adult patrol) participated.



Also, one of our Scouts installed a pollinator garden as his Eagle Project on the west side of the church property near the fire pit and swing set. Alex Wongchaowart's project was approved by the Vestry in August. Alex consulted with and received support from several members of the parish. Over three work days, he organized 20+ scout volunteers to help with the work.



Our next outing will be our annual "Shoot-O-Ree" where the scouts will learn about safe handling, care, and use of archery equipment as well as rifles and shotguns the weekend of November 3rd through 5th.

The troop meets Tuesdays at 7pm and is open to boys aged 11-18.

Find out more at <https://www.troop299skc.org/>, or contact Jim Bratton.

## Holiday Wish Program

Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish Program will be providing Christmas for several thousand children under their care. St. Patrick's members have generously supported these children in many ways over the years. This year we will be sponsoring a Toy Drive. Please see the list below for the most requested items and gift cards. Please return your unwrapped gift in the designated boxes on the hallway by Smith Hall. Drop offs begin November 13th and end on December 4th! Thank you for making a child's wish come true this season.

**While we are accepting any new toy, some of our most requested items are listed to the right:**

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

*Jo Yubas*



- Barbie Dolls and Baby Dolls (multicultural)
- Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer Balls/Sports Equipment
- Bath Sets
- Batteries
- Books
- Building blocks
- Gloves/Hats/Scarves/Socks (decorative)
- Jewelry-making kits
- Lego sets
- Markers
- Puzzles
- Tea Sets
- Science Activity Sets
- Toy Cars/Dump Trucks/Fire Trucks
- Action Figures/Dinosaurs
- Nail Polish
- Drones
- Slime Kits
- Walkie Talkies
- Gift Cards from businesses including Walmart, Target, Amazon.com, Aldi, Kroger and Fast Food restaurants



## Celebrating November Birthdays

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|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Jeff Adair       | Eryn Kindelin     | Olyve Seaborn   |
| Mary Anderson    | Sammie Kopelcheck | Vera Seaborn    |
| Gerene Bauldoff  | Mat LaMonica      | Emilia Semans   |
| Olivia Cofer     | Doug Langenfeld   | Tasia Sicker    |
| Michael Cray     | Mary Lu Leininger | Rolf Stottmann  |
| Lillian Dempster | Kim Machesky      | David Tiemstra  |
| Heather Dudash   | Nick Machesky     | Morgan Tiemstra |
| Ellie Dunham     | Pat Mann          | Ben Trotter     |
| Morgan Eddy      | Luke McCarthy     | Lauren Verhoff  |
| Anne Elliott     | Fritz Monroe      | Donna Viering   |
| Maureen Force    | Chris Nelson      | Rebecca Wells   |
| Jim Goddard      | Steve Pearson     | Sandy Wilson    |
| Nancy Goddard    | Michael Phelps    | Susan Wood      |
| Steve Hoseus     | Mallory Righter   | David Yehsakul  |
| Ellie Hull       | Susan Robenalt    | Ed Yubas        |
| Jeff Jack        | Abby Rogowski     |                 |

## Celebrating November Anniversaries

- Roy & Lissa Barker
- Andy & Beth Landers
- David & Lisa Mayo
- Kent & Carol Parks
- Ross Righter & Erin Zelinski-Righter
- Rick & Margaret Robinson
- Joe & Carol Ross
- Charles & Virginia Tuttle





# Interfaith/Ecumenical Thanks and Giving Service

Sponsored by SAIL (Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders)

Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

7135 Coffman Rd. Dublin, Ohio 43017

All are welcome to join us in giving thanks to God in words and music through our various faith traditions!

Please bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations for the Dublin Food Pantry. A list of most needed items for the Pantry can be found at [dublinfoodpantry.org](http://dublinfoodpantry.org).

Light refreshments will be available immediately after the service.

For more information, contact Barb Anderson at [andersonfamily2214@gmail.com](mailto:andersonfamily2214@gmail.com)



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