

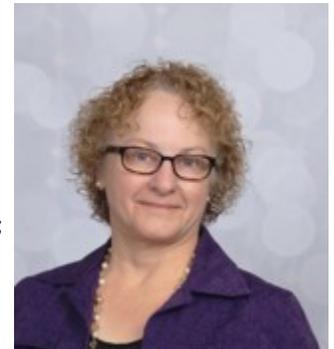


ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

From the Senior Warden of St. John's

St. John's Church has much to be thankful for as God's blessing continues to be visible here. His Place Community Dinners began again this week. Street Church services continue Sunday afternoons. Congregation members are stepping forward to assume a variety of new tasks as well as to give previous servants within the church a deserved respite from years of faithful service. We have been blessed with supply priests who share the Word with us on Sunday mornings as well as with our Street Church congregation in the afternoon; and we continue to be blessed with music and readings of the Scripture in our worship services.

As our relationship with Godman Guild came to an end recently, we have begun a new relationship with The Abbey - a church plant from The Vineyard. In fact, that relationship will be expanding in the coming months! Our Confluence Program has made another successful beginning with three talented young interns. Women to Women begins again on the last Wednesday of the month in September. Pastoral Care continues through the faithful service of Reverend Craig Foster, Deacon; members' care for one another continues as we hold up members of our church family in prayer. Faithful service continues through the Growing Place and through other activities and associations that St. John's nurtures through making space available or other types of support. Clearly, the missional nature of St. John's is alive and well!



Bishop Thomas Breidenthal has assured us of his support and the support of the Diocese as St. John's endeavors to write the next chapter in its church story. The Mission Council is in contact with the Reverend Jason Leo who is the liaison with the Diocese; he has informed us of Episcopal policy and procedure in transitions such as the one we have begun. Bishop Breidenthal will not appoint a vicar for St. John's without a recommendation from the Mission Council; however, opportunities for congregational input regarding future direction of St. John's will be created at the appropriate time. Rev. Leo will be here with us for morning worship and for an AWE (After Worship Experience) on Sunday, October 14th. Bishop Kenneth Price will be with us for both services and a coffee hour chat with the congregation on Sunday, September 16th. We hope you will join us for conversations with both of those gentlemen.

Suzan Waller, Senior Warden, St. John's Columbus

CONFLUENCE YEAR HAS BEGUN...



The Confluence Interns and an update on the program will be featured in next month's newsletter.

Confluence hosts young adult interns for a year centered on Intentional Community, Social Justice, Vocational Discernment, and Spiritual Formation.

Mission of Confluence: We are committed to social justice and urban neighborhoods. Confluence exposes young adults to the complexities of systemic injustice while empowering them to explore and enact effective responses. Our interns use this year to discern and clarify their future vocations in preparation for becoming leaders in their chosen fields.

A FEW WAYS TO SUPPORT CONFLUENCE YEAR

<p>HOME COOKED MEALS!</p> <p>TALK WITH THE CORPS MEMBERS AND FIND OUT WHEN YOU CAN BRING OVER A DELICIOUS MEAL TO SHARE WITH THEM.</p>	<p>CLEANING SUPPLIES:</p> <p>THESE WILL ALWAYS GET USED! PICK UP AN EXTRA AT THE STORE WHEN YOU GO.</p> <p>A FEW IDEAS:</p> <p>LAUNDRY DETERGENT ● AJAX ● DISH SOAP</p> <p>BATHROOM CLEANER ● SPONGES</p>
<p>ASK THEM!</p> <p>ASK HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THEM THIS YEAR.</p> <p>A FEW IDEAS:</p> <p>ASK HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR THEM.</p> <p>INVITE THEM OVER.</p> <p>INVITE THEM TO JOIN YOU AT SOMETHING YOU ARE ATTENDING TO MEET NEW PEOPLE</p>	<p>STOCK THE PANTRY:</p> <p>ASK WHAT THEIR FAVORITE DRY GOODS ITEMS ARE AND PICK UP AN EXTRA AT THE GROCERY.</p> <p>A FEW IDEAS:</p> <p>GRANOLA BARS</p> <p>MACARONI AND CHEESE</p> <p>PEANUT BUTTER</p>

Ohio Interfaith Power and Light

Deacon Craig was out marching for climate justice with Ohio Interfaith Power and Light and many other organizations. One of 850 groups world-wide.

Businesses around the country recognize taking action to lower their environmental footprint is a good business practice. Companies, like [Energility LLC](#), in the clean energy sector are working hard to bring increased levels of energy efficiency and conservation to businesses, more renewable energy online, and create jobs to expand our role in the economy.

Despite a variety of political views in businesses and cities around the country, many leaders have sought to honor the 2015 commitment to the Paris Agreement to focus on lowering or eliminating environmental disruption. [Craig Foster](#), co-founder of Energility, a professional engineer, and an ordained deacon in the Episcopal church wears many hats (and his collar). Saturday he added an umbrella to represent Energility and Episcopalians with our partner, [Ohio Interfaith Power and Light](#), at the Statehouse to speak out on Climate, Jobs, and Justice.

This event played out in cities around the globe following the United Nations Global Climate Change Conference in Bangkok and preceding the Global Climate Action Summit later this week in San Francisco.



Patrick Kaufman, Mission Council Member, died Sept 13th after a short fight with cancer. Please pray for his wife Karen and their children, Jeremiah, Emma, and Christian. A celebration of his life will take place at the Franklinton Farms Fall Festival on Oct. 21st.



HIS PLACE

The His Place Community Dinner have begun again on Wednesday evenings with worship at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

If your group or ministry would like to provide dinner and serve our guests, we are beginning to schedule for 2019. Call the church at 614-221-9328 to reserve a date.



Annual Stewardship Campaign to begin next month.

Now more than ever, it is important that we all reflect on what St. John's means to us and our neighbors. Please pray as you consider making a commitment of your time, talent and treasure. We are all grateful for the gifts God has given us. When we share those gifts it is pleasing to God.

- **Time** is a precious gift. Committing to one of the many ministries, volunteering to serve, or assisting in the many tasks and responsibilities of the church is vital to our on-going ministries. Pray as you commit your time.
- We all are blessed with many **talents**. Begin to think about ways to use your talents to the service of St. John's and the communities we serve. Pray as you commit your talent.
- With the cumulative **treasure** of all of us, we can continue to be the church that we all know and love. We can continue the many wonderful ministries or start new ones. Pray as you commit your treasure.



WOMEN TO WOMEN

Wednesday, September 26 from noon to 1:30 pm.
Join us for lunch and the monthly program.

JUSTIN FERKO ACCEPTS A JOB IN PENNSYLVANIA

"I want to thank you all for your accompaniment in my ministry discernment and for the joy in serving together at St. John's and Street Church!"

On August 14, Justin graduated from the chaplain residency program. He has accepted a full-time staff chaplain position at Geisinger Holy Spirit in Harrisburg, PA. He will be their only palliative chaplain and also serve in the emergency department. He will be close to family as both him and his husband's parents are there. Justin said, "I've been craving weekly meals with my family".



Franklinton Abbey, Grateful for Space at St. John's



Dear St. John's community,

My name is Kelsie Meyers. I am a pastor at the Franklinton Abbey. You may have heard of Franklinton Abbey as St. John's so graciously hosts our community on Sunday evenings. I want to formally introduce myself and my community to you.

So, who is Franklinton Abbey? Simply put, we are a Christian faith community that forms its liturgy and mission around quietly and gently paying attention to the presence of God in our lives. We are a part of the Vineyard tradition. Our worship service is both Charismatic and Contemplative. Weekly, we practice silence, communal meditation on

Scripture (lectio divina), worship in song, Communion and praying for one another.

We preach and teach on the first Sunday of the month. We worship and pray together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We eat together on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our aim in our communal worship is to rest together in God's presence and to help one another notice how God is at work in each of our lives. We regularly ask questions like "How did you experience God this week?" or "What is God inviting you to?" or "How is this particular passage of Scripture informing the way you see yourself, the way you see God, the way you see the world?"

Life is so full, so busy. We often are unaware that God is at work around us and in us. We forget that God loves us and that He wants to be with us. In this frantic culture, our prayer life often is filled with questions of what God wants us to do, rather than questions about who we are. By slowing down and attending to God's presence, beautiful things begin to happen. We let God love us and speak to us. We discover that He created us uniquely and for a purpose. We slowly are formed into the image of Jesus.

Presence is the heartbeat of Franklinton Abbey. As we become present to God and allow Him to be present to us we become present to one another, in community. Then, as a community, we together turn our attention outward and become present to our neighbors. We are moved to be hospitable and generous to those around us. We share the good news of Jesus. We have so much hope and vision for what this looks like in Franklinton. Our deepest desire is to love our neighbors and to introduce them to the Love and Presence of Christ.

We are so blessed to worship at St. John's. We are grateful guests in your home. Your hospitality and generosity is a gift to us.

Your sister in Christ's Love,

Kelsie

OUTSIDE CLEAN UP

Next Saturday, Sept 22nd, we begin exploring our growing relationship with Franklinton Abby, the church that has been worshipping in the St. John's Sanctuary on Sunday afternoons since this spring. Come and Abby members for a clean-up of the Growing Place and other church grounds from 10:00-2:00. (Lunch and refreshments will be provided).

In further good news, Franklinton Abby will be renting the second floor space formerly occupied by the Godman Guild. In this space they will use the space as an office, to provide spiritual direction, soul care for social workers serving Franklinton, and additional programming for their church and the community.

GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN

On July 8th after 21 years of faithful service at St. John's, we said goodbye to **The Rev. Dr. Lee Anne Reat**. Lee Anne accepted a position on the Bishop's staff as Canon for Formation. Lee Anne donated plants for the Growing Place as a reminder of her time with us. We wish Lee Anne the best in her new position.

On August 5th, **Deacon Meribah Mansfield** left St. John's to followed her passion. She was asked by the Bishop to be a part of the *Becoming Beloved Community* Task Force.

Rooted in The Jesus Movement, the four commitments of the task force is Telling the Truth about the Church and Race, Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community, Practicing the Way of Love and Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions. More information on Becoming Beloved Community is available on the Diocese website at <http://dsobeloved.org/> .



**Greetings from the west coast!
Raine and I have missed being part of
the St John's family.**

I have just completed my first year of seminary at Church Divinity School of Pacific in Berkeley. It has been a real privilege to learn alongside Episcopalians from across the world who gather at CDSP. Coursework has been both challenging and rewarding. While I've missed being part of a parish, I quite enjoyed visiting over twenty different churches during the last year and encountering diverse and lively forms of worship. God is working in distinct ways in so many unique Episcopal communities. There is much to be hopeful for in the church.

This fall I will begin to take on more responsibility as I start my field placement as the seminarian at St John's Ross in Marin County. I'm excited to learn from a growing church with a robust family ministry. It is fun to be following in the footsteps of St John's Columbus seminarians, Jon, Nikki, AJ, and Justin. As I begin my own internship, I'm grateful for how St John's so consistently made the room to support emerging clergy in Columbus. I will also serve as second year class president and will work with my classmates to shape campus culture.

Raine is excelling in her field as she continues as an Interior Designer for Gensler in their Oakland office. We are enjoying making new friends together and hiking our way across the Bay Area. We miss our church family in Franklinton and are grateful for your continued support in our journey. Please call or write anytime. We'd love to hear from you.

Love,
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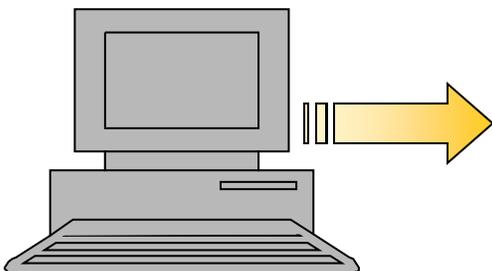
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St. John's is a Body of Christians giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.

The Ministries of St. John's

Sundays	Holy Eucharist and Sunday School	10:30 AM
	Fellowship follows service	
	Street Church	1:00 PM
Mondays	Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM
Wednesdays	Women to Women (Last Wednesday of month)	Noon
	His Place Worship (September—June)	6:00 PM
	His Place Dinner (September—June)	6:30 PM
	Girl Sprouts (First & Third Wednesday, September—May)	7:00 PM



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