

Saint John's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This Week at Saint John's – October 1, 2017

St. John's purpose is to experience and share with others the good news of faith in Jesus Christ, because we believe Jesus Christ makes lives new.

Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to St. John's A brochure in your pews has information about our community and an opportunity to learn more about Saint John's. Please visit our website at RedDoors.com for more information. Greeters are available for questions or requests. If you require assistance during our liturgy, a greeter will be pleased to help, including requests to receive Communion at your pew or for gluten free Communion. Please sign our guest book and join us after worship for coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you would like a visit with Mother Cosman, please leave a note in the collection plate or speak with her after worship. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

This Week's Micro-sermon - "Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see." — *Helen Keller*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Counters Needed – We need a counter for the 5th Sunday of the month and substitutes, please contact the office if you are interested.

Open Door Soup Kitchen – join our team for October 21st at St. James in Winsted. (9:00am–1:00pm)

Bell Ringers – sign up to toll the tower bell for worship to begin our 10am worship.

Little Free Pantry – nonperishable food items are always needed!

Altar Flowers for our Sunday services may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event. The poster in the stairway into the nave lists that Sundays that have flowers already requested. For special requests, please contact Michelle or Cynthia. For inclusion in the Sunday bulletin, please send the person's name, specify memorial or thanksgiving, the Sunday you wish to have the person remembered, and the suggested donation of \$60 to the Parish Office. **October 22nd is still open.**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Mark your calendars for this community gathering – November 21st at 7pm.



St. Francis Day – Blessing of the Animals - Today at the 10:00am service – The blessing will take place prior to the Exchange of the Peace. Please feel free to visit the grounds as needed during the service. Every person and every animal family member are invited!

Rhythms of Grace – our service for families with children with special needs resumes today. See Linda Snyder for more information.

Trinkets and Treasures Thanks – Thank you to all those who helped with St. John's annual fundraiser.

St. John's Priest-in-Charge Process – Our vestry met last Thursday with our PiC Consultant, the Rev. Joseph Shepley, to move forward with our discernment process. Additional information about our next steps are coming soon.

St. John's Garden Scholarship Program – Please encourage high school students to sign up for the scholarship. Call Norma Pappalardo 860-944-5541 for info.

Our **Little Free Pantry** is available for those who in need of food for themselves and their family. Please consider donating non-perishable items to the pantry.

Perennial Plantings – From time to time people wish to memorialize someone by planting something on the grounds of St. John's either in the garden or outside it. Small perennials may be added to the garden to replace plants originally planted by Charlie Gill that did not survive. A list of suggested plantings is in the Narthex.

Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet – We have posted the coffee hour schedule for 10am services in the fall. This is an important ministry of hospitality. Please consider signing up.

When I Was Hungry & Thirsty, a sculpture by Timothy Schmaltz is coming to St. John's. Inspired by the Gospel of Matthew 25:40, this sculpture is a visual representation of Charity. It tells us that we need to see Christ in the poor and the hungry and that we should see our acts of kindness to them as kindness to Him.

PRAYER SHAWL BASKETS ARE BACK – Please help us by adding a row or two today! Completed shawls are on the rack by the sacristy door. Please let Mother Cosman know if you would like to share a shawl with someone in need.

Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Harvey Response Fund asks Episcopalians to donate to our Hurricane Harvey Response Fund and provide emergency assistance to people recovering from the impact of flooding after this major storm. Your generous support will supply critical necessities for communities immediately. Visit EpiscopalRelief.org to donate.

