

St. John's Episcopal Church

Announcements and Events – January 12 – January 18, 2020

This Week's Calendar

Sun., January 12	8:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee and Conversation (Narthex)
	9:15am	Adult Formation (Library) – What is the Consecration of a Bishop? See below for details
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee and Conversation (West Transept)
	10:15am	Sunday School (Third Floor)
	11:15am	Youth Group Laser Tag- See below for details
Mon., January 13	10:30am	Open Hands Food Pantry – volunteers ages 14+
	6:45pm	Meditation Group (Library)
	6:30pm	Restaurant Dinner Group (Lockhart's BBQ)
Tue., January 14	10:00am	Card Ministry (Library)
Wed., January 15	10:00am	Bible Study (Library)
	7:00pm	Letter from Birmingham Jail: A Community Reading (Church) see below for details
Thur., January 16	11:00am	Healing Service (Chapel)
Sat., January 18	9:30am	Open Hands Food Pantry – volunteers ages 14+

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, January 12, 9:15am: What is the Consecration of a Bishop?

On February 8, The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Perry will be consecrated as the 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. This session will focus on a variety of questions surrounding the consecration: What does it mean to consecrate a bishop? What is the ministry of a bishop, and what is her role in church policy? We will also get to learn a little about Bishop Perry. Led by the Rev. Beth Taylor

TODAY, January 12: Pennies for Epiphany

The children are collecting Pennies for Epiphany to raise money for Episcopal Relief and Development to buy an animal – a goat? a water buffalo? a beehive? – to secure economic security for a family somewhere in the world. Thank you for supporting their outreach project by bringing your coins to church!

TODAY, January 12: Youth Group Laser Tag!

All members of the Youth Group are invited for an afternoon of Laser Tag TODAY at Allegiant Nonstop in Warren. Games are \$7 each (we will play two games) plus lunch (food options and prices can be found on the Allegiant website playnonstop.com). Carpools will leave the church around 11:30am (after the 10:15am service). Please contact Holly McNeal for more information or if you have any questions: hollymcneal@stjohnsro.org

THIS WEEK, Wednesday, January 15, 7:00pm (in the church)

Letter from Birmingham Jail: A Community Reading

Before there was a DREAM, there was a LETTER. Written by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from a jail cell to white clergy who cautioned against extremism and told him to 'be patient,' his words continue to inspire, to challenge, and to speak truth. This work will be read by several voices, interspersed with music from the Civil Rights Movement. All are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING

This is a formal announcement that **St. John's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26– one service at 9:30am** followed by a meeting with continental breakfast downstairs. We will elect Vestry members and other leaders and review major business with the congregation. Childcare will be provided. Please come!

The Candidates for Vestry for 2020 are printed in the bulletin and will appear in the e-newsletter and on the bulletin boards for the next two Sundays. Please take time to read their bios and to carefully discern whose gifts you believe are most needed for leadership at St. John's at this point in our lives together. You will vote for 3 candidates at the Annual Meeting. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for your hard work

ADULT FORMATION

Sunday, January 19 after both Services: Vestry Q&A (Library)

Join members of the Vestry, Finance Committee and the Capital Campaign Team for a review of the 2020 parish budget and the preliminary plans for how we will proceed with the Capital Campaign projects. Please come after either one of the Sunday services. We will meet in the Library.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Friday, January 24 at 7:00pm: Mom's Night Out!

Please join us for Mom's night at Bowlero in Royal Oak. We will bowl for an hour and move to the lounge area.

For the full 2019-2020 Youth and Family Events Calendar, please visit <https://www.stjohnsroyaloak.org/stuff>

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

NEW! 10:15 Coffee Hour Update and News

We are pleased to announce that we have five coffee hour teams who will make the coffee and set up and clean up each week for our 10:15 coffee hour. Many hands make light work! We are grateful for Pam Lupinski, Carol Aaron, Jen and Scott Bruns, Gail Gordon, Marie Donigan, Sue Tower, and Nick and Kristen Swan for their service.

Now here's where you come in! Each Sunday we would love to have 4-5 individuals sign up to bring snacks to share. Sign up sheets are on a clipboard in the coffee area (west transept) or you can email Janice Pedersen to let her know you'd like to contribute (Janicepedersen@verizon.net). Please help us to welcome others and build community by participating in this important ministry. Thank you! Janice Pedersen and Lynne Muth co-chairs.

Please visit us on social media! Find more information about our ministries and upcoming events on Facebook at St. John's Episcopal Church 

New To You: The shop continues to be BUSY! Please consider volunteering in the shop. We could use the help! Please contact **Sue Tower at Susan.J.Tower@gmail.com** for more information on volunteer opportunities and please keep those donations coming! We are currently looking for winter coats, ski pants, etc. Visit our Facebook page,  **New To You Resale Shop**, for information on new merchandise! **Shop Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm; Sat: 10am-1pm; Mon. Evenings: 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Card Ministry: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library to write cards to people on our prayer list, those who are sick or home bound, to people celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. As of November 12, 692 cards have been sent! To volunteer Contact: Gloria Brown and Kathy Kustowski at 248-583-1550.

Coffee with a Cause: Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Library. Join us as we engage in projects that serve the wider community at St. John's. Enjoy coffee and fellowship. No experience necessary. No standing or heavy lifting required. Questions: Bob Davis and Linda Watkins 248-506-7653

Open Hands Food Pantry: January Item of the Month is **Winter Clothing!** We are looking for winter coats, ski pants, etc. for the New To You Shop. You can bring it to church or donate to through Amazon. The pantry always welcomes donors and volunteers! For more information about how to give or sign up to volunteer, visit the [Open Hands website](#) or contact **Volunteer Coordinator, Timi Wittig** (timimwittig@gmail.com).

Open Hands Garden: The Garden Steering Committee is continuing to monitor temperatures inside the HH and outside to add to our database of knowledge. As we learn more, we'll be better able to access our volunteer needs. **Please continue to watch both the weekly announcements and e-news for information about volunteer needs.** In the meantime, as the weather cools, stop by the Hoop House and take a walk in. See what's growing, smell the earth and feel the warmth. It's rejuvenating!

Open Hands Santa's Workshop Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated toys, games, books, etc. to Santa's Workshop this year! Because of you, we were able to distribute Christmas gifts to 323 children. Santa's Workshop is only made possible through the generosity of our donors and we truly appreciate everything that you have done to make the world brighter and happier for the children of Open Hands clients.

Many blessing to all of you in the New Year! Sincerely, Rosemary Spatafora