

St. John's Episcopal Church

Announcements and Events –October 13, 2019 – October 19, 2019

This Week's Calendar

Sun., October 13	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	9:15-10:00am	Adult Forum (Library) - 100 Years at St. John's: A History (Part 2) see below for details
	10:15am	Sunday School (Third Floor) - for children ages 4-10
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am	Youth Group (Third Floor, after communion)
	11:30 am	Coffee and Conversation (West Transept, immediately following worship)
Mon., October 14	10:30am	Open Hands Food Pantry – volunteers ages 14+
	6:45pm	Meditation Group (Library)
Tues., October 15	10:30am	Coffee with a Cause (Library) – see next page for details
Wed., October 16	10:00am	Bible Study (Library) – all are welcome!
	7:00pm	Adult Formation (Library)- Social & Economic Justice in Detroit - see below for details
Thur., October 17	11:00am	Healing Service and Eucharist (Chapel) -all are welcome!
	6:30pm	Open Hands Garden Volunteer Session – see next page for details
Sat., October 19	9:00am	Open Hands Garden Volunteer Session – see next page for details
	9:30am	Open Hands Food Pantry- volunteers ages 14+
	10:00am	Saturday Morning Meditation (Library)
	10:00am	Family Fun Day! (Blake's Cider Mill) – see next page for details

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum Today – “100 Years at St. John's: A History” (Part 2)

Today we are continuing the celebration of Founders' Day with Part 2 of “100 Years at St. John's: A History”. Join us today at 9:15 -10am in the Library for a discussion panel led by members of the parish. Come share memories!

***Mark Your Calendars* Taize Prayer Service - Sunday, October 20 at 4:00pm**

As part of the prayer and discernment for our Capital Campaign the Prayer Team, led by **Sandy Curtis** and **Bernadette Beach**, have designed a Prayer Service featuring beautiful, contemplative Taize Music (thank you to **Elin Betanzo, Barbara Heath, Pam Wilkins**, members of the **Choir** and others for leading the music), prayers and candlelight, and a Labyrinth Prayer Walk in the West Transept. If you've never experienced a labyrinth, you'll want to make sure to come. This brief service is appropriate for all ages, and each person will receive a devotional booklet and gift from the Prayer Team to inspire us throughout the Campaign.

Saturday, Nov. 9: Retirement Celebration and Holy Eucharist and Reception **Honoring Bishop Wendell Gibbs and Karlah Gibbs**

The entire diocesan household is invited to join with the Gibbs Family and friends from around the church for this festive occasion, on November 9, 11:00am at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit. A reception will follow the service. Please mark your calendar and share this information with everyone in your congregation. Kindly RSVP by **Friday, November 1**, to 313-833-4414 or jelliot@edomi.org

Sunday, November 10 is Faith and Celebration Sunday - ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 9:30am **followed by a Festive Luncheon (Italian Family Style Lunch) in Jatho Hall**

St. John's is celebrating the **Affirming our Welcome: Building in Faith Capital Campaign** and all are invited to this celebratory luncheon after a combined service at 9:30am. Lunch will be served family style. There is no charge for the event. Children of all ages are welcome - nursery and activities for children will be provided. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Tucker, Chuck Tucker or Mary Fairman, the Event Co-Chairs. Watch for more information and mark your calendars.

Adult Formation

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00pm: Social & Economic Justice in Detroit: The 2019 Detroit Freedom Tour

In Summer 2019, a group from St. John's went on the Detroit Freedom Tour, a two-day bus tour of important civil rights sites in the city of Detroit. The tour included the Birwood Wall, which was intended to define where black and white families could live and was ground zero for redlining in America; the park honoring civil rights martyr Viola Liuzzo; current community gardening initiatives; and lots more. By touring these sites, the participants learned about the struggle for social and economic justice in Detroit's past and present. Join Clarence Craft, Rosemary Spatafora, and Jessica Worden-Jones in the Library for a discussion of this remarkable tour.

Sunday, October 20, 9:15am: An Introduction to Black Liberation Theology

Most Christian theology has been developed by those with considerable social power, particularly white, European males. Black theology contextualizes Christianity in the experiences of non-white people, those not represented in most “traditional” theology. In the U.S., Black Theology was advocated most notably by James H. Cone in the late 1960s in his book, *Black Theology, Black Power*, which “provided a new way to comprehensively define the distinctiveness of theology in the black church.” This session will explore the basics of black liberation theology, with a focus on the works of Cone, Howard Thurman, and Delores Williams. Presented Rev. Beth Bingham, in the Library between 9:15am-10am (between the two worship services).

Wednesday, October 23, 7:00pm: St. John’s Movie Night: *Mighty Times: The Children’s March*

Please join us for movie night on **Wednesday, October 23, between 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Library**. Described by elementary school teacher as “the best civil rights documentary” they’ve ever used, *Mighty Times* tells the story of how the children of Birmingham, Alabama braved police dogs and fire hoses to protest segregation and march for civil rights.

Children, Youth & Families

Saturday, October 19: Family Fun Day!

Family Fun Day will be **October 19th at Blake’s Cider Mill in Armada**. Please join in the fun of a day spent at the cider mill! All are welcome to attend this event where we can enjoy the beautiful fall weather, and fellowship with one another. We will meet at the entrance to the cider mill at 10 am. There is no set ending time, stay as long or as little as works for you and or your family.

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00pm: Mom’s Night Out


October Mom’s Night Out is right around the corner! Please join us on **Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00pm at HopCat in Royal Oak**. Questions: Holly McNeal at hollymcneal@stjohnro.org


Sunday October 27: St. John’s Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat!

Join us for St. John’s fourth annual Trunk or Treat! Kids will wear their costumes to church and trick or treat from car to car in a designated area of the parking lot following the 10:15 service. Anyone can sign up to decorate your trunk with fun, simple, or elaborate Halloween decorations and bring goodies to pass out to our Trunk-or-Treaters. Event includes prizes for best trunk décor, hot dogs, and cider and donuts. Anyone is welcome to participate, decorate your trunk and hand out candy. Questions: Holly McNeal at hollymcneal@stjohnro.org

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

Outreach/Volunteer

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! Visit our Facebook page, **New To You Resale Shop**, for information on new merchandise!  **Shop Hour: Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm; Sat: 10am-1pm; Mon. Evenings: 6:30pm-8:30pm**

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

HoneyDoers: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30am. Do sparkling windows make you swoon? Does vacuuming bring you joy? Then the HoneyDoers is the group for you! We will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30am to do the odd jobs that sometimes don’t always get done. This will help our St. John’s staff and give us some time to socialize as well. Everyone welcome!! Contact: Linda Tucker lindaetucker45@gmail.com 248-200-9530

Open Hands Food Pantry: October **Item of the Month** is **DIAPERS!** We are especially looking for sizes **3 and up**. 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: Our garden is continuing into early Fall with a bountiful harvest of kale, collards, tomatoes and peppers. Hoop House is changing over to Fall/Winter crops in the next couple weeks. Please consider signing up for a volunteer session on Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm or Saturday, 9:00-10:30pm. This is a great family activity. To sign up, please visit the Upcoming Events page of the St. John’s website. No experience needed, garden leaders will show you everything you need to know. And remember, **"more grows in the garden than the gardener sows"**.