



# St. Patrick's BREASTPLATE

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## Way of Love A DINNER SERIES

THE PROPHETIC IMAGINATION:  
HEARING GOD'S VOICE THEN AND NOW

THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2

## A St. Patrick's Tradition Continues with the Way of Love Dinners

We're back! Starting Wednesday, September 2nd, Way of Love will meet in Smith Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 PM. Our theme this year is "The Prophetic Imagination: Hearing God's Voice Then and Now."

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## Children's Chapel Resumes as Godly Play

Our school-aged Kindergarten to 5th Grade children return to Godly Play during the 9:30 AM service. Through storytelling, reflection, and wonder, children will explore Scripture, worship, and their faith in a joyful and meaningful way.

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## Season of Creation ADULT FORUM

Based on *Earthbound: God at the Intersection of Climate and Justice* by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, we will explore how our faith calls us to care for creation and pursue climate justice.

## Adult Forum Returns for the Season of Creation

Join us for a three-week series, based on *Earthbound: God at the Intersection of Climate and Justice* by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, we will explore how our faith calls us to care for creation...

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## *Ankle-Deep*

There's a moment in the book of Ezekiel that I can't shake.

The prophet is brought to the temple and notices water — just a trickle, really — seeping out from under the threshold and running east. His guide takes him a thousand cubits downstream and tells him to wade in. Ankle-deep. Another thousand cubits, and he wades again: knee-deep. Another thousand: waist-deep. And then a fourth time, and by now the trickle has become a river he cannot cross, deep enough to swim in and far too strong to stand up in. Wherever it goes, Ezekiel says, everything lives.

He was writing to a people in exile, looking at wreckage. That's worth remembering.

Beginning September 1 and running through October 4 — the Feast of St. Francis — Christians all over the world will keep the Season of Creation, an ecumenical season of prayer and action for the earth. This is St. Patrick's third year to observe this mini-season, and the theme this year is Living Water, drawn from exactly that passage in Ezekiel 47.

Here's what that will look like. On Sunday mornings you'll hear a Eucharistic Prayer and Prayers of the People written for the season — the same familiar shape, the same bread and wine, but language that names the world God actually made and the trouble it's in. Rev. Stefi and I will both be preaching on creation care. And in the adult forum, we'll be working with Grace Ji-Sun Kim's book *Earthbound: God at the Intersection of Climate and Justice*. Kim teaches theology at Earlham School of Religion, and her argument, put much too simply, is that we cannot talk rightly about God while pretending we are separate from the world God is holding together. Our lives are bound up with the water, the soil, the air, and with the people — usually the people with the least — who feel it first when those things go wrong. It's a good book. It's not a comfortable one.

Creation Care has been part of our worship and prayer life for decades. Open the Prayer Book to Eucharistic Prayer C, and you'll find us thanking God for "this fragile earth, our island home." We bless water at every baptism. We ask God to bless seeds and fields and the labor of those who work them. Our whole liturgy assumes a world that is not raw material but gift, and not scenery but a fellow creature. Creation care isn't a cause we're importing into worship this September. It's something worship has been quietly insisting on the entire time.

Which brings me back to Ezekiel, and to why I love that vision so much.

The water starts small. A trickle under a door. If you were standing at the threshold you would not be impressed. And the prophet doesn't get shown the whole river at once — he's asked to go in ankle-deep first, and only then knee-deep, and only then to the waist, and only then to the place where he has to give up his footing altogether and trust the current.

That is, I think, an honest picture of how any of us change. Not all at once. Not by being shamed into it. By wading in a little, and then a little more, until one day we look up and notice we're in over our heads in the best possible way.

So consider this your invitation to get your ankles wet. Come to the forum. Come pray these prayers with us. Read the book, or don't read the book and come anyway. Look at what our parish is already doing with our own roof and our own energy and ask what's next. Notice, this month, one piece of the world you're actually glad exists — a maple on your street, the reservoir, your tomatoes, your dog — and thank God for it out loud.

Ezekiel's river was a promise made to people who were looking at ruins. It's still on offer. Wherever the water goes, everything lives.

Come on in. The water's fine.

God's Peace,

*Father Jason+*



## *Listening for the Spirit*

It is hard to believe that a month has already passed since I began my ministry at St. Patrick's. These first weeks have been filled with new faces, spaces, and graces, conversations, worship, laughter, questions, and many invitations to discover the life of this parish. More than anything, I have been grateful for the welcome I have received. As I have listened and learned, I have also found myself noticing something deeper: the Holy Spirit is already at work here.

Sometimes we imagine ministry as something we have to build or accomplish. But I am learning that much of our calling is simply to pay attention to notice where God is already moving and to join God there. I have seen this in the many people who quietly offer their gifts to this parish. I have seen it in those who welcome newcomers, those who teach our children, those who care for our young people, those who prepare food, those who share their wisdom, and those who simply take the time to ask, "How are you?" These ordinary acts of love are often where the life of the Gospel becomes most visible.

As we enter September, I am excited about the ways our life of formation will continue to grow. Our children will begin gathering for formation during the 9:30 service, our youth will begin a new season centered around Formation, Service, and Adventure, and our adults will have opportunities to gather around Scripture, creation, faith, and conversation. But I hope we will remember that formation is not simply another program on the parish calendar. Formation is the work of becoming who God is calling us to be. It happens in classrooms, around dinner tables, during worship, in conversations with one another, and in the ways we serve our neighbors.

This fall will also give us opportunities to listen more deeply. Through our Way of Love Dinner Series, beginning September 2, we will explore The Prophetic Imagination: Hearing God's Voice Then and Now. Through Scripture, dinner, and conversation, we will ask what it means to hear God's voice and what it might mean for the Church to speak with courage, compassion, and hope in our own time. I am especially grateful that we are also creating space to listen to our LGBTQIA+ community. Our upcoming listening session and Welcome and Belonging Dinner are not simply events; they are opportunities to hear one another's stories and discern together how God is calling us to become an even deeper community of belonging.

And perhaps that is what I have been learning most during this first month: welcome is not a program. It is a way of being Church. Every person who walks through our doors brings a story, a gift, a question, a hope, and a longing for God. Our calling is to make room for those stories and to trust that the Holy Spirit is already present in each person we encounter.

I am deeply grateful for this first month among you. Thank you for your kindness, your patience, your prayers, and your willingness to welcome me into the life of St. Patrick's. As we begin this new season together, my prayer is not that we will simply do more, but that we will listen more deeply to God, to one another, and to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

May God continue to lead us, surprise us, and make St. Patrick's a place where people of every age can grow in faith, discover belonging, and find new ways to love and serve.

With gratitude and prayer,

*Rev. Stefi+*



*Way of Love*  
A DINNER SERIES

THE PROPHETIC IMAGINATION:  
HEARING GOD'S VOICE THEN AND NOW

THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2

Dinner, scripture, and conversation –  
with Walter Brueggemann's  
"The Prophetic Imagination" as our guide

6:00 PM  
Smith Parish Hall  
St. Patrick's Episcopal

All are welcome.  
Just come hungry.  
No reading required.



*Season of Creation*  
**ADULT FORUM**

Based on *Earthbound:*  
*God at the Intersection of Climate and Justice*  
by Grace Ji-Sun Kim,  
we will explore how our faith calls us to care for  
creation and pursue climate justice.

**Sundays at 11AM in the EfM Room  
September 20, 27 & October 4**

SPACE IS LIMITED.  
SEE REV. STEFI FOR INFO.  
USE QR CODE TO REGISTER



## Way of Love Dinners

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All are invited to join us for dinner, a short presentation, and great table conversation about the prophets!

In September, we will begin with the question, "Why do we need prophets?"

If you would like to bring a side dish or a dessert, it is always welcome. Registration is not necessary.

Please contact Rev. Stefi or Kim Nelson for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Godly Play

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Use the QR below or click [here](#) to register your children for Godly Play!

Do you have a heart for children and a desire to help them grow in faith? We invite you to join our Godly Play ministry as a teacher or volunteer! Contact Jessica Randolph or Rev. Stefi with questions.



## Adult Forum

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Sept. 20: Interconnectedness with Creation

Sept. 27: Climate Justice: When Creation Suffers, Humanity Suffers

Oct. 4 : A Dynamic God, Faithful Action, and Living with Hope

Facilitators: Fr. Jason, Rev. Stefi, the Rev. Dr. Baiju Markose, Randy Edwards, and Kim Nelson.

We encourage you to attend all three sessions as we learn, reflect, and grow together. To register, use the QR code below or click [here](#). For more information contact Kim Nelson or Rev. Stefi.



If you have a brief, parish-related announcement to be considered for inclusion in the monthly Breastplate, please send it via email to Lucas Weiss (administrator@pats-dublin.org) by **the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the issue for publication.** All announcements are subject to editing for content and length.



## Program Year Kick-off & Kona Ice Truck Sunday, Sept 13th

Full Schedule of Services:  
8AM, 9:30AM & 4PM

### Kick-off Sunday & Kona Ice Truck!

We'll be kicking off the program year Sunday, September 13th, with our full Sunday schedule of worship at 8AM, 9:30AM and 4PM.

At 8AM and 9:30AM, we welcome guest preacher Jerusalem Greer and guest musician Nathan Greer the Co-Executive directors of the Procter Camp and Conference Center.

Formation activities for all ages, and the Kona Ice Truck (after 9:30AM worship) will surely make the day full of faith, fellowship and fun! All are welcome!

### Youth Group Kickoff Cookout

**September 13th 5:00 - 7:00 pm on the patio and in the 'backyard'.**

All Youth 6th - 12th grades are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will reconnect after summer activities and see what is in store this year.

Food, Fun and Fellowship! Questions, contact Rev. Stefi or Ms. Tawnya.

Youth Group September Schedule:

Sept 13th - Kickoff

Sept 20th - Formation & Street Church (Confirmation and MS)

Sept 27th - Service Garage Sale Prep and Bake Sale Baking

## Youth Kick-off Cookout

Sunday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Patio & Backyard

### Ringling & Singing: We got a head start!

The official St. Patrick's Program Year begins September 13, but the handbells and choir will already have begun their "New Years" by then. Would you like to join us and get a jump on what's happening with music at St. Patrick's? No special training is required, just a desire to work together to learn and share special music, of all kinds, composed especially for worship.

Starting September 2, the Handbell Choir meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Adult Choir meets Thursdays at 7:30 in the basement choir room.

### LGBTQIA+ Dinner & Ministry Inauguration

September 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Smith Parish Hall.

Come gather with us for an evening of food, fellowship, listening, and celebration as we begin a new LGBTQIA+ ministry at St. Patrick's.

Whether you identify as LGBTQIA+, are a family member or friend, or simply want to help create a more welcoming and inclusive church community, you are warmly invited. We hope this dinner will be a beginning, a chance to meet one another, share our hopes, and imagine together what this ministry can become.

Click [here](#) to RSVP or scan the QR code.

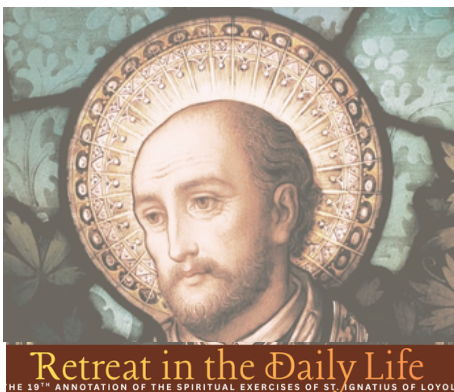


SEPTEMBER 18, 2026  
6:00 PM  
SAINT PATRICK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DUBLIN, OHIO



LGBTQIA+  
Welcome &  
Belonging Dinner

Applications are open for the September 2026-May 2027 Retreat in Daily Life: The 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For over four hundred and fifty years the Spiritual Exercises have served as a model for spiritual growth, moving people towards a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is intended to open the retreatant to the lively and life-giving experience of God's tremendous love. The Retreat in Daily Life will have weekly individual spiritual direction sessions for about thirty-two weeks, and daily prayers, readings, and journaling practices. Please contact Kim Nelson through Realm or after services if you are interested. Kim is a certified spiritual director and holds an MA in Christian Spirituality through Creighton University, with specific training and experience in giving the Exercises.



Retreat in the Daily Life

THE 19TH ANNOTATION OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



## One book, two study opportunities!

### Spiritual Direction

Looking for a small group? Spiritual Direction meets via zoom. We will resume **meeting every Wednesday starting September 2 at 10:15 a.m.** with a summer catch-up discussion. We start our next book on Sept. 9th, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. Contact Tawnya Lewis or the church office to receive the zoom link.

### Sacred Circle 1

Circle 1 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the St. Pat's Library. Our first gathering of the year will be on **September 8**. We will be discussing where we find God in the book Theo of Golden. Please join us even if you haven't read the book. Discussions will start with the book, but lead to where we find God in our lives. If you have questions, contact Val Pittsenbarger or Julie Righter.



### Grief Share

Come and share in this time of love, support and understanding with those who are also journeying the way of grief. Join us in person or via zoom, **Monday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library**. If you wish to join us via zoom, please contact the Parish Office for the link. For additional information contact Grief Share leaders, Becky Stains and Angel Cinco.

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4 Kim & Nick Machesky      | 21 Bob & Mary Kay Arbogast    |
| 5 David & Elisha Cofer     | 22 Christian & Michelle Fox   |
| 5 Jan & Tim Redman         | 23 David & Morgan Tiemstra    |
| 9 Charlie & Nancy McDowell | 24 David & Frances Alleshouse |
| 10 Fred & Kathleen Graff   | 25 Danielle Raymond           |
| 12 Ed & Jo Yuhas           | 26 Jim & Lisa Brown           |
| 13 Amy & Peter O'Neill     |                               |

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Blair McGinnis       | 12 Michelle Fox           | 21 Jason Emerson     |
| 4 Mark Usselman        | 12 Laura Leach            | 21 Renee Stains      |
| 4 Helena von Sadovszky | 12 Declan Mooi            | 24 Bernard Palchick  |
| 6 Corrina Seaborn      | 12 Pierson Mooi           | 25 Anderson Hoseus   |
| 7 Jonie Gyorkey        | 13 Ross Righter           | 26 William Gunthorp  |
| 7 Carole Pearson       | 15 Michelle Pittsenbarger | 26 Francesca Oliveti |
| 7 Lucas Weiss          | 16 Jackie Jordan          | 27 Tyler Norris      |
| 8 Amanda Kennedy       | 16 Ellie Randolph         | 27 Debbie Sabo       |
| 9 Michael Greenfield   | 18 Chad Dunham            | 29 Suzanne Holliday  |
| 9 Dhyan Markose        | 19 Becci Shields          | 29 Jane Keeran       |
| 11 Meghan Magee        |                           | 29 Lynette Palmer    |



Lissa Barker, PhD, CAPT/NC/USN, ret., Family Nurse Practitioner  
Rose Walker, RN, MSN



## ***Put your COVID and FLU shot on the calendar for October!***

The program year has started. Not just the myriad of choices at St. Pat's, but then there's all the other activities. Football is in full swing; school is in full swing, calendars are groaning with appointments. Then the provider says, "Your blood pressure is a little high, are you exercising?" Of course, you respond with "are you kidding? I don't have time and I wouldn't be caught dead in the place where they wear pink Lycra exercise togs and matching sneakers!" (OK gentlemen, muscle shirts and tiny shorts). And so, your bp gets just a little higher and your guilt score goes up 50 points. Exercise gets put on the New Years Resolution list, never to be seen again. Most of us have been there. (A chuckle here is good exercise for the facial muscles)

Having presented that scenario, here are some thoughts about exercise and blood pressure to think about. The World Health Organization has abundant resources on wellness practices. So do OSU, Ohio Health, and the Mayo Clinic. The WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030 has lots of good scientifically based evidence about the importance of exercise and more importantly, how to get it into your life. First, some exercise is better than none (whew). It is recommended that all adults get 150-300 minutes of moderate exercise and vigorous intensity activity every week. Children and adolescents should be getting 60 minute a day of vigorous exercise (that does not include vigorous finger exercise in front of a gaming computer).

The key is **consistency**, and that means setting realistic goals that are specific and achievable. Break the goals down into smaller milestones to make progress more tangible.

**Create a schedule** and treat it like an appointment- put it in your calendar, make it non-negotiable. Start small and **increase gradually**. Here it really helpful to have a friend or group that makes a promise to do it together. **Social support is essential** for success.

**Incorporate variety** and do what you like doing. In addition, **plan for obstacles** like schedules, weather, vacations.

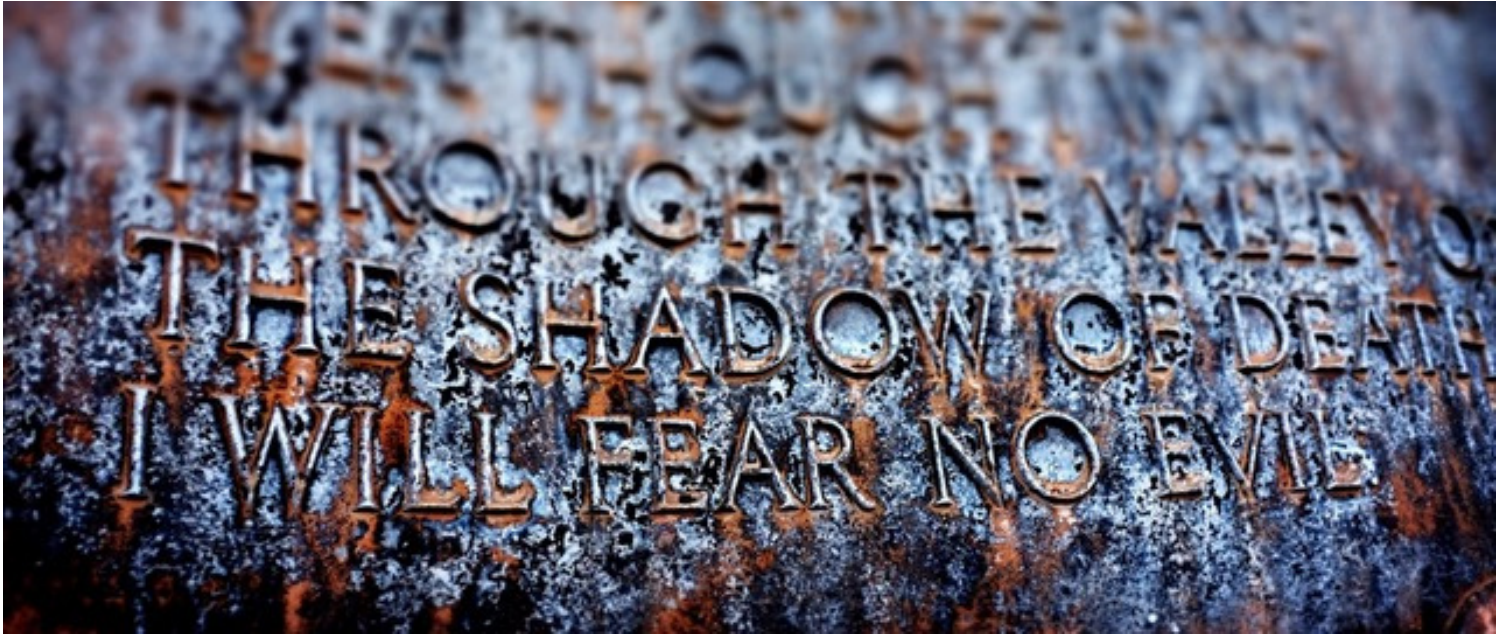
**Identify your chronotype.** Exercise at the time of day when you feel most alert and awake. This has been demonstrated as a key to making a routine work

**Reward your successes.** That helps you keep track of your goals!

A successful exercise program can lower your blood pressure as much as one prescription of a blood pressure lowering medication. It is also important to keep track of your blood chemistries and your cholesterol. These are markers that tell you how your body is functioning. Wellness checks are a good thing to do. Besides, putting together a successful exercise program not only helps you be healthier, it makes room on your New Year's resolution list for other things- like winning the lottery.

Be Well and Be at Peace,

*Lissa & Rose*



## A Conversation about Fear

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)*

We hear “be not afraid” in many places in our Scriptures, and straight from Jesus in the passage above. Fear is part of the human condition; we are hard-wired for fear because it can sometimes ensure our survival. In the course of ordinary life, “Do not be afraid” is still more easily said than done. Fr. James Martin and Nadia Bolz-Weber recently had a conversation about fear in our everyday lives, and here are a few highlights:

- Be aware of any tendency to respond to a fear by catastrophizing (going to the worst possible scenario).
- Remind ourselves that we have the emotional, spiritual, and mental resources to deal with our fear (And I would add that when there are exceptions, we can ask for the help and support that we need).
- Be aware of using universal words such as “It’s always like this”, “I’m never going to be able to do this”, or “everyone hates me.” Those universal words are demonstrably false, and not coming from God.
- “If only” and “what if” are also not coming from God; they consume our energy and keep us from engaging in the present.
- As we take our fears to prayer, remember Jesus’s own prayers of honesty (let this cup pass from me), trust (I know that you hear me), and acceptance (your will, not mine).

Let us also remember in prayer all those in our human family who are in the midst of their fears and suffering,

*Kim*

Link to the conversation from The Corners with Nadia Bolz-Weber:

[https://substack.com/@thecorners/note/p-210023415?utm\\_source=notes-share-action&r=4shih](https://substack.com/@thecorners/note/p-210023415?utm_source=notes-share-action&r=4shih)



## ***Fall Garage Sale – October 2nd and October 3rd***

Fall is around the corner. That means our Fall Garage/Thrift Sale is right around the corner! Time to donate your talent, time, and treasures to a great cause.

Our sale this Fall will run in the same format as in the Spring. It will be a two-day sale: October 2nd and October 3rd. We will continue with a half-hour early entry fee (8:00 am) of \$10.00 on the first day (October 2nd). The hours of the sale will be 8:30 - 2:00 on (Friday) October 2nd and 8:30 - 1:00 on (Saturday) October 3rd. Donations will be accepted from September 26th – 28th. Item Pickup (for those who are unable to transport their donated items themselves) will be on Saturday, September 26th. As posted in the Spring, we will no longer be taking indoor furniture and large exercise equipment, but electronics, like LCD TVs, computers, stereo equipment, and patio furniture are more than welcome!

Now is the time to start (or continue) collecting any nice, gently-used items you would like to donate to the sale. The items you donate to the sale are used in two possible ways: they may go directly to one of the outreach organizations the church works with, or more often they are sold in the sale to fund projects around the church that benefit the congregation.

As always, we will need lots of help for the sale. Sign-up sheets will be available on the table, in the hallway to Smith Hall, starting the first Sunday in September (9/6). (You may also contact Rick Sicker via email to “sign-up”). We need helpers for setup, item pickups, organizing, pricing, cleanup, and help both days working the sale. We also need and volunteers to bring lunch items each day to help feed the volunteers. It is much appreciated.

If you have a desktop computer, laptop, tablet (iPad etc.), or smartphone to donate to the Garage Sale, please contact Charlie Horton via email at [charliehorton6983@gmail.com](mailto:charliehorton6983@gmail.com) to arrange. Be sure to include power cables and any other items (boxes, CDs, instruction manuals, etc.) that you still have that came with the computer. Please put your name on a note taped to the item (in case we need to contact you for any reason) and, if there are any known issues, please put those details on the note as well. Thanks!

**Needed Supplies:** We accept donations of needed garage sale supplies! We are looking for masking tape, blue painter’s tape, thick rubber bands (to pair shoes together), black Sharpie markers (fine point), and Ziplock bags (gallon, quart, and sandwich sizes). Please place items in the box located in Smith Hall next to the Garage Sale display.

Lastly, please keep an eye on the church bulletin each week in September for updates and other announcements.

Looking forward to a great sale!

*Rick*

Rick Sicker ([Rick\\_Sicker@att.net](mailto:Rick_Sicker@att.net))



## *Listening for God* A WOMEN'S RETREAT IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. BENEDICT LED BY THE REV. CAMERON O'RILEY

On Saturday, October 24, women of St. Patrick's are invited to step out of the noise of daily life and into a day of quiet, community, and prayer. "Listening for God: A Women's Retreat in the Spirit of St. Benedict" led by the Rev. Cameron O'Riley will be held in Smith Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and every woman in our parish — and beyond — is welcome, whatever her season of life.

Our guide for the day is St. Benedict, whose sixth-century Rule for monastic life still speaks with surprising freshness to women navigating careers, caregiving, marriage, motherhood, grief, and everything in between. Alongside Benedict's wisdom, we'll draw on Zacharias Heyes' book *The Little Monk and the Significance of Silence*, which follows a young monk's search for peace through short story chapters — a retelling by Matthias E. Gahr — each paired with reflections on Benedictine spirituality.

You do not need to have read the book to attend. Each session will include enough of the story, read aloud, for newcomers to follow along, and the day's teaching stands on its own as an invitation into conversation and practice rather than a book report.

Across the day we'll explore six themes drawn from the book and the Rule: reticence and silence, freedom, managing emotion, watchfulness, God's abiding presence, and how to carry a quieter, steadier life back into the week ahead. Expect a rhythm of teaching, small-group conversation, guided silence, and simple contemplative practices — no retreat experience required.

The day begins with coffee, light snacks, and time to settle in, and includes a full lunch break. Cost is \$15 or pay what you can — no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Please register via Realm by clicking [here](#).

For more information, please contact Deby McGinnis.

Come as you are and bring an open heart ready to listen.



## **WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S!**

At St. Patrick's, we believe God's table has room for everyone. We seek to live these words of Jesus by welcoming every person who walks through our doors. Through our Welcome Team, Greeters, and Bread Ministry, we work together to create a community where every person can know:

***You are seen. You are welcomed. You belong here.***

Beginning this September, we are excited to introduce our Welcome Table in the narthex. A member of our Welcome Team will be there to greet newcomers, answer questions, offer information about St. Patrick's, or simply share a conversation. If you are new to St. Patrick's, please stop by we would love to meet you!

Our Greeters welcome each person as they arrive for the 9:30 a.m. service, helping create a warm and joyful beginning to our worship.

Through our Bread Ministry, we also reach out to newcomers with a loaf of bread a simple and meaningful reminder that you are welcomed, you are valued, and there is a place for you in our community.

## **NEWCOMERS' CLASS — SEPTEMBER 27**

Are you new to St. Patrick's or still getting to know us?

Join us on September 27 after the 9:30 a.m. service for our Newcomers' Class.

Come meet us, learn more about St. Patrick's, the Episcopal Church, and our many ministries and opportunities to connect. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and your stories. Most of all, come as you are.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been part of St. Patrick's for years, there is a place for you here.

***We are so glad you are here. Welcome home!***

Blessings,  
Rev. Stefi Baiju+

# VBS: 2026 AND BEYOND!

Updates from Eryn Kindelin, VBS Director

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VBS 2026 was a HUGE success!

At Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, our children learned that God gives us strength in many ways. Along with our mascot, Ollie the Arctic Seal, our young Challengers learned that “I can do all things through CHRIST who gives me strength,” as we are taught in Philippians 4:13. Through Bible Storytelling, Music, Crafts, Science, Games, Snacks, and more, we explored God’s goodness and presence everywhere!

Of course, this week was the result of MANY dedicated volunteers putting in a great deal of time and energy. The VBS Core Team was made up of Father Jason Emerson, Jodie Emerson, Kim Machesky, Jessica Randolph, and Emily LaMonica ... and started meeting in February to plan logistics and make crucial decisions to make the week of VBS go smoothly.

Our Adult Crew was incredible, making sure that each station was engaging and each child was well attended. Thank you: Reverend Stefi Baiju, Dina Bornhorst, Vicky Bratton, Heidi DeShon, Lisa Emory, Father Jason Emerson, Jodie Emerson, Liz Gunthorp, Erin Johnsen, Charlotte Jones, Joan Jones, Susan Jones, Amanda Kennedy, Beth Landers, Karen Mason, Deby McGinnis, Amy O’Neill, Evelina O’Neill, Jan Redman, Catherine Sandhage, Lisa Schmidt, Becci Shields, Becky Stains, and Wei Wang.

And last, but certainly not least, VBS was blessed to have a dedicated Youth Crew to jump in and make everything possible! These Middle and High Schoolers decorated, cleaned, and made the kids feel so comfortable. Thank you: Amelia Coontz, Audrey Coontz, Lena Coontz, Aubrey Craven, Piper Eder, Evelyn Emerson, Isaac Emerson, Paisley Essex, Quinn Essex, Maria Kennedy, Joe Machesky, Anna Markose, Liz Mason, Jaxon Reissig, Charlotte Rubinstein, Janine Rubinstein, Penny Schriemer, Ayla Stains, and Elissa Stains.

Let’s do it again next year :)  
Eryn Kindelin



## VBS 2027

July 12–16, 2027  
St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church  
– Dublin, OH –

Registration opens Easter Week!  
Check [pats-dublin.org](http://pats-dublin.org) for details.



## **Vestry Highlights – August, 2026**

The Vestry met on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7 p.m., with an opening prayer by Angel Cinco.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Eryn Kindelin and her crew for a successful VBS the week of July 13. They built something children wanted to come back to.

On Sunday, August 2, we again celebrated with a U2charist service at the Dublin Irish Festival. Thank you to our LGBTQIA+ inclusion team, who partnered with our Newcomers team, to host a welcome table at the festival.

Also, a thank you to Kati Glover for her years of service as Communications Minister.

### **Projects Moving Forward!**

The capital campaign for the Solar Panels was at 93% ( \$ 117,130) of our goal of \$ 126,000 as of August 9.

Contractors have been established for motorizing the doors to the Narthex of the building, along with the office door, and installation should commence soon.

An anonymous donor has come forward and pledged the full cost for an elevator. Project is moving forward.

### **A New Firewood Shed!**

The Vestry approved Eagle Scout, Dominic Draper's, project to build a new firewood shed on the grounds of St. Patrick's. This will increase the usage of the fire pit area for functions.

### **Financial Update**

Revenue was slightly under budget for the year at the end of July, and expenses were modestly over. Cash reserves were at 2.9 months of budgeted operating expenses. St. Patrick's was awarded 2 grants from the Diocese - \$ 5,000 for overseas medical missions, and \$ 500 for LGBTQIA+ Inclusion work.

The Vestry approved the financial report, as well as the minutes from June 2026. The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m., with a prayer recited by all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bernadette Westman  
Clerk of the Vestry

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## Tuesday, September 1st

7:00 AM Men's Group (First Watch on Perimeter)  
5:00 PM Yoga (Smith Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM Scouts (Smith Parish Hall)

## Wednesday, September 2nd

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parish Office)  
10:00 AM St. Arbuck's (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:00 AM Men's Group (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:15 AM Spiritual Direction (via Zoom)  
12:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
12:30 PM Chicken Salad for the Soul (Smith Parish Hall)  
6:30 PM Way of Love Dinner Series (Smith Parish Hall)

## Thursday, September 3rd

10:00 AM Later in the Day Saints (via Zoom)  
10:00 AM Purls of Wisdom (Library)  
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Basement Choir Room)

## Saturday, September 5th

Itty/Garmen Wedding (Sanctuary)

## Sunday, September 6th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Online)

## Monday, September 7th - **LABOR DAY**

**Parish Office Closed**

6:00 PM AA (Smith Parish Hall)

## Tuesday, September 8th

7:00 AM Men's Group (Conference Room)  
1:00 PM Welcome Team (EfM Room)  
5:00 PM Yoga (Smith Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM Scouts (Smith Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM Sacred Circle 1 (Library)

## Wednesday, September 9th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parish Office)  
10:00 AM St. Arbuck's (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:00 AM Men's Group (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:15 AM Spiritual Direction (via Zoom)  
12:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Smith Parish Hall)

## Thursday, September 10th

10:00 AM CATCH Court (Downtown)  
10:00 AM Later in the Day Saints (via Zoom)  
10:00 AM Purls of Wisdom (Library)  
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Sunday, September 13th -

### **FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Online)  
4:00 PM Connections Worship (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM Youth Group Kick-Off (Patio)

## Monday, September 14th

6:00 PM AA (Smith Parish Hall)

## Tuesday, September 15th

7:00 AM Men's Group (Conference Room)  
1:00 PM sacred Circle 3 (Library)  
5:00 PM Yoga (Smith Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM Scouts (Smith Parish Hall)

## Wednesday, September 16th

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parish Office)  
10:00 AM St. Arbuck's (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:00 AM Men's Group (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)  
10:15 AM Spiritual Direction (via Zoom)  
12:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Social Justice Team (Conference Room)

## Thursday, September 17th

10:00 AM Later in the Day Saints (via Zoom)  
10:00 AM Purls of Wisdom (Library)  
3:30 PM Friends of the Homeless prep. (Kitchen)  
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Friday, September 18th

6:30 PM LGBTQIA+  
Welcome & Belonging Dinner (Parish Hall)

## Sunday, September 20th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Online)  
10:45 AM Youth Group Parents (Sanctuary)  
10:45 AM Adult Forum (EfM Room)  
11:00 AM Stephen Ministry (Library)  
12:45 PM Street Church (Franklinton)  
4:00 PM Connections Worship (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM Youth Group

# SEPT. CALENDAR CON'T.

## Monday, September 21st

6:00 PM AA (Smith Parish Hall)

6:30 PM Grief Support (Library & via Zoom)

## Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00 AM Men's Group (Conference Room)

1:00 PM Sacred Circle 4 (Library)

5:00 PM Yoga (Smith Parish Hall)

7:00 PM Scouts (Smith Parish Hall)

## Wednesday, September 23rd

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parish Office)

10:00 AM St. Arbuck's (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)

10:00 AM Men's Group (Starbuck's - Giant Eagle)

10:15 AM Spiritual Direction (via Zoom)

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, September 24th

10:00 AM Later in the Day Saints (via Zoom)

10:00 AM Purls of Wisdom (Library)

6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Friday, September 25th

7:00 AM Garage Sale Setup

## Saturday, September 26th

8:30 AM Garage Sale Drop-off, Organizing & Pricing

## Sunday, September 27th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

8:30 AM Garage Sale Drop-off, Organizing & Pricing

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Online)

10:45 AM Welcome Class (Sanctuary)

10:45 AM Adult Forum (EfM Room)

4:00 PM Connections Worship (Smith Parish Hall)

5:00 PM Youth Group

## Monday, September 28th

8:30 AM Garage Sale Drop-off, Organizing & Pricing

## Tuesday, September 29th

7:00 AM Men's Group

8:30 AM Garage Sale Organizing & Pricing

## Wednesday, September 30th

8:30 AM Garage Sale Organizing & Pricing



## US Flag Retirement



**Scout Troop 299 will be retiring US flags at their regular Tuesday meeting on September 22nd. If you have an older United States Flag and would like for the boys to retire it properly, please put it in the collection bin near the Troop 299 table in the parish hall before September 22nd.**

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