THE BREASTPLATE

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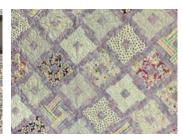
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ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH









YOU ARE INVITED TO ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET

Friday, November 7 (From 6 - 8 pm) is a special opportunity for parishioners to preview and purchase hand crafted items while enjoying a beverage and snacks. A voluntary \$10 donation will benefit the charities. Come relax, mingle with friends and the artists, and enjoy some nice snacks and drinks. This event is open to our parish & friends.

THE ST. PAT'S ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 7 & 8 IN SMITH HALL. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW MANY HAND CRAFTED ITEMS FROM OUR CHURCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY. THIS EVENT BENEFITS TWO VERY WORTHY CAUSES: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSING STUDENTS IN CHOLUTECA, HONDURAS; AND THE EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The main sale is Saturday, November 8, from 9 am – 2 pm, with breakfast and lunch items offered in our Arts & Crafts Café. We have donors and vendors showcasing Specialty Baked Goods, and hand made items in Wood, Glass, Paper, Cards, Ceramics, and Fabrics, and more. The Saturday Market is open to everyone. Please tell your friends & neighbors, and put this event on your calendars. We look forward to seeing you at the Arts & Crafts Market

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From the Rector's Desk

Experiencing and Protecting God's Creation

On January 3, 1999, I was sitting on the steps of the main building at Ridgecrest Retreat Center outside Asheville, North Carolina. I had gone there for the Celebrate Conference, an ecumenical gathering of Christian college students. We had been there since December 31, and it had been an amazing, life-changing experience.

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I had grown up in the evangelical world, so this was the first time I had been around a large group of mainline Protestants—Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and others. Highlights included Archbishop Desmond Tutu preaching on New Year's Day and a concert by Sweet Honey in the Rock on the final night.

All day on January 2 it snowed—a wet, drippy, icy snow. Many students from Texas and New Mexico had never seen snow before and were using cafeteria trays as sleds for the first time in their lives. The next morning was relatively warm, and the sun peeked through the clouds now and then. I was sitting on the steps saying goodbye to a girl I had met that weekend, knowing I would never see her again.

The retreat center sits on the side of a mountain. Interstate 40 runs through the valley below, and across the way stands a tree-covered mountain. Because of the previous day's snow and ice, every branch was frozen and dull in the dim, cloudy light—gray and lifeless, with little contrast.

But then...

The sun broke through. Its rays struck the frozen trees, and in an instant, the mountain exploded with color. The icy limbs became thousands upon thousands of prisms—more colors than I could possibly imagine, as if every rainbow that ever existed had gathered on that Appalachian mountainside. In that moment, I felt connected to everything, everyone, everywhere, and everywhen. It was both a sense of completeness within myself and a deep awareness that I was a small part of something infinitely greater.

There may be nothing that moves us to awe and wonder more deeply than encountering creation. Whether a star-filled night, a solar eclipse, the rhythm of the ocean, or a mountain vista, the beauty of creation reveals the immensity of God's creative power. Appreciation and protection of creation are deeply woven into our Anglican identity. Traditions such as Rogation Days and Beating the Bounds—centuries old—ritualize our care for the land and remind us of our dependence upon it.

We recently concluded our observance of the Season of Creation, but our care for the world God made should not cease. I invite you to join the Creation Care Team's upcoming book study of The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and Its Solutions. Exploring how the global economic system affects the environment will help us deepen our understanding and strengthen our commitment to caring for creation. Please speak with Randy Edwards if you would like to participate. I look forward to learning alongside you.

God's Peace.

Father Jason+

Rector

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Mother Catherine's Corner

Every November, Episcopalians and other Christians observe a special day in the life of the Church—All Souls' Day, celebrated each year on November 2nd. All Souls' Day is a day set aside as a sacred time for remembering and praying for the souls of those who have died, including our loved ones, members of our faith community, and all the faithful departed. We remember those who have died at any time, and especially in the previous year.

All Souls' Day's roots go back centuries and stem from the early Christian practice of praying for the dead. Praying for those who have died affirms our belief in the communion of saints, the idea that we remain spiritually connected to those who have gone before us and that they continue to be part of the divine life in Christ. The day falls immediately after All Saints' Day (November 1st), a day set aside to commemorate saints and martyrs, individuals we remember for their extraordinary holiness. By designating the following day for prayer and remembrance of all souls, the Church underscores that the larger community of faith includes not only canonized saints but every one of the faithful departed.

In our Episcopal tradition, we celebrate All Souls' Day as a time to honor both the communion of saints and the mystery of death, to feel both solemnity and hope, to recognize both our mortality and our trust in God's mercy. We believe that in Christ's Resurrection, death is transformed from being a point of finality to moment of passage into new life. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" Our faith assures us that those who have gone before us are alive in Christ, present now in a spiritual communion that transcends time and space. Their memories serve as sacred reminders of God's grace and the ongoing bond we share. This day reminds us that all members of the church, both earthly and heavenly, are intertwined as one body in Christ, united in love beyond time and space.

Personal and communal remembrance on All Souls' Day also draw us closer to our own mortality through faith in our own resurrection-- that, like those who have gone before, we too will have our own moment where we will leave behind this earthly life and reunite with those who have gone before and with Jesus. We have a choice about how to respond to this realization; ideally we can embrace a posture of love and humility, borne from gratitude for God's grace revealed in Christ.

As we offer prayers this All Souls Day, or light candles in memory of our loved ones, let us do so with hearts open to sorrow for those whose presence we miss here with us. And, through God's grace we can open our hearts to the great hope that our loved ones are cradled in divine mercy and love, and that our own journey of faith continues toward the promise of eternal life in Christ.

In Christ's love and hope,

Mo. Catherine+

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of St. Patrick's sanctuary, we've been witnessing the refresh of our worship space. New paint and carpeting are part of the process, but we are also planning some liturgical banners to grace the side walls. These banners will add color in the winter months, complement the liturgical color of the church seasons, and improve our space's acoustics.

A group of sewists and artists from our congregation have been meeting over the summer to plan the banners to observe "ordinary time" - the green season. In keeping with Ohio's quilting tradition, we are incorporating some quilted blocks and a central panel with a tree of life. The tree symbolizes the growth of our ministries and family at St. Patrick's and the continuing outreach of God's love through roots, branches, and colorful leaves.

We invite everyone to help us complete these banners! There are many different ways to help. First, we'd like to collect fabric remnants to incorporate into the banners. Next, we will set up times for you to help with cutting, assembling kits, and sewing blocks if you are able. We hope these banners will have many hands touch them as they are being created and that they will beautify our sanctuary for the next 25 years!

There is a plastic bin in Smith Hall for fabric remnants. Cotton, silk, upholstery, etc., are welcome. We encourage you to donate fabric that is meaningful to you in some way—scraps from a wedding gown, favorite tablecloth, cherished child's garment, etc. We will do our best to incorporate as many parishioner remnants as possible into the final designs. Colors: greens, golds, reds, yellows, browns.

Thank you, Banner Committee

Becky Stains, Mary Horton, Lisa Palchick, Marianne Price, Cindy Doan, Vicky Bratton

Vestry Nominating Committee

The time has come to begin preparations for our next annual meeting with the formation of a Vestry Nominating Committee! The committee will comprise the Senior Warden, three Vestry members with expiring terms, Vicky Bratton, Leif Carlson, and Ben Trotter, and two additional congregation members. This year, the committee will nominate candidates for three open positions on the Vestry (3-year terms), two convention delegates and one alternate delegate (2-year terms). If you'd like to nominate a candidate or learn more about these leadership roles, please contact Vicky, Leif, Ben, me, or Father Jason for more information.

Alex Carter

Grief Support

Grief Support gathering will be Monday, November 17th at 6:30PM in St. Patricks library, facilitated by Angel Cinco and Becky Stains. Please consider joining us if you have lost your spouse or another significant member of your family for love, support, and understanding as we travel together this road called grief. We Have added a zoom link and will use the OWL if you wish to join us by zoom. Please let Becky know you want to zoom and she will send the link. Also contact Becky if you would like transportation to our gathering. Please contact Angel Cinco or Becky Stains with questions.

Garage Sale Report

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our 2025 FallThrift/Garage Sale! Our earnings were nearly \$14,500, the best FALL sales that we've tracked. The proceeds go to the building fund as well as the commitment of donating 10% to the Endowment Fund, another great ministry of St. Patrick's.

Along with that, this ministry provided outreach to a new record of thirteen (13) organizations. With your donations, we were able to provide needed items to the Daniel Wright Elementary School, One Dublin, Columbus Zoo, Friendship Quilters Guild, Dublin Food Pantry, Friends of the Homeless, Catch Court, Buckeye Middle School, Star House Homeless Shelter, OSU Hospital's 4th Trimester Infant Clinic, Garden for All, UA Homeless Outreach, and (of course) the Volunteers of America.

Focusing on creation care, the Garage Sale gives us the opportunity to declutter, and in doing so, reduce, reuse, and recycle items rather than add them to a landfill. Our volunteers also pick up items that parishioners could not otherwise contribute.

We appreciate all who contributed in any capacity, from donations of items to food for the workers; you make it possible! It truly could not be done without volunteers. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all who donated time and energy during the entire process. The Men's Group and others really increased the manpower again and it was felt. It was a great opportunity for outreach, community building, and friendship-growing. Please consider joining us during our Spring Sale on May 1st and 2nd. There is no time like the present to start setting aside items!

Until then, Peace. - The Garage Sale Team

The CATCH-Freedom Ministry

Again this year, our CATCH-Freedom Ministry is collecting \$25 Kroger gift cards to donate to the Holiday Gift Bags, provided by Freedom a la Cart, for the survivors of human trafficking. This will include the women in the CATCH Court program and the graduate Butterfly Program. The gift bags serve to bring hope to the women and help them celebrate the season. If you would like to participate, the collection period is 3 Sundays, November 9, 16, and 23rd. You may donate gift cards, cash, or a check made out to St Patrick's, and we will purchase the gift cards. There will be a poster and donation box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support and sharing your blessings!

Our building is a true blessing to us as a Parish and to the community around us! We are scheduling more and more community groups every day! Our rooms offer space for community groups, quilters, scouts, and so many other folks who need a good spot to meet! We also provide gathering spaces that truly make a difference and save lives - especially for the recovery groups finding sanctuary here.

With this great opportunity comes adjustment to the way in which our space must be coordinated and scheduled. Please, if you need to use the church space for a gathering of any size, please contact Lucas our Parish Administrator, and we will coordinate with you on space usage. Again, this is a wonderful challenge to face. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity to the community!

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Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish Program will be providing Christmas for several thousand children under their care. St. Patrick's members have generously supported these children in many ways over the years. This year we will be sponsoring a Toy Drive. Please see the list below for the most requested items and gift cards. Please return your unwrapped gift in the designated boxes on the hallway by Smith Hall. Drop offs begin November 16th and end on December 7th! Thank you for making a child's wish come true this season.



- Barbie Dolls and Baby Dolls (multicultural)
- Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer Balls/Sports Equipment
- Gloves/Hats/Scarves/Socks (decorative)
- Science Activity Sets
- Toy Cars/Dump Trucks/Fire Trucks

Kroger and Fast Food restaurants

- Action Figures/Dinosaurs
- Nail Polish
- Drones
- · Slime Kits
- Walkie Talkies
- Walkle Talkles
 Gift Cards from businesses including Walmart, Target, Amazon.com, Aldi,

- Bath Sets
- Batteries
- Books
- · Building blocks
- · Jewelry-making kits
- · Lego sets
- Markers
- Puzzles
- Tea Sets



Interfaith/Elimenical THANKS AND GIVING SERVICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025,

7:00 PM

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All are welcome to join us in giving thanks to God in words and music. Please bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations for the Dublin Food Pantry. You can also scan the QR code to donate directly to the food pantry. A list of most needed items for the Pantry can be found at dublinfoodpantry.org. Light refreshments will be available immediately after the service. For more information, contact <u>Barb Anderson</u>.







Well, here we are in November (where did summer go?) at the start of the "holiday season". The stores are now replete with Christmas decorations (ok they've been there since early September) and we are firmly immersed in all those "Fall things' (read getting ready for the holidays, yikes!) It occurs to us that this might be a great time to start thinking about the power of connections and purpose that we have as members of our communities.

In a recent survey by the National council on Aging, 90% of the respondents indicated that close relationships with family and friends was vital for meaningful life AND health. Evidence suggests that those people who have good relationships tend to have better cholesterol levels, heart rates, blood pressure, and immune system responses. Strong relationships also appear to lengthen life, reduce mental decline, boost recovery times and improve mental health.

Here are some good suggestions from the Mayo Clinic report on Healthy Aging. Remember we all do that, it's not about older adults \bigcirc .

- Include optimism in your daily life. Some transitions are more difficult than others buthaving a community and professional help increases resiliency.
- Maintain your identity within relationships-You are unique and yet a vital part of human relationships, talking, discussing and learning are essential. This is a good time to join the Way of Love dinners and discussions (Not a specific Mayo Clinic suggestion ©).
- Take time to dream. Identify your values and skills and put them to work. Ask how you can use your skills, and then do it.
- Engage in meaningful activities that enhance your health (like exercise and eating right) and do that with a group rather than alone.
- Consider your finances and plan for making them support you
- Express your creativity. There are many ways to do that, and it is another way to engage with others.
- Focus on developing your spirituality. A number of studies indicate that this increases your ability to cope with the unexpected and decreases fear of end of life issues.

All in all, this is a great time to give thanks for all we have been given and what wonderful opportunities we have to share them. So, think positively about the approaching holidays, don't forget to defrost the turkey in time for dinner, share the meal and its preparation (and clean up) with friends and family. Dream about delicious pumpkin spiced doughnuts, and create a new way to celebrate Thanksgiving!

Blessings to all! **Lissa and Rose**



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THE RECTOR, VESTRY & WARDENS OF ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH		
The Rev. Jason Emerson Rector	Leif Carlson	Kim Nelson
Alex Carter, Senior Warden	Angel Cinco	Jan Redman
Blair McGinnis, Junior Warden	Randy Edwards	Kelsey Sicker
Vicky Bratton	Nick Machesky	Ben Trotter

The Vestry of St. Patrick's met on October 8, 2025. Jan Redman led us in prayer and a discussion of the Chapter "Bread and Vine" from Laura Winnings book Wearing God.

Father Jason led us in a brainstorm session to begin our discernment of the Associate Rector's job description. He used the "four sources of transformation' model from the CCD as our framework. The four sources are prayer and worship, study and learning, action, and life in community. We prioritized responsibilities under each area so the Executive Team can begin to put together a preliminary job description. It is the hope to have a hire date of June 1, 2026.

Our Senior Warden then led us in a discussion of the Parish Life Cycle. We continue to ask the question "Where should we be in the Parish Life Cycle to begin a Capital Campaign, and where do we see St. Patrick's right now". We will continue this discussion next month.

There were no questions for the Rector's report which primarily dealt with the information above regarding the Associate Rector's job description and the Capital Campaign.

The Associate's report discussed all the wonderful activities that are happening this month. Kim Nelson is leading an excellent study on Romans. The Welcome Team has started another Newcomer's class, which has been well attended, and The Way of Love dinners continue with fellowship, food and informative conversations on the Parables of Jesus.

The Junior Warden reported that all contracted work has been completed in the Sanctuary. The sound panels and replacement carpeting were installed on September 15 and 16th. Worthington Air will do their quarterly filter change and systems check this month. Finally, Cindy Doan, after faithfully leading the landscaping committee, will be stepping down. It is the hope that someone from that committee will step forward to take over for her.

The Senior Warden thanked everyone who was able to attend the Anniversary Dinner and gave special thanks to Caroline Wagner and Dennis Macintosh who took the lead in planning that event. She invited all of us to support the pledge campaign and to attend the ingathering celebration on All Saints Sunday. Alex also praised all who worked so hard on our garage sale and shared what a benefit it is, not only to our church, but to the wider community.

Alex also shared the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, and thanked the Vestry members for taking the survey to discern their gifts. We will continue to use this chart to discern nominees for our next Vestry class.

The Treasurer reported that revenue was really good in September as some of the pledges came in. Expenses are in check. Available cash is 3.8 months which is good. Some pledges come in the year prior, which can make it hard to track, so Mark created a new category to help this. He reported that we are at 81% of our 2025 pledge commitment including those that came in in 2024. Mark also read the Resolution to switch our bank from Middlefield to Huntington Bank. We have discussed this possibility at length in previous meetings. The Resolution passed unanimously by the Vestry.

The meeting ended in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Redman, Clerk of the Vestry

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Jeff Adair
Gerene Bauldoff
Denise Birkhoff
Simon Birkhoff
Anna Brunswick
Brooklyn Brunswick
Madelyn Brunswick
Olivia Cofer
Stacy Craig
Josh Dawson
Heather Dudash
Ellie Dunham

Morgan Eddy

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anne Elliott
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Nancy Goddard
Steve Hoseus
Ellie Hull
Jeff Jack
Eryn Kindelin
Sammie Kopelcheck
Theo Krull
Mat LaMonica
Doug Langenfeld
Mary Lu Leininger
Kim Machesky

Nick Machesky
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Tasia Sicker
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Ben Trotter
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Sandy Wilson
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Andy & Beth Landers
David & Lisa Mayo
Ross Righter & Erin Zelinski-Righter
Rick & Margaret Robinson
Joe & Carol Ross
Liz & MacKenzie Starns
Charles & Virginia Tuttle







The church office will be closed Wednesday

November 26th - Monday December 2nd for the

Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the office!

- Christmas Eve Schedule
 - 3:00PM Pageant with Eucharist (Terri Glisson to direct)
 - 5:00 p.m. Eucharist, 4:45 Music Starts
 - 8:00 p.m. Eucharist, 7:45 Music Starts





December 25th Service at 10:00 a.m. December 28th Service at 9:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed from December 24th until January 5th.



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November Calendar



Saturday, November 1st

8AM Men's Retreat at Spring Hollow Lodge at Sharon Woods Metro Park

Sunday, November 2nd

8AM Holy Eucharist 8:30AM Coffee Hour 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 4PM Holy Eucharist 5PM Youth Group

Monday, November 3rd

9:30AM EFM Extension 6PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 4th

7AM Men's Group

Wednesday, November 5th

10AM St. Arbuck's 10AM Staff Meeting 10AM Men's Group 10:30AM Spiritual Direction 12PM Holy Eucharist & Sacrament of Healing 12:30PM Chicken Soup For the Soul 6:30PM Way of Love Dinner

Thursday, November 6th

10AM LITDS 10AM Purls of Wisdom 6:30PM Handbell Practice 7:30PM Choir Practice

Friday, November 7th

6PM Meet the Artist

Saturday, November 8th

9AM Arts & Crafts Market

Sunday, November 9th

8AM Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Sacred Circle 4PM Holy Eucharist 5PM Youth Group

Monday, November 10th

9:30AM EFM Extension 6PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 11th

7AM Men's Group 1PM DRV Bible Study 7:30PM Sacred Circle

Wednesday, November 12th

10AM St. Arbuck's 10AM Staff Meeting 10AM Men's Group 10:30AM Spiritual Direction 12PM Holy Eucharist 7PM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 13th

10AM LITDS 10AM Purls of Wisdom 6:30PM Handbell Practice 7:30PM Choir Practice

Saturday, November 15th

8AM Women's Retreat

Sunday, November 16th

8AM Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 11AM Stephen Ministry 4PM Holy Eucharist 5PM Youth Group

Monday, November 17th

9:30AM EFM Extension 6PM AA Meeting 6:30PM Grief Support

Tuesday, November 18th

7AM Men's Group 1PM Sacred Circle

Wednesday, November 19th

10AM St. Arbuck's 10AM Staff Meeting 10AM Men's Group 10:30AM Spiritual Direction 12PM Holy Eucharist 6:30PM Social Justice Team Meeting

Thursday, November 20th

10AM LITDS 10AM Purls of Wisdom 3:30PM Friends of the Homeless 6:30PM Handbell Practice 7:30PM Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23rd

8AM Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Sacred Circle 4PM Holy Eucharist 5PM Youth Group

Monday, November 24th

9:30AM EFM Extension 6PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th

7AM Men's Group 1PM Sacred Circle

Wednesday, November 26th

10AM St. Arbuck's 10AM Men's Group 10:30AM Spiritual Direction NO NOON EUCHARIST OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 27th

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28th

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 30th

8AM Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Sacred Circle 4PM Holy Eucharist 5PM Youth Group



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