

# St. John's Announcements

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### 2024 Berry Fest & Pig Roast



All this week, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church has been held in Louisville, Kentucky. As I am writing this well before the final gavel, I will not use this space to update you on the events, but, rather, explain why we do this. The Anglican/Episcopal Church has always held that governing power should be shared in councils. This was the practice of the early church. Anglicans, whether liberal or conservative, African, Asian, or American, all hold the early church's councils to be authoritative. The wider church, even the Roman Church, has continued to have councils over the years. In our communion, the diocesan bishop is the leader of their section of the world, but, even in a diocese, power is shared with Diocesan Convention. These conventions are the main legislative bodies of the Episcopal Church. In Connecticut, we have conventions every fall. The national church is not as strong a body in our section of the Anglican world as it is in some other nations. Several authors of the Articles of Confederation also had a hand in writing the Constitution of the Episcopal Church. This means that most of the power is held locally by an individual diocese. This includes our church property which we care for on behalf of our diocesan bishop (Bishop Mello) - not on behalf of the national church. The national church is given some authority, however. If we are to start revising the Book of Common Prayer, that is a job for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The General Convention is broken up into two houses - The House of Bishops and The House of Deputies. The lower house of Deputies is far larger and is filled with both members of the clergy and lay people. These members are elected by local diocesan conventions to serve every three years at General Convention. The House of Bishops at General Convention is busy this year. They will be electing a new Presiding Bishop. Our current Presiding Bishop is Michael Curry. He has completed his nine-year term, and will be retiring in the fall. We are thankful for his work and wish him well.

Blessings, *Marc*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

7/3- Eucharist @  
10:30am

7/3 - Bible Study @  
12:30pm

#### Happy Birthday!

Carole Best  
Connie Satton  
Polly Schaefer

#### Happy Anniversary!

William & Marsha Francis  
Ben & DeLynn Mund  
Bethany & Sid Chanthavisouk

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**Wednesday Eucharist** - The Wednesday Eucharist has been growing throughout the year, and for the first time in my years as a priest, we are going to keep it going throughout the summer. That also means that we will continue to have our monthly healing service the first Wednesday of the month. Our Wednesday Eucharist is a simple “said mass” that is shorter than our Sunday worship, but it is a great way to supplement your prayer life and receive the sacrament in a more intimate setting. If you have never attended a Wednesday liturgy, I encourage you to do so especially if you are going away for the weekend.

**Thank you!** – A **BIG** thank you to Jim Hutton for the installation of the railing by the ramp to St. Mary’s Hall.

**Yoga Update** –  
7/4 NO YOGA  
7/11 Thursday am yoga 10-11am  
7/18 NO YOGA

**Holiday Weekend Services** - There will be one service on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am and one service on Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am.

**Bible Study** - On Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in St. Mary’s Hall, we will continue with the Acts of the Apostles. The book tells the story of the Apostolic Age of the early church. We are introduced to Paul and James, the brother of our Lord, as well as hearing how those former fishermen became great leaders of the church. I hope you can join us in-person or through Zoom. You may get a zoom link by contacting the Rev. Marc.

**St. John’s QR Code** – Keep up to date with all the happenings at St. John’s!

