

St. John's Announcements

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View from the altar looking onto the Memorial Garden



This week begins our Fall programming. The choir rejoins us at the 10:00am Eucharist. We are also launching our fall formational programming. We will relaunch our Bible Study at 12:30pm on Wednesday afternoons. I know not everyone can make a 12:30pm Bible Study even through zoom, so we will also have formational forums periodically at 9:00am on Sunday morning. Sometimes we will look at scripture and other times we may handle a church-wide or St. John's specific topic. Our first one of these is coming on September 29th as we focus on the nominations for Vestry. We will have our Sunday School open house on September 8th. Even if you do not intend to teach or have a Sunday School student, please drop by after the 10:00am Eucharist to see the classroom and chat with our teachers. I know many of you have never seen the "Upper Parish Hall", so this is a great opportunity to do so. Sunday School parents may sign up their children for this year's class. The first Sunday School class will be next week on September 15th. Confirmation Class begins later this month. We will also have a coffee hour after the 10:30am Eucharist on Wednesday. All are invited. The Wednesday Eucharistic community is wonderful. Lastly, next Sunday, we will have our first Fall Fellowship gathering (September 15th at 5:30pm in St. Mary's Hall). A signup sheet is in the narthex. Worship, formation, and fellowship will soon be in full swing.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/11- Eucharist @ 10:30am
- 9/11- Bible Study @ 12:30pm
- 9/11 - Men's Ministry @ 6:30pm
- 9/12 - Lunch Bunch @ 12:00pm
- 9/15 - Sunday School Begins & Homecoming BBQ

Happy Birthday!

- Bethany Chanthanvisouk
- Bob Dorin
- Joanne Palica
- Richard Clark



Nominating Committee Meeting – Sunday, 9/29 at 9am in St. Mary’s Hall there will be a meeting to discuss the nominations. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

Book Group - Book Group will be reading the following through the summer. We hope you will come discuss your thoughts with fellow parishioners. Here’s what we are reading and meeting date:

Meeting Date	Book Title	Author
September 12th @ 6:30pm Upper Parish Hall	Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer

Women’s Group – Women’s Group will resume meeting on the last Sunday of every month. If you have any questions – please contact Kelli Peters.

Lunch Bunch is back! – Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 12pm for our potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite casserole, side dish or ready to made food to share with fellow parishioners. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Diane Gutzmer and Chris Emery are excited to share this ministry and look forward to seeing everyone!

Homecoming Sunday - Everyone please join us on Sunday, Sept. 15th for a barbecue to commemorate our ‘Homecoming Sunday’. Originally named for beloved parishioner Bill Winterton, Pre-COVID, this was an annual occasion to welcome back our summer travelers, and our kids back to Sunday school; it’s a great way to reconnect with each other and enjoy some fellowship before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and the very busy liturgical calendar. We have so much to celebrate as a parish. Let’s do it together, Sept 15. Welcome back!”

Sunday Church School - will resume at the 10:00am service on “Homecoming Sunday,” September 15th. On **September 8th, after the 10am Service we will hold an open house.** You are invited to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. Parents/guardians can register their children at that time. We are excited this year to be expanding our Church School program and will have two classes based on the child’s age. For more information, please talk with Alfreda at a Sunday service or email cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles will begin this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary’s Hall. All are welcome from those who love to read scripture to those who have never read a word of Acts in their lives. We have a great group with lively conversation. If you are not able to come in person, that is just fine. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.