

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Roseann will be out of the office tomorrow, recovering from her daughter's wedding! We will have volunteers in the office to answer the phone. Roseann will be back in the office on Tuesday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

After the scripture reading, children in K–12th grade will leave with their teachers. If this is your child's first time in Sunday School (or their first time in a while), the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know about Sunday School. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under. Please be sure to check in your child (ages 4th grade and under) in the back of the Sanctuary before worship begins!

CONCERT SERIES – SAVE THE DATE!

Iris' concert series returns this month on Sunday, October 16, from 5–6 p.m. Future concerts will take place on November 13 and December 11. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

After more than two years, Supper at St. John's has resumed, and will run through November 16. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and education. It is a great chance to slow down in the middle of the week, enjoy a delicious meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with your church family!

We begin each week at 6:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m., concluding promptly at 8:00 p.m. You can still come to eat, even if you do not stay for the class. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean up each week. Childcare is available with one week's notice.

Even if you missed previous classes, it's not too late to join us! You can participate in person or by Zoom, although we encourage you to join us in person!

What We Believe: Foundations (featuring Timothy Keller)

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest summaries of the basic beliefs of Christianity. This course is a video-based program of lectures by Timothy Keller on What We Believe Foundation. The first lecture is an introduction to the Creed followed by video lectures on what Christians believe about sin and salvation, resurrection and eternal life, the Church, the Holy Spirit, the incarnation, and God. There will be a discussion after each video, moderated by Carla Chieffo, Kris Graham, and Nancy Arico.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP – TODAY! (4:30–6:00 PM)

Youth grades 5–12 are invited to join us at Devon Lanes for a night of bowling and fellowship. Please bring \$5 to contribute toward shoe and lane rental. We hope to see you there!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Parents of college students, email Sam Hillier (hilliersh@hotmail.com) your child's school address by October 10 so that the Deacons are able to send college care packages to them!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Oct 2	World Communion Sunday
8:00 am	Women's Book Study
9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
4:30 pm	Youth Fellowship (Devon Lanes)
Mon, Oct 3	11:30 am Women's Book Study
7:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee (Zoom)
Tues, Oct 4	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Oct 5	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Oct 6	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Oct 9	8:00 am Women's Book Study
	8:30 am Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Reminder

Friday is both Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

Please see the announcement regarding Roseann's hours this week. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



217 Berkley Road | Box 399 | Devon, PA 19333

OFFICE 610.688.5222

StJohnsDevon.com

Rev. Patrick Marshall, Pastor (patrick.marshall@stjohnsdevon.com)
Rev. Ridgley Joyner, Associate Pastor (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)
Roseann Christian, Church Administrator (Admin@stjohnsdevon.com)
Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)
Iris Blanco-Urgelles, Director of Music (iris.blanco@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Communion of the Saints” by J. Barrie Shepherd

Never been quite sure just what it meant,
precisely what I was affirming my belief in,
as I entered the Credal home stretch
and headed, breathless, for the life everlasting.
Then came Corona's necessary distancing,
and I sat computer-side – oatcake, fruit juice,
votive candle – seeking my solitary way
through The Lord's Supper, a virtual (virtuous?)
liturgy led by my friendly pastor on the screen.
In a way it seemed quite personal, intimate,
almost one-on-one. No elders bearing elements,
no distracting neighbors in the pews, no need
to fuss with masks, gloves and sanitizer.
But where to find the Church,
to know and feel that certain common touch,
that actual live and life-giving Communion?
Unless that is precisely what they meant,
those four old enigmatic words,
“The Communion of Saints.”
Unless, across the centuries – those cruel seasons
of isolation, imprisonment and worse –
those inspired divines were all along insisting
that whenever we take this loaf and cup,
we show not only the Lord's death, but we unite
with such a company of witnessing believers,
such an eternal host of family and friends,
that space and time dissolve here,
and the feast embraces everyone and everywhere.

October 2, 2022

For the latest information and news about St. John's:

www.stjohnsdevon.com

facebook.com/stjohnspresbyteriandevonpa