

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Cowan's Flowers, our long-time flower designer, will be retiring at the end of June. We are fortunate that our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is a certified floral designer who will be putting together the flowers for Sundays! We would like to have some back-up designers, people who enjoy arranging flowers and can fill in when needed. We will have a "clinic" sometime in June, so everyone has an idea of how the flowers are arranged. If you are interested in having fun working with flowers, contact Roseann in the church office.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 20 (5:30–9:30 P.M.)

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner is back! Once again, we will enjoy being together with our friends and making new ones while sharing a meal in a very special time together. But we need YOU there! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or send an email to susanne.engheta@gmail.com. Also, please consider hosting! You will only make the main dish (we will suggest an easy recipe). Or you can just come and be our guest!

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP MEETINGS

Youth registered for Massanetta Youth Conference need to mark their calendars for Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. for a parent meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer. Those registered for Montreat Youth Conference need to mark their calendars for Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom). Final deposits are due Monday, May 1. You can leave a check made out to St. John's in the box next to Pastor Ridgley's office.

DEVON HORSE SHOW PARKING

It is that time of the year again! From **Thursday, May 25** through **Saturday, June 3**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. We are currently recruiting Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day. They simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. If you are interested in volunteering as a Day Leader or learning more about it, please email Pastor Ridgley.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Join us after worship in the Carriage House for delicious strawberry shortcake or just a bowl of strawberries if you prefer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 26–30

Children ages 4–4th grade are invited to join us for a fun-filled week of faith formation as we learn about being Changemakers for God's World! Registration opens tomorrow. Register on the St. John's website: stjohnsdevon.com. If you would like to volunteer at VBS, please contact Pastor Ridgley. We would love to have you!

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our garden was inspired by a heartfelt financial gift from the Sieke family in 2001, with a desire to reflect, remember, and rejoice in the memories of our loved ones. A committee was formed in March 2001, and in the fall of 2005 the memorial garden was dedicated. Sixteen beloved members of our church family are interred there, and 22 others have pre-purchased locations. There is also a memorial plaque in the garden to honor those who have passed. Last spring, we added 20 more interment locations and will be replacing at least eight new plants this May. Earline Eck will be downstairs after worship to answer any questions and welcome any volunteers, especially those interested in becoming the garden facilitator or "lay-weeders" (which is at your convenience!).

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 14	6th Sunday of Easter
	8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
Mon, May 15	11:30 am Women's Book Study
	5:00 pm Christian Fellowship (Carriage House)
	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, May 16	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, May 17	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, May 18	9:00 am Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. May 20	9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am Interfaith Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm Progressive Dinner
Sun, May 21	Ascension of the Lord
	8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Roseann will be out of the office on vacation from Monday, May 22 through Friday, June 2. She will be back in the office on Monday, June 5. You can still email announcements for the bulletin and weekly email to her address (admin@stjohnsdevon.com). Please continue to submit them by Noon on Wednesday.

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. **If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-049.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Human beings may separate things into as many piles as we wish – separating spirit from flesh, sacred from secular, church from world.

But we should not be surprised when God does not recognize the distinctions we make between the two. Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars.

– Barbara Brown Taylor

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