

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

THE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Church
- 9:15 am Nursery available until 11:45 am
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Following the service, stay for cookies and lemonade on the patio

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 9:30 am ShowerUp, Hands Across Decatur
- 5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:15 pm Vestry Meeting, Library

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
- 12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 7:00 am Men's Cursillo Reunion Group, Library

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

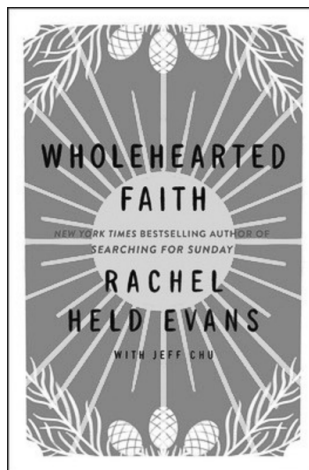
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- 9:00 am Beans and Rice Packaging, Parish Hall
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Join the Women of St. John's from August 26 through September 30 as they read and discuss *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings.

BACKPACK MINISTRY: AUGUST SIGN UP SPOTS WAITING TO BE FILLED!

Each week, we purchase, pack, and deliver 160 breakfasts, 320 main courses, 320 snacks, 80 cans of vegetables, and 80 servings of fruit to feed 80 children who experience food insecurity over the weekend.

It takes many hands to pull this together each week, but none of the tasks are big to take on. Signing up for even one task helps get the mission accomplished that week.

Scan the QR code/go to the link to see where you can help out with the backpack ministry!



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The next ShowerUp is on Monday, August 17, from 9:30-11:30 am at Hands Across Decatur. Go to bit.ly/26showerup for more information and to sign up.

If you need help seeing the print in the prayer book and hymnal, large-print, spiral-bound Books of Common Prayer and magnifiers for hymnals are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. LOVE YOURSELF.

ST. JOHN'S

Sunday School Classes

WELCOME YOU!

Sunday Mornings | 9:30-10:15 am

8 WEEKS-3 YEARS | NURSERY

The nursery is open from 9:15 am through the 10:30 am service. Located downstairs using the Jackson Street stairs.

PRE-K-3RD GRADE | GODLY PLAY

Nurturing children's spirituality through storytelling, wonder, and play. The story for 8/16 is **Creation**. Meeting in the church office this week.

4TH-12TH GRADE | THE GEN Z PROJECT

Theme for August is Gen Z's unique identity. Meets downstairs in the Youth Room.

ADULTS | LAY-LED CLASS

Using academic study, art, poetry, and literature to explore faith. Mary Kay Temple is leading the discussion this week. This week's discussion focuses on the Lectionary. Meets in the Library.

ADULTS | CLERGY-LED CLASS

Taking a deep dive into the week's Lectionary readings to extract meaning and relevance for our lives. Meets in the Parish Hall.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: A SHARED MINISTRY

Located on 4th Avenue next to the Common Ground Garden and accessible from the parking lot, our bright red Little Free Pantry runs on a simple idea: Take what you need. Give what you can. There is no single organizer—it's a shared effort, and everyone can help!

To help stock the box, put non-perishable food or hygiene items in the box, or use donations stored at the church (available during office hours).

It's a snap to stop the box on the way to church or swing into the parking lot after a grocery run.

It's a little thing for us to do, but it's huge to the people in need who stop by the little free pantry.



UPCOMING DATES FOR BEANS AND RICE

August dates for Beans and Rice:

- **Next Sunday!** August 23, beans and rice packaging.
- Wednesday, August 26, 11:00 am, grocery bag packing in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, August 27, 9:30-11:30 am, beans and rice distribution at Gordon Street entrance.

OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Molly Appleton, Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Billy Biles, John Bolton, Kase Bradford, Walt Chenault, Lynn Cole, Susan Easter, Margaret Emery, Judge Herschel Hamner, Jessica Kelly, Charles Mote, David Rahm, Heidi Ross, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Rebecca Self, Steve Smith, Glynn Tubb, Howard Turpein, Jr, Carolyn Tweedy, and Gretchen Willis.

We pray for those who serve in and with the Armed Forces, especially Michael Blair, Steven Blair, Jonathan Easter, Garrett McElroy, Eston Rogers, and Austin Wallace.

We pray for the departed.

We pray for persecuted Christians and refugees around the world; for an end to poverty, addiction, and violence of all kinds; for the students, families, teachers, and administrators of Banks-Caddell Elementary School; for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; for the Department of Ministry for Higher Education; boards, faculty, staff and students of all Episcopal seminaries; Diocesan Campus Ministries in: Huntsville, Jacksonville, Florence, Montgomery, and Tuskegee; Canterbury, Montevallo; Canterbury, Tuscaloosa; St. Dunstan's, Auburn; and Trinity Commons, Birmingham.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of their 70th anniversary by Earl and Barbara Pettey