

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

THE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- 9:00 am Beans & Rice Pre-Packing, Parish Hall
- 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 service, lemonade & cookies on the patio*
- 3:00 pm Parish Picnic, 4181Cty Rd 400, Courtland

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9:30 pm ShowerUp, Hands Across Decatur
- 5:00 pm Cursillo Reunion Group, Library
- 6:30 pm Scout Meeting, Parish Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 10:00 am Rector's Bible Study, Library
- 11:00 am Beans & Rice Packing, Parish Hall
- 12:10 pm The Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing, Chapel
- 5:30 pm Stewardship Dinner & Program, Parish Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:30 am ESL Class, Parish Hall
- 9:30 am Beans & Rice Distribution
- 5:30 pm Theology on Tap, The Brick Deli

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 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 service, lemonade & cookies on the patio*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!

Please Note: The Parish Picnic is at **Edgehill**, Larkin Martin & John Thornton's river house, 4181County Road 400, Courtland



GOOD FOOD, FINE FRIENDS
& THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, October 18 | 3:00-5:30 pm
HOLY SMOKERS' FISH FRY! PLEASE BRING
A DISH TO SHARE AND A LAWN CHAIR!

TODAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY!

Beans & Rice This Week

TODAY! October 18, after 8:00 and 10:30 services, beans and rice pre-pack, Parish Hall.

Wednesday, October 21, 11:00 am, grocery bag packing in the Parish Hall

Thursday, October 22, 9:00 am, set up; **9:30-11:30 am**, beans and rice distribution, Gordon Drive entrance.

Come on down and lend a hand when you can!



TOMORROW!



ShowerUp
Shower Grace. Hope. Love.

The next ShowerUp is on Monday, October 19, 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.



2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Plenty Good Room

bit.ly/annualpledge27

Plenty Good Room is our stewardship theme this year, inviting us to look at our lives—and at the life of St. John's—through the lens of God's abundance.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. St. John's goal is 100% participation. We are asking every household to participate by making a pledge of any size. Each pledge matters from all who call St. John's their church home.

Pledges can be made by hand delivery, mail, and online. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure supporting St. John's now and in the future!

WEDNESDAY EVENING STEWARDSHIP SERIES: JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!

October 21 | 5:30, Dinner | 6:00 pm Program

Play along with our "pub-trivia" game, testing your knowledge of St. John's and the church! Suggested donation for dinner is \$5, \$20 cap per family.

October 28 is St. John's Got Talent! night. Come show your talents or enjoy the talents of others. **St. John's got Talent**
All ages are welcome to participate! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the parish hall or contact the church office.

CANDY DRIVE! TRUNK SIGN UP!

FOR ST. JOHN'S 3RD ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

Looking forward to St. John's Third Annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 29th! Costumes, candy, kids, and hanging out with friends on a fall evening!

**You can help make Trunk or Treat
a great community event!**

Step One: Candy Drive! We go through A LOT of candy at Trunk or Treat! Please donate individually wrapped, snack-sized bags of candy to the marked bins in the Narthex and office hallway.

Step Two: Sign up to decorate your trunk and give out candy at the event. Scan the code or go to bit.ly/26trunk



BACKPACK MINISTRY

The October Backpack Ministry sign up has many open spots! This is a weekly ministry with small time commitments and flexible schedules for purchasing, packing, and delivering take-home bags of groceries. Come help us provide weekend food for school children experiencing food insecurity!

Go to sign up at bit.ly/fall26backpack or scan code. Thank you!



OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for family and friends who are ill or distressed, especially Russell Barr, Jenny Berry, Billy Biles, John Bolton, Joe Burns, Walt Chenault, Andy Dye, Susan Easter, Donna Hambrick Huffman, Jessica Kelly, Bobbie Patton, Earl Pettey, David Rahm, Richard Ray, Heidi Ross, Nick Roth, Robert Schafer, Melissa Schafer, Rebecca Self, Richard Shelburne, Steve Smith, Dot Straub, Amy Sykes, Glynn Tubbs, Lanelle Van Horn, Julie Warren, Rachel Wiley, 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 all victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and the agencies and ministries that advocate for their safety, dignity, equality, and respect.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God