

connect FAITH

WORSHIP

Sunday 9am: Family Worship

Join us [here](#) for a live-streamed family service with a story and prayer for all ages.

Sunday 10am: Worship Service

Join us [here](#) for a live-streamed service with music and sermon.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Join us [here](#) for coffee hour on zoom. Meeting ID: 857 1624 1563. If you would like help in connecting through Zoom, please reach out by [email](#).

SMALL GROUPS (online)

Sunday 5pm: Bible Study Join [here](#) for a brief Bible Study, ending in prayer. Our reading for this Sunday is Matthew 1:1-17.

Monday 6:15pm: Yoga

Feeling some cabin fever? Join us [here](#) for Yoga St. John's, live streamed from our sanctuary.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6pm: Dinner Church

Dinner Church meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 6 to 6:45 pm. To attend via Zoom click [here](#).

Tuesday 7:30am: Christian Meditation

Prayer and meditation 7:30-8:00am by [Zoom](#). Please "arrive" virtually a few minutes. For more information about Christian mediation and to receive a weekly prayer outline, [email](#) group leader Melinda Ching.

1st & 3rd Saturday 8am: Men's Group

The Men's Group gathers two Saturday mornings a month via Zoom for discussion and fellowship. Please [email](#) group leaders Keith Granger or Paul Clark for a meeting invite.

Welcome Sunday Agape Meal: September 13 This Sunday is Welcome Sunday, the traditional kick-off of our fall programs for the church. While we won't be able to have our BBQ at the church, we will celebrate with a different kind of meal. Beginning this Sunday our services will include an agape meal instead of celebrating the Eucharist. Agape meal means "love feast" and is a communal meal shared by Christians. For our services at St. John's you are invited to have some form of food and drink set before you as you watch the service. We will say a blessing for the food and drink and share a virtual bite and sip in remembrance of Jesus' table fellowship. This is not a Eucharist. The food and drink is not being consecrated virtually. Rather, it is a more tangible way for us to share in table fellowship until we can celebrate the eucharist together in-person.

Screen Free Sunday: September 20 Zoom fatigue and screen burnout are real and concerning. More and more parishioners say they are reaching their limit on how much they and their families can in front of screens. We all need some sabbath time from online interactions and screen based media. On September 20 we celebrate Screen Free Sunday and invite you to take a break from screens the entire day. There will be no online services from the church on September 20. Resources on how to celebrate church on your own or with friends and family are available [here](#).

Bike Church: September 20 Celebrate Screen Free Sunday by attending Bike Church. We will gather at the church parking lot at 9am for a socially distanced mountain bike ride and prayer service on Mt. Tam. Masks must be worn at all times except when riding. The prayer service will be held in an area near Lake Lagunitas and Bon Tempe that allows for social distancing. (We will not gather at our typical spot at the Lake Lagunitas spillway). Helmets and masks required. [Email](#) Rev. Chris. Bike Church canceled if the Air Quality Index exceeds 150.

Dinner Church Fall Theme: Great Expectations Feeling buffeted by dashed expectations on many fronts? The pandemic, isolation, wildfires, working from home, schooling from home, election tensions, the list goes on. What do we expect from God? From each other? What does God expect from us? How do we set ourselves up for disappointment or peace? How do we cope? Join us as we explore our own expectations, where they come from and how they shape our relationships, and how we can nurture resilience and faith. A fresh set of questions for each session. We have high expectations for meaningful conversation. Join us [here](#). Questions? [Email](#) group leader Marjorie Sun.

In-person Prayer in the Chapel: Holy spaces, consecrated by prayer, memory, and time, can help us to connect more deeply with God. You are invited to sign up for a time of prayer in the chapel at St. John's [here](#). Space will be cleaned after each use and masks are required while on church property.

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. The next issue (Aug/Sept/Oct) is now available. If you would like a complimentary copy mailed to you, please [email](#) Virginia Kosydar, Church Administrator.

Connecting with the Revs Rev. Chris and Rev. Ginger are available for an in-person visit at the church for prayer, conversation, or a blessing. They can meet with you in the Memorial Garden wearing masks and socially distanced - or over Zoom. Please email either [Rev. Chris](#) or [Rev. Ginger](#) directly to schedule an appointment.

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"Church Without Walls" Online Fundraiser: October 24 St. John's has embraced a new and expanded mission as together we have learned to shelter in place while praying together. New challenges have defined new roles for our clergy team, our congregation and the communities we reach. Imagine - coaching families through the last rites for their loved one by phone - drive by blessings - providing home-bound kids with art supplies and meals for the hungry. St. John's has expanded beyond our walls along with our hearts and our imaginations. Mark your calendar for October 24 at 5pm when we will celebrate our "Church Without Walls" and raise funds for all our important ministries. Details to follow soon. For questions, [email](#) Emily McFarland, Director of Stewardship.

Donate gift certificates for our Church Without Walls fundraiser. Would you like to support your favorite local business that might be struggling and the amazing ministries responding to the pandemic at St. John's? It's a win-win: purchase a gift certificate from your favorite local restaurant, flower shop, clothing store, bookstore and more, donate it to St. John's (and receive an in kind tax acknowledgment at the end of the year) and we will auction them off at our Church Without Walls event. Please mail certificates to the office or call Emily McFarland, Director of Stewardship for pick up (415) 456-1102. Thank you!

United Market Community Cards When shopping at United Market show your card at checkout and 3% of your purchase goes to St. John's. Please [email](#) Virginia Kosydar, Church Administrator, to order the new 2020-2021 card. Until the new cards arrive, United will honor the old cards.

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TODAY: MOC Intro Meeting Be a part of helping our neighbors by working for local change that

we can see. Marin Organizing Committee is the nonpartisan organization that founded the REST program, has worked to improve COVID testing in the Canal, and has been effective in getting relief for renters who have lost jobs due to Covid (and relief for their landlords too). A great option for those who are tired of partisan politics and feel stuck trying to make a difference. Join us for a Bible Study and introduction to this work on today Thursday, September 10 at 5pm. The Zoom link for our meeting is [here](#). Please let [Rev. Ginger](#) know if you plan to come.

Meals for SVdP The St. Vincent de Paul dining room, a key source of food for those who are hungry and homeless in Marin, is currently able to serve only one meal per day due to COVID restrictions. Brown bag meals are provided for the other two meals, and we need you to help our hungry neighbors by making sack lunches! for any of the empty slots, that would be wonderful.

Instructions: [shopping list](#) and [safety tips](#)

Signup: click [here](#).

Contact: [email](#) Karen Petterson

Reimbursement Update While funds are available, St. John's is able to reimburse volunteers up to **\$75/50** meals. [Email](#) copies of your receipts with a mailing address to Virginia Kosydar, Church Administrator. Receipts must be sent in **within 7 days of purchase** in order to be eligible for reimbursement.

c o n n e c t MUSIC

This Sunday's Music The anthem for this Sunday comes from a set of ten biblical songs by Antonín Leopold Dvořák (1841-1904,) born near Prague in the Austrian Empire. It is the penultimate work of this group and is set to the text "I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains." In August we heard another song from this group, "God is my shepherd." These familiar texts are all taken from the "Kralice" Bible, the first complete translation of the scriptures into Czech. Like Bedřich Smetana (composer of "The Moldau,") Dvořák drew deeply upon the native Czech dance rhythms and melodies, blending them into the larger romantic language of central Europe. Certainly he was the master of large form (Symphony No. 9 "from the New World") with its beautiful slow movement and exciting finale, the opera "Rusalka" or the great "Dumky" Trio for violin, cello, and piano), but his expressive soul speaks volumes in the shorter works as well – Slavonic Dances, Love songs, Gypsy songs (including the famous "Songs my mother taught me,") the Mazurkas and other intimate piano works.



c o n n e c t CHILDREN

Sunday School Program Year 2020-2021 starts this September 13th. You can now register your child/children [online](#). The Sunday School program of St. John's is designed for children in preschool through 5th grade to grow in faith and Christian community. Due to Covid 19, classes will be temporarily held virtually. Sunday School kits will be provided to registered children.

Printable Children's Worship Bulletin for this coming Sunday. Click here for age [3+](#) or age [7+](#). You can download and print this resource for your kids. The activities are related to Sunday's lectionary.

Children's Ministry Update. If you are interested to receive a weekly email of our Children's Ministry Update with suggested resources for children, [email](#) Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry.



Picture: Some of our new confirmation youth. A big thank you to Ginger who led a great tour of the sanctuary this past Sunday. I had meant to start at Grace Cathedral, but they were closed and there was so much to say about our own house of worship.

connect YOUTH

Summary:

- 1.) Youth Church School - Sunday Morning Church School info & readings
- 2.) Next Pizza Club - Thurs. 9/10 @ 6PM
- 3.) Youth Group Kick-off - 5PM 9/13 => Remember you Baptism (Water Wars/Games)
- 4.) 2 Parenting Seminars - 1 with Academics & 1 with Psychologists 9/17 & 10/1
- 5.) Screen-Free Church 9/20 - Youth are meeting at the BEACH!!!

SUNDAY @ 1130AM Morning Youth Group (6-12th)

- Lectionary based discussion as we check-in, watch videos and virtually discuss the reading in our new "normal".
- Zoom link: [here](#).
- Join Number: [307546372](#)
- Password: 1414

Next Pizza Club (3rd-5th grade) ONLINE @ 6PM - Thurs. 9/10

- Because of Air Quality, we'll be meeting online via Zoom.
- More details can be found [here](#).

Youth Group Kickoff (6-12th)

- Sunday 5PM 9/13 => "Remember you Baptism" (Water Wars/Games)
- We'll have a socially distanced water fun, bring a water gun if you have one.
- We'll also be doing bottle flipping games and more, ending with a water balloon fight.
- RSVPs required

Parent Support Seminars 9/17 & 10/1

- Thursday 9/17 at 7PM.
- Please check out this seminar with Dr. Madeline Levine: Teen Mental Health During Covid. [Description here & Registration here](#).
- Cost is Free.

Youth Screen-Free Sunday - OFF TO THE BEACH!

- Sun. 9/20, we'll be heading out to Tennessee Valley Beach.
- We'll meet in the parking lot by the bathrooms at 10AM. Please bring your mask, beach supplies, a hat, sunblock, food, and water.
- We'll hike the 1.5-mile trail to a wonderful beach. We'll stay till 1-2PM and then head back.
- RSVPs are required.

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