

## 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. Please note this is a new link.

### SMALL GROUPS

#### **Sunday 5pm: Bible Study**

Join [here](#) for a brief Bible Study, ending in prayer. Our reading for this Sunday is Luke 2:22-38.

#### **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.

**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 (Nov/Dec/Jan) is now available in small and large print. If you would like a complimentary copy mailed to you, please [email Virginia](#) Kosydar, Church Administrator.

**Bike Church:** The next Bike Church is Saturday, October 24 at 9am. Details to follow. [Email](#) Rev. Chris with any questions.

**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. We are also happy to open the chapel for you or your family. Please email either [Rev. Chris](#) or [Rev. Ginger](#) directly to schedule an appointment.

## connect GIVING

**The Impact of Your Support: Youth Ministry** Your financial support allows St. John's to provide a robust youth ministry program including a year long confirmation class. Among the many rich aspects to preparing for this sacrament, is the adult parishioners who work with the confirmands as mentors. They offer a listening ear and an interest in youth's questions and explorations. They don't have all the answers and in fact one of their greatest gifts is offering their own honest questions. Mentors act as a friend, a role model, a confidant and most importantly a nurturer of possibilities. This wonderful intergenerational experience is possible thanks to your generosity. Thank you!

**Church Without Walls** online fall fundraiser in Saturday, October 24 at 5pm via Zoom. Please join us for an enjoyable fundraising event to celebrate all the ways St. John's has become a Church Without Walls (CWW.) Order a festive meal basket of seasonal and local fare delivered to your home to accompany the event. **The deadline for ordering a meal basket is Monday, October 19.** Proceeds will be used to install an audio video system that will allow us to keep streaming our services once we go back to in person worship. Additionally 20% of the funds raised will purchase food for the joint St. Vincent de Paul/St. John's brown bag meal program. Free to attend – register online [here](#).

**Please consider donating a gift certificate for our CWW 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, x117 . Thank you!

## connect COMMUNITY

**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!

**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.

## connect MUSIC

We revisit the biblical songs of **Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)**, born near Prague in the Austrian Empire. Recently we have heard two other songs from this group: "I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains" and "God is my shepherd". The text for this week is "I will sing songs of gladness", and for St. John's online worshipers it will offer a "sneak peek" into things to come in our celebration of "Church without Walls" on Saturday, Oct. 24. 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.

## connect CHILDREN

**Free Children Bible Games Online.** Copy code **GWKV55** to access.

**Parents can now register their child/children online** for our Sunday School Program 2020-2021. Our Sunday School classes are 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 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.

**To join Sunday School this Sunday at 11:30am, here's the link.** (Meeting ID: 736 147 2877, Passcode: 456268)

**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: Pool party with Pizza Club and Middle School. Huge thanks to the Tsai family for hosting!*

## connect YOUTH

### Summary:

- 1.) Parent Seminar - Building Resilience in the Time of Covid // **Thurs. 10/15 @ 7pm** w/ Jennifer Bull (LMFT)
- 2.) Morning Youth Group - Talking about [Moses and bargaining](#) - Sunday, 1130am

**Zoom Parent Seminar Thursday 10/15 @ 7pm**

- Building Resilience in the Time of COVID-19: Strengthening a Lifetime Muscle, presented by Jennifer Bull, LMFT. Managing through life's obstacles in normal times can seem challenging enough. So how do we deal when things are really tough? In this time of COVID-19, political and racial conflicts, economic hardships, remote schooling, and wildfires, it can seem almost impossible to cope with our own moods, much less the challenges, push-back, and break-downs of our kids. Join Jennifer and other St John's parishioners in this online session to hear about the deep, natural resilience within all of us (parents and kids alike) and to learn some coping strategies to build your resilience "muscle" which can help lead to more calm, flexibility....and even joy!
- [Zoom link](#)

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

- Morning Youth Group will be discussing St. Francis and the animals in our lives. We'll also visit Assisi virtually for a tour. We'll also talk about the first church "comic mosaics" of Francis' life.
- Zoom link: [here](#).

**Confirmation Class**

- 1-230pm Sunday (10/18)
- Session 4: Heretics R Us
- Discovers how heretics through the ages have shaped our faith today.

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