



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Feast of Pentecost
May 19, 2024
The Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Chris Roussel, Presiding
The Rev. Ben Cowgill, Preaching

Welcome to St. John's! Please see the back of the bulletin for visitor information and announcements.

VOLUNTARY Veni Creator

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

En taille à 5

Fugue à 5

Duo

HYMN 225 (10:30 a.m.)

Hail thee festival day

Salve festa dies

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 278 (10:30 a.m.)

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Pentecost)

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL. (37:1-14)

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The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 104: 25-35, 37 (10:30, *The people sing the antiphon.*)

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Send forth your Spi - rit, O LORD, and re - new the face of the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

ANTIPHON

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

ANTIPHON

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

ANTIPHON

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the

Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: During the singing of "This little light of mine", the children (Grades K-3) gather at the baptismal font and follow the cross to the Chapel for children's worship, returning at the Peace. Our volunteers lead the children in an age-appropriate Bible story, age-appropriate worship, and return at the Peace. Children who are new or nervous are welcome to attend with a parent if desired!

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 516 (10:30 a.m.)

Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ben Cowgill

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant The Spirit of peace has been breathed on the church. May the church inspire peace throughout the world. And to this let us say:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Our Land has completed the Passover from winter into spring. May the earth be restored to the freshness of creation. And to this let us say:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant You have gifted us with everything we have, guide us to be good stewards, remembering to care for the poor, hungry, and homeless. And to this let us say:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Eternal life is your promise to those who believe in Christ our Lord, look with mercy and joy upon all those who have died, including Anne Adams Robertson Massie and William McKinnon Massie in whose memory today's altar flowers were given. And to this let us say:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Our week of weeks is accomplished. Our Fifty Days are complete. May all of us, both the living and the dead, be raised into the splendor of endless Easter. May we hold before God's life all in need, especially Holly, Jodi, Josie, Matthew, Shawn, Tom, Stella Rose, Mark Dalton, Gena Davidson, Donald Edward, Reva Fox, Frances Giles, Christopher Hamlett, Sandy Holt, Mimi Hopkins, Harold Johnson, Joyce Lloyd, Nancy McWane, Janice Martin, and Ken Terrell, as well as those we name silently or aloud at this time, (*pausing to allow for prayers to be offered out loud*). (*Silence*) And to this let us say:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Celebrant Lord God, our Lenten ashes have become life-giving fire. We are whole and new again. Help us, like the disciples in Jerusalem, to spill out into the streets to proclaim your wonderful works. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated after exchanging the Peace with your neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) Come, Holy Spirit, revive your church David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Come, Holy Spirit, revive your church with flames of living fire. Ignite our witness, and with your love, our weary hearts inspire. Come, Holy Spirit, revive your church with flames of living fire. Come, Holy Spirit, and give us words as mighty as the wind to raise up preachers to preach good news to those weighed down by sin. Come, Holy Spirit, and give us words as mighty as the wind. Come, Holy spirit, refresh us now in water and the Word. Cut back the vineyard, which cannot live without your two-edged sword. Come, Holy Spirit, refresh us now by water and the Word. Come, Holy Spirit, send wind and fire and set your church aflame to preach the Gospel so all the world may hear your holy name. Come, Holy Spirit, send wind and fire and set your church aflame. © 1995 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 128 (*sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** (*8:00 a.m.*)

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. (*sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S 155 (10:30 a.m.)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Please proceed by rows to the rail via the center aisle and then return to your seat by entering your row from side aisles. To receive the Body of Christ, cross one hand over the other, palm open and lifted, so the priest can place it in your palm. To receive the Blood of Christ, tip the base of the cup to assist in guiding the cup to your lips. If you would like to intinct, or dip the host into the consecrated wine, please hold your host up in front of you so that the appropriate chalice-bearer will offer you the intinction cup. To receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest as the bread passes you by. Gluten-free communion wafers are available as well. The people join in singing the communion hymn.

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) Listen sweet dove

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Listen sweet dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing, and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow, that the earth did like a heaven appeare, the stares were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne, which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night, when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change, thou art the same; the same sweet God of love and light: restore this day, for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous light.

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HYMN 704 (10:30 a.m.)

O thou who camest from above

Hereford

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Nicolas de Grigny

Récit de Cromorne

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

HYMN 511 (10:30 a.m.)

Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbot's Leigh

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Nicolas de Grigny

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

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SERVING THIS WEEK

8:00 a.m.

First Reader: Monica Wiley

Second Reader: Kate Sigler

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna McWane, Cathy Dalton

Ushers: Clay Coleman, Paul McWane

10:30 a.m.

First Reader: Leah Hinkle Thompson

Second Reader: Dorsey Mayo

Eucharistic Ministers: Frances Barksdale Butler,

Charlie Schindler, P.J. Jones

Ushers: Scott Kowalski, John Watts

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Scan this QR code with your phone to leave your pledge gift or an offering this morning.

You may also use the offering plates as they are passed.



Welcome to St. John's

Welcome to St. John's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, joining us online, or are a lifetime member we are glad you are present with us this Sunday. Everything you need to participate in this service can be found in this bulletin; or, you can use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page numbers and the Blue Hymnal (Hymn numbers) to follow along. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see one of our Ushers or Greeters.

As we continue to regather in larger numbers each Sunday, it may be helpful for everyone to know that we have designated the last five pews as "No Video" pews for those concerned about our video streaming ministry. Operators of the camera equipment will not be showing this area of the church under the choir balcony. Nor will they be showing individuals in those pews during Communion time. We want to respect everyone's right to privacy. Should the demand for this area increase, we will certainly expand it further as needed.

If you would like more information, a call or visit from one of our clergy, or to join our parish, please fill out a blue visitor card and give to an usher or a greeter. Our greeters and staff would love to connect with you after the service! If you have a prayer request, please fill out the white prayer request card and place it in an offertory plate or give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy. Please also check out our website, www.stjohnslynchburg.org, to find out more. We would love to get to know you better!

Mark your Calendars

Monday, May 20

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m - Vestry Meeting (Chapter Room)

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 a.m. - George Bean Men's Group (Magill)

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a.m. - Men's Morning Meetup (New Building)

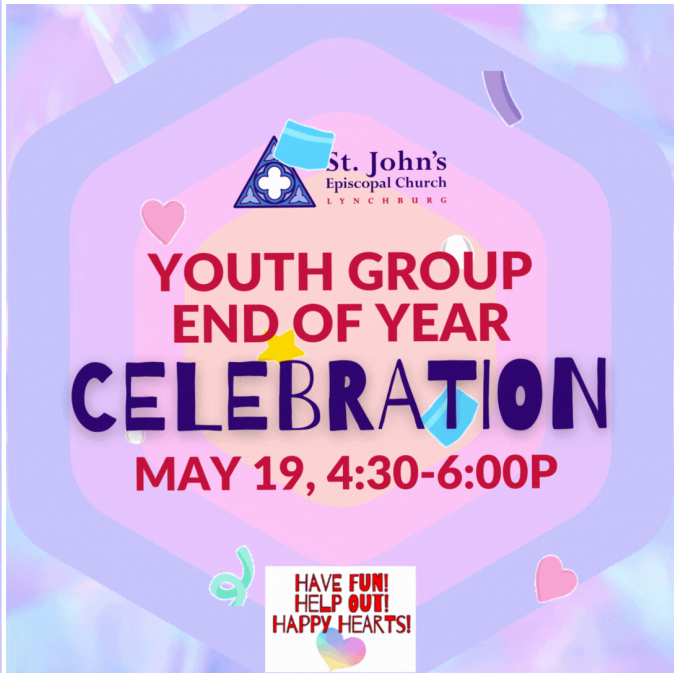
12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. - Pre-K Picasso (Fauber Gallery)

Thursday, May 23

10:00 a.m. - Women's Study Group (New Building)

7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)



Youth Group End of Season Celebration

Youth Group and rising 6th graders, join us at the Richard's home from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate a great year together! We will recognize our members and welcome our rising 6th graders to St. John's Youth Group. Burgers and hot dogs will be served.

Text Lalla to RSVP!

The Home of Tom & Katie Richards
4612 Locksview Road

Fellowship Freezer Restocked

The Fellowship Freezer has new additions of Cavman Lasagna, Dolly Johnson's Chicken Tetrizzini, Grasshopper Pie, and Ice Cream. The Kitchen crew will be working this week to add more of your favorite dishes. Stop by and make your evening dinner quick and easy.

All proceeds from the Fellowship Freezer benefit
St. John's Day School.



Teal Bag Initiative

St. John's is joining the Teal Bag Initiative of Parkview Mission. A list of needed items to feed hungry children and families over the summer is included. You may buy as little or as much as you feel called to do. That might be one item on the list, a case of one item on the list, or one of each item on the list. Any combination is helpful and appreciated.

Pick up your Teal Bags from the Fauber Gallery and have them returned to St. John's by Wednesday, June 12th.

Summer Mission Trip
 June 16-22 Middle School
 June 23-29 High School

Summer Hymn Sing
 June 23 | 9:30a
 Magill Hall

St. John's Episcopal Church
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VACATION BIBLE NIGHTS
All Things Bright and Beautiful
 All children PreK2-Rising 5th Graders are invited!
 June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25 August 1
 Summer Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm

Volunteer Register

Save the Dates

The Case for Jesus
 Summer Bible Study
 Wednesdays @ 11a | July & August

THE CASE FOR JESUS
 BRANT PITRE

TOGETHER IN LOVE

Conversations ABOUT GENERAL CONVENTION 81

9:30a
 June 16 and July 14
 Magill

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FARMERS Market
 Coming in July!
 Mark your calendars.

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