

St. John's Episcopal Church
**"Our mission is to know and to
share the love of Jesus Christ"**



October 6, 2024
Worship time - 10:00am

What are people saying about Great Wednesdays?

- The Great Wednesday discussions have given new meaning to the intent and the teachings of the Gospels. - Ralph W.
- What do I get out of Great Wednesdays? Among many other things, joy---compassion for me and compassion for others! Jesus loves all of us! - Lorna W.
- I look forward to the midweek connection with our St. John's community at the Eucharist, building bonds over dinner and then rounding out the night with a bible study like none I have ever participated in! - Delores L.

Great Wednesdays

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm Dinner

- Dinner is hosted by the St. Andrew's Guild. The suggested donation for dinner is \$5.00 per person. This week's dinner will include Tuna Casserole, Veggie Burgers, Tossed Salad, Biscuits, and Pumpkin Cookies.

7:00 pm Classes

- An in depth class on the Gospel of Mark, led by Fr. Nutter (also available on [Zoom](#))
 - Introduction to Christian Worship, led by Pat Sprague

Serving on October 6th:

Lectors – Hunt S. and Allison S.
Acolytes – Julian W., Kristin W., Ryland B., Obi O. and Gavin F.
Chalice Bearers – Pat S.
Ushers – Jim B. and John N.

Serving on October 13th:

Lectors – Nancy D. and Eilon Z.
Acolytes – Eric G., Kristin W., Leah M., Molly M. and Scott B.
Chalice Bearers – Scott B.
Ushers – Don L. and Sheila S.

Thank you to all who volunteer as [Lectors](#), [Acolytes](#), [Chalice Bearers](#) and [Ushers](#). If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.

Blessing of the Animals

We will be celebrating the Season of Creation and St. Francis Day / Blessing of the Animals on October 6th. We invite you to *bring a picture or other representation of your pet* to be blessed during the service.

Tea Time

Tea Time Fellowship will next meet on Sunday, October 13th, at 5:00pm. Just click [here](#). It is a one hour Zoom gathering for sharing, caring, prayers, and just chatting about personal and church related subjects, much as we would if we were meeting in person, like at coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to join in. If you have any questions see [Claudia B.](#)

The Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, October 15th to discuss *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. The meeting is on [Zoom](#) at 2 p.m. For more information, please contact the church [office](#).

A Class on the Bible

A class on the Bible is being offered on Sundays by Ed Ferguson and Mary-Frances Beesorchar. It will be held in the Chapel during coffee hour - so grab a coffee and some goodies and return upstairs! The class is projected to cover the parts of the Bible, how they are organized, when they were assembled, and anything that seems to be related to this. It is aimed at young people who are old enough to attend the full Church Service, but everyone is welcome. This is not a course in theology; we hope to acquaint you with the structure and content of our fundamental book.

Christian Nationalism

What is It and what does it Portend? We hear a lot about Christian Nationalism these days but we aren't quite sure what it is or how we might respond to it. We will make use of [books](#), videos, webinars and other material as available. This course will be offered Mondays, in the month of October, by [Zoom](#), starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will run 4-5 weeks. For more information please contact [Barbara Clarke+](#).

Introduction to Christian Worship

In this class we will trace the "what & why" of the major forms of Christian worship. Topics will include the relation between church architecture and theology, the role of music in the worship services, the significance of church calendars, and the differences found within Christian denominations regarding the celebration and meaning of Communion. Wednesdays, 7:00pm, as part of Great Wednesdays. Contact [Pat S.](#) for more information.

We Are All Teachers of Christianity

Have you ever met a Christian who radiates joy and inclusiveness toward all he or she meets, making you wish that you too could have a similar effect on the world? Conversely, have you met Christians who are so closed, angry, and judgmental that all you wanted to do is escape their company? If so, in each of these very different encounters, how did that make you feel about the God (or god) he or she really believes in? In the first five weeks we will be discussing *Theology as a Way of Life*, by Adam Neder. This book should generate lively discussion about how our ability to attract others to the Christian faith is driven by what we actually believe about Jesus. In the second part, we will be examining several tenets of the Christian faith in an effort to discover how they matter in our every day lives. . [Online](#): Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Contact [Pat S.](#) for more information.

Fever present Candlelight Concerts at St. John's Episcopal Church

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Bangor.

November 7th at 6:00pm - Candlelight: Featuring Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More

Discover the music of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More at St. John's Episcopal Church under the gentle glow

November 7th at 8:30pm - Candlelight : A Tribute to Taylor Swift

Discover the music of Taylor Swift at St. John's Episcopal Church under the gentle glow of candlelight

For more information on either of these concerts, or to purchase tickets, go to <https://feverup.com/en/bangor-me-us> . (Tickets are not available through the St. John's office.)

Outreach Ministries at St. John's

FRESH START SOBER LIVING OF MAINE

St. John's continues to support Fresh Start and its residents. Fresh Start needs furniture and household appliances for their many homes. They are also in need of blankets (they have many full size beds and some twin beds), pillow cases, sheets, towels, wash clothes, pot holders, dish towels, 3-1 soap (shampoo, conditioner, bodywash), combs, brushes, deodorant, Q-tips, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shave cream, disposable razors, bandaids, and feminine hygiene products. Items may be dropped off at the back of the church in the box labeled "Fresh Start". For more information about Fresh Start, click [here](#).

BANGOR AREA HOMELESS SHELTER

St. John's continues to support the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Items needed for the shelter pantry are: peanut butter, pasta & sauce, baked beans, canned meat/fish, rice, cereal, and any other ready to eat meals. There is a box at the back of the church labeled "Bangor Area Homeless Shelter" for these donations. As the box gets filled the Blanchettes will make sure the donations get delivered. For more information about the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, click [here](#).

Readings

Genesis 1:26-31

Job 39:1-18

Luke 12:22-32

**Sunday
Worship
Sunday:
Worship
Bulletin
YouTube**

Morning

Prayer

Monday -

Friday:

9am Morning

Prayer

Facebook

Zoom

Evening

Prayer

Monday -

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, October 6th, 10:00am: Holy Eucharist, in person and on [YouTube](#). Nursery and Sunday School are available. Join us for food and fellowship at Coffee Hour in the Undercroft immediately following the service.

Sunday, October 6th, following the service: Meet the Bible class in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 6th, 7:00pm: [AA](#) meeting in the Undercroft.

Monday, October 7th, 7:00pm: Christian Nationalism course on [Zoom](#).

Tuesday, October 8th, 7:00am: Men's Breakfast at the Coach House Restaurant, 457 Wilson St., Brewer. Contact [Jim B.](#) for more information.

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:30pm: EfM meets on [Zoom](#). Contact [Scott](#) or [Signa](#) for more information.

Wednesday, October 9th: Great Wednesdays - 5:30pm Holy Eucharist, 6:00pm dinner and 7:00pm classes.

Thursday, October 10th, 5:30pm: Choir rehearsal. For more information on how to join the choir, please contact our Choir Director, [Colin](#).

Thursday, October 10th, 6:30pm: "We are All Teachers of Christianity" class on [Zoom](#). See the above announcement for details or contact [Pat S.](#) for more information.

Saturday, October 12, 12:00pm: Second Saturday Community Lunch in the Undercroft. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Contact [Phil](#) or [Raven](#) for more information.

Sunday, October 13th, 10:00am: Holy Eucharist, in person and on [YouTube](#). Nursery and Sunday School are available. Join us for food and fellowship at Coffee Hour in the Undercroft immediately following the service.

Friday:
5:30pm
live on **Zoom**

Sunday, October 13th, following the service: Meet the Bible class in the Chapel.

Sunday, October 13th, 5:00pm: Tea Time, see the above announcement for more details an the Zoom link.

Sunday, October 13th, 7:00pm: AA meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchard at children@stjohnsbangor.org.

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Morning Eucharist, at 10:00am in person and on **YouTube**

Morning Prayer, Mon-Fri, 9:00am on **Zoom** and **Facebook**

Evening Prayer, Mon-Fri, 5:30pm on **Zoom**

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY](#)

Parish Prayer List:

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Paul, Bob H., Joe, Monsignor MacCarther, Dee Dee, Frank, Father Ken, Regina B., David L., Claire W., Bill M., Patricia C., Kent C., Heather B. and her family, Ava, Bill M., and Ciro O. **Continued prayers for** –Dustin S., Harvey O., Hunt S., Susan W., Pang T., Corky P., Kathy C., Jenny H., Jasmine S., MarLynne M., Patricia T., Kelly M., William B., Sophia S., Kara C., Delores L., and Ross M.

For our Homebound Members: Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray especially for the people in Ukraine and the Holy Land. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important,

is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Joseph Biden Jr., President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Cara Pelletier our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., Joshua M., and Timothy W.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including David H., Emma P., Patricia T. and Mary W.

For the Departed: Jerry Lewis and Barry Batey.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Fred Jones by Judy Jones.**



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