

MAY 2024

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From Bishop White: Discernment gatherings in April and May

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Southern Ohio,

In my first weeks as your bishop, I have been so grateful for the opportunities I have had to meet with many of you and learn about your ministries. I feel the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in our midst, and I am eager to continue learning from you so that, together, we can shape a vision for our ministry.

To jumpstart our work, I have asked [Ministry Architects](#) to facilitate six days of discernment gatherings from **April 29 to May 1** and from **May 6 to May 8** in locations across the diocese and on Zoom. I hope that you will attend one of the meetings so that your voice and experience can inform the future of our ministry together.

Each one-hour gathering will be led by two Ministry Architects consultants, and sessions will be capped at 15 participants to ensure everyone has a chance to be heard. By the time these gatherings are concluded, I hope that we will have gathered the wisdom of clergy, lay leaders, vestry members, staff, and church members from all parts of our diocese and all walks of life. You can find a schedule for the discernment gatherings and sign up to attend below.

I know that in the past several years, you have been asked to give your input at listening sessions and on surveys several times. I am grateful to you for your willingness to participate anew in these gatherings as we move forward into the future that God has in store for us.

I am grateful to be in ministry with you. Faithfully, The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White, Bishop

Discernment Gatherings

Week One

Monday April 29: Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens

Tuesday April 30: All Saints, New Albany and St. Mark's Upper Arlington

Wednesday May 1: Procter Center

Week Two

Monday May 6: Redeemer, Cincinnati and Ascension & Holy Trinity, Wyoming

Tuesday May 7: Calvary, Clifton and St. Patrick's, Lebanon

Wednesday May 8: St. Margaret's, Trotwood and St. Patrick's, Dublin

Learn more and sign up at [this link](#).

Zoom

Monday April 29 at 6:30 PM (open)

Monday May 6 at 6:00 PM (clergy only)

Tuesday May 7 at 5:00 PM (youth only)

Learn more and sign up at [this link](#).

If none of the scheduled discernment gatherings is convenient, please [email Martha Whitesides](#) to receive a survey that you may submit anonymously.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am Jazzercise 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am	2 Jazzercise 9:15 am Alanon 7:30 pm	3 Jazzercise 9:15 am	4
5 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	6 Jazzercise 9:15 am	7 Jazzercise 9:15 am Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	8 Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am Jazzercise 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am	9 Jazzercise 9:15 am Alanon 7:30 pm	10 Jazzercise 9:15 am	11
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May Birthdays

Jeff Baldrige on May 1

Ron Thomas on May 10



If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.



St. Francis would like to memorialize your loved ones and friends who passed away, whether veterans or civilians, with small flags in the front yard for Memorial Day in May.

If you would like to contribute flags for the people you would like to celebrate, fill out the memorial form on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate by **May 27**. If you have any questions, contact Mary Harris at (937) 672-7993.

Church

Potluck



*Second
Sunday
of every
Month
during
Fellowship
Coffee
Hour*

*Bring a dish to share
with others!*



The Altar Guild always makes sure the Sanctuary is set up as a beautiful place of worship each Sunday. Its primary purpose is to prepare for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments of the church. You will work closely with the Priest or Senior Warden to provide both order and beauty for the worship service. If you would like to contribute to making that happen, please contact Barb Roy. This will be a great opportunity to connect and help to fulfill the mission of St. Francis.

How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

There are always things to be done in our “house,” some big and some small. We hope that you take notice and appreciate tasks that are accomplished week to week on Tuesday afternoons. Anyone is welcome to help. No prior knowledge necessary.

The work crew will always find something for you to do (even for just an hour or two). The crew meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. Please contact Jacqui at (937) 673-2692 if you are interested.

Cool Concerts FOR HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

We're bringing the heat with our Concert Series at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. Sing and dance to your favorite tunes as the City of Springboro presents an entertaining schedule of FREE concerts.

- Concessions and food trucks available
- Bring your own seating
- Sunday and Tuesday concerts start at 7 p.m.
- Friday concerts start at 7:30 p.m. (includes beer sales)

**SUNDAY
JUNE 2** Springboro Wind Symphony

**SUNDAY
JUNE 9** Ohio Valley British Brass Band

**SUNDAY
JUNE 16** Monday Night Big Band

**FRIDAY
JUNE 21** E5C4P3 (Journey tribute)

**SUNDAY
JUNE 23** The Kim Kelly Orchestra

**FRIDAY
JUNE 28**
Hotel California
(Eagles tribute)

**SUNDAY
JUNE 30**
The Air Force
Band of Flight

**TUESDAY
JULY 2** 122nd Army National Guard Band
(80's tribute)

**THURSDAY
JULY 4** Reel2Real, 6 p.m. at Springboro
High School (Pop, rock and R&B)

**TUESDAY
JULY 9** Groove Elation (Blues, Funk and
jazz-fusion)

**FRIDAY
JULY 12** Forever Seger (Bob Seger tribute)

**TUESDAY
JULY 16** Retrobuton (80's music)

**FRIDAY
JULY 19**
Night Fever (Bee Gees tribute)

**TUESDAY
JULY 23**
The Harry Pedigo Band
(roots music and R&B)

**FRIDAY
JULY 26**
22K Magic: Bruno Mars/Taylor Swift Tribute

**SATURDAY
JULY 27** The Little Mermen, 6 p.m.
(Disney favorites)

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 14** Brass Tracks Band, 3 p.m.
BOROFEST and Fleetwood Gold, 6 p.m.



HOTEL CALIFORNIA



NIGHT FEVER



BRASS TRACKS BAND



Dates are subject to change. Check the website for updates.

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St. Mark's to host Culture and Artisans Fair May 4

[Saint Mark's](#), 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221 will host its second annual Culture and Artisans Fair on **May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The event will feature approximately 20 artisans from all over the world selling their handmade items, as well as food, live music, and an opportunity to interact with the artisans and hear their stories. The fair is being presented in partnership with CRIS ([Community Refugee and Immigration Services](#)). Many of the artisans are refugees, asylum seekers and others building a new life in the Central Ohio area. Come and explore a variety of arts and crafts from all over the world, have fun, and help us welcome and support some of our new neighbors.



Organ Dedication Recital May 5

Lives United/Vidas Unidas, a ministry of Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador, Cincinnati, will present an organ dedication concert on **Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Michael Delfin on organ and Sujin Kim on piano will give a recital celebrating the church's restored Hook & Hastings organ that will include music by Bach, Buxtehude, Debussy and Chopin. Admission is free. The recital will also be live-streamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



Celebration of New Ministry at St. Anne's, West Chester, May 8

The wardens, vestry, and people of [St. Anne's, West Chester](#) (6461 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069) warmly welcome your prayers and presence for a Celebration of New Ministry, with the installation of their fifth rector, the Rev. Phil Hooper, on **Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m.** Bishop White will preside and the Rev. TJ Freeman, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, will preach. Clergy: white stoles. A reception will follow the service. Please RSVP to Dennis Murray at dgmurray57@gmail.com by May 3.



Columbus Night at the Symphony reservations due May 10

The Episcopal Churches in Central Ohio will gather for the seventh Episcopal Night at the Symphony on **May 24** at the Ohio Theater in Columbus. The Columbus Symphony Orchestra will perform Mozart's Mass in C Minor. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a reception on the 4th floor. Two beverage tickets are included with your ticket. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. and seating is in Prime Orchestra. Tickets for the reception and concert are \$60 per person, or \$35 per person for the reception only. **Reservations are due no later than May 10.** Mail checks to the Rev. Bruce Smith at 627 Yaronia Dr. N, Columbus, OH 43214. Please include names of all members in your party for name tags, and your email in the event that the organizers need to contact you. For questions, contact Steve Knorr at 1946srk@gmail.com or the Rev. Bruce Smith at revabs0630@gmail.com.

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GATHERING TIMES

Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesdays at 9:00 am - Morning Prayer and Healing Service

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Bible Study

PRAYER MAY

O God, We are thankful for the fresh start of a new month! We come to Your throne of grace and ask Your blessing upon the month of May. May we see each good thing as a gift from You, our dear God! May we embrace the new opportunities You give us, and serve You with great devotion. **Amen.**

STAFF

Senior Warden - Tom Phillips

Junior Warden - Jacqui Parker

Vestry Clerk - Dr. David Culp

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Sunday School - Jenny Catalan

Vestry Members - Tom Phillips, Jacqui Parker, Beth Phillips, Dr. Virginia Culp, and Sarah Broweleit.

