

# OCTOBER 2023

## *Franciscan* a monthly publication of *St. Francis Episcopal Church*



### **The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White Elected Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio**

The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White was elected to be the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. She will be the first woman to hold the position.

White, 51, has served as canon to the ordinary for congregational development and leadership in the neighboring Diocese of Indianapolis since 2018. She was chosen from a field of five nominees in an election held at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati. On the third ballot, she received 91 clergy votes and 174 lay votes. A minimum of 57 clergy votes and 118 lay votes were necessary for election on that ballot.

“Thank you for your trust in calling me as your next bishop. For being the church, for loving the church, for sharing God is not elsewhere,” White said via Zoom in remarks made to the convention, in which she called her fellow nominees “a blessing and a gift to me and to our church.”

“I can’t wait to be with you, and until that time, please know that you are on my heart and in my prayers. God bless you all, and I will see you soon,” she said.

White is a lifelong Episcopalian who was born in Anchorage, Alaska and raised in Prineville, Oregon. She served Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest and St. Augustine’s, Wilmette, both in the northern suburbs of Chicago, before joining the bishop’s staff in Indianapolis. She is a trainer and director in the College for Congregational Development, a church-based leadership training program, and served in various diocesan roles during her time in the Diocese of Chicago.

Before earning a master of divinity degree at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, White was a high school English teacher in Oregon. She also holds a bachelor’s degree from Western Oregon University and a master of arts in teaching from Willamette University. She and her husband, John, are parents of an adult daughter, Katherine Grace, who lives in Germany.

White will succeed Bishop George Wayne Smith, Southern Ohio’s bishop provisional since 2021, as bishop of a diocese that includes 71 congregations and more than 15,000 members in 40 counties across central and southern Ohio. Pending the consent of a majority of bishops and standing committees in the Episcopal Church, she will be ordained as bishop on February 17 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sunday School 10:30 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>5</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday School 10:30 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am  Potluck Sunday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>12</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday School 10:30 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>19</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday School 10:30 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>26</b> Alanon 7:00 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Trunk or Treat 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
<b>29</b> Sunday School 10:30 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm				

# Supply Clergy

St. Francis would like to welcome and thank the DSO Supply Clergy who will generously celebrate worship with us in the month of October.

October 1st the Supply Clergy is the Rev. Elaine Silverstrim.

October 8th the Supply Clergy is the Rev. Thomas Van Brunt.

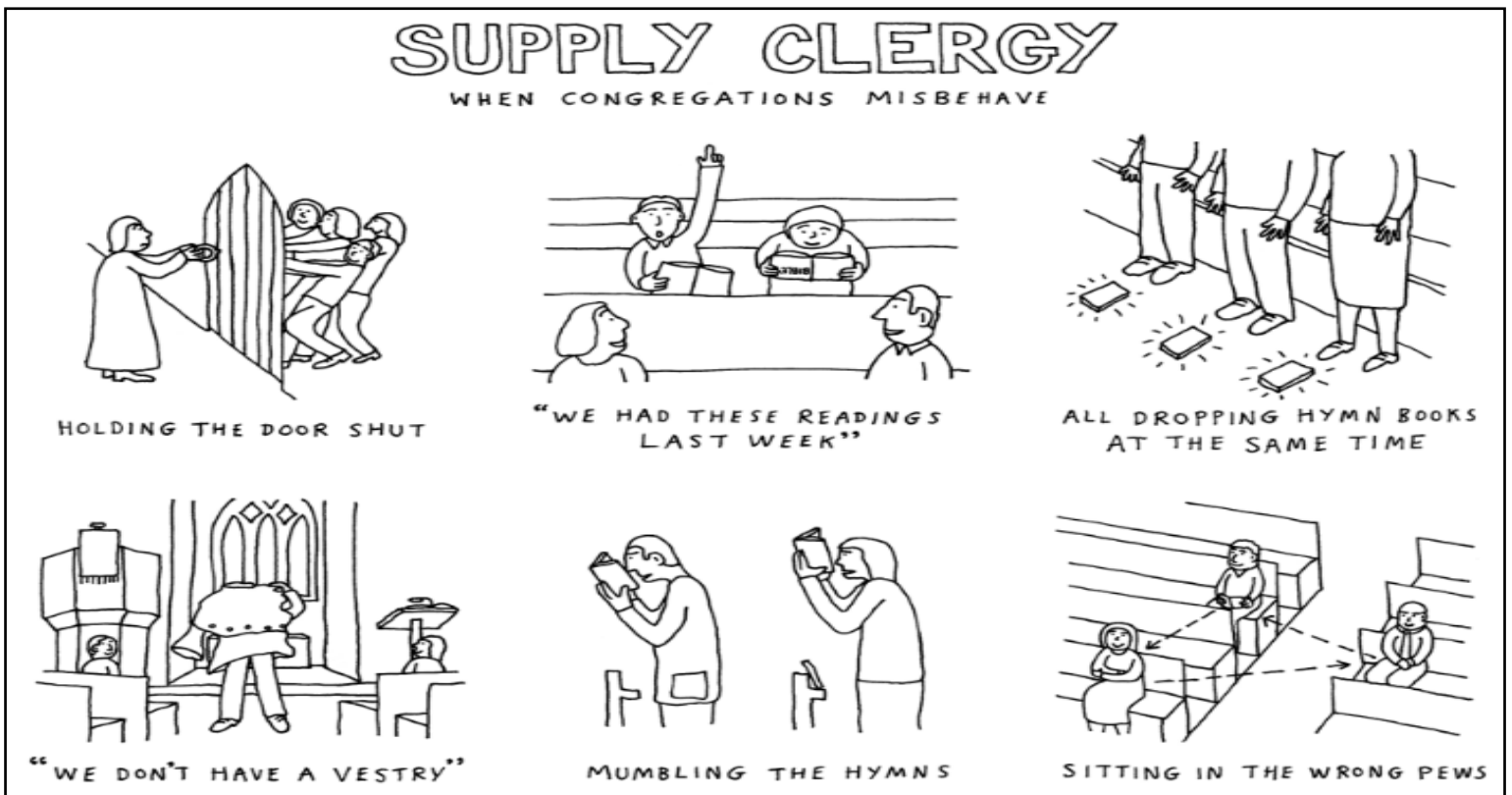
October 15th the Supply Clergy is the Rev. Emmanuel Tuyishime.

October 22nd the Supply Clergy is Canon Gregory Hinton.

October 29th the Supply Clergy is the Rev. Thomas Van Brunt.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact anyone on the Vestry or the office at 937-748-2592 or [parishsec@saintfran.org](mailto:parishsec@saintfran.org).

*"Sometimes God brings times of transition to create transformation." Lynn Cowell*



# October Birthdays

Steve Hamilton on October 8

Gene Bradley on October 16

Anya Catalan on October 23



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

# Church Potluck



*Second  
Sunday  
of every  
Month  
during  
Fellowship  
Coffee  
Hour*


*Bring a dish to share  
with others!*

Our Second Sunday Church Potluck will be October 8th .

Mark your calendars and bring your favorite dish to share during our Fellowship Coffee Hour.







*St. Francis Episcopal Church's*

*Thanksgiving*

**FOOD DRIVE!**





**OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31**

Please help us fight hunger by donating  
non-perishable food items to help benefit  
those in need!



**DROP OFF LOCATION :**

225 N. Main Street  
Springboro, OH 45066  
(937) 748-2592



All donations will go to Franklin  
Community Assistant Center



# Trunk or Treat

October 28 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Francis will be having a “Trunk or Treat” event during this October Fest /Halloween season. We will need at least 12 participants that will bring their cars and open their trunks with an assortment of candies. Greater than 12 participants are very desirable. Please contact Chuck Oduah at 937-434-2582 or [oduah@yahoo.com](mailto:oduah@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate. We look forward to having as many participants as possible!





All Saint's Sunday is on Sunday, November 5. If you would like loved one's or friend's names to be included on the list of those that have passed away and want them to be read as we celebrate, please contact the church office at (937) 748-2592 or [parishsec@saintfran.org](mailto:parishsec@saintfran.org).



## Veterans Day Celebration



Please join us for a celebration to honor our Veterans in our area on Sunday, November 12. Stay after the service for coffee hour. Please invite all of your Veteran family and friends to this special event! An RSVP is not required, but if possible please call the church at (937) 748-2592 to leave your name.

## 148th Diocesan Convention

St. Francis will be attending the 149th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio will convene on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. ANYONE can register to watch via Zoom at [www.dsoconvention.org](http://www.dsoconvention.org). Special thanks to Stephan Graham and Allison Ferriell for volunteering to be our delegates that day!

## Annual Career Day

On Friday, November 17, Dixie High School in New Lebanon will host our annual Career Day. It is from approximately 8:00 am – 11:00 am and speakers meet with small groups of students in five 30-minute sessions. If you know someone who would be interested in presenting their career to students and answering questions from students in grades 9-12, please send them to Allison Ferriell's contact information and she can give them more details.





**The Diocese  
of Southern Ohio**  
Episcopalians in Connection

Diocese of Southern Ohio News  
*News around the Ohio area*

*“It’s our connection to God and each other that gives meaning to our lives.”*



*StorySharing Circle*

A Becoming Beloved Community  
Monthly Series at Procter

October 14, 10-3pm: Truth-Telling

Gather in *Becoming Beloved Community* for  
cross-generational fellowship, song, creation care,  
lunch, and creativity! All are welcome, anytime!

Questions? Contact [amyjhowton@gmail.com](mailto:amyjhowton@gmail.com)





Diocese of  
Southern Ohio



*Tea & Hymn  
Singalong*

TRANSFIGURATION SPIRITUALITY CENTER



October

**20**  
3-5pm

**Tabor of St. Mary's**  
469 Albion Ave  
Cincinnati, OH 45246



# "Adventurer's Guide to the Bible" High School Retreat November 17-19 at Procter Center

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to gather at Procter for a weekend of immersion in the 5th Edition of Dungeons & Dragons. The campaign runs parallel to the events of the Bible, but the way the plot unfolds is up to you! Experienced players and those new to the game are welcome.

Register at [proctercenter.campbrainregistration.com](http://proctercenter.campbrainregistration.com)



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## Events at Christ Church Cathedral

*Christ Church Cathedral is located at 318 E 4th Street in downtown Cincinnati.*



### Music Live at Lunch

Music Live at Lunch is a free, weekly concert series held on Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral featuring a variety of music. Bring your own lunch or buy one at the cathedral. Find the full schedule of concerts at <https://cincinnati.cathedral.com/concerts-and-events/>

### Indigenous Peoples Day Weekend Celebration October 7-8

The Native American Ministries Council of Christ Church Cathedral will hold its annual Indigenous Persons' weekend Celebration and Festival Eucharist October 7-8. This year's theme focuses on Creation Care and Environmental Justice.

The weekend will include a workshop on Saturday, October 7, led by Ashley Hubbard; and a festival Eucharist at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 8 with Indigenous music including native drum and flute. There is no charge for the workshop, but reservations are requested to plan for lunch. More info and register [here](#).

Navajoland fundraiser: Christ Church Cathedral's Native American Ministries will be offering products from Shima of Navajoland for sale on October 7 and 8 as part of the celebrations for Indigenous People's Weekend.

All proceeds are sent to Good Shepard Mission in Navajoland. Please contact Lisa Lemen at [lemen1lime@yahoo.com](mailto:lemen1lime@yahoo.com) to reserve an order for pickup on one of the sale dates.

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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 OCTOBER**

Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory. The seasons change, but you never do. You are always beautiful, in the green and freshness of spring as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn. Make us like you. Let our lives reflect your beauty, season after season, as the calendar of our lives turns and turns and turns. Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety. So design our own fallings and failings into whatever design will please you most. Amen.

## **STAFF**

**Senior Warden** - Tom Phillips

**Junior Warden** - Jacqui Parker

**Vestry Clerk** - Allison Ferriell

**Treasurer** - Beth Phillips

**Financial Secretary** - Sue Starner

**Parish Secretary** - Alisha Minamyler

**Organist** - Diana Graham

**Sunday School** - Jenny Catalan

**Vestry Members** - Tom Phillips, Jacqui

Parker, Allison Ferriell, Beth Phillips, Virginia Culp, and Diana Ledford.

