



ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

The growing community of St. Aidan's is called to be God's light and loving presence through faith, sacrament, and outreach.



Men's Breakfast
First Saturdays

NOVEMBER 2

Cooking 8am
Eating 8:30am

ST. AIDAN'S ACTIVITIES

November is a busy month at St. Aidan's! Find the details on **page 4**.



Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda and Service
October 23- November 4 — Ofrenda creation
Wednesday, October 30, 5 pm, Service



End-of-Life Series

Sundays, November 3 and 17, after Worship



Book

Group

Book Study

Wednesday, November 6, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall



Walk
in Love

Annual Giving Campaign- Committee
Friday, November 8, 10:30 am, Parish Hall



Episcopal Church Women Meeting
Sunday, November 10, after Worship



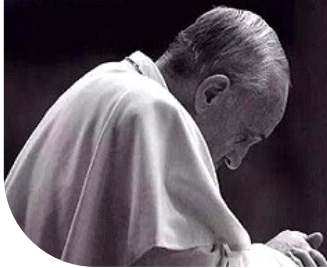
Outreach project - Winter Wear

Wednesday, November 20 — Collection deadline
Saturday, November 23 — Distribution

*Happy All Saints' Day everyone!
Sunday, November 3*

TO BE SAINTS
IS NOT A
PRIVILEGE
FOR THE FEW,
BUT A
VOCATION
FOR
EVERYONE.

POPE FRANCIS



Let's meet at Our House on
Sunday before the game!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Service



**Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Eve Service**
Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 pm
First United Methodist Church



St. Aidan's
Christmas Bazaar
December 7
9 am — 2 pm

BAKE — Cookies!

MAKE — Crafts!

TAKE — Flyers !

SHARE — with social media contacts!

More details — Page 9.



At St. Aidan's, on most Sundays, we pray for individuals celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. For some, saying these prayers week after week, is too much, too much repetition. I understand this view; however, I believe that saying these prayers each week is important! The prayers remind us that life is short and each week they call us back to a place of gratitude - for our lives, for the lives of others, and for relationships. Each Sunday and each day during the month of November we are called to notice God's blessings in our midst.


On **All Saints Sunday, November 3**, we celebrate the lives of the people we see no longer, the official and the unofficial saints, the people whom we never actually knew, those we may have barely known, and the people who made an indelible mark on our lives. This is a special day in the life of the church but also has personal significance. The unique feature of our worship service on All Saints Day is the affirmation of baptismal vows. Together, we will express our gratitude to God for loving us, and we will affirm our promise to live in relationship with one another. Saying these vows together helps us notice God's blessings, consider the future, and it should motivate us to actively engage in our common life by prayerfully voting on November 5.

During November, our young people will gather for Confirmation classes, and they will attend a weekend youth "lock-in" at Pine Lake Camp. These are important faith formation experiences! I ask that everyone in the congregation support these young people with encouragement and prayers.

On Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, November 17, Deacon REGS Scheeler and his wife Pat will present an "End of Life" Workshop. Throughout our experience of this workshop, we are all invited to notice the many blessings in our lives and carefully consider all those who will inherit the world from us.

Near the end of the month, we offer public gratitude with our ecumenical friends on Thanksgiving Eve, as we worship together at First United Methodist Church. Most of us will conclude the month with family, friends, and food at our own Thanksgiving Day celebrations. I pray that we appreciate the special quality of this month and rest in a place of gratitude for our own lives, for the lives of others, for our relationships, and for the gift of God's abiding love.

Mother Esther +



HANKS!

Directory Deadline

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their photo release forms and updated their contact information.

If you have not given your information to the office, please send it in as soon as possible.

The **deadline** for getting pictures into the directory: **November 7th**. Families with kids in college, please send in the most recent family picture of them.

We would like to have everyone included, so please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. **Thanks!**



From Donna's Desk

October is the anniversary of our welcoming **Mother Esther** to St. Aidan's -

YES - that was four years ago! We need to take this time to reflect and applaud the many ways we offer a place of worship and community for everyone. Mother Esther has worked with the vestry and ministry support from Pastora Loretta and Deacon Terry to provide a variety of worship services, formation opportunities, pastoral care, and ongoing administration of the parish and staff. She was hired, during Covid, as a part-time Priest-in-charge. Since 2022 her time increased to 75% and in July 2023 Mother Esther was installed as Rector of St. Aidan's by Bishop Lee. The vestry and faith community of St. Aidan's has come to expect many things – worship service every Sunday, an online presence through recorded services, Facebook and web site, a beautiful, well-kept building, formation, and community life within the parish and with the broader community, to name a few. See upcoming opportunities on page 4 that exemplify how we continue to build that community and stay connected.

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to elect a new **Senior Warden** to the vestry. The by-laws state: *At each Annual Meeting, a Senior Warden and Junior Warden are elected for a term of one year and may be reelected twice, for a total of three years.* The Senior Warden is the lay president of the parish. When the parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden has the responsibility to maintain the worship, preside at Vestry meetings, maintain mission records, and care for the welfare of the parish, while supervising a search for a new Rector. It has not been an arduous task to be your Senior Warden as St. Aidan's has many helping hands. Consider how you can support St. Aidan's as Senior Warden. I welcome your interest in this role.

Thank you to Mother Esther, the ministry team of **Pastora Loretta** and **Deacon Terry**; the vestry, our treasurer, sexton, formation teachers, readers, acolytes, ECW, gardeners, musicians, choir, Good Samaritans, technology support/programs, worship attendance on-site/online, communications through the ENews and *Stag & Staff*, and your financial giving. Incredible work is being done to fulfill our mission. If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed.

Blessings,
Donna Dinco



Deaconspeak

musings from the left shoulder

Just before the recent little cold snap (with frost and freeze warnings), Loraine's allergies were driving her crazy. At one point she turned to me and told me that it is not necessary for me to say, "God bless you." each and every time she sneezes. As I do not do this frivolously, my response was the opposite of that. So I continue to do so, whether it be a solitary or a series of sneezes.

Brother Luke Ditewig, from the Society of St John the Evangelist (SSJE), shared this on-topic message just the other day:

'God bless you' is a serious request. When we bless with words, we ask for God's provision, favor, kindness, and goodness to be evident. To bless is to pray for others, to intercede and act on others' behalf. We pray not to inform God of their needs, but to join God in loving solidarity, which God uses for healing and transformation.

As we head into the end of year holiday season, please consider the incredible offering of love that you give when you extend your request for blessing. Perhaps, go even a bit further – share the blessing of your love and presence. Both word and action forward God's love and presence.

Love in Christ - **terry**

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Kramer, Esther | 16 Zacharie Davis |
| Addison Mae Schrunck | 18 Lynn Molenda |
| Mike Weber | 19 Greta Bemis |
| 3 Pat & Ron Schnorenberg | Nathaniel Schrunck |
| 5 Bert Mendoza | 20 Mary Barnes |
| 6 Mark Lindborg | 21 John Kay |
| 9 Liz & Rick Goldberg | Eileen Mozinski-Schmidt |
| 10 Lacy Marie Stage | 26 Cameron Wetzell |
| Jenna Rose Stage | 28 Ann & Eric Marsh-Meigs |
| 14 Michael Schmidt | |

In the Saint Aidan spirit —

- **Dia de los Muertos Creation and Service**

October 23- November 4 — Ofrenda creation in the Narthex

Wednesday, October 30, 5 pm — Service with Pastora Loretta

An ofrenda, or altar, is a central part of the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) celebration and is a way to honor our loved ones. A variety of items such as pictures, personal objects, food, flowers, candles can be offered in remembrance. You are invited to add items to the Ofrenda.

- **End-of-Life Series**

Sundays, November 3 and 17, following Worship

Led by Deacon Regs and Pat Scheeler

- **Book Study - *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks**

Wednesday, November 6, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

Discussing Part 1, Chapters 1-7, pp. 1 — 87.

How to Know a Person helps readers become more understanding and considerate of others and find the joy in being seen. It offers a possible remedy for a society riven by fragmentation, hostility, and misperception. A *New York Times* bestseller, this is a “practical, heartfelt guide to the art of truly knowing another person in order to foster deeper connections at home, at work, and throughout our lives”.

- **Annual Giving Campaign– Committee Meeting**

Friday, November 8, 10:30 am, Parish Hall

The committee make plans for *Walk in Love*, the theme for the 2025 Annual- giving Campaign. If you are interested in being part of the committee let me know.

- **Episcopal Church Women Meeting**

Sunday, November 10, after the Worship Service

- **Outreach project - Winter Wear**

Wednesday, November 20 — Collection Deadline

Saturday, November 23 — Distribution in The Little Pantry

Gifts from above and St. Aidan's. In this season of giving thanks, the Outreach Committee asks for your help in sharing our gifts with families who use the St. Aidan's Little Pantry. The committee will collect new and/or clean and gently used winter hats, gloves, mittens (no scarves please) for adults and children. Monetary donations or checks payable to St. Aidan's noted as OUTREACH) are also appreciated.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above." [James 1:17]

- **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Kim presiding/preaching

- **Endowment committee -**

The Endowment Charter established guidelines for the endowment funds and an endowment board. *The Board consists of at least four parish members, with the Priest-in-charge, Treasurer, and one vestry member as liaison to the Board.* The present committee – Bruce Pollock, Tom Schlaefer, Greta Bemmi, Laura Johnston, Mary Moran, Donna Dinco and Mother Esther. The endowment board has edited/ revised and updated all work done in 2006 and 2011. Print information of St. Aidan's Endowment policy will be available as we conclude the End of Life series in mid-November. You are welcome to join this committee, if you are interested let us know.

- **Christmas Bazaar –**

Saturday, December 7, 9 am — 2 pm

The Bazaar is just weeks away! Time to bake your favorite cookies to donate, sign up to help the day of the bazaar, donate Christmas items for the Vintage Christmas table, make a basket to raffle, or finish an *unfinished* project. Check the weekly Enews for more.



Alice's Restaurant

Well, this is interesting. I have an old laptop, a tablet, and a phone. The old laptop is the easiest to write on. The keyboard is larger and more familiar to my fingers. But most of the time I use the other devices, and the laptop languishes in silence. This morning, I started it up and discovered it thinks it is December 31 -- two years ago. Did I miss something? Is this a rebellion? Has AI invaded my electronics while my back was turned? There are times when I think the world is moving too fast, but too slow?!

I do admit that I don't keep up with the latest in music and fashion trends, but I thought I was ok on the electronic front. This may be Apple's way of telling me I am a couple years behind, but I am happy where I am.

Where I am is fall, not mid-winter and just starting to pull out those hearty recipes that have been shelved for the fresh fruits and vegetables of summer. Now is the time for the Dutch oven and the soups and stews that get us through the cold weather. This one is a new one for me. We have been eating less meat, but a sausage thrown in for the carnivore wouldn't come amiss.

Enjoy the fall weather. Take a walk and revel in the colors, the brisk temperatures. It will be December 31 soon enough.



Mushroom Stew

- 1 T. oil
- 1 onion diced. Cook until translucent.
- 2 carrots diced. Add in and cook for a few minutes.
- 2 cloves garlic minced.
- 1 T. flour. Stir in garlic and flour
- 3 tomatoes diced (or 1 soup-sized canned).
- 1 pound mushrooms sliced.
- 1 1/2 C. vegetable stock
- 1 T. soy sauce.
- 1 t. oregano.

Add the rest and simmer until carrots are done to your liking/

This is where the **sausage** might come in.

Fresh parsley to garnish.

Serve over mashed potatoes, or noodles, or polenta... your choice.

Alice Pollock



Our kids from the Upper Room packed care packages for our college/tech school kids. They enjoyed packing a variety of goodies from pencils to cookies!
Many thanks to the ECW for funding this project!



The Good Samaritans can help you with a chore — at your house!

Call Ron Schnorenberg
414-416-9118.



Ted DeSolar hosted a gathering for his wife Connie's internment. A young neighbor friend of Connie's gave the eulogy. The head stone reads: "Connie's Garden. A warm and wonderful dame."

ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE



	3	10	17	24
Reader	B. Mendoza	T. Schlaefer	C. Gardner	A. Pollock
Prayers	C. Gardner	D. Beml	T. Schlaefer	E. Schmidt
Acolyte	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	A. Schrunk	S. Schmidt
Usher	L. Molenda	R. Schnorenberg	B. Schrunk	Webers
LEM	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	M. Weber	J. Pierce
Counters	M. Weber/A. M-Meigs	J. Pierce/Moran	Schnorenberg/Moran	C. Gardner/K. Fairchild
Cleaners	Pollock	Schnorenberg/Johnson	Gardner	Weber/Johnson
Altar	L.. Schrunk			



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Reader	K. Fairchild	L. Molenda	D. Beml	M.B. Moran	B. Schrunk
Prayers	B. Pollock	L. Schrunk	K. Fairchild	A. Pollock	L. Molenda
Acolyte	J.P. Schrunk	A. Schrunk	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk
Usher	Pollocks	J. Pierce	L. Molenda	Schmidts	Webers
LEM	B. Schrunk	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	M. Weber	J. Pierce
Counters	Hoffmann/Weber	Fairchild/M-Meigs	Gardner/Schnorenberg	Pierce/Hoffmann	Moran/Gardner
Cleaning	Weber	Trewyn/ Johnson	Pollock	Weber	Schnorenberg/Johnson
Altar	A. Pollock				

If you cannot serve your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you.

Any **permanent** changes to the schedule should be reported to

Gail Hefti at gail.hefti@gmail.com or 920-740-3997.

PARISH EVENTS — NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Men's B'fast 8:30 am Turn clocks back tonight!
Dia de Los Muertos Ofrenda Creation — Bring pictures and mementos to help decorate the Ofrenda in the Narthex						
3 Worship — 9:30 am All Saints' Day Sunday School 9:30 am End-of-Life Series after Worship 	4	5	6 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am Book Group 12:30 pm	7 Choir 6:30 pm	8 Annual Giving Campaign Committee 10:30 am	9
10 Worship — 9:30 am Confirmation — after Worship ECW meeting after Worship	11	12	13 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 am	14 Choir 6:30 pm	15	16
17 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am End-of-Life Series after Worship Sharing Sunday	18	19	20 St. A. B'fast Main St. Café 7 - 9 Winter Wear Deadline	21 Choir 6:30 pm	22	23 Winter Wear Distribution
24 Worship — 9:30 am Confirmation — after Worship	25	26	27 ANNUAL COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Service November 27, 6:30 pm First United Methodist	28 HAPPY THANKS GIVING	29	30 Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist

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 —Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



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Mondays --	Men's AA	7 - 8 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesdays --	Women's AA	Noon	Parish Hall
Wednesdays	Office Open	9am - Noon	
Thursdays	AI Anon	7 pm	Parish Hall
Fridays	Office Open	9 am - Noon	
First Saturdays	Men B'fast	8 am	Parish Hall
Sundays	Worship Service	9:30 am	

For information about groups or scheduling the building, contact the Church Office.


Weather Cancellation Information

If the weather outside is frightful, check your email for worship service cancellation information from the church.





Hartford Community Lunch
Saturday, November 30
11:30 am
1st United Methodist
 Lunch is served at 11:30am. Come for a free hot meal with the Hartford Community! To volunteer [9 am—2 pm], just show up on the day. If you have questions, please contact **Larry Thomas at 262-955-4900.**



Prayer Requests If anyone has a prayer need for someone or something, please call **Alice Pollock [262-707-3456]** or the church office.



St. Aidan's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9 am -- 2 pm

Believe it or not, the Christmas Bazaar is just over 6 weeks away! Planning has been ongoing, but now is the time when everyone needs to participate.

There is still plenty that **YOU** can do. The following list will give you ideas. Signup sheets will be posted on the easel in the narthex.

- ◆ Cookies cookies cookies! We'll have tons of both decorated cookies and assorted cookies! Where do the cookies come from? **YOU!** Sign up to bake your favorite cookies and donate them to the bazaar.
- ◆ Come to the bazaar day or send a friend!
- ◆ Sign up to help the day of the bazaar.
- ◆ Look through your Christmas boxes and donate some vintage items for our Vintage Christmas table.
- ◆ Make up a basket to be raffled off.
- ◆ Need an empty basket to fill? See Linda Weber.
- ◆ Donate a large basket to be used to fill with raffle items.
- ◆ Finish up your craft items to sell at the bazaar. Everyone has a talent. Do you knit, sew, woodwork, garden? Share yours.
- ◆ Post flyers wherever you can. Share information on your social media. Use flyer on p. 10 or pick up large and small ones at church.
- ◆ Swamped with work and family? Consider making a monetary donation to offset cookie, soup and brat expenses. See Linda Weber or Donna Dinco.
- ◆ Just a note: We make about $\frac{1}{2}$ of our profits from our handmade crafts. Think about what you might contribute.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, December 2, 9 am - 3 pm. Cookie decorating. You're welcome to come and try your hand at decorating. Check with Linda Weber. You're welcome to come bake your cookies in the church kitchen to donate for the bazaar at church.

Tuesday, December 3, 9 am - 3 pm. Cookie decorating.

Wednesday, December 4, 9 am - 3 pm. Begin bazaar setup. Come anytime

Thursday, December 5, 9 am - 5 pm. Bazaar set up. Come any time.

Friday, December 6, 9 am - finish. Bazaar set up.
Come any time

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9 am -- 2 pm
BAZAAR AND BRAT FRY and COOKIE SALE
Do your early Christmas shopping!

Questions: see Linda Weber or Alice Pollock or Donna Dinco.



*St. Aidan's
Christmas Bazaar
&
Cookie Sale*

*Saturday -- December 7, 2024
9am -- 2 pm*

Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Hand decorated cookies
Assorted Christmas Cookies
Decorate Your Own Christmas Cookie Kits available

Gifts & Crafts!

Hand-made ornaments, knitting, jams, baked goods -- and more!

Remarkable Raffle!

Baskets & Gift Cards

Lunch To Go!

Soup Chili Bread Brats Burgers



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