



SAINT JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

14th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 17

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The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector
The Rev. Terry Dinovo – Pastoral Care Chaplain
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Mission of Saint John's:

To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

*Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God.
St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive and affirming community.*

How to Worship with Us – Welcome to Saint John's, Concord! We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. This bulletin contains our readings and page numbers to use our Book of Common Prayer (smaller black book with gold cross). We use three hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with "Hymnal"), the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (hymns are designated by LEVAS), and the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (designated by WLP). Some of our service music is printed on a separate card (*see pew card*). Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know Saint John's. **Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.**



Holy Eucharist Rite II

— GATHERING —

We prepare our hearts for worship in quiet prayer, prelude and song. Kindly refrain from talking for this time.

Prelude	<i>Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Processional Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i>	Hymnal 450 v. 1,2,3,6

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

All hail the power of Jesus' Name, #450 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939). Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Celebrant: 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*.

Gloria (see Pew Card)

Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Sunday School

Mrs. Cathy Blackburn

Children process to Sunday School and will return in time to receive Communion.

— WORD OF GOD —

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector: A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Confitemini Domino

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

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| 1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
we make known your deeds among the peoples. | 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. |
| 2 Sing to you, we sing your praise, *
and speak of all your marvelous works. | 24 You made your people exceedingly fruitful; *
God made them stronger than their enemies; |
| 3 We glory in God's holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice. | 25 Whose heart you turned, so that they hated your people, *
and dealt unjustly with your servants. |
| 4 We search for you and your strength; *
We continue to seek your face. | 26 God sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. |
| 5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and judgements of your mouth, | 45 Hallelujah! |
| 6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones. | |

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Praise (*Please stand in body or spirit*) See Pew Card

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

The musical score is written for a four-part choir in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. ***People:*** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Song: Spirit of the Living God

The Sermon

Margie Hatcher

Nicene Creed

(Please stand in body or spirit)

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Reader: God of life, we pray for the church around the globe:
for the church in Africa, Australia, and all the islands we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

for the church in Asia and Europe, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

for the church in Central, North, and South America, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

for St. John's and our sister parish San Andres, Guatemala we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Reader: Inspire the President and all leaders of nations to strive for justice and equality for all. Bring peace to the Middle East, Sudan and to Ukraine. Provide a home for refugees. For the nations of the world we pray: ***People: Come, Holy Spirit!***

Reader: Unite all peoples around the globe into one humankind of cooperation and care. Teach us respect for those whose language, skin color or culture is different from our own. For the end of prejudice we pray: ***People: Come, Holy Spirit!***

Reader: Feed all who hunger. Send healing to those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts. For all who are in need we pray: ***People: Come, Holy Spirit!***

Reader: Breathe your life-giving Spirit into each of us, that we may be filled with your fire to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. For ourselves we pray:

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Reader: With confidence in your love and with trust in your mercy, glorious God, giver of life, we offer these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***People: Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The PEACE

Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs.

Children return from Sunday School

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (*Prayer #51, BCP p. 830*) *See pew card.*

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Hymn

Go Down, Moses

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LEVAS 228

- 1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.

*Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.*

- 2 The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
To lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go. *Refrain*

- 3 They journeyed on at his command,
let my people go;
And come at length to Canaan's land,
let my people go. *Refrain*

- 4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
And let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

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— HOLY COMMUNION —

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

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.

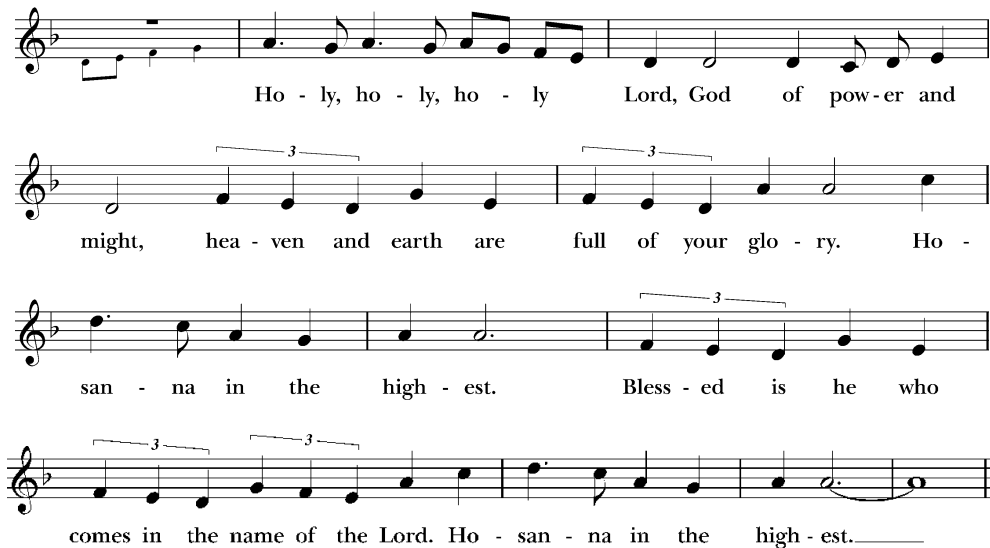
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Communion Sanctus

Hymnal S-129



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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we

may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Celebrant: *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

People and Celebrant:

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 *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem *(Please stand in body or spirit)* **Thank You, Lord** *(Sung twice)*

LEVAS 232

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully.
We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalice at the organ.*

We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Healing Prayer will be offered in the Sacristy during Communion.

Communion Hymn

Amazing Grace

Hymnal 671

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, #671 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

Post Communion Prayer

(Please stand in body or spirit)

BCP, p. 365

All: 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 with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— SENDING —

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!

2 Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back!

3 The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!

Dismissal – *The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.*

Postlude

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Michael Burkhardt

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Terry Dinovo *Preacher:* Margie Hatcher *Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
Guest Organist: Paula Seto *Choir Director:* Martin Hinkley
Crucifer: John Pachkowski *Eucharistic Minister:* Burt Blackburn
Unvested Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Billigmeier
Lector: Tracey Payne *Usher:* Steve Long
Tech Team: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompsen, Alex Brickle & Patti Doyle

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski & Sherri Stiteler
Counters: Lydia Dell'Osa, David Dell'Osa & Nancy McKean

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: Please visit SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests for our prayer request policies.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Mildred T. Daniel S. (Navy) Rylin B. (Army) Eric B. Barry E. Marti K.
Remi S. (Navy) Jim K. Jonah M. (Navy) John F. Ruthi S. Susan F. Alex S.
Norah S. Gerry T. Donna T. Ruth Z. Bill Z. Eilish H. Mary S.
Christine P. Mary D. Light v S. Leeza K. Celi C.

For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays: Joyce Ely Bryce McNeill Carla Durdan Kristen von Steuben Adam Dorman
Sue Hammer Jack Boyda Peter Yoch Teal Vaders Donya Morley Bernie Miller Alexis Nagengast
Chris Raak Darlene Virginia Jackson David Torrens

Anniversaries: Tara & Richard Wood; Lynn & Lou Olivieri; Phyllis & Jack Boyda

Upcoming Events – Please join us!

Note: the Church Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 2 @ 1:30 PM – Parkinson's Support Group

Thursday, September 10 @ 6:30 PM – Compline Worship

Thursday, September 10 @ 7 PM – Vestry Meeting

Saturday, September 12 @ 8:30 AM – Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 13 @ 10:45 AM – Potluck Brunch

Sunday, September 13 @ 11:15 AM – Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:30 PM – WWJB?

Thursday, September 16 @ 6 PM – Women's Potluck Dinner

Brunch Potluck – Sunday, September 13 after church - After our final 9:30 worship service of the summer, stay for a potluck brunch! We'll enjoy each other's company while we feast on French toast casserole, pastries, and bagels. Please sign up online or in the Parish Hall to bring something. Don't forget to wear your Saint John's t-shirt!



Save the Dates: Kickoff Sunday is September 20 (8 AM & 10 AM Worship resumes), Arts & Crafts Showcase is October 3: 4-7 PM and our annual Giving Train is November 7.

CPR/AED Education: Sunday, Sept. 27 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Join us to learn how to use our AED machine and hands-only CPR. This is NOT a certification class but will teach you the fundamentals of these important life-saving techniques. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up using the QR code.



Arts & Crafts Showcase – Saturday, Oct. 3 from 4 PM - 7 PM

Registration is now available if you would like to showcase an artwork of yours. Pottery,



drawings, paintings, weavings, quilts, crocheting, photography, etc. – all ages are welcome to display. Use the QR code to register.