



This Week at St. John's
October 6, 2024

Sunday School for Kids – All offerings are led by two Safe Church trained adults.

- During the 9 am service we'll offer Children's Church, including interactive children's sermons, and led by a pair of adults with Safeguarding God's Children training.
- Between services, at 10:15 am, we'll offer Godly Play, a Montessori-style Sunday school program. We'll meet in the atrium after the first service before going upstairs.

Youth Ministry at St. John's (for Middle & High Schoolers)

- On Sunday mornings between services (about 10:20 am), teens are invited to Youth Roundtable, where we get snacks from downtown Worthington and talk about one of the readings for the day. Meet in the atrium next to the sanctuary.
- Every other Sunday afternoon our youth group meets from 2 pm to 3:30 pm to share some snacks, talk about an aspect of faith, and play games. We share this ministry with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, so we rotate who hosts. On Sunday, October 6th, we'll meet at St. Stephen's on the OSU campus. Got a question? Email David the associate rector, at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org.

Adult Formation - Please join us at the **October 6** adult forum to explore the **Connect** part of Invite, Welcome, Connect. **Connect** calls us to create a safe space for listening to each other. We will brainstorm ways to “flip the script” from how to get newcomers involved to how to meet newcomers’ need for belonging. We’ll gather in Kilbourne Hall at 10:15 am.

Sign a Card for Our Jewish Neighbors - Two callers disrupted Worthington City Council's September 16 meeting with antisemitic statements, and a few days ago a St. John's member discovered antisemitic flyers in his neighborhood. As our Jewish neighbors prepare for their High Holy Days this month, let's show them that they matter to us. Sign a card for Congregation Beth Tikvah in the Atrium after services on Sunday, October 6.

Celtic Service Returns October 6 at a New Time - The Celtic Service meets in the St. John's atrium on the first Sunday of every month, October through June. Starting this October, we will begin at **4:00 pm** instead of 5:00 pm so that everyone can get home before it is dark. Our theme in October is All Creatures Great and Small, and we will have a basket available for cash contributions to purchase dog and cat food for the Worthington Resource Pantry. Our service is a contemplative tribute to God's creation based on the Iona Abbey Worship book and includes prayers of concern for loved ones, meditation, the Iona Abbey version of the Creed and the Prayer of Jesus, readings, and music. It lasts 35 to 40 minutes and is followed by a time of hospitality and fellowship. We invite everyone in the congregation to visit us sometime during the year, experience a taste of Celtic worship, maybe find a new friend.

Friendship Dinner Volunteers - Our **October 10th** Friendship Dinner will be the 1st anniversary of the reinstated Friendship Dinner. We will be duplicating our first dinner with salad, bread, spaghetti and meatballs, vegetables, and dessert, maybe an anniversary cake. We need 9 plus volunteers this month, due to the injury to my hand and two of my usual prep assistants will be out of town. We could use an extra person or two to help with food prep. We will also be competing with Worthington Partnership's Fall Crawl from 5:00 to 8:00 pm that evening. We will be putting up the Church Parking Only signs, but parking at the church may be an issue. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, text me at (847) 254-1821 or email me at jbross53@gmail.com.

Our Habitat for Humanity home build is underway! The site is located at 1504 Minnesota Avenue, Columbus OH 43211. It will be home to a family of 5. Yasin, Medina, and their 3 children ages 7, 5, and 1½ are excited to put in their sweat equity and learn about the process of home ownership. As a member of the Northside Partnership, St. John's is signed up to volunteer on **Saturday, October 12**. Workdays generally run from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Partial workdays are discouraged due to training requirements. Volunteers must be 16 or older and accompanied by an adult if under 18. All materials, tools, and safety equipment are supplied. Lunch is provided. Please consider signing up. It is really fun, a great learning experience, and an awesome way to give back to our community. Contact Jean Duncan with questions or interest at jeanduncan59@msn.com or 215-534-7290. You can visit the Habitat Mid-Ohio website for additional information about Habitat for Humanity and to see the progress of our Northside Partnership home build!

Adult Formation Series: Praying in Anxious Times - Whatever is weighing on our hearts and minds, Christianity offers several spiritual practices that can ease our anxiety and help us connect with God. We'll try out one or two methods of prayer each week so that we can use them when the weight of the world falls heavy on us. The series meets on Sundays, October 13 through 27, at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Godly Play, Youth Roundtable, and nursery care are offered at the same time.

BREAD - St. John's will be hosting its yearly BREAD house meeting on **Sunday, October 13th**, from 3-5 pm in the Atrium. A BREAD house meeting is a listening session to understand what issues are on the minds of people in the Columbus area. At the meeting, there will be an invitation to get more involved with BREAD if you would like to, but this is by no means a requirement. This meeting is for everyone, not just members of BREAD. We would greatly value your input so please join us if you are able! Also, there will be light refreshments served.

Singles Dining Out - will meet at Cuco's Taqueria on **Wednesday, October 16**, at 6:00 pm. We will gather at 2162 W Henderson Rd, Columbus, OH 43220. You can explore Cuco's varied menu at cucostaqueria.com/columbus-cuco-s-taqueria-food-menu. Please RSVP to Cynthia Woodbeck at cwoodbeck235@gmail.com or 614-638-5054 so she can let Cuco's Taqueria know the size of our group. Singles Dining Out is an informal group of St. John's parishioners and friends, always happy to welcome new participants. Singles and married individuals who will be attending without their spouse are welcome to participate, and feel free to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's. We hope you can join us at Cuco's Taqueria on October 16!

Hurricane Helene Relief - Episcopal Relief & Development is working with communities devastated by Helene as they assess damage and begin to recover. You can give online at episcopalrelief.org.

Upcoming Baptism Date - The next date for Baptism is All Saints Sunday, November 3. Other dates can be arranged. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please talk with Gia or David.

St. John's Opens Our Doors - What do you get when you mix history and hospitality? It must be The Ohio History Connection's Open Doors event!

On Sunday, September 8th St. John's opened our doors to share our 220-year history and community connections with visitors from near and far. 38 inquisitive guests were treated to tours, talks, demonstrations, and a hands-on activity illustrating our church's rich history, extensive growth, and Christian values.

Thank you to The Reverend Gia Hayes-Martin, Jennifer Maier, Margaret Allen, Star Blackford, Andi Reiger, Jane Lagusch, Scarlett Winters, and Mary Bailey for graciously offering their time in support of this event which was organized by Ted Dziemianowicz, Nancy Elkington and Jean Duncan.

Episcopal Community Ministries (ECM) awards 16 Grants in 2024 Mid-year Grant Cycle - ECM is a major source of grants for congregational ministries working to transform communities throughout Southern Ohio addressing systemic issues of education, hunger, homelessness, health, and social justice. Their mission is to inspire and support one another in the living out of our Baptismal Covenant through active, generous, and committed congregations and their outward-looking ministries. ECM grants are funded by an annual draw from the Blanchard Memorial Endowment Fund and donations. Recipients of the current grant cycle totaling \$51,600 include three local ministries: St. Stephens' Neighborhood Services, Inc. received funds to support a portion of food purchases addressing systemic food insecurity amongst families in the university district of Ohio State University, St. John's Worthington Friendship Dinner received funds for our monthly free dinner and opportunity for community fellowship in a safe and welcoming environment, and All Saints, New Albany, Garden for All received funds to

double the size of the garden that is expected to produce about 30,000 pounds of produce annually. To learn more about ECM and/or make a donation to the fund, please click on the following link:

<https://diosohio.org/episcopal-community-ministries/>. To learn more about the recent grant, click on: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/-e-Connections--September-3--2024.html?soid=1011221473210&aid=taQ83UwZ2RE>

Formation of the Vestry Nominating Committee - It is the time to begin the formation of the Vestry Nominating Committee. The Vestry Nominating Committee identifies and recruits candidates for Vestry and (this year) Junior Warden. The Nominating Committee is made up of retiring Vestry members and an equal number of parishioners. If you have questions concerning the Nominating Committee or are interested in participating in the important but short-term work of the Nominating Committee, please contact Lisa Graupmann at lisa.graupmann@gmail.com.

Digital Housekeeping for our Parish Directory - Is your information up-to-date in the Ministry One app? The Ministry One app, which serves as our online parish directory, is easy to update right from your phone. If you've moved or changed phone numbers or email addresses, here's a little reminder to update your contact information – and some simple instructions. Thanks for helping us keep in touch with you! Open the app on your phone, tap the “Profile” box, which should be in the lower right hand corner, tap “Edit Profile” at the top of the list on the next page, change any pertinent information and click “Save.”

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: canned fruit; diapers (4-5-6). You can place your food, toiletry, and baby donations in the food baskets in the atrium. You can also give online at www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate/ or www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry.

Flowers this week are given by Margaret Allen in thanksgiving for the life of Bonnie Spencer-Wieland, her daughter and the mother of Emary, Arik, Alanah, and Nevaeh.

Centering Prayer – Mondays, 1:00 pm. [Click this Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 876 4837 0994; Passcode: 408290; One tap mobile +13126266799,,87648370994#,,,*,408290#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net.

Readings for Next Sunday – Amos 5:6-7,10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

Do You Have Family or Friends Who You Want Included on the Weekly Prayer List? If so, please contact the office at Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org or 614-846-5180, with their first names. Names will remain on the list for three weeks unless there are additional instructions. If you want longer term prayer by the intercessory prayer group, please contact Jo Pascoe at 614-306-7983 and leave a message or send email to twopas@aol.com.

Pastoral Care Concerns - If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact one of the clergy. Gia may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 302, 220-219-1880, or GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org. David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, or DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org. 220 area code is a local number.

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People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Dorothy
Brian
People of Springfield
Wendy
Mark & Carrie
People affected by the hurricanes
Peggy
Amirah
Yolanda
Chauncy'ona
Leatrice

Steve
Lee
Janet
Shelley
Jim
Walton & William

For those who are
unemployed or
underemployed
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

For all who experience fear or
exclusion
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

For those in prison or bondage –
in body or spirit
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

For our service men and
women and all first
responders
*(Allow time for
others to pray)*

For peace and for all those who
suffer from war, including the
people of Ukraine, Sudan,
Afghanistan, Armenia, Israel,
Palestine, and all places of
conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Laura Dodds
Bill and Kat Dotzauer and family
Judy Dowling

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For Bonnie Spencer-Wieland, mother of Alanah, Nevaeh, Arik, and Emary; daughter of Margaret Allen

The Departed

Notes:

St. John's has two separate prayer lists.

To add names to the "public" prayer list as seen above, please call the church office at 614-846-5180, or send an email to Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org. Names added to that sheet will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, or shorter if requested. Last names are not used. If you wish prayers to be continued, simply list the name on the prayer list again. Of course, you may always add names aloud during the prayers of the people.

There is also a "private" intercessory prayer group staffed by several volunteers from within the parish. To have your prayer request included on the prayer chain, please contact Jo Pascoe at 614-306-7983 or send email to twopas@aol.com.