

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. On Sunday, **October 20th**, we'll meet at St. John's. Got a question? Email David the associate rector, at davidb@stjohnsworthington.org.

Blessing of Animals - In honor of saintly animal lover Francis of Assisi, St. John's will offer pet blessings on **Sunday, October 20**, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in front of the church facing the Village Green, in conjunction with a Sunday Funday in Worthington. Stop by with your pet (leashed or crated, please) any time during that window for a prayer and blessing. Improvements in behavior are not guaranteed. Ask the rector's cat.

Invite, Welcome, Connect is moving into the next phase - Now that we have generated so many great ideas, we will gather on **October 21** from 6:30 – 8:00 at St. John's to discuss and prioritize strategies moving forward. This session is open to all, regardless of whether you have attended an IWC adult formation session. Questions? Contact David Burman, Jonathan Johns, or Mary Wachtel. We hope to see you there.

Sharing Our Stories - Fevean Keflom is an Eritrean-American born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She is a creative and community connector. Fevean is passionate about sharing the stories of the Diaspora and the beauty and culture of all things Africa. Fevean organized an Eritrean booth at this past summer's Festival of Faiths and Nations. In addition to sharing her family's personal narrative of the journey to Columbus, Ohio, Fevean will weave in a historical timeline of Eritrea, which aside from South Sudan is one of Africa's youngest/newest nations. She will share information on the Eritrean community that resides in Central, Ohio, where to go to try Eritrea's amazing cuisine or how to support local entrepreneurs. Additionally, the audience can expect to leave with a couple of key phrases in Eritrea's mother tongue, Tigrinya. All are welcome. There is no charge for this program. **Tuesday, October 22** at 7:00 pm in person at Old Worthington Library.

Guest Preacher on October 27 - The third annual Columbus deanery pulpit swap, in which Episcopal clergy in our metro area visit each other's churches, is **Sunday, October 27**. Our guest preacher at both services will be the Rev. Lee Anne Reat, priest at St. Luke's in Granville and Trinity in Newark. Gia will be at St. Patrick's in Dublin that day.

In the Garden - Next **Sunday, October 27th**, we will be serving dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church downtown at 1:00 pm for our community members who are food insecure. Our menu this month is meat loaf, dinner rolls, salad and fruit. We invite you to join us either by contributing food or serving the meal. Please sign up using the sheet that is on the atrium table. We request that food be placed in the bins below the atrium table by 11:15am on the 27th. We ask those serving the meal to arrive at Trinity by noon and we will be done by 2:15 pm. If you have questions or need to make other food delivery arrangements, please contact Karen Graham (614.378.2008 or kgraham.ohio@gmail.com). *The Outreach & Social Justice Committee.*

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

Bishop Rowe Installation Watch Party - On **Saturday, November 2**, Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will be installed in a scaled down ceremony with an eye toward reducing our carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation. We invite you to join us for a watch party and continental-breakfast-potluck in Kilbourne Hall beginning at 9 am. Processions begin at 9:30 am and the investiture service at 11 am, so please feel free to join as your schedule permits. Coffee, tea, and water will be served; guests are invited to bring a pastry item or fruit to share. Please join us for a time of celebration, fellowship, and worship. *Star Blackford, Senior Warden*

Social Events Ministry will be Hosting on **Saturday, November 9th**, "A VERY UN-THANKGIVING POTLUCK DINNER" from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the undercroft. All foods you WOULDNT serve at a Thanksgiving dinner are welcome. Some ideas that come to mind are chili, spaghetti-O's, tacos, ribs, etc... Come join us for an interesting array of food and lots of bonding with your fellow parishioners. A signup sheet will be in the atrium. Please let us know how many will be joining you, if you are bringing an appetizer, entrée, side, or dessert, and if you have any special dietary needs. Signing up will help the Social Events Ministry to know how many tables and chairs to set up and ensure that there will be enough food for everyone.

St John's Arts and Crafts Ministry is having an exhibit **Sunday, November 10** at 10:15 in Kilbourne Hall. Our ministry provides an opportunity to get together and share our God given talents. We look forward to talking about what we do for fun. Questions? Contact Sue Sheets at 614-266-0972.

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.

Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations – for next week: canned chicken or tuna; pet food. 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 Anne Davidson in thanksgiving for the Birthday of her daughter Jane Windler and by Charlie and Betsy Warner for the lives of Charlie's parents Charlotte and Landon Warner.

Centering Prayer – Mondays, 1:00 pm. [Click this Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 865 0593 1410; Passcode: 922699; +13017158592,,86505931410#,,,,*922699#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net.

Readings for Next Sunday – Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

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
Shelley
Jim
Walton & William
The people of North Carolina,
Tennessee, and Florida
Jeff
Heather, Jerry and family
Stacy
Jay
Rob & Sierra
All those impacted by the Yellow Lake
Fire in Utah, in the Ashley Forest area.

Wendy
Daniel
Caroline
Paul
Crystal
Martha
Kimberly

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, Lebanon and all places
of conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Frank Eguaroje
Brenda and Steve Ellcessor
Kim Ellcessor

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the birthday of Jane Windler
For the lives of Charlotte and Landon Warner

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.