

**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 27th**, we'll meet at St. Stephens's. Got a question? Email David the associate rector, at [davidb@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto:davidb@stjohnsworthington.org).

**Columbus Deanery Pulpit Swap This Sunday** - On **October 27**, clergy from Episcopal churches in greater Columbus will preach at each other's churches, to strengthen relationships and give clergy and laity an opportunity to know each other better. St. John's guest preacher at both services this Sunday is the Rev. Lee Anne Reat, priest at St. Luke's in Granville and Trinity in Newark. Please welcome her to St. John's! Gia will be at St. Patrick's in Dublin.

**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. Jennifer Hughes will lead the final session on Lectio Divina, which meets on **Sunday, October 27**, at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Godly Play, Youth Roundtable, and nursery care are offered at the same time.

**In the Garden** - This **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](mailto:kgraham.ohio@gmail.com)). *The Outreach & Social Justice Committee.*

**Prayers for the Election** - As our country moves toward another fraught election, St. John's is offering Noonday Prayer and the Great Litany on **Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.** in the nave, at least through Election Day on November 5. On Election Day, we will also pray Compline together at 9:00 p.m. over Zoom. Watch the weekly emailed announcements for the Zoom link.

**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 WOULD'N'T 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.

**Social Events Ministry Opportunities** - We have two volunteer opportunities in November. **November 9th** for the Very Un-Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, we need a few helpers at 5:00 pm for set-up and a few helpers after dinner for clean-up and on **November 14th** the monthly Friendship Dinner, we will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner including Turkey with all the fixings plus dessert as well as our alternative children's and Allergen / Vegan/ Vegetarian menu. Sign-up sheets for both events are in the atrium, Thank you for your support, if you have any questions text or email me at (847) 254-1821 / jbbross53@gmail.com

**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.

**Singles Dining Out** - will meet at Nicola Restaurant and Bar on **Wednesday, November 13**, at 6:00 pm. We will gather at 4740 Reed Rd, Columbus, OH 43220. Nicola offers authentic Italian fare with homemade pasta – you can explore Nicola's intriguing menu at [www.nicolacolumbus.com/menus.html](http://www.nicolacolumbus.com/menus.html). Please RSVP to Anne Davidson at [AnneDavidson@msn.com](mailto:AnneDavidson@msn.com) or 614-595-4844 so she can let Nicola 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 Nicola Restaurant and Bar on November 13!

**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](http://episcopalrelief.org).

**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](mailto:lisa.graupmann@gmail.com).

**Suggested Grocery Items for Food Pantry Donations** – for next week: cereal or oatmeal, facial tissues, & Thanksgiving dinner item. 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/](http://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate/) or [www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry](http://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry).

**Flowers** this week are given by Sarah Iles Johnston and Fritz Graf in thanksgiving for All Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews.

**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](mailto:foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net).

**Readings for Next Sunday** – Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org). David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, or [DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto: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 & Al

Shelley

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

Philip

Bruce

Bette

Lance

Charlie & family

Lynn

Alan

Lindsey

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 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.

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

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Geralyn Esselburn

Joe and Laura Factor

Marilyn Fawcett

### We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries  
For All Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:twopas@aol.com).