



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of August 3, 2025

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Ways to Grow

Summer Sundays!

We're reducing our Sunday school offerings for kids during the summer, but that doesn't mean we're not having fun! During the 9 am worship services this summer, kids ages 3-11 are invited to join us for Summer Sundays - two Safeguarding-trained adults will take kids to spend some time on our playground (or a classroom if there's rain) for the first half of the service, returning in time for communion.

Technology at St. John's

Are you wondering **how to get the directory or navigate the website**? Join us in between services on August 3 and 10 in Kilbourne Hall to learn more! Bella Olmstead, our Parish Engagement Coordinator, will show us around St. John's tech tools and answer frequently asked questions.

Secrets of St. John's! - Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31

Join us for a three-part series on the history of St. John's through the lenses of the land, the people, and the churchyard. Meet us between the services (10:20am-11:05am) in Kilbourne Hall and the Churchyard.

August 17 and 24– Learn how St. John's came to own land in the middle of a new town (1803) and how it expanded as both an Episcopal parish and a central community resource. Meet some of St. John's most interesting parishioners and the impact they had on the history of our church and the wider world. Presenters: Nancy Elkington and Jennifer Lane Maier. [Kilbourne Hall]

August 31 – Where are the bodies buried? Children will participate in a churchyard scavenger hunt. Teens & adults will learn about who was buried here and also how volunteers have worked to preserve aging grave markers. Presenters: Ted Dziemianowicz, Nancy



Elkington, and Jennifer Lane Maier. [In case of rain, the scavenger hunt will take place in the Atrium and the presentation will take place in Kilbourne Hall]

Questions? Reach out to Nancy Elkington
(nancyelkington@gmail.com or
+1-516-316-9104)

August Gen X/Millennial Women's Get Together

We're less than a month out from our August Gen X/Millennial Women's event! Laura will be hosting our group at her house on Wednesday August 20th - and if the weather is good, we'll do a bonfire outside!

Date: Weds 8/20

Time: 7-9:30pm (no hard start time, so come when you're able!)

Please Text Laura at 614-634-3121 for location!

Sacred Stitches

Sacred Stitches will not be meeting in August.

The attendance has been very low, so perhaps the summer evening times were inconvenient for most people's schedules.

We will return to the afternoon times, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., starting September 4.

At the September 4th meeting, we will have Sarah Johnston demonstrating a stretchy bind off/cast on!

Ways to Serve

You Are Invited to a World Cafe Meeting August 24 or August 27

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee members invite you to join an open group dialogue and knowledge sharing meeting about the focus of outreach and social justice ministries at St. John's. The World Café process will help us generate collective insight and understanding as to what our parish sees as the challenges facing our communities and how St. John's can help address them.

Please join us in Kilbourne Hall on Sunday August 24 at 12:30pm (light lunch provided) or Wednesday August 27 at 6:00pm (light dinner provided). Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium starting August 3. We look forward to hearing from you!

St. John's Contributes to Texas Flood Relief

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is helping local diocesan partners in Texas provide support to those impacted by the catastrophic July 4-5 Texas Hill Country flooding, which killed over 120 people, with many more still missing. St. John's Outreach and Social Justice committee donated from the Kroger Rewards Fund to be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for Texas Flood Relief. If you wish, you can **donate** directly to ERD at Donations, which will help their local partners respond to the emerging needs caused by this disaster.



Food Pantry

In the July newsletter of the Worthington Resource Pantry, their Executive Director, Nick Linkenhoker, wrote about the impact recent state and national budget decisions will have on food pantries and human services agencies, both locally and across the country.

Nick said, "At the Worthington Resource Pantry we are making a commitment to you:

- We will advocate for our neighbors and for the programs that support them, because both are vital to the long-term success of our community.
- We will keep our doors open to everyone in our service area who needs extra help keeping their kitchens stocked, because every person deserves fresh, healthy food.
- We will do all we can to keep our shelves full of delicious and nutritious options, because every neighbor should be able to choose the foods that work for their family."

As members of St. John's, let's continue our commitment to this caring ministry of feeding God's children, by bringing donations of food and toiletries to the baskets at church or by making a financial contribution at

<https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate> for the Worthington Resource Pantry or <https://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry> for the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton.

If your summer garden is producing an abundance of wonderful vegetables, the Worthington Resource Pantry will be VERY happy to take your extra peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, etc., because they like to include fresh produce in all the food orders. You can make deliveries to their new location at 500 Schrock Road - check the days and times at their website,

<https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/givehelp>

Donations of any healthy non-perishable foods and personal care products are welcome at both of our supported pantries, or you can use the list below as a guide. Thank you!

Aug 3 – granola bars; toothpaste

Aug 10 – canned soup; shampoo

Aug 17 – canned ravioli; body wash

Aug 24 – healthy snacks; deodorant

Aug 31 – baby food, formula, diapers (2-6)

Around St. John's

Gia Is Away

Gia will be on vacation and will return on Monday, August 11.

August 14th Friendship Dinner Volunteers Needed

Thursday, August 14th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM is our monthly Friendship Dinner, and we will be serving a tossed salad, grilled chicken, vegetables, and dill potato salad, plus

dessert, as well as our allergen / vegan/ vegetarian menu. The volunteer Sign-up sheet is in the atrium. Come join us and share the company of the Worthington community. If you have any questions, text or email me (John Ross) at (847) 254-1821 / jbross53@gmail.com

Singles Dining Out

Singles Dining Out will gather at True Food Kitchen on Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 pm. True Food Kitchen is located at 4052 Worth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219 in Easton Town Center. You can view the intriguing True Food Kitchen menu at www.truefoodkitchen.com/menu/. You can RSVP to Scarlett Winters at 812-340-0937 or silver3wings@gmail.com. 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 will join us for good food and good company at True Food Kitchen on August 21!

~Mary Bailey



2025

**FESTIVAL
of
FAITHS & NATIONS**

Sunday, August 10
1-5 p.m.
Village Green NW
Worthington

Worthington Interfaith Neighbors
WIN
welcoming diversity

Part of
SUNDAY FUNDAY

End of Summer
FAIR

The poster is for the "Festival of Faiths & Nations 2025". It features a blue background with a banner of various national flags at the top. The text "2025" is in a gold script font. The main title "FESTIVAL of FAITHS & NATIONS" is in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, the date and time "Sunday, August 10 1-5 p.m." and the location "Village Green NW Worthington" are listed. There are three logos: "Worthington Interfaith Neighbors WIN welcoming diversity" in a circular emblem, "Part of SUNDAY FUNDAY" in a white serif font, and "End of Summer FAIR" in a red and white striped border with colorful text.

Festival of Faiths & Nations

Games | Music | Displays | Prizes | Culture

Welcoming, engaging
and connecting
neighbors from
Worthington and
around the world.



Presented by Worthington
Interfaith Neighbors with
support from the
Worthington Community
Relations Commission.

Questions? Email us: windiversity@gmail.com

Newsletter Submission

Are you looking to submit an article for the newsletter? Click the link below! Deadlines for the articles are due by Tuesdays at 12 noon and can be sent in no earlier than Monday of the same week.

Submit Here

Flowers

Flowers this week are given by Don and Miriam Utter in thanksgiving for their grandchildren.

Readings for Next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-11
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Click here for the Lectionary page

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.

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.

People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Arik
Robin
Valerie & family
Ana and Nina
Aaron
Susie
Grace and baby Hope
Annette
Tanya
Chasity
The Wagner Family
Gay
Craig
Jim and Fran
Kat
Phoebe
Kelli
Susan
Jack
Joey
Lindsey
Timothy
Amirah
Shawna
Tiffany
Lily

Chris
Sarah
Beverly
The Holtzmann family
The Tumblin Clark family
Natalie, Justin, and Simone
Pat

For our service men and women and all first responders

(Allow time for others to pray)

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, Iran, and all places of conflict in the world.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Sandi Stiles
Loretta Strang
Ellen Stukenberg

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Trinity, Hamilton
St. John's, Lancaster
Community of the Transfiguration

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the grandchildren of Don and Miriam Utter

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**.



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