



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of October 19, 2025

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Ways to Grow

Rescheduled: Sources of Transformation: Where is God at Work at St. John's?

Where is God at work right now at St. John's? Join us to find out together by learning more about the "Sources of Transformation" within parish life, a key model from the College for Congregational Development. The "Sources of Transformation" model teaches that all transformation comes from and through God, but that there are four key means of transformation – means that God works through – that we can evaluate within our congregational life.

Star Blackford and Emmanuel Koomson, who attended the weeklong College for Congregational Development this summer alongside Gia, will present an overview of the model during Adult Formation on Sunday, October 12. Once we have a greater collective understanding of what the model is, Gia, Star, and Emmanuel will lead the parish in participating in the evaluation itself during Adult Formation on Sunday, October 19. Because participation from as many facets of the congregation is critical, a Zoom session will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 15; this session will include both an overview of the model as well as the evaluation exercises and will allow for participation from those unable to attend the Sunday sessions.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend these important sessions to learn together where the Holy Spirit is most at work at St. John's!

Adult Formation: Ignatian Spirituality

How can I pray? When I have a decision to make, what does God have to say about it? How can I recognize God's voice among the many voices demanding my attention? The spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola, one of the wisest spiritual directors Christianity has ever had, offers us a means to a relationship with God rooted in

prayer, discernment, and self-reflection. Gia will lead this series for adults, which meets on Sundays, November 2 through 23, at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

Sacred Decision Making Workshop on November 7-8

On November 7-8 Marcia Patton and Nora Percival will present a two day workshop on consensus decision-making at St. Stephen's. Marcia and Nora are the authors of *Sacred Decision Making: Consensus in Faith Communities*. Consensus decision-making in a church setting promotes inclusivity, is more egalitarian and less patriarchal than other decision-making models, encourages a collaborative spirit, fosters the emergence of unanticipated solutions, offers an alternative to avoiding issues for fear of stirring up trouble, demonstrates the belief that everyone's voice is important, and shows that the people in the room are more important than the decision in question. It embodies the belief that how we work together is as important as what we do and it clearly invites God into the process. Throughout the training Patton and Percival will provide real-life examples, planning and meeting ideas, and essential steps to develop a consensus decision-making model. This training is for anyone who wants to explore a method of decision-making that can truly be considered a "kingdom-practice."

The workshop will take place at Saint Stephen's (30 W. Woodruff Avenue). The Friday evening portion will run from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, and the Saturday session will run from 9-4 with a break for lunch. Attendees are expected to attend both sessions. The workshop is free, but registration is limited. Go to ststephenscolumbus.org to register.

Ways to Heal

Facing Loss

Facing Loss will convene at St. John's in the Atrium on our regular third Monday, October 20, at 1:00 pm. Please bring a poem, a prayer, or a piece you have written to share. We will discuss where we are in our faith and Grief journeys.

Care Givers Luncheon will welcome you at the Worthington La Chatelaine on the fourth Monday, October 27, at 12:00 noon. Fill your tray and come to the back room. No reservation needed. Contact Cynthia Woodbeck, 614-847-9529 or [**cwoodbeck235@gmail.com**](mailto:cwoodbeck235@gmail.com) with questions or present needs

Ways to Serve

Give the Gift of a Warm Blanket

Do you have any clean, new, or gently used blankets that are no longer needed? We are collecting them to help provide warmth and comfort to Street Church guests who are facing hardship this season. Your generosity can make a big difference. Please drop them off on October 26 during the Street Church Blessing Bag Assembly.

Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Street Church Blessing Bags

Street Church Blessing Bag Assembly October 26!

You are invited to join us in the Atrium during Coffee Hour on October 26 to help assemble 50 blessing bags for the Street Church ministry guests. Thank you in advance for your participation and commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

St. John's Worthington and St. John's Franklinton collaborate every first Sunday for Street Church. Street Church is a ministry to help food insecure residents of Franklinton where we provide 50-60 meals after a short prayer service. It is held outside in the parking lot of the PNC Bank located on Broad Street. Come join us November 2 to help serve a meal and to distribute the blessing bags! For more information, contact Ted Dziemianowicz (ted.dziemianowicz@comcast.net) or Nancy Elkington at (516) 316-9104.

Outreach and Social Justice Committee

October In The Garden Dinner

On Sunday, October 26, St. John's will be serving chili, rolls, oyster crackers, salad, and fruit to our downtown guests at Trinity. You can serve by bringing food to church that day and/or serving with the St. John's team downtown. A sign up sheet and pans with a recipe (optional - use your own recipe for chili if you want) can be found on the atrium table. Your support for this ministry is very much appreciated by the hungry folks downtown!

Food Pantry

A recent newsletter from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) provided a grim summary of the effects of cuts to federal programs and state support this year:

- "In March, the USDA ended the federal Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA), which helped food banks support local farmers.

Impact: \$1 million of MOFC's annual food budget eliminated.

- "Also in March, the USDA canceled several federal food orders bound for MOFC, resulting in the loss of several truckloads' worth of meat, dairy, and eggs.

Impact: \$1.4 million worth of food orders canceled.

- "In June, the U.S. House and Senate approved nearly \$200 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, aka food stamps) over 10 years.

Impact: Demand will increase at MOFC markets and pantries.

- "In June, the Ohio General Assembly approved a two-year state budget that rolls back the state's support of food banks to 2019 level despite robust food bank advocacy.

Impact: \$3 million of MOFC's food budget lost (over two years)."

These reductions in support of the MOFC will affect the Worthington Resource Pantry and Gladden Food Pantry as well, since both of them receive food from MOFC. As always, you can support the Worthington Resource Pantry and Gladden Food Pantry with food and toiletry items, or you may prefer to support them or MOFC with financial donations instead. You can donate financially to the Worthington Resource Pantry at www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate, to the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton at www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry, or to

MOFC at give.mofc.org. Here are some suggestions for October, but please feel free to donate any healthy food items, toiletries, or pet items or make a donation online. Together we are serving God by serving God's people.

- 19 – chunky soup; shampoo
- 26 – granola bars; diapers (2-6)

Mary Bailey

Gen X/ Millennial Women's Group November Event

To kick off the month of Thanksgiving, the St. John's Gen X/Millennial women's group is seeking volunteers for Habitat for Humanity on November 1st 8am- 3pm at 1152 Minnesota Avenue, Columbus OH, 43211. Volunteers must sign up as there are a limited number of spots per day and must complete a waiver form (one per year).

Volunteer sign up: <https://vhub.at/nsp>

Waiver: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/habitatmidohio>

If you are unable to attend, there may also be an opportunity to provide lunch for the day, please contact Becca Schroepfer at becca.hammond325@gmail.com for additional information

If you are not already on the e-mail list for the women's group and would like to be added, please ask Dana Whitley or Laura Wallace.

Around St. John's

Columbus Region Pulpit Swap on October 26

Episcopal churches in the Columbus area will hold their annual pulpit swap on Sunday, October 26, to strengthen relationships between our congregations and help us know each other better. St. John's guest preacher at both services will be the Rev. George Glazier, priest in charge at Trinity Episcopal Church in London. Gia will be at St. Philip Episcopal Church in Columbus. David is the preacher in reserve in case of a last-minute illness, which means he will probably be at St. John's to preside. Please greet our guest on the 26th!

Worthington Chamber Orchestra

Free at St. John's! Saturday, November 1st at 1:00. A special opportunity to hear Marshall Barnes' *Old Worthington Suite* in its original chamber version – before the world premiere of Jacob Reed's newly orchestrated edition of the *Old Worthington Suite* at the Worthington Chamber Orchestra's *Frontiers of Sound Masterworks* concert on November 9th. On November 1st, the *Old Worthington Suite* will be part of a "Community Connect" event in Kilbourne Hall, with a behind-the-scenes exploration of the history, themes, and music of the Orchestra's upcoming *Masterworks* concert, *Frontiers of Sound*. *Frontiers of Sound* will be performed at the Worthington United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 pm. While the Connect event on November 1st is free, reservations can be made at **Community Connect Series: Frontiers of Sound | WCO** or <https://www.worthingtonchamberorchestra.com/event-details->

Singles Dining Out on November 11

Singles Dining Out is thrilled to gather once again at Hunan Lion on Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm. Hunan Lion is located at 2038 Crown Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can find Hunan Lion's delicious menu at hunanlion614.com/menu. Please RSVP to Trudi Snediker at 614-313-0648 or tsnediker42@gmail.com so she can let Hunan Lion 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 Hunan Lion in November!

~Mary Bailey



2026 Social Events Ministry Events

The Social Events Ministry has met with Gia and Star, and the following are the remaining upcoming events scheduled for the 2025 -2026 calendar. Mark your calendars for these dates:

2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM - Friendship Dinner
January 17th, Saturday at 6:00 PM - Chili Cook-off
February 17th, Tuesday at 5:30 PM - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 14th, Saturday at 6:00 PM - St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner
April 12th, Sunday at 10:15 AM - Week after Easter potluck Brunch
May 24th, Sunday at 10:15 AM - Pentecost Ice Cream Social

We also want to thank all the volunteers and helpers who support these events by cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. These events aren't possible without your support, and we hope you will continue to support the Social Events ministry during our upcoming events

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 in thanksgiving for the life of Dick Martin by his family.

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Psalms 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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:

Amya
Amirah
Shawna
Louis
Margaret
Nick
Jeff
Lindsey
The Padovan family
The Kinnaird family
The Taylor family
Beau
Mary

Sarah
Timothy
Fefi
The people of Grand Blanc
Township LDS Church &
Heaton Park Synagogue
Victims of gun violence
Julia
Jeff
Dorothy
Chris
Todd

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)

Kathy
Jerry
Jeanne
Dave
Daniel
Annette & Jean
Ruth
John
Frank
Sylvia
The Blackford Family

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

Femi and Bryn Adeyanju and family
Margaret Allen and family
Russell and Maureen Allen and family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of St. Edward, Whitehall
Campus Ministry

We Give Thanks

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries
For the life of Dick Martin

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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