



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of March 22, 2026

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday: March 29

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist (beginning on the South Lawn, weather permitting)

Maundy Thursday: April 2

7:00 p.m. Agape Meal, Footwashing, and Holy Eucharist (beginning in Kilbourne Hall)

Good Friday: April 3

12:00 p.m. Worthington Community Service (beginning on the Village Green in front of Worthington Presbyterian Church; rain location inside Worthington Presbyterian)

5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross for All Ages

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: April 4

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday: April 5

9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Ways to Grow

Genesis & Dolly Parton!

We'll hold our class for adults about the Book of Genesis on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:20am (between worship services) in Kilbourne Hall! We'll talk about one of the one of the most moving stories in scripture and listen to a song by Dolly Parton!

All are welcome, even if you haven't been to previous classes!

Optional homework beforehand: Read Genesis chapter 37, and chapters 39-46

Lenten School 2026: The Glory of God is a Human Person Fully Alive

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

A free offering taking place at St. John's, Worthington (700 High Street, Worthington).

Monday, March 23 - Joseph Kovitch presenting on Healing and how individuals and communities adjust to new ways of being after healing takes place. Joe will guide our conversation on healing through the lens of his work as a pediatric chaplain and someone who lives with a disability.

Use this QR Code to register:



<https://ststephenscolumbus.org/lenten-school-2026/>

Men's Bible Study: Passion and Resurrection Narratives

Our new men's Bible study group will begin its next study on the Passion and Resurrection narratives in the gospels on March 25. All men are invited to join this six-week study, which will draw us more deeply into Holy Week and Easter season. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. Contact Chuck Camp at thecampman88@gmail.com to sign up, and he will order a book for you.

Next Session of Faith250

faith250

The Worthington interfaith community is proud to host Faith250, a four-session learning series connected to a national, multifaith initiative inviting communities to reflect on shared civic values through historical texts. As the U.S. approaches its 250th anniversary, Faith250 creates space for conversations about belonging, responsibility, and the moral ideals that shape lives.



America the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates 1895,
1911



Join us for our third Faith250 session as we explore America the Beautiful, reflect on who we want to be today, and the challenges that stand in the way of living into those ideals.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 | 7:00 PM



All Saints Lutheran Church
6770 N. High St.
Worthington

Scan the code to RSVP



2026 LGBTQ+ Retreat



Unbounded & Radiant: Defiant Joy for the Queer Follower of Christ

March 27-28th at Procter Center

In a world that often expects our silence or our sorrow, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians and their allies are invited to gather for our second annual diocesan LGBTQ+ retreat, a weekend of Defiant Queer Joy.

Together, we will explore and reclaim a truth as old as the empty tomb: that our very existence is a living testimony to the Paschal Mystery. This retreat offers a celebration of the unique ways the LGBTQ+ community mirrors the movement from the shadows of the cross to the brilliance of new life.

In addition to our keynote presenter, the Rev. Canon Carla Robinson, the Rev. Julia Joyce-Miesse, rector serving St. Luke's, Granville, will serve as our chaplain for the weekend with music led by Anny Stevens-Gleason, minister for congregational development at Church of the Redeemer, Hyde Park and co-host of the *Priesthood of All Queer Believers* podcast.

OUR KEYNOTER: THE REV. CANON CARLA ROBINSON

The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson serves as canon for multicultural ministries and community transformation for the Diocese of Olympia, a role she's held since 2022. Originally ordained in the Lutheran church, Canon Carla was received into The Episcopal Church in 2001 and ordained to the priesthood in 2009.

In her role as canon, she engages the entire diocese in the work of Becoming Beloved Community. She works closely with the Circles of Color and the bishop's office in the work of racial justice and partners with those doing similar work beyond the Diocese of Olympia. She currently serves on the steering committee of TransEpiscopal and as President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

DETAILS & REGISTRATION

SCHEDULE

Check in on Friday between 4-6 pm
Depart on Saturday by 5 pm

LOCATION

Procter Center
11235 St. Rt. 38 SE, London, OH 43140
proctercenter.org

REGISTRATION

Cost: \$50-150 depending on accommodation.
Scholarship assistance is available.

Register by March 21.
Space may fill!

Scan the QR Code
for more information
and to register.



Upcoming Dates for Baptism

St. John's will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. (This is a long service that is better suited to adults, teens, or older children.) We will also celebrate Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at both 9:00 and 11:15 services. Preparation involves meeting with a priest for about an hour. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please speak with Gia or David.

African Americans and the Bible Book Study

Tuesdays in April from 6-7:30 pm on Zoom

Join the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio this April for an engaging and transformative formation opportunity: African Americans and the Bible.

This four-week study invites participants into a deeper understanding of the historical and cultural relationship between African Americans and Holy Scripture. Grounded in *The Talking Book* by Allen Dwight Callahan, this course explores how African Americans encountered, interpreted, proclaimed, and embodied the Bible in the midst of enslavement and the ongoing struggle for freedom and dignity.

For generations, the Bible has been more than a sacred text in African American communities—it has been a source of hope, resistance, identity, spiritual wrestling, and spiritual power. Together, we will examine how this “talking book” has shaped faith, worship, preaching, and public witness. Participants will gain a richer appreciation for Scripture as it has been read and lived through the cultural lens of African Americans, broadening and deepening their own engagement with the Word of God.

Whether you are clergy, a lay leader, or someone seeking to grow in faith and understanding, this study offers space for learning, reflection, and meaningful conversation. Come ready to listen, to learn, and to encounter the Bible anew. We look forward to walking this journey together.

Register Here



2026 Women's Fall Retreat

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Fall Women's Retreat, Oct 9-10 at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Cincinnati, OH. The cost is \$100 per night. For questions please contact Donna DeRemer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 (Call/Text) or email donna.hissrich@gmail.com. Our facilitator will be Katherine Murphy. Watch the announcements for further details.

Ways to Serve

Food Pantry

Faith and Begorrah! The leprechauns who spend most of their time searching for gold at the end of the rainbow like to take some time off in March to check our Food Pantry baskets in the atrium - they are very happy to see the baskets filled to overflowing so the food pantry shelves can be well-stocked with nutritious food for hungry neighbors.

The most recent Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP) newsletter mentioned a new hurdle facing some of our neighbors, noting that “beginning February 1, 2026, Ohio has implemented expanded SNAP work requirements that place new obligations on older adults, parents of teens, veterans, and others — increasing the risk that eligible neighbors may lose benefits due to paperwork or compliance barriers.... When benefits fall short or disappear, neighbors turn to us to help fill the gap. Your support ensures our shelves stay stocked and our doors stay open for families navigating yet another obstacle.”

May the luck o' the Irish come your way each time you bring a donation to support the Worthington and Gladden Food Pantries and help keep their shelves stocked! All kinds of non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcome, but this month's LUCKY suggestions appear below.

If you prefer, you can donate financially to the Worthington Resource Pantry at <https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate> and you can donate to the Gladden Pantry in Franklinton at <https://www.gladdenhouse.org/food-pantry>. YOUR contributions, whether financial or food and toiletries, help to make the Worthington Resource Pantry and the Gladden Food Pantry a place of hope and help - thank you!

March 22 – peanut butter; baby wipes

March 29 – baby food, formula; diapers (4-5-6)

~Mary Bailey

Join Us In Supporting Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio

SAVE THE DATE

March 22, RMH “Fill the Backpacks” in the Atrium

Fill a backpack with our donated items for siblings of children staying at the House. On March 22 during Coffee Hour and after the 11:15am service, parishioners will gather to assemble Sibling Support Backpacks.

We will also have a table to decorate Coffee Sleeves with encouraging words or cheerful illustrations to brighten someone’s day. These decorated coffee sleeves will be distributed to families staying at the House.

TEAM CUISINE LUNCH

Come help prepare and serve LUNCH to guests staying at the RMH. We will be preparing a delicious meal under the guidance of their professional chef, Chef Blair. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

Making a meal at the House will give you the opportunity to make a tangible impact on the families!

- Date: Tuesday, March 24
- Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm
- Place: 711 East Livingston Avenue- car pooling from St. John’s is an option



ITG Dinner Sunday, March 22

St. John's will be serving dinner next on March 22. You can bring food and/or join the St. John's team at Trinity to serve this meal. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus!

Procter Center Earth Day Work Day

All are invited to join the Procter Center team and members of the Southern Ohio Chapter of the Order of Naucratus for an Earth Day Work Day, giving thanks for the gift of creation by giving back to the land through service and prayer.

The Procter Farm and Outdoor Education Team along with members of the Order of Naucratus will lead a morning filled with service projects for all skill levels and abilities, across the Procter Woods, Lake Leo, and Procter Farm. Our morning concludes with praying Noontday Prayer together and partaking in a delicious thank you lunch, prepared by the Procter Kitchen Crew and Naucratus leaders.

Kids are invited to participate in Camp WILD activities during our service project time. All participants, regardless of age, will have opportunity for community connection and play.

Please bring work gloves (extras will be available if needed), a refillable water bottle, and wear shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

April 17-18, 2026

9 am - Gather, Light Breakfast

9:15 am - Projects begin

Noon - Noontday Prayer then lunch

1 pm - Departure



Procter Center
11235 St. Rt. 38 SE
London, OH 43140
proctercenter.org

RSVP Here

Volunteers Needed for April 5 Street Church

The Street Church ministry founded by St. John's Columbus celebrates 20 years(!!!) of service to the food insecure in Franklinton this Easter Sunday. We partner with St. Stephen's Columbus to prepare and serve a hot meal once a month to support this vital ministry. If you are available for helping with prep (11 - 1) or serving (1-2 p.m.) Please contact Ted Dziemianowicz for further details at **ted.dziemianowicz@comcast.net**.

Sacred Stitches

Sacred Stitches will not meet in April. It will be Holy week. We will meet again on May 7th.

Around St. John's

Stations of the Cross Available during Lent

The Stations of the Cross are a way of walking with Jesus from his trial to his burial-- a method of meditative prayer that's especially appropriate during Lent. A set of five stations, created by St. John's Arts and Crafts Ministry, are placed in the windows of the nave during Lent for your personal prayer. You are welcome to pray the stations before or after Sunday or Wednesday services, or at another time during the week (call the parish office to set up a time). Begin at the northwest corner of the nave, closest to the intersection of High and 161, where a handout to help you pray the stations is available.

Easter Flowers

St. John's Flower Guild is asking for donations for Easter Flowers. There are envelopes in pews marked "Easter Flowers" where you may put your donations and place in the offering plate. There are also forms on the table in the Atrium where you may donate for a specific person. Please make all donations by March 29, 2026. Any questions, please contact Donna Somerville (614) 208-8573. The Flower Guild thanks you.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal Signup

We begin our worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2, with an agape meal in Kilbourne Hall. This simple, light meal recalls the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Atrium to let us know you'll attend. We are also in need of a few volunteers to set up on Thursday afternoon and/or clean up afterward; please indicate that you're able to help on the sign-up sheet.

Parish Brunch on Sunday, April 12

The popular parish brunch on the second Sunday of Easter is back for a second year! We'll gather for a potluck meal on Sunday, April 12, at about 10:15 a.m. in the Undercroft. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Atrium. Please let us know you're planning to attend, what dish you'll bring to share, and whether you're able to help set up and/or clean up.

The 9th Episcopal Night at the Symphony

Friday evening, May 1, 2026

Ohio Theatre – 39 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Columbus Symphony Orchestra - Rossen Milanov, conductor

Aubry Ballarò, soprano: Nicholas Nestorak, tenor: Hugh Russell, baritone

Columbus Symphony Chorus - Stephen Caracciolo, chorus director

BalletMet

Dvořák: The American Flag & Orff: Trionfo di Afrodite (Triumph of Aphrodite)

5:30pm – Reception, bar & "heavy" hors d'oeuvres – 4th floor

7:30pm - Performance – Seats in Prime Orchestra

\$70 per person for whole event or \$35 per person for reception only. Make checks payable to: Bruce Smith and mail to him at

The Rev. Bruce Smith 627 Yaronia Dr. N. Columbus, OH 43214

Email: revabs0630@gmail.com

Please include the names of the people in your party and your parish affiliation.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 15th. 2026

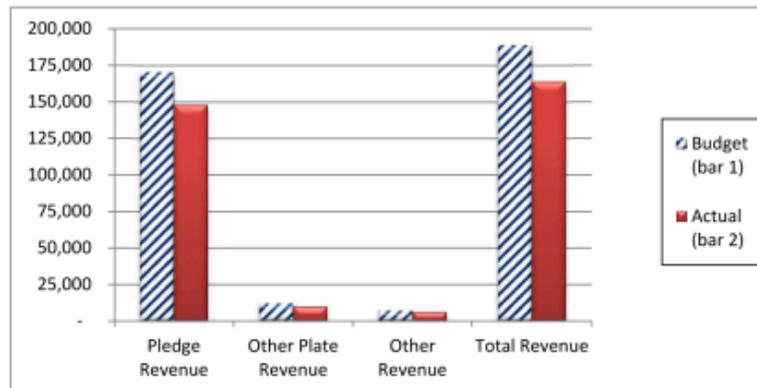
Financial Summary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under) or Over Budget</u>
Operating Revenue:			
Pledge Contributions	170,200	147,985	(22,215)
Other Plate Contributions	11,667	9,916	(1,751)
Other Revenue	6,725	5,917	(808)
Total Operating Revenue	188,592	163,818	(24,774)
Operating Expenses:			
Human Resources Expense	84,666	85,110	444
Diocesan Expense	6,160	6,060	(100)
Office Expense	4,763	5,471	708
Building & Grounds Expense	29,714	34,677	4,963
Special Purpose Expense	0	0	0
Committees Expense	3,883	2,104	(1,779)
Ministries Expense	1,528	1,330	(198)
Total Operating Expenses	130,714	134,752	4,038
Operating Cash Flow	57,878	29,066	(28,812)

Financial Summary:

At the end of February, our pledge contributions were under budget by \$22,200; our other plate contributions (which consist primarily of contributions from non-pledging members and plate cash) were under budget by \$1,800; and in total, our revenues were under budget by \$24,800. In total, our operating expenses were over budget by \$4,000, which, in combination with our revenues, gave us with a positive cash flow of \$29,100. The cash surplus was primarily due to the receipt of several pledges paid in full.



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](#)

Readings for This Sunday

Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

The Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14- 27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 31:9-16

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 Mary Bailey (614-619-1803 or **mphbailey.3@gmail.com**) or Jo Pascoe (614-306-7983 or **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, **DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org**. 220 area code is a local number.

People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Margaret & family
Paul
Doreen & family
LaVonne
Sue
The people of Iran
Chandra
MaryLou
Erik
Gary
Brenda
Katie & Jacob
Fusun
Brian
Jen, Brian & Will

Rob & Roger
Andrew

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)

Ruth
Mary
Cate
Henry
Debbie
Joann
Jodi
Sarah and family
Justine
Heather
Jerry
Beverly
Roulett family

**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, Venezuela and all
places of conflict in the
world.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Jane Geanangel
Jim Gebhart and Janet Schmittauer
Barbara Gessaman

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

All Saints, New Albany
Commission on Ministry

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

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