



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of July 12, 2026

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Ways to Grow

The Book of Ruth

All are invited to join us in an adult formation class on Sunday, July 12th at 10:15am in Kilbourne Hall about the Book of Ruth, one of the loveliest yet often overlooked books in the Old Testament. David Burman will lead the class - and childcare will be provided during the class (either on the playground or inside if the weather's dicey - kids should meet Gia in the atrium at 10:15 first).

If able, please read the Book of Ruth before the class (it'll take about 15 minutes to read) - but you're welcome to come either way!

Ways to Serve

LSS Faith Mission Donation Drive Until July 19

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is coordinating a Donation Drive for the LSS Faith Mission residents. LSS is a faith-based, health and human services organization that addresses homelessness, housing, domestic violence, and hunger. They help thousands of people every day with programs that serve the whole person. Please consider donating one or more of the much-needed items which will help provide them with a dignified and empowering environment.

- New men's underwear (all sizes)
- Full size combo body lotion/body wash (gender neutral)
- Baby wipes

Donated items should be dropped off by **July 19**.

For more information about LSS please visit <https://lssnetworkofhope.org/>

Family Friendly Service Opportunity-Lunch packing!

Help us pack 80 lunches for Faith Mission Shelter on 7/19 in between services in the Undercroft. We need 10-20 volunteers to make sandwiches and pack the lunches,

and several more people to help by bringing in needed items to make the lunches with. Please see the Signup Genius below or sign up in the Atrium with your email. Families may bring their children to help! The lunches will be delivered to the shelter on Monday morning. You must sign up by July 18 to volunteer and by July 12 to bring items so we can make sure that we have the needed supplies. Thanks for considering! It is sure to be a fun event. Use QR code or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A44A8AF23A13-64646095-make#/>

The Food Pantry

Our Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP) has been at their new location at 500 Schrock Road, on the north side of Schrock, just east of the railroad track, just over a year now. Since opening in the bigger and brighter location, they have served 37,134 families, provided food for over 2 million meals, delivered food to 3,053 families, given out 40,000 boxes of cereal and 450,000 eggs, and rescued millions of pounds of food from going to waste!

If your summer garden is producing an abundance of wonderful vegetables, please remember that WRP 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 at the back door of their new location – check the days and times at their website, <https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/givehelp>

Our pantries always see an increase in need during the summer, when kids are eating breakfast and lunch at home, but our pantries simultaneously experience a decrease in donations by individuals and groups. You can donate financially to WRP at <https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate>.

Donations of all sorts of healthy non-perishable foods and personal care products are always welcome, or you can use the list below as a guide. Thank you for helping WRP serve our hungry neighbors in the summer and throughout the year

July 12 – canned fruit, applesauce; baby wipes

July 19 – canned soup; pet food

July 26 – spaghetti sauce; diapers (sizes 4-6)

~Mary Bailey

ITG Dinner July 26

Thanks to all who contribute time and food to this downtown ministry. A sign-up sheet will be on the atrium table today and next Sunday. No casseroles this month (Yea!); the menu is hot dogs and buns, chips, salad, fruit, and a special treat, Root Beer Floats (Yea!). And August is a vacation from ITG (Yea! Yea!). You can help by bringing food and/or joining 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!

PIMIL luncheon Fundraiser

Mother Abby Flemister sends a warm welcome inviting All to the Partners In Ministry In Liberia (PIMIL) International Luncheon & Silent Auction Fundraiser
With guest speaker, Rev. David Kendall-Sperry.

Saturday July 18, 2026 12:30-3:30pm at St Philip Episcopal Church 166 Woodland Avenuem Columbus Ohio 43203

Tickets:

Adults \$25

Students age 5-9: \$10

Children under 5: Free

Proceeds educate children in Liberia and fund school projects.

Questions? May contact Melissa Christophersen Redmill at 614-226-6226.

Melissa will be selling tickets for this FUN event between services on Sunday!

Around St. John's

Singles Dining Out

Singles Dining Out will enjoy dinner at Stone Bar & Kitchen on Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 pm. Stone Bar & Kitchen is located at 1045 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220. You can find their eclectic menu at stonebarandkitchen.com/food-menu/, with everything from Octopus to Quinoa Kale Salad and from Chilean Sea Bass to Truffled Portobello Pizza. Please RSVP to Mary Bailey at mphbailey.3@gmail.com or 614-619-1803 so I can let Stone Bar & Kitchen know the size of our group. It is important to let me know by July 20 if you plan to attend. 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 for intriguing fare at Stone Bar & Kitchen on July 22! ~Mary Bailey

America 250 at St. John's Series: Architectural History of the St. John's Campus, July 12, 1:30, Kilbourne Hall

The land fronting the southeast section of the village green has been set aside for an Episcopal church for more than 220 years, when Worthington was still little more than a written agreement drawn up in Connecticut. Ever since their arrival in 1803, Episcopalian settlers and their faith's descendants have preserved the site as a geographic and spiritual center of the town they first envisioned. This virtual tour of St. John's Episcopal Church properties—the 1831 church, the 1927 parish house, the township hall and the preschool—will explore how their architecture evolved over time as the congregation's and the city's needs changed.

Upcoming talks/tours in the series:

September (Date to be Determined) - Women and Children at the Ohio Frontier,
Nancy Elkington

Social Events for 2026 / 2027

St. John's Social Events Ministry Team has decided to focus its attention on the gatherings that draw the most attendees and volunteers. We are open to supporting additional events as long as other people lead and organize them. Please talk to John Ross (jbross53@gmail.com, text 847-254-1821) if you would like to host a social event.

2026-27 social events are as follows:

Annual Parish Picnic -- October 11, 2026 @ 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -- February 9, 2027 @ 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Easter Brunch -- April 4, 2027 between services

Volunteers are essential to social events, especially the Parish Picnic! One person can't do it all themselves. When the signup goes out a few weeks before the picnic, please volunteer to help with setup and cleanup.

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

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-15
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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:

Pat
Alan
Ruth

Susan
Mike
Tori

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

Amya
the Breidenthal family
Vivian
Kyme
Nancy
Jerry and Heather
Eileen
Susan
the Wrigley family
Margaret
Elizabeth
Jodi
Paul
Brenda
Katie
Jim
Jenny
Mara
El Rye-ah
Kristen
Jeff
Sarah
Ana
Scott
Dennis, Cecilia, and Jenny

John & family
Kerstin
Scarlet & family
Marti & Don
Maura
V & family
Ed & Nancy

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Kathleen McFalls
Barbara and Bob McVicker
Katie Michael and family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, Chillicothe
Indian Hill Church

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

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