



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of October 18, 2026

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Ways to Grow

Forum on Proposed Bylaw Amendments This Sunday

The Vestry of St. John's invites all to a forum to learn about and discuss two amendments to the bylaws that the vestry is proposing: to change the way wardens serve and are elected and to reduce the size of the vestry from twelve members to nine over the course of three years. Vestry members will explain their rationale for making these changes, share the text of the proposed amendments, and respond to questions. The forum will be held in Kilbourne Hall this Sunday, October 18, at 10:20 a.m. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered for children and youth at the same time.

Upcoming Dates for Baptism

St. John's will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on All Saints Sunday, November 1. 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.

Ways to Heal

St. John's and Worthington Presbyterian Facing Loss Ministry

Facing Loss will meet at St. John's in the Atrium at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19. Agenda from 1:00-2:00 p.m. will be exploring the grief journey for each of us. At 2:00 p.m. eldercare attorney Larae Schraeder will discuss putting plans in place. Quite often this happens after a loved one has passed on and concentration is difficult. Join us and bring your questions.

CareGivers Lunch continues on the 4th Monday, the 26th at noon at La Chatelaine in Worthington. We reserve the back room with no worry about a reservation. Just show up to be greeted warmly by our compassionate members. Contact Cynthia Woodbeck, SJE Co-chair at 614-638-5054 or cwoodbeck235@gmail.com.

Ways to Serve

In the Garden Dinner October 25

Last month, faithful volunteer Eve Herold celebrated her birthday and 18th year serving with In the Garden! We would love to see some new faces to keep our partnership in this ministry going strong. Join us at Trinity Episcopal downtown at noon on October 25 or grab a pan and recipe today to drop off on the 25th. Sign-up sheet will be on the atrium table today and next Sunday. The menu is chili and cornbread. Please contact Katie Michael at 614-905-9185 with questions.

The Food Pantry

On September 21, Nick Linkenhoker, Executive Director of the Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP), sent out an urgent message, parts of which are quoted below:

- "Last week was the busiest we have ever experienced at the Worthington Resource Pantry. On Wednesday alone, we served a record 282 families.
- "Just a few years ago, serving more than 100 families in a single night would have been unthinkable. Today, we are serving more people than ever before.
- "At the same time, we are seeing incredible support from our community. People are donating food, making contributions and asking how they can help. That support is allowing us to respond to this growing need, and we need it to continue.
- "The most effective way to help right now is by making a financial contribution. Your gift allows us to use our purchasing power to buy more food and fill our shelves with the items our neighbors need most.
- "The need is greater than we have ever seen, but this community has continued to show that it is ready to respond. We need you with us now.
- "Thank you for your support!"

We can support WRP financially at www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate. The food and toiletry items we place in the baskets in the atrium each week help to fill the shelves at the WRP and offer some variety in brands or flavors, in addition to the bulk food WRP purchases from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. Here are some suggestions for October, but please always feel free to take advantage of sales and donate any healthy food items, toiletries, or pet items or make a donation online. Together we are serving God by serving God's people.

October 18 – cereal; pet food

October 25 – peanut butter; toilet paper

~Mary Bailey



Around St. John's

Singles Dining Out(side) on October 18

Our October Singles Dining Out is coming up very soon - it will be a potluck lunch at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 18, at Suzan Jervey's cabin and shelter house north of Newark. Suzan says we may arrive whenever we want, with the lunch itself to begin at 2:00 pm. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing. Suzan will provide iced tea, coffee, supplies for s'mores, paper products, serving spoons, tables, and chairs. The cabin is 50 minutes from the church and is located at 8000 Rocky Fork Rd. NE, Newark 43055. Carpooling is encouraged! Thanks to the large shelter house, our Singles Dining Out potluck will be held rain or shine. See below for more info on getting to Suzan's cabin. To RSVP or clarify directions, contact Suzan Jervey at sejervy@gmail.com or 614.546.7857.

There is plenty of parking at Suzan's cabin, but we are encouraged to carpool, both to save gas and to have nice company along the way. 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. Suzan's cabin is in a beautiful woodsy setting, and we should be there just in time for some lovely fall colors. We hope you will join us for this fun afternoon potluck on October 18!

~Mary Bailey

Special Parish Meeting on October 25

The Vestry of St. John's has called a special meeting of the parish for Sunday, October 25, at 10:20 a.m. in the nave to consider two proposed amendments to St. John's bylaws. All members of the parish should plan to attend. The vestry will share the text of the amendments and host a discussion about them on October 18 (see announcement above). Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable will be held for children and youth at the same time as the special parish meeting.

Day of Prayer on Election Day at Trinity, Capitol Square

NOVEMBER 3

DAY OF PRAYER

FOR A PEACEFUL AND JUST ELECTION



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
on Capitol Square

125 E. BROAD ST.
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

MORNING PRAYER 7:30 AM

NOONDAY EUCHARIST 12:00 PM

EVENING PRAYER 6:30 PM

The church will be open from 7am - 7pm
for prayer and meditation with a short litany offered at the
top of each hour.

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"AN HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"

Save the Date for Bishop White's Visitation on November 8!

Bishop Kristin Uffelman White will make her first official visitation to St. John's on Sunday, November 8. She will preach and preside at both 9:00 and 11:15 services, at which we will also celebrate several confirmations. Bishop White will join us for a festive coffee hour (i.e. cake) between services, then meet with the vestry over lunch. Please greet her warmly when she arrives!

Registration Open for Diocesan Convention, November 20-21

The Diocese of Southern Ohio's 152nd annual convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, and this year it's in our neighborhood at the Hilton Polaris. All Episcopalians in Southern Ohio are invited to attend workshops and the convention Eucharist (with former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaching) on Friday, the business session on Saturday, and/or the exhibit hall on both days. The

convention is free; registration is required. For more information or to register, visit the diocesan website, www.diosohio.org.

The diocese is also seeking volunteers to help with way finding, setup, takedown, etc. If you would like to offer a few hours, please email Canon Julie Murray at jmurray@diosohio.org.

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

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Readings for Next Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

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

We pray for:

Charlene
Rachael

Eric
Bella

For our service men and women and all first responders

Lauren
Scarlet & family
Annette
Clay
Jay
Caleb
John & Kathy
Ellen
Brenda
Katie
Paul
George
Heather & Jerry
Jean
Frank
Jenny

Kenneth & Elizabeth
Jeff
Ruth
E'Raya
Shawna
Amya
Donna
Roger
David
Jean
Kathy
Isa
Rita
Spencer
Miguel
Kevin

**For those who
are unemployed
or underemployed**

**For all who experience fear
or exclusion**

**For those in prison or
bondage – in body or spirit**

**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

Olivia and Rob Slykhuis and family
Dan and Janet Smith
Trudi Snediker

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Edward, Whitehall
Campus Ministry

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

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