St. John's EPISCOPAL CHURCH WORTHINGTON

To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of November 1, 2026

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Ways to Serve

Sacred Stitches Meeting, November, 5 at 1 p.m. in Atrium

Sacred Stitches will be meeting Thursday, November 5, from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. in St. John's atrium. Please join us to work on prayer shawls, scarves & hats for the Giving Tree children, prayer squares to go in the atrium basket, Mariners scarves, or anything you happen to be working on. See you then!

Giving Tree & Angel Tree Ministry Kickoff, November 15

Two Ministries, One Holiday Mission
The Outreach and Social Justice Committee (OSJ) invites you to share hope and joy with children and families through two holiday ministries: the Giving Tree and Angel Tree Christmas. Gift tags for both ministries will be available on the display in the atrium beginning November 15.

Giving Tree: Continue our holiday tradition of supporting our neighbors at Worthington Kilbourne Middle School. Gift tags will include wishes from students and their siblings, along with shopping instructions. Please select one or more tags and return the gifts to church by December 6. To make a monetary donation, place cash, or a check in one of the envelopes provided at the display, with Giving Tree indicated in the memo line, and put it in the collection plate or send it to the church office. You may also donate online through the St. John's website using the Giving Tree dropdown link. Please make all monetary donations by December 6.

Angel Tree Christmas: Under the leadership of Melissa Stanton, OSJ is expanding our holiday outreach this year to provide gifts for ten children of incarcerated parents. Through the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Christmas ministry, a simple gift of around $25 per child can spark hope and healing for children and their families. Angel Tree gift tags are included in the Atrium display beginning November 15. Please select one or more tags and return the gifts to church by December 6.

Friendship Dinner, Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 PM

Join your Worthington neighbors for an evening of good food and fellowship. We will be celebrating a modified Thanksgiving dinner.
Dinner Menu: Tossed Salad, Biscuits, Turkey Pot Pie, Pumpkin Pie
Vegan, vegetarian, and allergen friendly options available and a children's menu this month

Volunteers Needed
We are seeking 9 volunteers:
• 3 for food preparation
• 3 for setup
• 3 for cleanup
Sign up sheet available in the atrium
Questions? Email or text: jbross53@gmail.com (847) 254 1821

Meal Ministry Coordinators Needed

Share the Leadership of "In the Garden"
Our monthly "In the Garden" meal ministry is seeking up to four passionate new coordinators, serving individually or as a team of co-leaders, to share in the leadership of this vital meal ministry. For years, this program has been a cornerstone of outreach at St. John's, bringing nourishing food and fellowship to our downtown community every fourth Sunday.

As a coordinator, you will help organize meal prep, manage the volunteer schedule, and oversee the monthly service day at Trinity Episcopal Church located at the intersection of Third and Broad. Current leadership will provide full training and a smooth transition! If you feel called to serve our neighbors in this meaningful way, please reach out to Lillian Balukjian (Thompson) via Email @ lillianbalukjian@sbcglobal.net.
~The Outreach and Social Justice Committee

BREAD House Meeting, November 2 at 6 p.m. in Atrium

Join the St. John's BREAD group for our 2026 house meeting! BREAD is an organization that includes 44 congregations around Columbus. We focus on social justice issues such as affordable housing, livable wage, protecting the tree canopy, reducing gun violence, and more. The House Meeting is where we listen to the experience of our congregation members regarding which issues are affecting them and their loved ones right now. BREAD is not planning on taking on a new issue in 2027, but rather to focus on the issues already in progress. All are welcome to attend the house meeting, with no commitment whatsoever to do anything else with BREAD. (But you might want to after seeing how cool it is.) We will be ordering sandwiches, including gluten-free and veggie options. Feel free to RSVP but you do not need to unless you want us to include a sandwich order for you. For questions, contact Jennifer Hughes at jenhughes55@protonmail.me.

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 25 – peanut butter; toilet paper

~Mary Bailey

Worthington Resource Pantry

Around St. John's

Celtic Service, Sunday Nov. 1st at 4 p.m.

Join us in the Atrium from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 1st for the monthly Celtic Service. This month's theme is "All Hallows, All Saints, All Souls." The Celtic Service is a quiet, contemplative service based on the "Iona Abbey Worship Book" that includes music, meditation, and a Celtic tribute to the souls who have preceded us in Christian fellowship. The Celtic Service is a lay-led service held on the first Sunday of each month from Oct.-June, unless otherwise announced. Please join us! Friends are welcome.

Singles Night Out, Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m.

Our November Singles Dining Out will be at Outback Steakhouse on Wednesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day), at 6:00 pm. Outback Steakhouse is located at 2020 Polaris Parkway, Columbus OH 43240. (This is on the north side of Polaris Parkway, a little past the turnoff for Polaris Grill.) You can view the mouth-watering Outback menu at https://www.outback.com/menu/polaris/category/0. Please RSVP to Donna

Deremer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 or donna.hissrich@gmail.com so she can let Outback know the size of our group. It is important to let her know by 12 noon on November 9 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 will join us for good food and good company at Outback Steakhouse on November 11! ~Mary Bailey

Flowers for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Sue Sheets and her family in memory of Sue's husband and their father Michael D. Sheets.

Day of Prayer on Election Day at Trinity, Capitol Square



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

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Readings for Next Sunday

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12:16
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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:

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

Silver Rail Elementary School
Kathy
Karen and Gary
Grace and Chris
Ned and Marquell
Jolie
Karen
Aaron
Justine
Mary and Michael
Jo Anne

For our service men and women and all first responders

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
Stephen Sollars
Donna Somerville
Heather and Melissa Stanton and family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Christ Church, Xenia
Beloved Community Commission

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

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