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Discernment Internships

Discernment is a fancy church word for prayerful decision-making. When we discern, we strive to set aside our own will, our own desires, to hear God's will and God's desires as clearly as possible. And that is tricky to do. Many authorities on discernment—Ignatius of Loyola, the Quaker tradition, our own Episcopal tradition—insist that one person cannot accurately discern God's will for themselves. Other people must hear God saying the same thing to that person. So when Episcopalians discern so momentous a question as vocation, or what God calls us to do with our lives, we do it in community, listening together for God's voice.

The Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Southern Ohio has built discernment in community into the process that may or may not lead to ordination as a priest or deacon. A person exploring a possible call to ordination engages in a time of discernment with a committee in their home parish. They then have interviews with the COM and, if the COM discerns that their exploration should continue, the explorer undertakes a six-month internship in another parish. The internship is a time to try on different aspects of ministry, from teaching to preaching to organizing volunteers, and see how they fit. The explorer also meets with an internship discernment committee, who prays with and for them and listens with them for God's voice. The explorer is expected to spend two to three hours per week in the internship, in addition to Sunday worship.

Stephen Sollars, our organist, has sensed a possible call to ordination for some years. Last year, he met with a discernment committee here at St. John's. Both that committee and the COM recommended Stephen for a discernment internship, which he will do at All Saints Episcopal Church in New Albany. Stephen will attend All Saints' Saturday evening service, so he will continue to play for St. John's on Sundays and holy days.

St. John's is also serving our diocese as an internship site this year. Erica Hays, a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Pickerington, began her internship at St. John's in late February. She grew up in San Antonio, in the Roman Catholic tradition, and found the Episcopal Church after relocating to Columbus with her husband. If you haven't met Erica yet, please introduce yourself when you see her on Sunday mornings.

It is a vulnerable thing to make oneself open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in one's life. I ask your prayers for Stephen, Erica, and all who are discerning God's call to them.

Blessings, Gia+

Ash Wednesday is March 5

10:00 a.m. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

5:45 p.m. Ashes for All Ages (no Eucharist)

7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist with Hymns

Adult Formation: Spirituality of Money

Sundays, March 9, March 23, April 6, 10:15 a.m.

What does the Bible have to say about how Christians should live with their money? How do real people, at different income levels, live out their faith in relation to their money? When we're constantly bombarded with ads, how can we distinguish between what we want and what we genuinely need? The Stewardship Committee invites you into reflection on these questions during Lent with conversation and panel discussions. Sessions will be held in Kilbourne Hall between services on March 9, March 23, and April 6. Nursery care, Godly Play for ages 3-11, and Youth Roundtable for middle and high schoolers are offered at the same time.

Guest Preachers in March

Sundays, March 9 and March 30

St. John's is privileged to welcome two guest preachers from the Diocese of Southern Ohio this month. The Rev. Derrick Fetz, DSO's Missioner for Stewardship, will preach on March 9. Jerusalem Greer, co-Executive Director of Procter Center, will preach on March 30 and also lead a program for children at 10:15 a.m. with Procter's Wylie Greeson. Please introduce yourselves to them when they are here!

Singles Dining Out

Fifteen ladies, including a visiting daughter, enjoyed steaks, ribs, shrimp, fresh-baked rolls and other mouth-watering items at Texas Roadhouse for our February Singles Dining Out. Stimulating conversations circulated around the three tables and helped us all get to know one another better.

Our March Singles Dining Out adventure will find us savoring authentic Italian fare at **Bravo! Italian Kitchen** on **Monday, March 24, at 6:00 pm**. Bravo is located at 3000 Hayden Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can explore Bravo's tempting menu at www.bravoitalian.com/menu/ Please RSVP to Mary Bailey at 614-619-1803 or mphbailey.3@gmail.com so she can let Bravo know the size of our group. We hope you can join us!

Singles Dining Out is an informal group of St. John's parishioners and friends, and we are always very 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.

Mary Bailey



Facing Loss

Please join us for our third Monday of the month Facing Loss meeting to be held on March 17th, at 1:00 pm, in the library at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Nikki Smith, a death doula. Nikki supports individuals and families facing death with dignity, kindness and love.

Our Facing Loss Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 24th - join us for a casual fellowship luncheon at 12 noon at La Chatelaine in Worthington. No reservations needed; just come to the back room after you get your tray.



St. John's and Ronald McDonald House Team Cuisine

"One cannot think well, love well, or sleep well, if one has not dined well" -Virginia Woolf

You are invited to join fellow parishioners on Tuesday, March 25th, for a hands-on event at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. St. John's will be taking part in the RMH Team Cuisine program to prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House creates a home-away-from-home for families whose children are facing medical challenges. Nourishing, comforting meals are vital to sustain family members through their difficult time. Consider joining in this community outreach. We are in need of 6 - 12 volunteers, aged 14 years and older. We will be preparing and serving dinner with a professional chef from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Volunteers need only to arrive ready to get busy cooking!

Look for the display and sign-up sheet in the Atrium starting March 9th!

Details and carpooling opportunities will be provided. The Outreach and Social Justice Committee looks forward to welcoming you!

Garden Glories!

“Moses looked: the bush was blazing, but it was not being burned up.”

Why put a torch to a garden? Lay Weeders will be burning the Prairie Garden when there is a dry Saturday with no wind. Why? Native Americans did it to restore the prairie for another summer. We, too, do it to provide nutrients to the soil and renewal to the native plants. As our yearly application to the EPA says, we do it “for the purposes of recognized horticultural, prairie, and grassland management.” From years of seeing these native plants emerge again and thrive, we know from experience that this is a good practice. And we do it to honor tradition.

Our first gardening day this year is March 15th!!! Join us at the sheds at 1:00 pm on March 15, 29, and April 12 to help the gardens wake up.



Ellen Stukenberg and Wendy Ciriegio
for the Lay Weeders

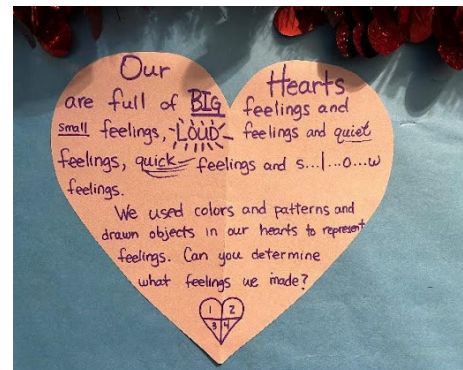
Early Education Center

This past month LOVE was in the air! The students spent a lot of time talking about relationships, emotions and feelings. There was so much social and emotional learning going on! And of course, hearts were everywhere. Students spent time writing notes and drawing pictures for loved ones, and the Enrichment Class even went on a walk to the post office to mail their love notes.

Enrollment is open to everyone for the 2025-2026 school year and we still have spots in our three, four and five year old classrooms! Our preschool’s ideal location allows us to go on many walking field trips to local parks and businesses around downtown Worthington. Field trips this year have included walks to Graeter’s, Peace, Love & Little Donuts, the jewelry shop, the library, the Historical Orange Johnson House and the bicycle shop. Our extended day options make our program unique and provide additional learning extensions through STEM projects, dramatic play, children’s literature and games. We also have Art Club once a week for interested students. These extensions to the day include a packed lunch and playtime in our indoor gym or outside on our new playground. Extended day options prepare children for the longer day ahead in kindergarten. Please visit www.sjpreschool.com for more information or call us at 614-885-2315 to schedule a tour.

We would love to meet you and introduce you to our school.

Carrie Troester
SJEEC Director



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 Worthington Resource Pantry has some exciting news: *“Big things are happening at Worthington Resource Pantry! This June, we’re moving to a new, much larger facility at 500 Schrock Road—a critical step forward to better serve our growing community.*

We are currently helping more families each month than we did in our entire first year, and we need more space to meet the demand....This project includes expanded food storage, upgraded refrigeration, advanced technology, and comfortable, functional spaces for neighbors, volunteers, and community partners.

*Community support is critical to making our new pantry a reality, ensuring we can continue to serve every neighbor in need. Your **financial support** will make it possible to build a pantry that feels like home, where no one in our community goes hungry and every family has access to healthy food and vital resources.”*

May the **luck o’ the Irish** come your way each time you bring a donation to support the Worthington and Gladden Food Pantries! 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 2 – 1 lb pasta; conditioner
- 9 – canned fruit; toothpaste
- 16 – tuna; toilet paper
- 23 – peanut butter; feminine pads
- 30 – baby food, formula; diapers (3-4-5-6)

Mary Bailey

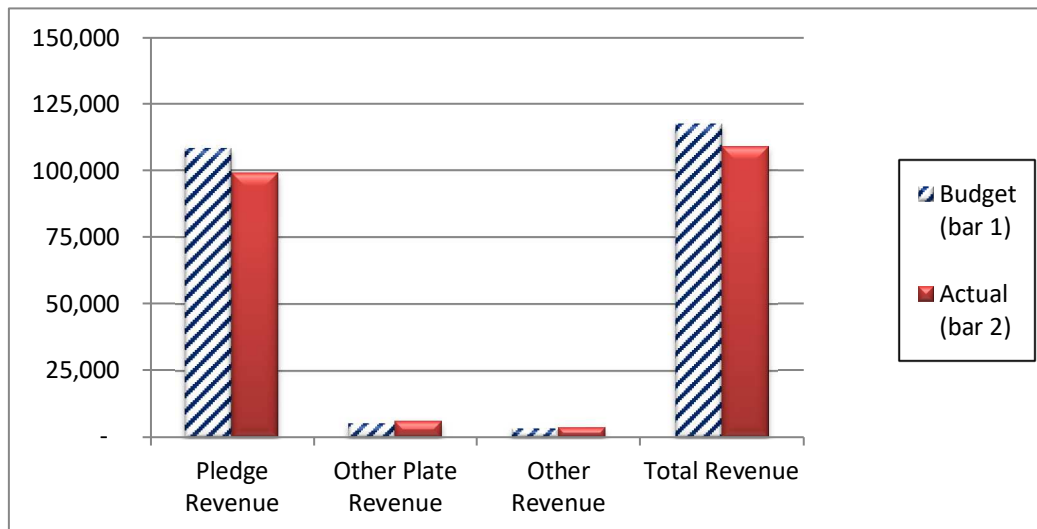


FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under) or Over Budget</u>
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>			
Pledge Contributions	108,217	99,015	(9,202)
Other Plate Contributions	5,583	6,137	554
Other Revenue	3,583	3,808	225
Total Operating Revenue	117,383	108,960	(8,423)
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Human Resources Expense	41,173	44,934	3,761
Diocesan Expense	50	0	(50)
Other Administrative Expense	2,265	1,940	(325)
Building & Grounds Expense	17,495	26,328	8,833
Special Purpose Expense	0	352	352
Committees Expense	2,341	2,291	(50)
Ministries Expense	570	95	(475)
Total Operating Expenses	63,894	75,940	12,046
Operating Cash Flow	53,489	33,020	(20,469)

Financial Summary:

At the end of January, our pledge contributions were under budget by \$9,200; our other plate contributions (which consist primarily of contributions from non-pledging members and plate cash) were over budget by \$600; and in total, our revenues were under budget by \$8,400. In total, our operating expenses were over budget by \$12,000, which, in combination with our revenues, left us with a positive cash flow of \$33,000.



March Calendar

Sat., March 1, 1:00 PM	Episcopal 101 in Kilbourne Hall
Sun., March 2, before and after all services – Vestry	Voting in the Atrium
Sun., March 2, 9:00 AM	Worship in the Nave
Sun., March 2, 11:15 AM	Worship in the Nave with Streamed Service on YouTube
Sun., March 2, 2:00 PM	Youth Group in the Carriage House
Sun., March 2, 4:00 PM	Celtic Service in the Atrium
Mon., March 3, 1:00 PM	Centering Prayer with Teri Foley-Nelson
Mon., March 3, 2:00 PM	BREAD Network Meeting in the Atrium
Tues, March 4, 5:00-7:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Undercroft
Tues, March 4, 5:30 PM	Property Committee on Zoom
Wed., March 5, 10:00 AM	Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist in the Nave
Wed., March 5, 5:45 PM	Ashes for All Ages (no Eucharist) in the Nave
Wed., March 5, 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist and choir in the Nave
Thurs., March 6, 1:30 PM	Sacred Stitches in the Atrium
Thurs., March 6, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 8, 1:00 PM	Episcopal 101 in Kilbourne Hall
Sun., March 9, before and after both services – Vestry	Voting in the Atrium
Sun., March 9, 9:00 AM	Worship in the Nave
Sun., March 9, 10:15 AM	Adult Formation in Kilbourne Hall – Spirituality of Money
Sun., March 9, 11:15 AM	Worship in the Nave with Streamed Service on YouTube
Sun., March 9, 2:00 PM	Youth Group at St. Stephen's
Mon., March 10, 1:00 PM	Centering Prayer with Teri Foley-Nelson
Mon., March 10, 7:00 PM	Outreach & Social Justice Committee
Tues., March 12, 5:30 PM	Finance Committee on Zoom
Wed., March 12, 10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship and Bible Study in the Nave
Thurs., March 13, 6:00 PM	Friendship Dinner in the Undercroft
Thurs., March 13, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 15, 1:00 PM	Episcopal 101 in Kilbourne Hall
Sat., March 15, 1:00 PM	Lay Weeders
Sun., March 16, 9:00 AM	Worship in the Nave
Sun., March 16, 10:15 AM	Annual Parish Meeting in the Nave and Streamed on YouTube
Sun., March 16, 11:15 AM	Worship in the Nave with Streamed Service on YouTube
Sun., March 16, 2:00 PM	Youth Group in the Carriage House
Mon., March 17, 1:00 PM	Centering Prayer with Teri Foley-Nelson
Mon., March 17, 1:00 PM	Facing Loss in the Library at Worthington Presbyterian
Tues., March 18, 7:00 PM	Vestry in the Atrium and on Zoom
Wed., March 19, 10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship and Bible Study in the Nave
Thurs., March 20, 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., March 22, 1:00 PM	Episcopal 101 in Kilbourne Hall
Sun., March 23, 9:00 AM	Worship in the Nave
Sun., March 23, 10:15 AM	Adult Formation in Kilbourne Hall – Spirituality of Money
Sun., March 23, 11:15 AM	Worship in the Nave with Streamed Service on YouTube
Sun., March 23, 2:00 PM	Youth Group at St. Stephen's
Mon., March 24, 12:00 PM	Facing Loss Lunch at La Chatelaine
Mon., March 24, 1:00 PM	Centering Prayer with Teri Foley-Nelson
Mon., March 24, 6:00 PM	Singles Dining Out, Bravo! Italian Kitchen
Mon., March 24, 6:30 PM	Gen-X + Millennial Women's Fellowship
Tues., March 25, 3:30-7:00 PM	Team Cuisine at Ronald McDonald House
Sat., March 29, 1:00 PM	Episcopal 101 in Kilbourne Hall
Sat., March 29, 1:00 PM	Lay Weeders
Sun., March 30, 9:00 AM	Worship in the Nave
Sun., March 30, 11:15 AM	Worship in the Nave with Streamed Service on YouTube

February Birthdays

Beth Hall	March 2	Jane Geanangel	March 22
Elise Adeyanju	March 3	Alex Lagusch	March 22
Margaret Allen	March 4	Shawna Moraille	March 22
Nina Bruns	March 5	Joe Kunkel	March 24
Jeff Nelson	March 5	Andrea Reiger	March 25
Barbara McVicker	March 10	Andrew Adams	March 26
Janet Souder	March 10	Stacy Bretherton	March 26
Ike Wade	March 12	Melanie Righter-Glass	March 26
Scarlett Winters	March 12	Anna Sylvester	March 26
Amy Beebe	March 14	Mary Whalen	March 27
Jeff Rees	March 16	Mark Broere	March 28
Greg Kellison	March 19	Sara Reat	March 28
Kim Rice	March 20	Amelia Lewis	March 29
Wendell Gibbs	March 21	Heather Stanton	March 31
Gene Burch	March 22		

