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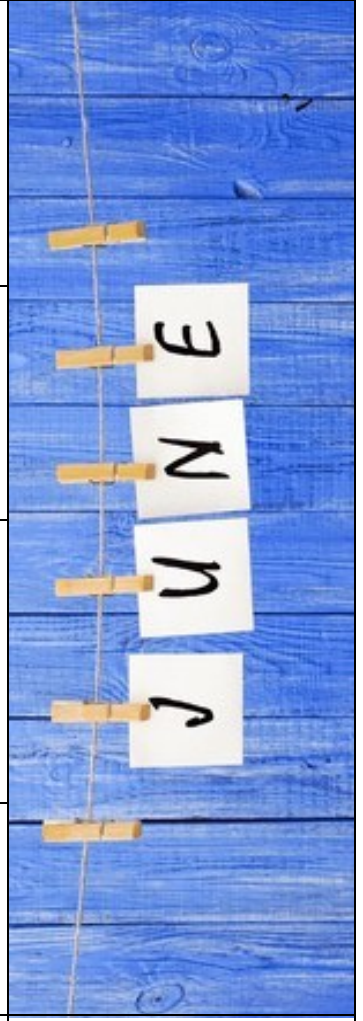
Sundays at 8:15 & 11am

Contemporary

Sundays at 11am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDS.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Private Event 12:30pm Life-to-Life 1pm Adult Basketball 5pm</p>	<p>1 Property Team 10am Lunchtime AA 12pm Call Team 5pm Exercise Class 6pm Life-to-Life 6pm (off-site) Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Daily Reprive AA 7pm</p>	<p>2 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am Blue Ribbon 4-H 6:30pm Boy Scouts #392 7pm Life-to-Life 7pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm</p>	<p>3 Small Group 1pm Private Event 3pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm AA Design for Living 7pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p>4 Promise Keepers 8am Life-to-Life 9:30am Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm</p>	<p>5 Bible Study 9:30am Life-to-Life 10am Private Event 2pm Men's Chorale 3pm Life-to-Life 5:30pm (off-site) AA 8:30pm</p>	<p>6 Private Event 2pm Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm</p>
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<p>21 FATHER'S DAY Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Teen Leader Training 9:30am Children's Church 10:45am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Adult Teacher Meeting 12pm Life-to-Life 1pm</p>	<p>22 Vacation Bible School 9am Lunchtime AA 12pm Call Team 5pm Exercise Class 6pm Small Group 6pm Life-to-Life 6pm (off-site) Puppets 6:30pm Daily Reprive AA 7pm Respect Life 7pm Sarah Circle 7pm</p>	<p>23 Men's Prayer Group 7am Vacation Bible School 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6pm Boy Scouts #392 7pm Life-to-Life 7pm</p>	<p>24 Vacation Bible School 9am Small Group 1pm Lion's Club 5:30pm AA Design for Living 7pm</p>	<p>25 Vacation Bible School 9am Life-to-Life 9:30am Small Group 1pm Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm VBS Carnival 5:30pm</p>	<p>26 Bible Study 9:30am Life-to-Life 10am Life-to-Life 5:30pm (off-site) AA 8:30pm</p>	<p>27 Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm</p>
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
end of **VBS**

CARNIVAL



★ **THURSDAY** ★
JUNE 25, 2026
.....
★ **5:30 - 7:30PM** ★



★ **FUN CARNIVAL GAMES!**

★ **BOUNCE HOUSES!**

★ **FOOD TRUCKS!**

★ **KONA ICE & MORE!**



★ *Event is Free!!* ★

Food sold separately.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

First off there's VBS for ages 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grades and student leaders 7-12th grades:



Welcome to Tropical Trek VBS, where kids explore God's Word and discover how God finds and helps us in every situation we encounter in life. At **Tropical Trek VBS**, kids will learn how Jesus seeks them and all people. He is the Son of Man, who came to seek and to save the lost!

We will meet Monday – Thursday, June 22-25, 9-12am, with our famous Carnival on Thursday evening!

Our **ADULT TEACHER MEETING** will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 21st**, after the late service in rooms 103 and 104, to help transform our church into the Tropical paradise for the week! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the Family Life Center before moving on to your individual classroom. Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 if you cannot make the meeting!

Our **TEEN TRAINING** will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 21st**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am in the high school SS room! Please contact Gini, Donna or Christina if you cannot make the meeting!

Then, throughout the summer, there's a time for family down time and a breather in the midst of the chaos:

Joyful Pause: Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursdays - June 11, July 16, and August 13! Times are 9:30am to 12:30pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm.** Choose which time you'd like to attend (or stop by both)! We will have tables set up in the gym with various activities: games, puzzles, arts and crafts, cards ... plus open gym ... and special guests! Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinnertime. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! This is a family event and we ask that parents or grandparents stay and enjoy the pause with their youth!



Contact Karrie Clark with questions at karriejclark@gmail.com.

Finally, there's a place for those middle school and high school youth:



Mission: Possible is a service and fellowship event that will be occurring on Saturdays throughout this summer aimed towards middle and high school students. We'll be serving throughout our community and growing our faith networks, while discussing how to be 'agents' of God. For more information, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. **Save the dates: Saturdays - June 13, July 18, and August 1.** Gini and Donna would love for you to join them!

IQA is a Bible study for middle and high school students that meets **every Monday night from 7:30-8:30 pm over Zoom.** For more information or the Zoom link, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Christina (Grades K – 6 and Families), Donna (Grades 7 – 8), and Gini (Grades 9 – 12)

Dear Faith Families,

Have we got a summer for you!

In this issue of the Eagle, please find all the information you need to block out special times on your summer calendars for faith, fun, fellowship, and service!

Watch the bulletins and Eagle for additional information as each event approaches. The church office phone number is 614-875-2314.

All listed grades are for the grade just finished in the 2025-2026 school year. We move up in the fall!

Relationships are important to us at St. John's!



*We want to surround our children and youth with lots of faith-filled relationships between all age groups so that they might know the love of Jesus and stay connected with the church. If you'd like to know how you can make a difference in a young person's life, connect with our Interim Children and Youth Directors:
Christina Allman, Donna Westerfeld, and Gini Rogers.*



RaiseRight™

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RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month.

You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts!

Talk to Pam Wittenberg on how you can order physical cards, order e-gift cards, and how to re-load your cards online.

Raise Right gives a percentage for each card ordered back to St. John's. Monies raised help to offset the costs of the children and youth programming that is not covered by the church budget.

Thanks for your support!

Connect your KROGER Card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Kroger community rewards



Thanks to the 84 households who are connected with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Because of you, this past quarter, \$244.76 was donated back to "St. John's Youth Ministries."

If you haven't connected yet, it's so easy! Google "Kroger Community Rewards Program" and follow their prompts. **Our organization number is EY530.**

Every time you shop, you're giving back at no extra cost to you!

Thanks for your continual support!

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SUMMER CAMP @ ST. JOHN'S

Robotics, Video Game Design, Coding, Animation
July 20-24, 2026



June Birthdays!

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information, call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join us for the next meetings on **Saturday, June 13th at 9am** and **Tuesday, June 23rd at 6pm** in **Room 103-4.**



Women's Ministry

Here's a spiritual growth goal:

Join a Circle of friends!

Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Both Circles have evening meeting times and are held in Room 103-4. Contact the leaders listed for more information.

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Monday, June 1st at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, June 22nd at 7pm

MEDITATION MOMENT - JUNE

*from St. John's Prayer Stations to your family...

Each month the bulletin and Eagle will have a meditation moment which can be used individually or with your family. Enjoy time with your Heavenly Father as you take a moment to breathe in His love, grace, peace, and goodness. If you would like prayer stations set up for your small group, Sunday School class, or event, contact Diana Imbrock.

Theme: Awaken to His Peace!

Meditation Verse: John 14:27

"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Activity: Pray for Peace

Supplies: outline of a cross/markers/post-it notes/map of the world

The world is in turmoil. In it we will never have peace. But the Creator has given us a peace in the form of a person: Jesus, God-with-us. He alone can bring forgiveness, mercy, healing, reconciliation, and justice to this chaos we call Earth. Think of places or situations that are in need of peace. Write them on the post-it notes and stick them on the cross outline as you lift them up to the Father. Pray the prayer below daily so that you may be an instrument of His peace and not of the world's unrest.

Self-Reflection/Discussion Questions:

Where in your family or friend group are you in need of His peace?

Look at a map of the world and research the most war-torn countries. Pray the peace prayer for the people of those countries, that they may know His peace.

Look in the concordance of your Bible to find peace verses. Write them on post-it notes and stick them over the places and situations of unrest on your cross outline as you pray His peace over them.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the peace which passes all understanding that you have placed in our hearts.

We ask that You bring Your peace of forgiveness, mercy, healing, reconciliation, and justice to those we lay before you. Amen.

JUNE MEXICO UPDATE

Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fundraisers. Check out the Genesis Diez newsletters on the mission board in the link.

Did you know that...



...we plan on sending a team to Mexico the summer of 2027?

...you can participate by answering His call to be a part of His Great Commission?

...if you'd like to go on mission next summer, you can contact Diana Imbrock for more information and ask to be put on the "I'm Interested!" contact list?

...you can also be part of the mission through prayer, service, and donations?

...you can learn more by talking to Diana or anyone who has gone to Rancho Genesis, or by visiting www.genesisdiez.org?

Prayer:

Dearest Abba,

You alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Give us wisdom and courage to step out in faith to share the Good News to all, so that we may make heaven crowded through our obedience to Your Great Commission. Amen.



GRADUATION 2026

Advice gathered for our graduates from their church family May 3, 2026

DON'T BE AFRAID TO...

...make new friends and share your faith; try new things; ever ask for God's help; ask for prayers; make mistakes (sometimes you learn from your mistakes); challenge yourself; change your mind; share the truth of the Gospel.

BE PREPARED TO...

...fail and then learn from that; be flexible and work hard; admit your mistakes—we all make them (for) the challenge of a lifetime; finish the good works God has prepared for you in advance to do; adventure out on your own; stand up for Christ; succeed; try new things and meet new people!

ALWAYS KEEP...

...faith; trying no matter how challenging; Christ in your heart; your eye on the prize—don't forget the bigger picture; talking to your family; one foot in front of the other; trying, and don't lose your faith; your hope in God's promises; your heart open; your vision; in His Word.

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO...

...give up; worry too much; give up hope; grow distant with the Lord; lose your faith in God; doubt yourself—you can do great things with God; be separated from your friends and family by a relationship.

BE OPEN TO...

...new ways of doing things; advice from others who've been there before; criticism; advice from others; asking questions; what God has planned for you; change (Everything will change, sometimes it's good.); supportive advice and wisdom; God's plans; a new start; the Holy Spirit's leading.

HOPE YOU ALWAYS...

...remember St. John's loves you!; know that you are loved; love Jesus; trust God; have gas in the tank; keep pushing forward; keep the faith; are prayerful and don't doubt yourself; know we are praying for you; find great friends; find joy in the small things; know that you are deeply loved by God and your family at St. John's.

MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:

Be your wonderful self! To remember just how loved you are! Remember to pray!
Keep your head up! Don't lose sight of the Lord!

Special Thanks to the **Elizabeth and Sarah Circles** for fruit, **Rita Bausch** for the beautiful flowers, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for the beautiful graduate shawls, and **all of you** for coming to celebrate our graduates on this special day!

*****Congratulations also to our graduating seniors who have worked diligently and have successfully finished strong!**

Dylan Allman
Hannah Carroll
Tyler Hart
Matthew Little
Ella Rauch

Michael Baldree
Owen Finley
Ava Jenkins
James McFarland
Austin Schemrich

Bella Castle
Eva Harris
Emily Larson
Bethanie Pinyerd
Regan Snyder



THE QUILTERS would like to thank those who donated yarn for the doll bed blanket project for the Woodworkers of Central Ohio. We were overwhelmed by your caring and generous hearts. The children will have so much fun wrapping and cuddling their dolls with the blankets Vi crochets. Thank you again and again.

THANK YOU, PROPERTY TEAM! The staff would like to take a moment to sincerely thank each of the members of our property team for the dedication and care you've shown in stepping up during the absence of a Property Manager. Your willingness to take on additional responsibilities has not gone unnoticed, and it has made a meaningful difference in keeping our church facilities running smoothly. Because of your efforts, our spaces remain welcoming, safe, and well-maintained for everyone who walks through our doors. This kind of behind-the-scenes service is essential to the life of our church, and it reflects a spirit of generosity and commitment that we deeply appreciate. Thank you for your time, your talents, your teamwork, and your faithfulness in serving in this way. Please know that your work is valued more than words can fully express.



THANK YOU to Carol Rorick for your guidance in discipleship. Your books are helpful and appreciated. Bless you! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S CHURCH for having a library. I just read *Getting to the Other Side of Grief – Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse*. This book was comforting. Peace be with you! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

Dear St. John's Crew, Thank you so much for your hospitality for the OMR Convocation. You went out of your way to take care of us and meet our needs. We are truly grateful for that. You are in our prayers as you call a Senior Pastor, and continue to share God's love and mercy in Grove City. You are a blessing as you shine the light of Christ! In Christ, ~The OMR Convocation Planning Team.

Property Team Members meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00am. If you have questions or concerns, please share them with a member of the team or put a note in the Property Team mailbox by the church office.

RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

It's a baby! Join us for a baby shower for the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers.

PDHC is a non-profit organization in Central Ohio that provides free medical services, education, and practical support to women and families, particularly those facing unexpected pregnancies.

We are collecting diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, and other baby supplies from **now through June 14**. Stop by the North Entrance to drop off your donations and to help support local moms in need. If you'd like more information about PDHC, visit www.pdhc.org. Thank you for your support!

THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY

will meet next in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, June 20**.



All are welcome! Refreshments are at 12:30pm. Then, we open with the club business meeting 1pm, followed by a \$5 workshop. This month, we will be making "Christmas mice" out of FIMO polymer clay. Clay is included in the workshop. Clay tools may also be available for use.



If you are interested in crafting with us and participating in the workshop, please **RSVP** to Sheri at shp678@yahoo.com **by Sunday, June 14th** so we can prepare enough materials and advise of suggested supplies to bring with you to the meeting.

OWLS EVENT—JUNE 19, 2026

PLAY BALL!! Isn't it wonderful to hear our children yell that familiar phrase? We all know what it means! Dig out the mitts, bats, balls and get ready for a busy season of baseball. Unfortunately, some kids need a helping hand to play a sport that comes so easy to others. Grove City Buddy Ball is committed to being an inclusive organization. Buddy Ball is made up of people of all ages, from all walks of life, working side-by-side to strengthen our community. Their values inspire and compel us to ensure everyone can reach their full potential and be their authentic selves in all aspects of diversity, including ability, age, cultural background, economic status, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, language, national origin, political view, race or sexual orientation.

Buddy Ball also promotes community support through volunteerism and sponsorship of these activities. If you aren't acquainted with the program, come and hear more. If you do know about the group, come and hear what's new. It's a great program for Grove City and we are proud to welcome them to OWLS.



The OWLS meet for lunch on the third Friday of each month at 11:30am followed by our guest speaker.

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends (old and new) for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You may call the office or Bonnie Swanson 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

ST. JOHN'S GOODTIME IRISH BAND

is looking for a male tenor or baritone who loves to sing. If interested or curious, please call Mike Cunningham at 614-561-5214, text, or email at fmichaelc51@gmail.com.

St. John's will be hosting a **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** in the FLC on **TUESDAY, June 30th from 12-6pm.**

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: **StJohnsGC**



The Quilters try to help the less fortunate by showing God's love and our understanding of their situations.

Our main focus is to make quilts for our Christmas sale and give back the proceeds to various ministries of St. John's and other charities. We donate most of the unsold quilts from our sale to children's charities.

During the last half of the year, we make 100 Christmas bags for the children whose families use the Grove City Food Pantry at the Methodist Church. We request our congregation to donate items to fill the bags. One of our other two on-going projects is collecting used greeting card fronts for The Cancer Thrift Store. The card fronts are recycled by a craftswoman into cards that are sold in the Cancer Thrift Store and given to local nursing homes. Our second on-going project is collecting, trimming, and mailing off used stamps for two military hospitals in Virginia for hand rehabilitation.

The Quilters welcome visitors. We are a small group for those uncomfortable in large groups. The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm in rooms 103-104. The times are flexible suggestions. We come and go as we wish. Come at any time and stay as long as you wish. You may sew on a machine, cut squares, arrange already cut squares, tie knots, pin a hem or just sit, have a cup of coffee and visit with us. You may take fabric home to make a quilt to donate.

Lord, give us the Christian love and understanding to not judge others. **Amen.**

CALL TEAM UPDATE: SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to share that a prospective pastor will be visiting for services on June 27–28. More information will be shared soon, but we hope you'll plan to join us for this special opportunity. Thank you for your continued prayers for the Call Committee and for the pastor God is preparing to lead our congregation.

Prayer for the Call Process:

Heavenly Father, continue to guide the Call Committee with wisdom, unity, and discernment as we seek the next Senior Pastor for St. John's. Prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming visit, and help us to warmly welcome this pastor and their family. Bless our congregation as we walk forward in faith, trusting in Your perfect timing and provision. In Jesus' name, Amen.

NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING

This summer, July 6th -11th, we will be sending 7 youth and 2 adults to the NALC Continental Youth Gathering for a four-day event in Roanoke, VA!



REJOICE!

Throughout the event, youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God's Word, engage in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun. NALC youth will rally around the powerful theme "Rejoice," living with a joy that lasts.

Please start praying for our youth (Corban & Truman Allman, Lukas Althoff, Davy Clark, Brooklyn Cress, Ben Previts, and Cordelia Wanner) and adult chaperones (Tim and Christina Allman) as they begin to prepare for this trip.

We are asking youth and adults of the congregation to prayerfully consider being prayer buddies during this time! If you have a youth or adult from your faith web that you would love to be prayer buddies with please see Christina Allman to get connected.

While we are at the Youth Gathering, we will be assembling NALC disaster response health kits. We are asking for monetary donations so that we can order supplies and have them shipped directly to the host church in VA so that we are not transporting items in the little packing space we have available. Our goal is to be able to buy enough supplies to create 25 kits which would cost us between \$300-\$400. To support these efforts, donations can be marked NALC health kits/Youth Designated in a check memo or on an offering envelope. We will need all donations by a deadline of June 14th so that we can purchase items for shipping before we leave.

MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS

Please join us every Monday at 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) for 30 minutes of fun, fellowship, and fitness.



Everyone is welcome! The class is geared more towards those who want to strengthen their cores and work on their balance. There are chairs available to help with any needed stability. Several of the exercises are seated, but there are some standing balance challenges too. The last 5 or so minutes of each session is

a basic work out with light hand weights for anyone who wants to stay and participate. Just bring two 1-3 lb. weights or even a couple of 16.9 oz. plastic water bottles will work.

This is a drop in class so no registration is needed. Just come when you can! Please call Diane Sexton with any questions at 678-572-0308. Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION



The following students have been instructed in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion, and participated in the Lord's Supper for the first time at our 11:00am worship services on Sunday, May 10th:

Abby Grossman

Xander Lechner

Addy Samuels (May 17th)

Alice Starr

Esmé Wanner

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they begin receiving this precious gift from the Lord!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER—JERRY FUNK

We are thankful that Jerry has agreed to put his years of experience in construction and business administration to work for us. Please continue to use the "Facilities Request" form to alert him to maintenance concerns around the property. His email is jfunk@stjohnsgc.org. Thank you for respecting his role in helping to care for our large facility/grounds used by so many different groups throughout the week.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM

St. John's has its own historic cemetery which is a separate entity from the Grove City Cemetery East/West on Grove City Road. All voting members (as defined in the St. John's Constitution) are granted burial privileges in the cemetery, at no charge for a plot, when the following conditions are met: contact the church office for permission and the next available space(s) to be assigned, then arrange and pay for the monument company to set a headstone within six months of reserving a plot. If a headstone is not set within that time frame, the plot is not considered reserved and will be available for the next requested burial. Please contact Karen Bentley if you have questions about the cemetery.

Our original columbarium with 40 niches, in the southwest corner of the cemetery, has a few remaining spaces. A niche may be reserved by signing a contract and paying the fee of \$600 for the niche and \$250 for the initial engraving on the faceplate. Each opening of the niche and/or engraving incurs additional fees paid to St. John's. We are in the process of ordering and installing a second columbarium to be placed at a right angle to the first columbarium. Fees for the new columbarium niches have not been determined yet. If you are interested in reserving a space in the original columbarium, please contact Kathryn Mullins in the church office.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF MAY 12, 2026

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Constance Sonnen** by Sara Laws.

Given in memory of **Ben Reeves** by Richard and Shelah Stage.

Given in memory of **Michael Holcomb** by Shelia Holcomb.

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Norman Baldwin** by Kevin and Holly Starr.

Quilters Fund

Given in memory of **Patricia Marie** by Christine Snashall.

MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

To all our members of St. John's,

We are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts. Simply send me an email at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org.

Sincerely,
Mark Meuser, Director of Music

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Received in Holy Baptism

Congratulations and blessings
to the following youth who were baptized at the
11:00am traditional service on Sunday, May 17th.



*Lorilei Hardy
Lucy Rawson
Addy Samuels
Lowen Samuels*

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin
their baptismal journey with the Lord.

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Traditional Worship:

Saturdays at 4:00pm
Sundays at 8:15am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 11:00am

Join us each week during the Sunday School Hour!

We would like to welcome all children ages 2 and
up who are not already attending to join us
during the Sunday School Hour from
9:30-10:30am each Sunday.

Parents are encouraged to join one of our adult
classes. There's even one that focuses on
parenting related topics.

If you have any questions, please see Tim Allman
or a member of the youth staff.

We look forward to seeing you!!

**Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**



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Letter from the Pastor

*“As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.”
(Psalm 103:13)*

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

Fatherhood in the Bible embodies deep significance, presenting fathers as leaders, nurturers, and protectors within their families. Exploring biblical principles clarifies the responsibilities and expectations associated with this role.

A father serves as a provider and protector, embodying love, guidance, and discipline. Fathers are called to nurture their children's spiritual growth and instill values that align with biblical teachings. Ephesians 6:4 emphasizes the importance of raising children “in the training and instruction of the Lord.” This directive enhances your understanding of the father's role not merely as a disciplinarian but as a spiritual guide integral to the family unit.

Numerous figures in the Bible exemplify fatherhood's virtues: **Abraham:** Abraham is considered the father of many nations. His faithfulness to God and commitment to his family sets a strong example of trust and obedience. **Moses:** Moses led his people with courage and compassion, reflecting the importance of mentorship and guidance in fatherhood. **David:** David's relationship with his children reflects both triumphs and failures, showcasing the complexities fathers often face. His commitment to God and efforts to teach his sons spiritual responsibility provides lessons for today's fathers. **Joseph:** As Jesus' earthly father, Joseph displayed unwavering faith and protective instincts, showing his love and dedication to Jesus.

All these men offer insights into the complex role of a father, including both challenges and opportunities for growth within their role as father. Fatherhood holds deep theological significance in the Bible. It reflects the nature of God and sets a framework for human relationships, especially within families. And so scripture presents God primarily as a Father. In the New Testament, Jesus refers to God as “Abba,” which conveys intimacy and trust. God desires a close relationship with His followers.

Fatherhood profoundly influences our children's faith development. A father's relationship with God shapes how his children perceive divine love. Engaging in prayer and scripture study together instills a strong spiritual foundation. For instance, consider the impact of teaching your children about trust in God during tough times. This creates resilience and faith in their own lives. When fathers model commitment to their faith, it fosters an environment where children feel secure and loved, encouraging them to build their own relationship with God. Your involvement in church activities and discussions about God's teachings reinforces these values, promoting lasting faith in your family.

Embracing the biblical meaning of fatherhood is about nurturing and guiding your loved ones with love and wisdom. As you strive to reflect God's character in your parenting, you're not only shaping your children's lives but also deepening your own faith journey. Happy Father's Day! Embrace your role as a dad, a father, a pop, with your whole heart, asking God's strength and guidance, because it has a lasting effect on your children.

Looking forward in faith

Pastor Patti