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<p><b>5</b> Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Adult Basketball 5pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> Property Team 10am Lunchtime AA 12pm Call Team 5pm Exercise Class 6pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Daily Reprive AA 7pm</p>	<p><b>7 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE</b> Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am Blue Ribbon 4-H 6:30pm Boy Scouts #392 7pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm</p>	<p><b>1</b> Small Group 1pm AA Design for Living 7pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> Promise Keepers 8am Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED AA 8:30pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Happy 4th of July! Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm</p>
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# July 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, July 11th at 9am** 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, July 6th at 6:30pm**

Sarah Circle  
Contact  
Diane Carducci  
614-871-7588

**Monday, July 27th at 7pm**

# SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS



**Joyful Pause:** Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursdays - 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](mailto:karriejclark@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:grogers@stjohnsgc.org). **Save the dates: Saturdays - 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](mailto:grogers@stjohnsgc.org).

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> nor Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School will begin after the congregational meeting so that all teachers have an opportunity to attend. Rally day will be September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** meets every Thursday from 5-6pm. Contact Kate Shrum if you would like your child to participate!

To my St. John's Family,

After a great deal of prayer and reflection, I have decided to step down from my role as High School Youth Director at the end of this summer. Serving alongside our students and their families over the past several years has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I am deeply grateful for the relationships we have built, the opportunities to witness God working in the lives of our youth, and the support and encouragement our congregation has shown to our program all along the way.

While this decision was not made lightly, I believe it is the right time for me to transition into a new season of life. I leave this role with a heart full of gratitude and confidence in the future of this ministry, knowing that I am leaving our youth in very capable hands. Thank you for allowing me to serve, grow, and share in the life of this congregation. I will always cherish the memories and friendships formed here, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to work in this church and in the lives of our students.

In God's Love,  
Gini

We thank Gini for her outpouring of her time and talents this past several years as she has fulfilled God's calling to be in the faith web of so many of our middle and high school youth! Please join the youth staff as we host a reception for Gini Rogers on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the shelter house during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:30am. Feel free to send a card or written note of appreciation to the office or bring to the reception to shower Gini with God's words of encouragement as she steps into her next chapter.

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

## 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.*

## YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH TEAM UPDATE:

**God Provides!** The Youth Director Search Committee is delighted to announce that we have found a candidate to fill the permanent position of Director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. John's.

You may recall that we had temporarily paused the active search for a permanent Youth Director, but God had other plans for us. He brought us exactly the candidate that we needed at exactly the right time, and we are grateful to be able to share that they have accepted our invitation to join the staff here at St. John's. This candidate brings deep faith, stellar qualifications, years of experience, and a strong familiarity with the NALC.

We are looking forward to a start date in early September when they will be joining Christina Allman and Donna Westerfeld in our youth department. Christina will be focusing on Elementary and Adventure Club, Donna will be focusing on High School and Energizers/Explorers, and our candidate will be overseeing the program, providing vision and leadership, handling communication and administration, and working with middle-school aged students.

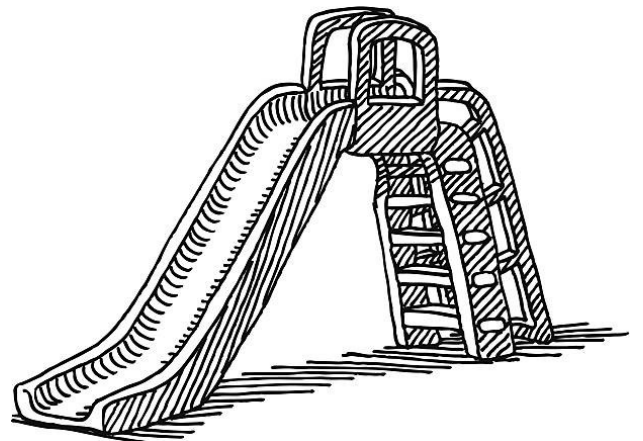
Please plan to join us for the quarterly congregational meeting at 9:15am on Sunday July 12, 2026 to vote on a budget amendment which will allow us to move forward with this hire. And please continue to pray for our new youth minister, our interim staff, the search committee and the youth of St. John's as we joyfully anticipate the future.

Please direct any questions to the search committee: Amy Wanner (Chair), Christina Allman, Rachel Katterhenrich, Brad Wahl, or Dwight Hendrickson.

## Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that came to help mulch the playgrounds!

With many hands, we were done quickly and enjoyed fellowship and delicious treats together. You all are a blessing to God's kingdom and truly display a servant's heart!

Special thanks to Nick Grossman for trimming some of the tree branches and removing a pine tree to make the playground safer for all the children.



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know the Lord. It has been beautiful to watch. Please continue to pray with us for the Lord to continue this work.

### *Disbelief to Faith*

We met a woman who had not been able to use her right foot in four years. She did not believe in God and had actually dressed up as Satan for Halloween this past year. My teammate asked if she could touch her foot and pray for it. After praying, the woman's foot was completely healed!! She started jumping up and down and dancing! She looked at my teammate and said, "It's because of you!" to which my teammate responded, "No, it's because of Jesus. He is the healer!" Since then, the woman has started attending a Bible study and learning about the Jesus who healed her.

### *Training school*

In February, we launched a ministry training school for local believers. We have a diverse group of students ranging from the age of 23 to 69 years old! The students have been engaging deeply with the content and have displayed so much hunger for the Lord. We have watched students begin writing their own worship songs, pray out loud in front of people for the first time, preach the gospel to those they meet, lean into the Lord for deep inner healing, and encourage one another in faith. It has been amazing to watch each student grow in their love of the Lord and grow in confidence to use their gifts in ministry!

### *50 Hours*

In April, we hosted our annual event called "50-Hours". This is a time in which every MAPS location simultaneously engages in 50 hours of nonstop prayer and worship for the region. The dates for the 50 hours were chosen months in advance, but with so much conflict happening in the region and talks of ceasefires, it felt like God hand-picked the dates to gather believers all across the Middle East/ 10-40 window and intercede for the region. As we prayed, two separate ceasefires were extended. It felt like a confirmation that God was hearing our prayers.

### **How to Pray**

- Pray for the students as they are getting ready to graduate our training program. Pray that the Lord leads them in their next steps
- We have seen many literal miracles in our midst recently. Please pray for the miracles to not just be cool stories, but instead be moments that lead to deep transformation for those who witnessed and experienced them.
- As I continue to serve in the Levant, please pray for continued language learning and deepening of relationships

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I have felt so supported by the community at St. John's! If you would like to receive more updates, stories, and testimonies from the mission field, sign up for my monthly newsletters by emailing me at [Hannah.wittenberg@mapsglobal.org](mailto:Hannah.wittenberg@mapsglobal.org)

*If you would like to make a financial gift towards the mission work, please write a check out to "MAPS Global" and write "1125-HW" in the memo line. You can mail the check to:*

*MAPS Global  
P.O. Box 4570  
Richmond, VA 23220*

## Hannah Wittenberg – Missions Update Serving in the Levant with MAPS Global



Thank you for your continued prayers and support as I've been serving in the Levant region! These first eight months have held a lot of unanticipated challenges like needing surgery and being in a wheelchair the first few months, two teammates unexpectedly moving back to the States, and wars breaking out in the region. But, in the midst of it all, God has been on the move! We launched our first ministry training school, hosted several prayer and worship events for the region, went on many house visits to the poor, created a space where church members can come and receive prayer, and so much more! Below are a few highlights and testimonies!

### Testimonies and Highlights

#### Immobile to Healed

A single mom in our community was recently in a car accident. The accident messed up a disc in her back and left her in so much pain. She was in a wheelchair, immobilized, and unable to do almost anything. She has two young sons under the age of five and her parents had to take care of her children because she was no longer able to care for them. A friend encouraged her to come to church and she did. During the service, the church laid hands on her and prayed. She expressed feeling some relief in pain immediately. However, the next morning, she woke up 100% pain-free and moved about her day as if she had never been injured!!

#### Softening of Hearts

Throughout the Levant there is a long history of division, conflict, and strife. Many people groups have centuries of prejudice and hate towards each other. I would love to say that this attitude is not present in the church, but unfortunately, we have seen the attitude of disgust and hate towards others even among the believers. Our team has been spending a lot of time in prayer asking the Lord to give the believers here His heart of love and compassion for those who are considered enemies or even just the "others".

One Sunday, a woman brought her unbelieving mother to church. Her mother is a part of one of the hated groups within the Levant. One of the students in our training program was waved over to meet this woman's mother. His testimony is as follows:

*"The moment I saw her, tears started falling heavily on their own and I felt this unexplainable love towards a lady I have never met. All I wanted to do is hug her. I asked permission to do that as I was in tears and to my surprise, she was very welcoming. I have never felt such unconditional love towards anyone like that before. Then as I continued worshipping, I started feeling this unconditional love towards every single member of (this group). I have never felt that before. This past Sunday was different. This past Sunday I only had a small glimpse of God's heart towards them."*

Over the past few months, we have been watching the Lord soften and convict many hearts about their active hate and/ or a lack of care of those in our city who are different from them and do not

## Meditation Moment - July

\*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 Spirit!

**Meditation Verse:** Romans 15:13

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

**Activity:** Fill to Overflowing!

Supplies: pitcher filled with water, cup, sink

God's Spirit not only fills us with His love, grace, and hope, but these things spill over and begin to splash on others. Put your cup in the sink and, as you slowly fill your cup to overflowing, ask God to fill you with His love. Let the water overflow onto your hand. Imagine God filling you with His Spirit to the point of overflowing. Repeat as often as you like!

**Self-reflection/Discussion Questions:**

Where in the Bible have you seen God use water to show us His love?

When have you felt the love of God overflowing in your heart?

In what ways can you splash His love onto others?

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father,

As I seek and trust in You, fill me to overflowing with Your joy and peace. Let others see You overflowing in me so that they may feel the touch of Your Spirit. **Amen.**

## MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Kristen Millet** by Jacqueline Rutan

Given in memory of **Toni Wilson** by Carol Rich; Larry and Becky Link; and Bruce and Karen Whyte

**Good Samaritan Fund**

Given in memory of **Toni Wilson** by Susan Koehler; and Debbie Abbitt



The Quilters would like to thank those who donated yarn for the crocheted 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 made. Thank you again and again.

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy June Stimpfle's 90th birthday party. It had a wonderful turn out. The party was a success. Thank you so much for cards and birthday wishes. We are so grateful for all of you, and we could not ask for a better helper than Steve Marcum! Thank you all. ~ Linda Ballou and June Stimpfle.

## OWLS EVENT—JULY 17, 2026

Ever wonder what a group of OWLS do when they get together???? Join us and find out!! You would be surprised!! Come and meet new people! Enjoy a delicious lunch! And much more!



Our guest speaker for the July 17th meeting will be siblings Gus Niewenhaus and Kelly Cullum representing The Hous Foundation which was born from a dream in 2022. In November 2017 they lost their youngest sister and her two young children to an act of domestic violence in Scottsdale, Arizona. Left with their grief and an unexpected life insurance payout, the siblings decided to honor their sister and her children by using the money to give opportunities and experiences to kids. The Westerville non-profit now provides scholarships to elementary and middle school students to cover the costs of extracurricular activities, up to \$500 per child. **And now it's time to add July 17 to your calendar and come hear more!!**

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) would love to see you there but PLEASE make your reservation using the salmon insert sheet or call either the church office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. We will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish. Hope you come 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.

**Hope to see you there!**



# Quilters

The Quilters do more than just make quilts for our Christmas sale. We encourage you to help others by donating used stamps for two veterans' hospitals in Virginia, card fronts to a Cancer Thrift Store craftsperson, flat sheets for the filler and backing in the quilts, Christmas fabric for children and Christmas bag items. Please place your donations in the Quilters' cabinets in the Link. Thank you for remembering your donations will help others.

The Quilters appreciate the donated yarn for the doll blankets for the Woodworkers of Central Ohio's Christmas doll bed project. We especially appreciate and marvel over doll blankets Vi Davis has crocheted this year. The children at the charities and Head Start will enjoy wrapping their dolls in the colorful blankets made from your yarn.

In the early summer, we usually start requesting items for the Christmas bags our congregation donates to the Grove City Methodist Church for the Grove City Food Pantry. This year, we requesting our usual donation of crayons and small, kid-oriented items for the 10"X10" Christmas bags. Just a reminder, Crayola crayons usually go on sale starting in July for around \$.50 for a box of 24 crayons. The sale price will probably increase this year as have most other items. Also, keep an eye out for sales on small plush animals, sturdy combs, pencils, small notepads, nail clippers, small super-bouncy balls, and the ever popular, leftover Halloween candy. Remember, the Halloween candy must have an expiration date in 2027. Any quantity you wish to donate is acceptable. Your donations have been bountiful in previous years. Please place donated items in a labeled grocery bag in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for remembering the children,

Thanks to everyone for your continued donations of canceled stamps. The Quilters will be mailing a shoe box full of stamps for two veterans' hospitals in Virginia. The hospitals use the stamps for hand rehabilitation activities. The Quilters mail a box of stamps about every year and a half. The cost to mail the box of stamps is around \$20. We have received many older stamps donated from love letters sent during the Vietnam era. Many of the older stamps are over 60 years old. If any one would like to collect these stamps, come by any Tuesday to pick them up. The stamps need a good home where they are appreciated.

The Quilters are a small group which meet most Tuesdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm in rooms 103-4. Come and go at any time. We always welcome visitors. All supplies are provided.

**John 15:12—This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.**

## QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, please plan to attend the quarterly meeting of the congregation. It will be held at 9:15am or when the early service concludes (whichever is later). This meeting will include some important ministry updates and decisions for the life of the congregation, so we hope to see all of you there!

## 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.

While we are at the Youth Gathering, we will be assembling NALC disaster response health kits. Thank you so much for the support of the kits. At this time we have received enough donations to purchase 30 health kits which surpassed our goal of 25!

Our send off will be July 5th at the 11:00am contemporary worship service. Prayer buddies are encouraged to attend to pray over our students and leaders. If anyone wants to see us off, we will be leaving the church at 9:00am on Monday, July 6th

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Officers:** Dr. Scott Hirth, Council President; David Clark, Vice President; Rachel Katterhenrich, Secretary; Teresa Orahoad, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Cindy Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock, Abby Johnston, Doug Knisely, Susan Previts, David Stallard, Bonnie Swanson, Amy Wanner.

## *Our Christian Sympathy is extended to*

the family and friends of **Toni Wilson**,  
who passed away on May 16, 2026.

the family and friends of **Kristen Millet**,  
who passed away on May 29, 2026.

*All who grieve are  
in our hearts and prayers.*

## 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

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, we focus again on our freedom and what that means in our own lives. Freedom is basic to the way we Americans think. But what does it mean to be truly free?

Saint Paul actually addresses this question in the 5th chapter of Galatians. He understands that like every road, the road to freedom has two ditches. Legalism and License are their names, and to fall into either, hampers true freedom in Christ.

In Galatia, some were insisting that in order to be Christian, the entire Law of Moses had to be kept. Paul said if that were true, then Jesus died on the cross for nothing. "For freedom, Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

We Lutherans do a pretty good job of avoiding the ditch of legalism, for we know we are justified by God's grace alone through faith in Christ Jesus. But we sometimes veer into the ditch of license, of doing our own thing. Paul warns against this as well. "For freedom, Christ has set us free, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence."

So, how then shall we live? Saint Paul says, "Live by the Spirit...by contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit."

As we continue to study God's Word, we will discover that, while we aren't perfect, in Christ we are a new creation. The Holy Spirit is always at work in those who put their trust in Him, and His Word never returns empty.

I don't know about you, but this is the kind of freedom I want to live in, a freedom in Christ, where His Word is Alive and Active in and through me!

We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to, as God prepares us for a new pastor. Let us embrace the working of the Holy Spirit, putting our faith and trust completely in Him.

*Looking forward in faith*

*Pastor Patti*