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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 meeting on
Saturday, September 12
at 9am in Room 103-4.**

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, September 7 at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, September 28 at 7pm

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hello new St. John's family!



My name is Kelsey Bacon, and I am thrilled to join the staff as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. I live in Hilliard with my husband Alex and our two kids Theo (2 1/2) and Lila (11 months). I grew up here in Columbus, and have many years of experience serving and leading in youth and family ministry. I am very passionate about bringing the gospel to kids and teens. I love the ministry of discipling students, walking alongside parents through every stage, and raising up the next generation of the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am also passionate about books, crochet, homemade sourdough, and people!

I am so excited to get to know the community here. I would love to connect with you in the lobby, over coffee, or at your favorite spot in Grove City, as I'm getting to know the area. Please feel free to email me at kbacon@stjohnsgc.org.



JOIN THE MINISTRY TEAM! Make a difference on **THURSDAY NIGHTS** by volunteering with Adventure Club and Faith Trek. Both meet on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. Adult and teen leader training will be on September 24th, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. If you're able, let Christina know you're coming for a dinner head count.

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start the following week, October 1st.

They meet weekly, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$4. Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grade. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Talk to Christina about joining us!

Explorers and Energizers for grades 7—8 and 9—12 will start on October 1st, 7—8:30pm.

Interested in being on the adult leadership team? Please connect with Donna Westerfeld at dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith. Training for Adult Leaders is Wednesday, September 23rd, 7pm—8:30pm.

AXIS.ORG is "connecting Parents, Teens, & Jesus in a Disconnected World." This website is full of free resources on parenting youth in today's culture. There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting. <https://axis.org/>

PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour, in Room 103-104, with Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES!

For more information, contact Megan Grossman or Christina Allman, sign the interest clipboards in the confirmation room (soon to be added to CH Meetings), or email Christina at callman@stjohnsgc.org.

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



ATTENTION SINGERS: ST. JOHN'S CHOIRS NEED MEMBERS

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to join one of St. John's choirs. No previous choir experience is necessary. There are three choral groups that serve at the Sunday morning worship services. The groups alternate between the two traditional services.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9:00pm.

The Women's Chorale rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:25pm.

The Men's Chorale rehearses on Sunday morning in the Choir Room from 9:30-10:30am.

Practices will begin Wednesday, September 2. Interested singers can just show up to practice. If you have been looking for a fun way to serve the church and praise God, this is a wonderful opportunity. The choirs are directed by Mark Meuser. If you have questions, please feel free to contact him by e-mail at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF AUGUST 9TH, 2026

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Jim Braskett** by Hirth Norris and Garrison; Beth Katterhenrich; Susan Koehler; Gary and Kathy Myers; Ron and Judy Kientz; and Charlotte Rausch

Given in memory of **Kristen Millet** by Wilma Phillips

Given in memory of **James Black** by Beth Katterhenrich

Given in memory of **Ginny Bent** by Beth Katterhenrich; Cheryl Thompson; and Susan Koehler

Given in memory of **Denise Corkwell** by Pat Walters

Given in memory of **Marilyn Martin** by Ron and Judy Kientz

Given in memory of **William McNicol** by the Mawhorr Family

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Jim Braskett** by Beth Katterhenrich

Given in memory of **Marilyn Martin** by an anonymous donor

Given in memory of **Annette Utzinger** by Beth Katterhenrich

Wycliffe Bible Translators Fund

Given in memory of **Paul and Alice**

Katterhenrich by Beth Katterhenrich

OWLS Fund

Given in memory of **Virginia Bent** by Sarah Circle; and Charlotte Rausch

Meditation Moment: September

*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(s): Ephesians 3:16/Romans 15:13

"I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit"

"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: Overflowing with the Spirit's blessings.

Supplies: cup in a basin and a pitcher of water

God's Spirit not only fills us with His love, grace, strength, and hope, but these things spill over and begin to splash on others. Take the pitcher of water and begin filling the cup to overflowing. As you do, ask God to fill you with all the blessings of His Spirit. Let the water flow over your hand into the basin. Imagine God filling you with His Spirit to the point of overflowing. Repeat as often as you like!

Self-reflection/Discussion Questions:

School has started, lives are changing, and we each need the inner strength we gain through His Spirit.

In what ways can you splash His overflowing Spirit onto others?

How can you extend His Spirit's blessings to those in your family every day?

Where do you feel the joy and peace of His Spirit?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as I seek and trust in You, fill me to overflowing with Your joy and peace. Empower me with inner strength through Your Spirit. Amen.

September Mexico Update

Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fund-raisers. Check out the Genesis Diez newsletters on the mission board in the link or visit their website to see the exciting changes happening at the ranch!



Planning has begun for our 2027 Mexico Mission Trip!!!

...If you'd like to go on mission next summer, 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.

...**Watch the Eagles and bulletins for further information.**

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.



Confirmation Orientation

For returning 8th graders (2nd year students) and incoming 7th graders (1st year students), we will have confirmation orientation on Sunday, September 13th (Rally Day for our younger students) from 9:30-10:30am starting in the Sanctuary and concluding in the Confirmation Room (304). We will send more information out as the date approaches, but if you have any questions reach out to Christina Allman.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Veterans Luncheon will be held on
November 15 at 12:45pm in the FLC.
All Veterans and their guests are invited.



Honoring All Veterans on Veterans Day

We thank you for your service and sacrifices. We are forever grateful!

The Quilters send many thanks to those who have already donated items for the Grove City Methodist Food Pantry Christmas bags for the children. Thank you especially for the donated Crayola crayons. We are on our way to 100 boxes of crayons, pencils, glue sticks and erasers. We thank you all for your caring donations. We feel so blessed to have you help us nearly reach some of our goals early. The children delight is your leftover Halloween candy. We need two tables full of candy to fill the 100 bags. Please check the expiration date is in 2027. We cannot give near-to-expired or expired candy to the children. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. The Quilters thank you for your interest, concern and thinking about Christmas giving so early in September.



Quilters

The Quilters have been given unusual and old stamps through the years of collecting and sending canceled stamps to the veterans' hospital in Virginia. We had them checked out and found that they are common stamps. We would like to give them to someone interested in stamp collecting. Stop by on a Tuesday morning in room 103-4 to see if the stamps might interest you to add to your collection.

Have you wondered what happens to the card fronts you donated? Jenny D, a craftswoman at the Grove City Cancer Thrift Shop, repurposes them into new cards. Some are sold at the shop and some are donated to various groups.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm or thereabouts. The times are only a vague idea. Some come early and leave early. Some come late and leave early. Some come just to visit. The Quilters welcome all in rooms 103-4. All materials are provided.

Not everyone can do great things, but everyone can do small things with great love. ~ Mother Teresa.

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.



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THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.**

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OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!” What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they are pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t get to see often so once again we will skip the program and enjoy our friends and conversation! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

You can order from the menu which includes their buffet for \$19.99 (menu price or whatever the menu price is at that time) which includes the salad bar, but it does not include your drink or pie. You can also choose from their lunch and dinner menu.



We encourage everyone to meet in the new north entrance no later than 11:15am. If you are able and willing to drive and take passengers, it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up using the salmon sheet. We need to leave at 11:30am for our 12:00pm reservation. If you sign up and need to cancel, please call the church or Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002). Hope to see you there!

RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY:

Rally Day will take place on September 13th during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6th grade will meet in the FLC. 7th and 8th grades will have confirmation orientation starting in the sanctuary. This year, Rally Day will also be Bible Sunday!! The following groups will receive an age-appropriate Bible as a gift from the congregation during the worship services: students starting pre-school, incoming 3rd graders, and our 7th graders going into confirmation. If you have a child in one of these groups, please plan on attending worship September 13th.

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.*

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 1-3lb. 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 **Marilyn Martin**,
who passed away on July 27, 2026.

the family and friends of **Bill McNicol**,
father of Suzie Brace,
who passed away on August 3, 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.**



**The article deadline for the OCTOBER
Eagle is SEPTEMBER 10TH.**

Email announcements & articles to
secretary@stjohnsgc.org
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.



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Letter from the Pastor

*"May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
and establish the work of our hands."*

(Psalm 90:17)



Dear Disciples of Jesus,

There are many new beginnings in life; some are greeted with open arms such as when a couple gets married, or a new baby is born. Other new beginnings result from a significant loss or change. Whatever the case may be, you can be sure that there will be a mixture of emotions, a whole bunch of hope in what is to come, and a bit of anxiety sprinkled in for good measure at the unknown.

Many of you know of my love for the Book of Psalms. They provide ageless words of support and direction, comfort and certainty in all seasons of life, but especially in times of change. In times of change, the psalmist cried out to God, believing that He would guide them into new times of joy, healing, and purpose.

Our faithful God, who creates everything new is made known in the Psalms through songs of praise, through songs of lament, through trust and restoration. Every new beginning, according to the Psalms, is a heavenly invitation into what might be, rather than a postscript to what was.

The Psalms reflect the spirit's yearning for new life, the heart's need for peace and serenity, and the soul's need for guidance. They tell us that God is already present in what happens next, regardless of how the new beginning came to be.

The verse from Psalm 90, which begins this letter, is a prayer for God's favor to bless new endeavors. It serves as a reminder that success and stability come not just by human effort alone, but through God's establishing hand. It is a perfect prayer for us as we welcome our new Youth Director now, and our new Senior Pastor in October.

These new beginnings are not just about what we do with this time, it's also about who blesses the work and makes it prosper. Let us invite God into this time with renewed fervor, that He strengthen our way and give enduring purpose to our labor, that He anchor us firmly to His will and bless us in all we do.

Looking forward in faith

Pastor Patti