

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

8-4-24: 9:00 am: 81 Online: 34 Total: 115

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*Dick Crouse – St. Vincent Medical Center*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Deb Ackerman, Angela, Phyllis Brown, Peggy Burke, Sally Claytor, Carol Crosser, Dick Crouse, Ann Dudics, Duke, Norman Eck, Martha Everett, Family of Tom Hartford, Cindy Herrera, Jody, Kaitlyn, Sharon Kassay, Deborah Kidwell, Rebecca Kohn, Helen K., Family of Fred Kruse, Paul Lambrecht, Marc LeDuc, Rick & Judy Lepiarz, Chad Milner, Janet Mooney, Bill Nelson, Teresa Nye, John Puhl, Dan S., Skylar, June Smarkel, Steve Welling, Dave Wilbarger Sr., Arlene Wilbarger, Ruth Zasada

***\*\*To better manage the prayer chain, only critical and new requests will be printed in the weekly announcements. All ongoing requests will be posted in the lounge, and narthex (lobby), and be included in the monthly newsletter. If you have any additions or changes to the prayer chain, please email office@firststjohn.com\*\****

**CALENDAR FOR AUG 11– AUG 17**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/ Communion
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	10:00 am	- Visitation for Tom Hartford
	11:00 am	- Funeral Services for Tom Hartford (burial and luncheon to follow)
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study
	6:30 pm	- Day School Board Meeting

**WELCOME TO FIRST ST. JOHN:** If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest book, located in the Narthex (lobby).

**WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIAN** Lesli McCage Simmons, clarinet. We are very honored to have Lesli join us today for worship. Make sure to read her full bio in the bulletin and welcome Lesli to FSJ!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

**TOM HARTFORD FUNERAL SERVICE** will be held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, where the family will greet friends starting at 10am with a service following at 11am at the church. Interment following the service in St. John’s Cemetery. Luncheon will be provided by the Bereavement Committee in the lounge. We extend our sympathy to all Tom’s family and friends.

**SAVE THE DATE** As the Summer is winding down, we will return to two services offered at 8am and 10:30am on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

**MONTHLY MINISTRY** The ministry outreach for August is **Community Care-A-Van**. The Community Care-a-Van service was established in 2000 to help those who are unable to get transportation to their important medical services. They pick up the patient, take them to their appointments, and then transport them back home. This service is free to the patient and is entirely supported by donations. They serve patients in East Toledo, Walbridge, Lake Twp., Jerusalem Twp., Northwood, and Oregon. If you would like to help support this program, please use one of the pink envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate during in-person worship, or you can mail your donation to the church office.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** This month’s donation focus is bars of soap. Each month we hand out two bars per person, so it is a highly valued item for our pantry. Please consider donating! We also have an online Amazon Wishlist with items you can purchase and have directly sent to us! Email Jennifer in the office and she can send you the link if you would prefer to purchase items that way! Thanks in advance!

**DARTBALL** Dartball season is almost upon us. Teams meet every other Monday night starting in late September in the church gym. For more information call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. It is easy, fun and fellowship. No experience required. Join us.

**THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER** the August newsletter has been emailed to all members and non-members currently on the distribution list. Due to the size of the documents, please make sure to check your spam email folder. Hardcopies were also mailed out this past week to those who request that distribution method. Extra copies are available in the narthex (lobby), and in the lounge.

**THE NEXT WELCA MEETING** will be held on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**BIBLE QUIZ & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** Get ready for the second annual All-American Bible Quiz on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. Prizes for first and second place. The quiz covers the journeys of the Apostle Paul. So, plan on joining us for coffee and doughnuts on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. And every Sunday thereafter for Bible Study concentrating on the book of Acts and the letters of Paul and Peter.

**LAYETTE MINISTRY COLLECTION:** The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are collecting baby care items to make up kits that will be sent to needy families. If you would like to donate, there will be a collection box in the lounge, or you can bring them to the church office. Here are the items we need:

- lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) \*
- long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) \*
- receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include baby cap \*
- pairs of socks
- hand towel, dark color recommended
- bath size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars)
- diaper pins or large safety pins

\* **Clothing sizes can be up to 24 months**

**BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS:** To borrow tables and chairs for summer events, please call the church office to reserve them at 419-691-7222. Remember, tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage are available. Thank you.

**NURSERY WISH LIST** As we are starting a nursery, we would like to gather some new items for a fresh start. Instead of a donation tree, we have created an Amazon wish list! Jennifer will email it out on Monday, or email Jennifer directly and she will send it to you. The nursery will be an important ministry as it will allow parents to attend service with care provided for their young children. We are looking for wet/baby wipes, puzzles (large piece toddler/wooden ones), new baby dolls (at least 2), small and large plastic farm animals/people, plastic building blocks, stacking toys, and toddler toys (that are easy to wipe clean), a See & Say, or Pop-Up Pals to name a few. Please NO stuffed animals/toys. Donations can be dropped off during the week to the church office or if using Amazon can be shipped directly to the church

**FSJ DAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN!** Registration for the 2024-2025 school year. We are also knee deep in our summer program schedule. If interested in enrolling for next school year, or for the summer please visit the Day School website or contact Andrea Buckley, 419-691-6480.

**"MEET THE TEACHER" NIGHT:** If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Day School and/or has already registered for our fall program, you can stop in on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and tour the school and meet our teachers. Our fall program begins on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. You can register your child or grandchild for school by either calling Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480, picking up a registration form off the table outside the church office, or you can find registration forms on their website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org).

**NEXT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. We will again meet at the Woodville Diner on Woodville Rd. Join us for food, fellowship, and a brief devotion.