

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 17th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Uarda Houchin's August 22nd birthday, given by Sandra Stahl; and in loving memory of Jean Garey's father, Bob, on his Birthday; and in honor of Ryleigh Hess' 13th birthday today, given by her parents and sisters; and in honor of Evelyn Julia Nelson's baptism, given by her grandma and grandpa.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-10-25: 9:00 am: 84 Online: 60 Total: 144

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Peggy Burke, Family of Lola Crouse, Norman Eck, Diane Gerkenmeyer, Mary Ellen Miller, Paige Smith, Rita Riegle, Tiffany, Levi Wallace, Joyce Yard.

****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 will 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 17 – AUG 23

Today	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Baptism/Communion/Special Music
Monday		- DAY SCHOOL FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (car line at 9am, noon and 3pm)
	6:30 pm	- WELCA meeting (lounge)
Tuesday	1:00 pm	- Tuesdays @ 1pm Concert – Special Guest: Lesli McCage Simmons
Wednesday		- JENNIFER OUT OF OFFICE (limited church office coverage)
Friday		- September Newsletter Deadline (send articles to office@firststjohn.com)
Saturday	8:30 am	- Fellowship Breakfast @ American Table

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

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

FOR YOUR SECURITY, please make sure to secure any valuables and lock your car. Unfortunately, as a property with heavy foot and car traffic, unlocked vehicles can be an easy target. Lock it up, keep it safe!

LIVESTREAM SERVICE WEEKLY Did you know that you can watch a livestream of our 10:30 am Sunday Service? You can find it by visiting www.firststjohn.com/LIVE, or by using the Online Worship link in the middle of the home page or the top navigation ('Worship' then 'Online Worship') on any page.

HOLY BAPTISM today is for Evelyn Julia Nelson, born January 23, 2025, to Ryan and Kali (Hill) Nelson. Evelyn's sponsors are Rachel Cola, and Emilee Underwood. Please join us in congratulating the family on this blessed occasion.

PLEASE RETURN BAPTISMAL INSERTS: After the 10:30 service, please place the baptism inserts from the bulletin in the plastic bins located in the Narthex (lobby) or on the small pew by the door near the choir loft. Thank you.

SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIANS A very special welcome to our musical guest today, Lesli McCage Simmons (clarinet). Please see the bulletin for a brief bio and make sure to welcome Lesli!

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST the next Adult Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant on Wheeling in Oregon. Please make plans to join us as there is always room for more at the table!

SUMMER NURSERY our nursery downstairs is available for anyone who would like to utilize it during the service but is not manned during the summer months. There is a diaper changing station in the women's restroom. We will resume nursery coverage in September.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION If you or a loved one would like a homebound communion visit, please call the church office. Bob Haar is temporarily communing the homebound at their request, and he will call you to set up an appointment.

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.

WELCA will meet on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

TUESDAYS @ 1PM Concert Dr. Tony will once again host a 'Tuesdays @ 1pm' concert on Tuesday, August 19th at 1pm in the church sanctuary. The concert will feature Lesli McCage Simmons on Clarinet accompanied by Dr. Anthony Pattin, piano. They will be joined by soprano, Carol Dusdieker, a member of the Heidelberg University faculty for a performance of Franz Schubert's Shepherd on the Rock. The concert is free and open to the public. Please make plans to join us!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on Sunday, September 28, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. We will explore the Old Testament. Please join us every Sunday for coffee, and donuts and good biblical conversation and learning.

GREAT AMERICAN BIBLE QUIZ Get ready! The third annual Great American Bible Quiz will happen on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lounge. Prizes for first and second place. Test your Old Testament knowledge and join us.

DARTBALL Dartball season is almost upon us. Teams meet every other Monday night starting on September 29th 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.

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER the July-September Portals of Prayer are still available in the lounge and at the back of the church for pick-up.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Friday, August 22nd. Please submit any items you would like to feature in September by this deadline. Unfortunately, late events and articles are causing the newsletter to mail out late so we will need to start enforcing the deadline. Thanks for your understanding!

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY August's focus item is bar soap. Reminder: Items should last the individual for a month, so please, no travel or hotel sizes. You can deposit items in either the bright green bin in the lounge or the left pull-out drawer next to the Feed Your Neighbor bins in the Narthex under the main bulletin board. We also continue to have a high need for paper products (toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels) and laundry detergent.

TOLEDO LUTHERAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION The USBC is about to kick-off their upcoming season. Anyone is invited to join or put together a team. The only requirements are that you are 18 years or older and able to bowl without using ramps or bumpers, even badly, as it is about fun! The season runs for 32 weeks and starts on Monday, September 8th. The cost is \$16 per bowler each night of play. There are cash payouts and awards, and there is a snack bar available, bowling balls are provided, and shoes for rent at the bowling alley. A pre-season league meeting will be held at Interstate Lanes on Friday, August 22nd at 7 pm (attendance optional). If interested, contact Steve Mawhorter, sdmawhorter@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP NEEDED: Flowers on Sundays beautify the sanctuary and are dedicated to the glory of God. You can assist by signing up and using this as an opportunity to honor/remember a loved one. The flower sign up book is in the Narthex, \$15/vase, or call the church office. There are also weekly opportunities to honor or remember a loved one by donating the cost of messengers (\$10) homebound outreach (\$10) and chancel lighting (\$15).

SAVE THE DATE We will return to two services on Sept 7th at 8am and 10:30am. Watch upcoming newsletters and announcements for more info.