

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 24th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Joyce Villhauer on honor of her August 5th birthday, given by Sue Kimmet & Shelley Garrett; and in honor of Jessie & Mike Henneman's 59th Wedding Anniversary!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-17-25: 9:00 am: 95 Online: 60 Total: 155

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, Susan 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 24 – AUG 30

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| Today | 9:00 am | - Worship Service/Communion |
| Thursday | 6:00 pm | - Choir Practice Begins (all are invited) |

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.

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.

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. On Monday, September 22nd we will have a dartball practice up in Founders Hall (gym) before the season starts, so come check it out! (For more information call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. It is easy, fun and fellowship. No experience required. Join us.

FSJ FAMILY MUD HENS NIGHT On Saturday, August 16th a group of around 25+ FSJ members, family, and friends attended the Mud Hens game vs. the Columbus Clippers. Unfortunately, the weather delayed the game significantly, but the group still made the best of it and had the perfect seats that were covered mostly from the elements. For those who attended that still have their paper tickets, you can exchange them at the Mud Hens ticket office for a future Mud Hens game in 2025 free of charge. The last home game is Sunday, September 14th. Thanks to all who attended! It was great to get together.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY HELPERS NEEDED We are currently seeking 1-3 people to serve once every 6 weeks in our Personal Needs Pantry. The pantry takes place on Wednesday mornings with a time commitment of 9am-11am. For more information, please contact Jennifer Hess in the office. 419-691-7222.

RALLY DAY is here again! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7th. More details to come very soon!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Children and youth are encouraged to bring their school backpacks with them to church during the 10:30 am service on Rally Day, September 7th. During the service, pastor will bless all the backpacks and the children who will carry them during the new school year. Also, we will install our teachers from the Day School and Sunday School at the 2nd service as well.

FSJ CHOIR IS STARTING BACK UP! The FSJ Choir will start rehearsing again under the new leadership of Jo-Anne Chrysochoos, our new director. She is very excited to get to work and meet everyone! The first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, August 28th at 6:00 pm in the choir room, and again on Thursday, September 4th at the same time and place. At the first rehearsal we will discuss expectations and suggestions to start the new year off, and music selection. The first choir performance will take place on Sunday, September 7th. Please plan on attending and we are always looking for new members!

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.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST the next Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 27th at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant on Wheeling street in Oregon. Join us for a devotion/prayer and good fellowship. There is always room for one or two more at the table, so please join us!

MISSION SUNDAY It is time once again for Mission Sunday. Next month on Sunday, September 28th, please bring items for the Personal Needs Pantry, and non-perishable food items for Feed Your Neighbor (no glass jars please). Let's fill up the grocery carts like we did last year! God's Love; Our Hands.

CIRCLE NEWS:

RUTH CIRCLE will meet next on Tuesday, September 2nd at 11:30 am in the lounge.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet next on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30 am in the lounge.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet next on Saturday, September 13th @ 11:30 am (please note date change from normal time due to Labor Day holiday).

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet next on Monday, September 15th @ 6:30 pm in the lounge.