

*ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of William Moritz, given by Julie Moritz.

**MESSENGERS** are given in loving memory of Iva Grant, and her son, Douglas Grant, and in honor of her grandson, Ric Bailey, given by family.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

7-27-25: 9:00 am: 75 Online: 40 Total: 115

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

*Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg*

*Lola Crouse – Gardens of St Francis*

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Peggy Burke, Lola Crouse, Norman Eck, Diane Gerkenmeyer, Mary Ellen Miller, Rita Riegle, Sandy Stahl, Tiffany, Levi Wallace.

***\*\*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 3 – AUG 9**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		- LIMITED ACCESS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING DUE TO MAINTENANCE. ENTER CHURCH SIDE TO ACCESS LOUNGE/CHURCH
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting (lounge)
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	11:30 am	- Ruth Circle @ Tony Packo's

**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](http://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.

**EDUCATIONAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE** starting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> the Property Management group will be scheduling floor waxing that will take place in the educational building throughout the week and also some other needed repairs. Please avoid the building to limit foot traffic if possible, and use church side entrances to access the lounge. For more info, contact Andy Hodges.

**WELCA** will meet on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**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.

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER** is available for pick up in the lounge and in the back of the church. If you requested a copy be mailed to you, it was mailed on Friday. Happy August!

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Tony Packo's on Front Street for lunch.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** will not meet this month. Their next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am in the lounge.

**ALTAR GUILD** will hold its next meeting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**TUESDAYS @ 1PM Concert** Dr. Tony will once again host a 'Tuesdays @ 1pm' concert on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** the next Adult Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**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.

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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).

**MUD HENS OUTING TICKETS** are in for those who reserved and purchased them. Please see Bob Haar to get your tickets, or they will be available for pick up at the church office. Please call the office to arrange to work around the building maintenance schedule. 419-691-7222.

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