

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 31st

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

8-24-25: 9:00 am: 84 Online: 20 Total: 104

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Betty Anderson – St. Vincent Hospital

Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg

Gloria Ross – Toledo Hospital

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Betty Anderson, Peggy Burke, Family of Lola Crouse, Norman Eck, Diane Gerkenmeyer, Mary Ellen Miller, Paige Smith, Susan Smith, Rita Riegle, Gloria Ross, 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 31 – SEPT 6

<u>Today</u>	9:00 am	- Worship Service/Communion
<u>Monday</u>		- DAY SCHOOL & OFFICE CLOSED (LABOR DAY)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:30 am	- Ruth Circle (lounge)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30 am	- Miriam Circle (lounge)
<u>Thursday</u>	6:00 pm	- Choir Practice

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.

NEXT SUNDAY We will return to two services on Sept 7th at 8am and 10:30am. Please note the time change!

CHAPEL COMMUNION will resume every second Sunday of the month starting Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 pm.

RALLY DAY is here again! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7th. There will be light reception and an intro to Sunday School held after second service in the lounge. Sunday School will start again on Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 am. All children aged 3 through 5th grade are invited to attend.

CATECHISM CLASS It is time to organize a new Catechism Class. Pastor Rayl is inviting parents of kids in fifth through seventh grades to meet with him in the catechism classroom on either Sunday, September 14, at 11:45 AM and on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 PM, to talk about the possibilities for the class schedule. Please send your RSVP or questions to Pastor Rayl at email, pastor1@firststjohn.com or text, 567-395-0143. Hope to see you there.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY We will start meeting again on Thursday, September 18th at 11:00 am in the church lounge.

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.

JULY FINANCE UPDATE For the month of July (4 Sundays), the total income was \$34,693 and total expenses were \$32,076. This is a surplus of \$2,617 for the month. Year to date, FSJ has a **deficit of \$5,143** through the first seven months of the year. This is a great improvement over last month in stewardship; thank-you FSJ family. On another keynote, FSJ renovation loan is under \$70,000 (\$67,098). We continue to pay down the principle balance each month which in turn reduces the interest payment amount.
~ Bill Neslon, Treasurer

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards and memorials and attended the funeral and visitation for our mom, Lola. Thanks also for your prayers and condolences. We deeply appreciate your support over these last nine month with the passing of Dave and Arlene Wilbarger and Dick and Lola Crouse.
~ The Crouse and Wilbarger families

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.

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).

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (DATE CHANGE) the next Fellowship Breakfast will now be held on Saturday, October 4th at 8:30 am at the American Table restaurant on Wheeling Street in Oregon. **Please note the date change.** Afterwards, we will reconvene in Founder's Hall (gym) to set up for the spaghetti dinner and drive thru.

SPAGHETTI DINNER The women of WELCA will be hosting a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 4th from 4-6:30 pm. We will start selling tickets on Sunday, September 14th during both services. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children aged 5 or older. Children under 5 years old will be free. We will serve Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, and a cookie or brownie. Dinners will be available for dine in or carryout. Carryout orders will be picked up in the lounge. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the maintenance of our church.

WELCA The next WELCA meeting will take place on Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm in the lounge. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

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 at 6:30 pm at Debbie Smith's home (please note the location change).