

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 26<sup>th</sup>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are presented to the glory of God in honor of Brad Probasco's birthday on October 30<sup>th</sup>, given by Joan Probasco; and in loving memory of Aunt Mil, given by the Schuetz's and Cromly families.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

10-19-25: \*\*No church services due to illness\*\*  
JAM Sunday School: 4

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:**

Betty Anderson – Wood Haven Care, Bowling Green  
Mary Ellen Miller – Kingston Perrysburg  
Eileen Young - Hospice of NW Ohio, Perrysburg

**PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW:** Betty Anderson, Peggy Burke, Family of Don Charleton, Norman Eck, Lynn Folk, Family of James Fox, Bob Hecklinger, John, Mary Ellen Miller, Family of Florence Partin, Peyton, Connie Singlar, Marissa Smith, Paige Smith, Susan Smith, Levi Wallace, Joyce Yard, Eileen Young.

**\*\*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](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)\*\***

### **CALENDAR FOR OCT 26 – NOV 1**

<b><u>Today</u></b>	8:00 am	- EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
	9:15 am	- JAM Sunday School (church basement)
	9:15 am	- Ephesians Bible Study (lounge)
	10:30 am	- LATE WORSHIP SERVICE/COMMUNION
	11:45 am	- Catechism Class
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle (lounge)
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 pm	- Choir Practice
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	11:00 am	- Adult Bible Study

**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.

**JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL** J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:15 am in the JAM room in the church basement. All children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend each week and learn about Jesus! We plan weekly fun activities and events throughout the year!

**EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY** Today, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am, Pastor Rayl will lead a Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The study will take place in the Lounge with coffee and donuts. Please join us after early service or before late service for this most interesting study. Thanks.

**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.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Will be held each week on Thursdays @ 11am in the church lounge led by Pastor Rayl. All are invited to attend!

**THANK YOU!** Emily Kruse, on behalf of Rebecca Circle would like to thank all who donated to the layette project. The items are on their way to Roanoke, VA.

**A SPECIAL THANKS** Joyce Yard would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls. It truly meant a lot to her.

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL & CANDY CRAWL** These events were a big success! The Day School sponsored fundraiser brought in over \$1200. They had over 100 kids and families in attendance, and had some wonderfully made baked goods for sale. They also sold out of the printed copies of the new Best of the Best FSJ Cookbook. More copies of the cookbook are available to order for \$15 a copy. Contact Andrea in the church office to order. The JAM Sunday School sponsored participation in the community candy crawl saw over 100 cars. Thank you to all who donated of their time, or candy to make these events great!

**CATECHISM CLASSES** It is time to begin a new Catechism Class. All parents of children in the congregation in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of this school year are encouraged join us for the beginning class on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, after the second worship service at 11:45 am. Any questions can be shared with Pastor Rayl by contacting him by email at [pastor1@firststjohn.com](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com) or by a text message at 567-395-0143. This is a great opportunity for parents to fulfill the promises made at the Baptism of their child.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those of our church family who passed away from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025 (we already have those names). If you would like to honor a friend or family member who passed away prior to November 2024, please sign the book which will be located in the lounge) or call the office at 419-691-7222 to have their names included on the list for that day. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING FEAST** Each November the children and families of the Day School gather together for the Thanksgiving Feasts. If you have the time and would like to help prepare and serve during our Thanksgiving Feasts, volunteers are needed and appreciated. Help is needed Monday through Thursday (November 17-20) between the hours of 9:30 and 1:30. Please call the school office at 419-691-6480 if you are interested in helping.

**THE DAYSCHOOL IS HIRING** The Day School is looking to hire an aide for the remainder of the school year. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 830am-1pm. Anyone interested should contact Andrea Buckley at [fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com](mailto:fsjdayschool@firststjohn.com).

**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR** Last Mission Sunday we collected 139 canned goods and non-perishables. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items for Feed Your Neighbor. Hunger in Toledo happens every day so please try to remember to donate to Feed Your Neighbor every Sunday. Our next Mission Sunday will be Sunday, October 26. Thanks for donating. Bob and Sherrie Haar FYN coordinators

**HELP WANTED** FSJ is looking to fill the Office Manager position for the church with Jennifer's departure. They must be proficient in Microsoft Office, and Publisher software specifically is a bonus. Excellent written, verbal, and telephone communication skills is required. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter, very organized, able to work with volunteers and people of all ages and give attention to detail. Competitive salary, full time position (30-35 hours a week). Anyone interested should contact Pastor Rayl and email a resume to [pastor1@firststjohn.com](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com).

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** the copies of the October-December Portals of Prayer are now available in the lounge and at the back of the church for pick up.

**POINSETTIA SALE** Once again, it is that time of year to order place your poinsettia sale orders. The cost to order is \$15 each and the poinsettias are available in a choice of red or white. The deadline for the orders will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the poinsettia order form in your bulletin and place in the offering plate, or drop off at the church office.

**ETFC WINTER GEAR DRIVE** Once again we are participating in the East Toledo Family Center Winter Gear drive. Please consider donating gently used or new coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. A donation bin is located in the lounge and items will be accepted until **Tues, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**. The need is great in the Toledo area and each year we run out of coats and gear to hand out to those in need, so please consider helping.

**THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY** sponsored by our church council, will be Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after second service. All are invited to attend, but reservations are required. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) to write your name and the number of people that will be attending. The deadline for reservations will be **November 23, 2025**. At the Church Christmas Party, there will be a silent auction of Gift Baskets. If you could, we would appreciate if you could donate a gift basket or if you do not have time to put together a basket, could you consider donating Gift Cards.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY** October's focus item is laundry soap and fabric softener. 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).

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** WELCA will be putting on their Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **December 21<sup>st</sup>**, if you would consider donating a couple dozen of any cookie or Christmas treat towards this event, we would be thankful for your efforts. Please let Sue Ann Rogers know if you are able to help. A cookie sign up sheet will be placed in the lounge in November.