

ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 27, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of our daughter, Andrea Schumaker, given by Jim & Dianne Schumaker; and in honor of our daughter, Jennifer (Schuetz) Cromly on her birthday on September 25th, given by Jane & Terry Schuetz.

HOMEBOUND OUTREACH given in honor of Shannon (Abbey) and Kevin Aschemeier's 11th wedding anniversary, given by family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-20-26: 8:00 am: 31 10:30 am: 55 Online: 53 Total: 139

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Elaine Cutcher, Family of Eric Dickey, Tom Tedrow

*****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 SEPT 27 – OCT 3

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship Service
	9:15 am	- J.A.M. Sunday School
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship Service / Communion
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:00 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study (lounge)
<u>Saturday</u>	11:30 am	- Rebecca Circle (lounge)

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!

LIVESTREAM SERVICE: You can find the 9:00 am service at 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. We want to see you on the video recording. For those who sit in the back pews on the left side, please consider moving up a few rows. Currently, the video slide placement blocks that section. Please help us make the church pews look filled on Sundays. Thanks.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet **TODAY** at 9:15 am in the Lounge. Please join us every Sunday for coffee, and donuts and good biblical conversation and learning.

SPAGHETTI DINNER CANCELED: The WELCA board has decided to cancel the Spaghetti Dinner due to low ticket sales. Upcoming WELCA events will be listed in the October newsletter.

THANK YOU: The passing of my mom, Lois Blair, has been very difficult, but having the support of our church family has made it much easier. Thank you for the cards, visits, phone calls, and texts.

~Debbie & Jeff Smith

CHOIR: Our church choir is looking for new members! If you have a heart for worship and enjoy singing, we'd love to have you join us. No matter your experience, there is a place for you in our choir family. Music is a powerful ministry, and your voice can make a difference. If you're interested, please see Jo-Anne after today's service or email at chrysochoosjoanne@gmail.com. Come worship, serve, and make a joyful noise with us. We look forward to singing with you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for October through December are available for pickup. Please pick up a copy in the lounge or at the back of the church.

BELL CHOIR will practice on **Monday, September 28th** at 5:30 pm. Contact Cheri Sergent for any questions at (419) 410-3572.

WELCA: The WELCA board is looking for a Treasurer to replace Esther Bell. Esther is retiring at the end of the year. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested.

The next WELCA meeting will take place on **Monday, October 19th** at 6:30pm in the lounge. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on **Saturday, October 3rd** at 11:30 am in the lounge.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, October 6th** at 11:00 am in the lounge.

MIRIAM CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, October 7th** at 10:00 am in the lounge.

SOUND BOARD: Help is needed to run the sound board. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 419-691-7222 or send email to office@firststjohn.com Thanks!

CHAPEL COMMUNION will resume every second Sunday of the month.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We will meet again on **Thursday, October 1st** at 11:00 am in the church lounge.

CATECHISM CLASS: Classes will begin on **Sunday, October 4th** (Please note date change). If you have a child in fifth through seventh grades, please contact Pastor Rayl. Please email any questions to Pastor Rayl at pastor1@firststjohn.com or text 567-395-0143.

CANDY CRAWL: Once again, we will host a stop for the local Candy Crawl that will happen Sunday, October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The Candy Crawl is a community-wide event where we will pass out candy in a drive-thru format in the front church parking lot. It has been a big hit the last few years.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Trunk or Treat is **Sunday, October 25th** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This is a great outreach opportunity, so please help by registering your car or donating bags of candy. Any questions contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Once again we will be collecting boxes for the Operation Christmas Child program. You can fill an empty shoebox of your own, or pick up one in the church basement. Fill the box with items for kids around the world. Also, pick up a label and indicate the gender and age of the child your shoebox is intended for. No candy, liquids, war-related items, breakable items, toothpaste or bar soap is accepted this year. You can return your filled box during worship services or drop off in the lounge or church office. Please consider also donating \$10 to cover the cost of shipping. The final day to drop off a filled box is Sunday, November 22nd after the 10:30 AM service. See Deb Ladd with any questions!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: Fall clean-up of the cemetery will be done on **Saturday, October 17th**. Please remove any decorative items from the gravestones that you wish to keep BEFORE the October 17th deadline, so they are not taken down during the fall clean-up day.

MONTHLY MINISTRY: The ministry outreach for October will be the PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY. *To support this effort, please place your donation in the green envelopes in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office at 2471 Seaman St, Toledo, OH 43605. You can also drop off a donation to the church office.*

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY donation item for October is Laundry Soap & Fabric Softener. Items can be deposited in the green bin in the lounge or the pull-out drawer in the Narthex or drop them off at the office during the week.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Please join us for the next fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, October 10th** at 8:30 am. We will meet at American Table restaurant on Wheeling Street. ******(Please note date and location change).******

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).

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR: Lutheran Social Services continues to need non-perishable food items-canned vegetables, canned fruits, shelf stable/powdered milk (no expired foods or items in glass jars). LSS Food Pantry relies on the generosity of local congregations to keep their pantry stocked, your donations are always appreciated! Collection bins are located in the Narthex and Lounge.