

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 18, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Tom & Jan Eppard's 50th wedding anniversary on October 16th, given by the Eppard's; in honor of Bill & Donna Nelson's 40th wedding anniversary, given by family (2 vases); and in loving memory of Ernie Bollinger on our 76th wedding anniversary, given by Marge Bollinger (2 vases).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-11-26: 8:00 am: 28 10:30 am: 48 Online: 66 Total: 142
Fellowship Breakfast: 9

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Family of Jim Harrell, Family of Janet Morrison, Phil Cervantes, Donald Nelson, 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 OCT 18 – OCT 24

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship Service / Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship Service / J.A.M. Sunday School
	11:45 am	- Catechism
	4:00 pm	- Candy Crawl
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- WELCA Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (A)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 pm	- Church Council Committee Meetings (lounge)
	7:00 pm	- Church Council Meeting (lounge)
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study (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.

HOLY BAPTISM this morning during the 10:30 am service is for Iris Marlee Sullivan born January 10, 2021. She is the daughter of Ashley Marie Vartorella. Her sponsors are Cieara Vartorella and Deion Vartorella. Please help us congratulate the family! (A reminder to recycle the baptism inserts in the bins located at the front and back of the church at the conclusion of the service).

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Jim Harrell. Jim passed away on October 10th. Funeral arrangements are pending; service and burial planned for March 2027. Condolences may be sent to: Martha Harrell

1442 Granville Dr.
Winter Park, FL 32789

JAM SUNDAY SCHOOL: J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Sunday School will meet **TODAY** after the children's message 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL is here! The beautiful fall decorations on display have been provided by the Altar Guild to celebrate the fall season! The Quilters Group has also displayed their quilts on the pews for purchase (\$40 for large and \$20 for baby quilts). Please support the quilters by admiring their beautiful work and maybe buying a quilt or two! See Ginny Nissen at early service, or Penny DeWitt at late service to make your purchases. A big thank you to all the ladies of the church for the beautiful decorations! We will have cider and donuts after each service in the lounge. Please join us!

CANDY CRAWL: Once again, we will host a stop for the local Candy Crawl **TODAY** 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 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. Here is the registration link to register your vehicle <https://forms.gle/fyEKJQoMCKBeiz2v5> Any questions contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1st is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those of our church family who passed away from November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026 (we already have those names). If you would like to honor a friend or family member who passed away prior to November 2025, please sign the book which will be located in the Narthex or call the office at 419-691-7222 to have their names included on the list for that day. Thank you.

MOVIE NIGHT: We had nineteen people that attended movie night. We had great food, a great movie, and most of all great fellowship. Thanks to all who participated. We will try to have the next movie night before the Advent season.

THANKSGIVING FEAST VOLUNTEERS & WISHLIST: Each November the children and families 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 16-19) between the hours of 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Please call the school office at 419-691-6480. This year we also have an Amazon Wishlist. If you would like to help us gather items for the feast, please use this link <https://a.co/08dldyg1> Any items purchased will be sent directly to the day school. Thanks!

WINTER COAT DRIVE: We are a collection site for The East Toledo Family Center's winter coat and gear drive this year. They are especially looking for new or gently used coats (working zippers please) as last collection season the demand was higher than they were able to fulfill. They will also take new hats and gloves, or monetary donations (See Jessica in the office). A collection bin is in the lounge for donations. The collection will take place from now until **November 6th**.

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, October 19th** at 5:30 pm. Contact Cheri Sargent for any questions at (419) 410-3572.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Please join us for the next fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, November 14th** at 8:30 am. We will meet at American Table restaurant on Wheeling Street.

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!

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, November 11th** at 6:30 pm at Debbie Smith's house.

MID-DAY CONCERT: The next mid-day concert will be on **Tuesday, November 10th** at 1:00 pm. This concert will feature Nolan Johnson; pianist, performer and private instructor. He is a 2024 graduate of the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Piano Performance degree and received the Music Department's Outstanding Student of the Year Award. He will play a recital featuring the music of Scarlatti, Schubert, and Scriabin among other composers.

CHAPEL COMMUNION will be held every second Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm in the chapel.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We will meet again on **Thursday, October 22nd** at 11:00 am in the church lounge.

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!

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.

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.

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: With the economy struggling, people are finding it hard to put food on the table. And local food banks are struggling as well. So, our next Mission Sunday will be **Sunday, November 22nd**. Please start bringing in non-perishable food items to the Narthex or Lounge so we can help local families have food for Thanksgiving and beyond. Please, no glass jars. Canned soup is especially needed. If you have any questions, call Bob Haar at [419-250-9409](tel:419-250-9409).