

ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 4, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in honor of Natalie Miller on her 19th birthday on October 5th, given by her family.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

9-27-26: 8:00 am: 25 10:30 am: 62 Online: 41 Total: 128

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Donald Nelson, 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 OCT 4 – OCT 10

<u>Today</u>	8:00 am	- Early Worship Service / Communion
	9:15 am	- Adult & J.A.M. Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship Service
	11:45 am	- Catechism
<u>Monday</u>	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Meeting
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (Home)
<u>Tuesday</u>	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle (lounge)
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00 am	- Miriam Circle (lounge)
	6:00 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	- Hannah Circle @ Debbie Smith's house
<u>Thursday</u>	11:00 am	- Bible Study (lounge)
<u>Friday</u>	5:30 pm	- Wedding Rehearsal
<u>Saturday</u>	8:30 am	- Fellowship Breakfast @ American Table restaurant
	1:30 pm	- Wedding

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! ****New start time at 10:30 am will begin on Sunday, October 11th**.**

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.

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

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.

MOVIE NIGHT: The next movie night will be on **Sunday, October 11th** starting at 5:30 pm with a light supper with the movie starting at 6:15 pm. The movie "Do You Believe" will be challenging because there are 12 different story lines that all lead to the cross. The light supper will consist of ham/turkey sliders, dill slices, Donna's home-made applesauce, Costco cookies, popcorn, snacks, pop, & water. Please come and enjoy an evening with church family and friends; all are welcome.

SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION The day school would like to thank everyone who attended our Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser. Your presence, enthusiasm, and support truly made it special. It was wonderful to see everyone come together and contribute to such a positive and engaging atmosphere. We appreciate the time you took to join us and help make the event a success. We look forward to seeing you at future gatherings!

HARVEST FESTIVAL: We will once again decorate the church for Harvest Festival Sunday. On **October 18th**, the quilters group will also have some of their quilts on display for purchase after each service. They are \$40 for large, and \$20 for baby quilts. Also, after each service, join us for cider and donuts in the lounge!

BELL CHOIR will practice on **Monday, October 5th** 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!

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.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, October 7th** at 6:30 pm at Debbie Smith's house.

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 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 8th** at 11:00 am in the church lounge.

CATECHISM CLASS: Classes will begin on **Sunday, October 4th**. 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. Here is the registration link to register your vehicle <https://forms.gle/fyEKJQoMCkBeiz2v5> Any questions contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

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.

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!

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!

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: 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).