ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 1, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God in memory of Aunt Ruby, given by Schuetz and Cromly families; and in memory of Lucille Schuetz on her birthday, given by Schuetz and Cromly families.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
10-25-26: 8:00 am: 30 10:30 am: 80 Online: 42 Total: 152

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Annette Fleyberger, Family of Phil Cervantes, Family of Jim Harrell, Family of Janet Morrison, Tiffany Mrazek, Cynthia Foxbuer, Donald Nelson, 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 NOV 1 – NOV 7

Today	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
Monday	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
	6:30 pm	- Altar Guild Mtg.
	7:30 pm	- Dartball (H)
Tuesday	11:00 am	- Ruth Circle (lounge)
Wednesday	10:00 am	- Miriam Circle (lounge)
	6:00 pm	- Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:00 am	- Bible Study (lounge)
Friday		**- LAST DAY FOR WINTER COAT DRIVE**
Saturday	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** 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.

FSJ SEPTEMBER FINANCES: *For the month of September, FSJ income was $25,814; the expenses were $33,139 for a deficit of $7,325. FSJ has a YTD deficit of $47,041. The YTD expenses are 7.1% under budget which is excellent, but our overall stewardship is over 30% under expected budget performance. I will continue to work with church council to see what expenses can be reduced or eliminated for the remaining 2026 year. Bill Nelson - Treasurer*

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.

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, November 2nd** 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, November 21st** 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.

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, November 5th** at 11:00 am in the church lounge.

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.

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 November will be The Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. The Toledo Gospel Rescue mission is a local ministry that ministers to the spiritual & physical needs of the homeless and low income throughout northwest OH & Southeast MI. They rely on local support to fund materials, services, skilled trades and volunteers to make this home mission possible. It costs $20 per person per day to shelter, feed, and care for the men, women, and children that are served at the Gospel Rescue Mission each day. Every donation you make goes to work helping men, women, and children restore their lives! To participate, place your offering in the pink envelope in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY donation item for November is Sanitary Pads (suggested package size 24 to 32). 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.