ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 22, 2026

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God, given by Darold Henninger and in memory of Peggy Torda on her birthday on November 19th, given by Sarge and Susie Purewal.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
11-15-26: 8:00 am: 36 10:30 am: 63 Online: 48 Total: 147
Fellowship Breakfast: 15

PRAYER CHAIN CRITICAL/NEW: Nancy Merrifield, Marge Bollinger, 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 22 – NOV 28

Today	8:00 am	- Early Worship Service
	9:15 am	- Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	- Late Worship Service / Communion / J.A.M. Sunday School
	11:45 am	- Catechism
Monday	5:30 pm	- Bell Choir
Wednesday		- DAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK
Thursday		- THANKSGIVING DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday		- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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 10:30 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.

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up. They are located in the lounge. Even if you contribute using Vanco, you will still get envelopes to be used for special services or other donations if requested.

POINSETTIA SALE: Once again, it is that time of year to place your order for 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 13th**. Please complete the poinsettia order form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. Order forms are also located in the lounge.

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

FSJ OCTOBER FINANCES: *For the month of October FSJ income was $23,441 the expenses were $32,045, for a deficit of $8,604. YTD FSJ has a deficit of $55,646 for the operating account. We have reduced expenses as much as possible, in fact our expenses (other than salaries) are 7% below projected budget. Please continue your stewardship throughout the Advent season. Bill Nelson - Treasurer*

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE: We are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio and we'd love your help! Save the pull tabs from your aluminum beverage cans. Bring them into the office or drop them in the collection box located in the lounge. Collection will go from now until March 15th.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Please join us for the next fellowship breakfast on **Saturday, December 5th** at 8:30 am. We will meet at Bob Evans on Navarre Avenue. Please note date and location change. After breakfast we will reconvene in Founder's Hall to set up for the Christmas luncheon the next day. See you then!

BELL CHOIR will practice on **Monday, November 23rd** 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, December 21st** at 6:30 pm in the lounge. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will have their December Christmas luncheon/gift exchange on Saturday, **December 12th** at The Old Bag of Nails at 11:30 am.

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, December 3rd** 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!

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).

CHECK OUT A BOOK/DEVOTIONAL! As a reminder, the First St. John Library has a wealth of Christian literature available to be borrowed. Come check out our book selection on the table in the lounge! For any assistance or questions, please see Emily Kruse or call the office at 419-691-7222.

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.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Each year, we participate in the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by the East Toledo Family Center. This year we are adopting a family of 5 for Christmas. The children in the family range from ages 6 to 18 years old. To help this family we are also collecting Walmart gift cards. Starting next Sunday, November 29th, a Christmas tree will be in the narthex with paper ornaments on them. If you'd like to purchase a gift, select an ornament with the gift you'd like to provide. Keep the top ornament for yourself and then on the ornament behind it write your name and phone number. Then place the ornament with your name on it in the small box next to the trees. Please wrap the gift if possible. The deadline to return any gifts will be **Sunday, December 20th**. Collection boxes are provided in the narthex and lounge, and gifts can also be dropped off to Jessica in the church office.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place on **Friday, November 27th** at 9:00 am. If you would like to help decorate, please join us. We definitely need some muscle to get all the decorations, wreaths, and trees out of storage!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVPs DUE! The Family Christmas party will be held on December 6th, following the late worship service. We will be serving Ham, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, Salad, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert. This year the Board is having a Lottery Tree and a Gift Card Tree (placed in picture frames) instead of baskets. If anyone would like to donate lottery tickets or gift cards please let Sue Ann Rogers know or drop it off in the church office.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Mark your calendars for the **FSJ Family Christmas Party** that will be held on **December 6th** in the gym, following the late worship service. We will be serving Ham, Baked Potato, Corn, Applesauce, Salad, Rolls & Butter, and Dessert. RSVP below for your family. Please indicate all who will be attending.

Name(s) _____

# of Adults attending _____

# of Children attending _____

***Drop in the offering plate**