

# NEWS NOTES

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

## SERVING TODAY

### Readers:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am MD: Christine Hank

11:00am ND: Lynda Berry

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brayden Gottshall

11:00am: Dylan Allman

### Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs, Averil

MacKenzie

Lynne Ehrlich, Rhonda Maynard

### Greeters:

**Lessons Today:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

## ✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week:  
Ernest Schreiber, Lisa Stallard, Tom Lang.

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of all my loved ones. Given by Sandy Hayes.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Corban's 12th birthday. Given by Mom, Dad, and Truman.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In honor of my mother, Alice Sweeley's 86th birthday. Given by Dave Sweeley and Barb Grubb.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In celebration of Mickey Krieger's 90th birthday. Given by JoAnne Keller.

**BULLETINS:** In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

**NOTES OF THANKS:**

"My Dear St. John's Card Ministry, Thanks for your faith and love. You send me your well wishes often ❤️. Elaine (Rapp), thanks for the cute artistic cards that you make for me (and I love tacos!) I'm slowing down somewhat, but trying to let the Almighty guide me. Thanks for doing God's work. Love in Christ," ~ Paula Ames.

## 🌀 TODAY'S NEWS 🌀

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETINGS** will be held after each service on July 24th/25th.

**DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION NO LONGER OFFERED AFTER JULY 25TH**

July 25th will be the last Sunday on which St. John's will serve drive-through communion in the church parking lot, as we return fully to in-person communion at our worship services. If you are unable to receive communion at worship due to health concerns, please let our pastors or the church office know, so we can make other arrangements.

**DUMPSTER DAY SATURDAY, JULY 31ST 9AM – 12PM:** While the church was closed for Covid-19, a great deal of progress was made painting, cleaning, and redecorating many of the spaces inside the church. We would like to keep that momentum going by continuing to declutter the church. We have rented a dumpster for Saturday, July 31 and we would like to fill it! We are looking for a team of volunteers to help sort through various rooms and closets and throw out any un-needed items. There are projects available for all ages and abilities. If you can spare a few hours of your time that morning, please let us know by marking the salmon insert. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

**HEY KIDS!!** Have you noticed caterpillars hiding around the church? See how many you can find and check on them every Sunday to see what they are up to. Mark your calendar to join us on August 22 to find out what it's all about. Watch the news notes in the coming weeks for additional information. In the meantime, you can join us for Sunday School in the basement each week from 9:30-10:30am.

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES:** Thank you to all who made donations and covered the cost of all 200 chairs for the FLC! The new chairs have arrived, and we will need to donate and remove the old chairs as soon as possible. **If you know of a church or non-profit organization that could use our old chairs, please let us know as soon as possible.**

**ATTENTION SINGERS!** The Chancel Choir is planning to resume singing at Sunday morning worship services beginning this fall. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 1. The women's choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm, and the full choir will rehearse from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The men's choir will rehearse Sunday, September 5, at 9:30 am. All rehearsals will take place in the choir room below the sanctuary.

I want to welcome all returning members, and also invite anyone who may be interested in singing in the choir to join us. After the long silence due to the pandemic, it will be wonderful to again raise our voices in worship. If you have thought about singing in the choir but just never thought it was the right time, you could hardly ask for a better time than right now!

As the new choir director, I look forward to meeting everyone and to working to continue St. John's strong tradition of praising God through music. Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director, Minister of Music.

**BEACONS AND QUILTERS:** Our small group lost three members in the last few months. We miss Helen Buck, Marilyn Gibboney, and Joan Carl. They were members dedicated to helping others. We miss their friendship and group guidance.

We no longer have an active Beacons' membership. All of our members are Quilters now. The Quilters will continue to carry out the Beacons' activities and goals.

Please donate used clothing to the Grove City Methodist Church Purple Door Free Store or Volunteers of America. Both have easy drop-off procedures that should take about 5 minutes.

In the fall, we will start to cut, sew and fill 100 Christmas bags with toys and school supplies for children in need. We can use any children's Christmas fabric you either have or see at the store and just can't resist buying. We can always use small plush toys such as Beanie Babies; school supplies like ballpoint pens, glue sticks and crayons; and ever-popular leftover Halloween candy to add to the bags. School supplies are currently on sale! We can always use boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons. A good sale price for a small box is \$.50. Larger boxes of crayons do not fit in the bags. We already have plenty of donated pencils. Thank you for thinking about Christmas giving in August.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm or thereabouts in rooms 103-104. Come and stay as you are able and desire. We don't punch a timecard. Bring a sack lunch. All materials are provided. Our monthly group meeting is the third Tuesday. At the monthly meeting, we have a short devotional reading, discuss projects, and take offerings for the food pantries and for our general fund.

*"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2*

**WELCOME INTERIM ORGANIST** Kathleen Houchens! Kathie will brighten our service with her talents on the organ while we await the new Minister of Music. Please welcome Kathie as we thank her for joining us this Sunday.

**1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY** will meet Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in rooms 103-4.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes are available in the Chapel and rooms 103-4 every Sunday at 9:30am.

**SUMMER SISTERS** is a weekly ladies Bible study held virtually each Wednesday now through August 25th. This is a great introduction to Women's Bible Study Fellowship that will begin in September. Call Sally Weisenberger at (614)871-2463 to join the group! Join on Zoom using personal meeting number (430)805-6806 and password: kind5. (all lower case). The Zoom virtual meeting room opens at 9:50 am and we begin with prayer at 10:00 am.



**GREETERS NEEDED** for Sunday morning traditional services. All volunteers are encouraged to sign up on the chart posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to also contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS CHART:** Would you like to share your love for Christ by honoring or remembering a loved one with flowers? Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor loved ones, and they beautify our worship service each week. We presently have flower dedication openings in the month of August. Sign up on the flower chart in the North Entrance, outside the Sanctuary. Questions? Feel free to contact Lesa Corbin at (614)530-4984 for assistance placing your dedications.

**ST. JOHN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 392** needs a new shed. Their current shed is over 22 years old and is no longer in a state that can be repaired. We want to keep our scout unit active, and they need a shed to store all their equipment. The troop has had two large donations towards this investment, but still need \$1600.00 to purchase the new shed kit that the troop leaders and parents will put together. Please help with any donation, as every penny counts.

**ST. JAMES 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRATS FESTIVAL AUG. 6-8:** St. James Lutheran Church, located at 5660 Trabue Rd., Columbus, Ohio, will host its 37<sup>th</sup> annual Brats and Crafts Festival August 6-8. Hours are 4-9pm Friday, 11:30am-9pm Saturday, and 11:30am-4pm Sunday.

The event will include authentic German food and beer, as well as live German polka music and dancing featuring Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions Express. An 1860s-era "baseball" game will be played Saturday at 3pm featuring the Ohio Village Muffins and the St. James Lutheran Strikers. The weekend concludes with a mime/juggling Sunday school program, the Columbus Maennerchor and the traditional German Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

For more information, call Steve Dodson at 614-777-7792, St. James church office at 614-878-5158, or visit the website: [www.stjameslutheran.us](http://www.stjameslutheran.us).

## ☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

**CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP!** Confirmation typically begins in August, as a student enters 7th grade. Parents, please get your email address to Gary Pecuch. He has some “save-the-date” information for you. His email is [gpecuch@stjohmsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohmsgc.org).

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** We will be placing the August SCRIP card order on August 10th. Please note the date change for August. In September, we will go back to the 1st Tuesday of the month. Questions for August? Contact Gary at 614-620-2659. Thanks!

## ☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

**Attendance:** July 11 – 298

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$58,623	\$375,512	\$ 72,999	\$361,369
Benevolence	\$ 4,542	\$ 30,903	\$ 11,014	\$ 22,522

**Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 6/30/2021: \$20,185.  
Thank you!**

### **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN’S MINISTRIES!**

#### **How to give to St. John’s:**

1. During worship services or drive-thru communion.
2. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123.
3. St. John’s website – [www.stjohmsgc.org](http://www.stjohmsgc.org) – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
4. Through the **GivePlus** app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.

**A SECURE DROP SLOT is located** under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary’s office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

## **SUNDAY, JULY 25**

### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

#### **AFTER EACH SERVICE**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:00pm Drive-thru communion
- 6:00pm Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm 1 Corinthians Bible Study (103-4)

## **MONDAY, JULY 26**

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## **TUESDAY, JULY 27**

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 12:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (103-4)
- 7:00pm BSA 392 (SH)

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

- 1:00pm Small Group (101)

## **THURSDAY, JULY 29**

- 7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)

## **FRIDAY, JULY 30**

- 7:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

## **SATURDAY, JULY 31**

### ***DUMPSTER DAY (Entire Church + Garage)***

- 6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND  
FACEBOOK PAGES.  
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!