

# NEWS NOTES

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Jim Schemrich

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,  
Linda Diehl

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson  
Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson  
Mackenzie Norman

### Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs, Averil

MacKenzie

Paul & Pam Wittenberg

### Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Sky Singleton

11:00am ND: Shirley Blake

11:00am MD: Lynda Berry

### Readers:

6:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Teresa Orahod

**Lessons Today: Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Judy and Erle Taylor's 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Erle and Judy Taylor.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

## ☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Nannette Shea.

**DELLA WELSH** has a new address since the last member phone book was issued. Please send cards or letters to her at the updated address below:  
3563 Brookside Blvd  
Columbus, OH 43204

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**SWEET TREATS FOR MISSIONS:** Please don't forget, Sweet Treats for Missions is going on *right now* during Arts in the Alley. We are selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, coffee, bottled water, and ice cream cups. Our table is located right outside on the porch of the FLC facing Columbus Street. Please stop over, have a sweet treat, and support short term mission trips to Alaska and Mexico!

**GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS**—NEW STUDY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!  
Hard-copy packets on *The Apostles' Creed* is now available in the Link, North Entrance, and Church Office. Pick one up and get involved in our Going Deeper small groups! If you have any questions about Going Deeper Ministry and would like to become involved in one of our small groups, please contact Pastor Seth at 217-255-2118. Electronic copies are available to download from our church website: [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org).

**GREETERS NEEDED** for Saturday evening and both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 6pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to also contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.



**SARAH CIRCLE SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED.** Due to the increase in COVID we feel it best if Sarah Circle will not meet on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Keep in touch, and for any questions, please feel free to contact Vi Davis (614)875-2605. God bless each of you.

**GLU (GOD'S LOVE UNIVERSITY) – KEEPING OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CONNECTED.** Our GLU program is meeting with all volunteers in the Chapel at 9:30am on Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us in this program, mark the salmon insert or contact one of us below:

Gloria Biggs (614)305-3778 gloria.biggs@gmail.com  
Suzie Brace (614)313-1364 wsbrace@ameritech.net  
Diana Imbrock (614)271-5775 dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org



**ST. JOHN'S STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP for tasks and projects.**

**Light duty volunteers.** We need help with things such as minor repairs, replacing light bulbs, etc. Let us know if we can count on you for small occasional tasks.

**Wooden Doors.** The sanctuary wooden doors need to be refinished this fall. Both the main doors facing Columbus Street and side entrance door with handicapped ramp get the worst of the winter weather. We encourage anyone who has the knowledge and skill needed to prep and refinish wooden doors to contact us for this project.



**Secure the Church.** We are looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to be join our Security Team. Tasks involved include making sure exterior doors are locked, the lights and Link monitor are turned off, and the security alarm is set for the evening.

**Winter is coming.** We need volunteers who have the ability, time, and willingness to clear snow. We found a company that will clear and salt the snow from the parking areas, but volunteers are still needed for the walkways. Salt, shovels, and our snow blower will be provided for these tasks.

- Saturdays and Sundays we need all entrances, ramps, and walkways cleared prior to services.
- Mondays and Wednesdays we need the North Entrance, ramp, and link entrances cleared by 8am.



During the week additional snow clearing of the entrances for staff and daily events would be a great help. If you can commit to one day a week, it would mean the world of difference, and will make our paths much safer.

To volunteer, please sign up on the salmon sheet or call Mike Esposito at (614)875-2314. We appreciate any help.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS:** We make 100 bags for the children at the LSS Food Pantries. It takes two tables full of candy to fill the Christmas bags. The bags hold crayons, pencils, ballpoint pens, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, a booklet about Ohio wildlife, a stuffed toy, and most importantly: *CANDY*. Do you have leftover Halloween candy? Think about donating your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters for the Christmas bags! If you don't have any leftover candy, you can usually get good bargains on candy the next day after Beggars' Night at the stores.

We still need sturdy comb and Beanie Babies-type stuffed animals. You have helped us meet our goal for pencils and of 100 boxes of crayons. Thank you! We will still accept erasers, glue sticks, small notepads, nail clippers. etc. You don't need to donate 100 items. We accept any number of items that will fit in our 10" X 10" bags.

With your donations for the Christmas bags and your caring, we can continue to help the children who need our compassion and understanding. Christmas bag donations can be placed in the Link cabinet designated for Quilters. To the many of you who have already given donations to the children, thank you for your care and generosity!



**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** Faith Mission does not want used clothing anymore. Therefore, we no longer collect, sort, or donate used clothing. Please, please give your used clothing to another charity, such as the Purple Church Free Store, Salvation Army, National Kidney Foundation, or Volunteers of America. The Volunteers of America Thrift Store is located just behind the Walgreens on Stringtown Rd., and has a drop off bin facing McDowell Rd.

**CALLING ALL QUILTERS!** If you have an interest in learning or already know how to hand quilt, we have empty chairs at the quilting frame. All that is required are nimble fingers and willing spirit. If you don't want to do quilting, another activity is cutting canceled stamps for the veterans' hospitals' rehab activities.

The Quilters usually meet every Tuesday in rooms 103-104 from 9am to 2pm or thereabout as we come and go as we please. All materials are provided.



**INK JET RECYCLING** Just a reminder that the youth folks continue to recycle printer ink cartridges for fun and profit. It's part of our passive-income only approach to funding our ministry to young people beyond the church budget. This is a surprisingly helpful source of revenue for us. Drop off empty cartridges to any of the slots on the youth office door or place in a bag and wrap it around the doorknob. Thank you!

**FAITH WEBBING:** It's after Labor Day...Gary & Laurie have started posting again, primarily on "<https://www.facebook.com/FaithWebbing>". The posts are mostly video clips on Faith Assets, Verses to Live By, and interviews with young people. And, as usual, pointing folks towards helpful resources. We are looking forward to another school year of networking and resource sharing.

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASS, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

A New Members Class will be held at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in rooms 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian missions and ministry at St. John's, our Lutheran Christian heritage, and answer any questions participants might have about our congregation. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the 11:00am traditional worship service on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION** will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life *for* Jesus to living life *with* Jesus." Greg Finke will share simple, powerful, and applicable insights that will show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhood, workplace, and school. Greg Finke has written two books-Joining Jesus on His Mission and Joining Jesus Show Me How. Information about these books, as well as many other resources, can be found on his website [www.dwelling114.org](http://www.dwelling114.org).

**You are invited** to join fellow believers from throughout our mission region at First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Ohio on **Saturday, October 16** for an all-day conference to hear this exciting teaching. You can register on the Ohio Mission Region website ([thenalco.org](http://thenalco.org)) or pick up a brochure at one of entrances and mail in your registration. Hope to see you there!

**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 repairable state. To remain an active unit, they need a shed to store their equipment. The troop leaders and parents found a shed kit they will assemble with the scouts. The troop has had two large donations towards this investment, but still have a long way to go before they can obtain it. Accepting any donation, as every penny counts.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Ephesians, Pastor Seth, Rm 001 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel. **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

**AN EVENING OF SONGS & STORIES**: The First Presbyterian Church of Grove City is hosting a concert next Saturday, **September 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm to benefit the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. The concert features artists Jasey Schnaars, Parker MacDonell, and Keith Larsen. Advance sale tickets are \$10.00 per person and \$12.00 per person at the door. Group tickets are \$25.00 per family for both advance and door sales.

**SHOW ME THE FATHER**: Now playing at **AMC Grove City 14**. Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and the direction of our lives. Kendrick Brothers' **SHOW ME THE FATHER** is a documentary film featuring a variety of amazing true stories. This captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey, providing a fresh perspective on the roles of fathers in today's society, **SHOW ME THE FATHER** invites you to think differently about how you view your earthly father, and how you personally relate to God.

## ☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

**Training for CONNECT teen and adult leaders is 9/23, starting at 5:45pm, in the basement fellowship hall.** CONNECT is our weekly youth group Thursday night ministry. You might know it by a different name... like Adventure Club or Faith Trek...but we've changed the name to open the door to more possibilities and more faith connections! For more details, talk to Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669 or [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

**AXIS parenting/grandparenting materials was emailed this past week!** Our topic this month is "The Talk". If you'd like to be on our email list, please email Diana at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). Be watching for Pastor Seth's parenting Sunday School on "Identity" in October!

**FAITH CELEBRATION and CONFIRMATION are next Sunday!** Join us from 9:30am to 10:15am in the Family Life Center as students share their faith trifolds. Everyone is welcome! Students will then confirm their faith at the 11am traditional worship service. It's a beautiful morning of witnessing and celebrating! Confirming their faith are Kaitlyn Ball, Abigail Brubaker, Morgan Cline, Cora Grimm, Olivia Straub, Erin Wahl, and Jenna White.

**HIGH SCHOOL, we have something new for you!** It's called GLOW (Matthew 5:16). Our first GLOW is Saturday, Oct. 2, 7—9:30pm. You'll be receiving a special invite with details, coming soon!

**∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞**

**Attendance:** September 12 – 267

<b><u>August 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Operating	\$57,606	\$485,268	\$ 60,377	\$494,222
Benevolence	\$ 4,260	\$ 38,852	\$ 5,111	\$ 35,662

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **8/31/2021:**  
**\$20,865.**

**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.

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

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:30pm Quilt Show (FLC)

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:00am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)  
9:00am Private Event (FLC)  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)  
7:00pm Council (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

9:30am BSF  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am Eagle Team (204)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
5:45pm CONNECT Leader Training  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Choir Rm)  
8:00pm Dartball (away)

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
9:30am Private Event (101-2)  
8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** **RECOMMITMENT WEEKEND**

9:30am GLU (Chapel, 204)  
10:00am Planning Mtg. - Vets. Event (Lib)  
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

### **RITE OF CONFIRMATION** **RECOMMITMENT WEEKEND**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Faith Celebration (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:00pm Confirmation Photos (Sanc)  
12:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

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