

# NEWS NOTES

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Jim Schemrich

8:15am: Linda Wagner

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,  
Caroline Koethke

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson  
Mackenzie Norman

### Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

### Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am ND: Lois Moore

11:00am MD: Carol Rich

### Readers:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

**Lessons Today: Joel 2:21-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matt 6:25-33.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of our daughter, Megin Cress on her birthday. Given with love by Mom & Dad, Becky and Larry Link.

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS:** In celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary. Given by Boyd and Karen Colwell.

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

## ☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Candy Miller and family as they grieve for her brother, **Edgar “Eddie” Nungester**, who died October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and to the family of **Mary Will** who passed October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**DELLA WELSH** - longtime congregation member and former Nursery Attendant of over 30 years, will celebrate her **98th birthday** on Oct. 24th. Please shower her with cards and good wishes at her new address: 3563 Brookside Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43204.

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

*welcome*

**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!** At today's 11am worship services (traditional and contemporary), we will formally welcome the following new members into our fellowship at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

**Connie Perry**

**Mary Campbell**

**Barbara Connors**

**Ellen Horton**

**Jim and Sheryl Fraley**

**June Stimpfle**

**Tim and Karen Stewart**

**Cheryl Thompson**

**Hannah McClary**

**Amy Shaw**

**Dustin and Danielle Flint with their son, Pheonix**

**Joe and Kirsten Lovell with their children Finley Michelle and Rowan Michael**

We rejoice and give thanks to God for bringing our new members to us! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey with Christ as members of St. John's.

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETINGS** will be held after each service on October 23/24. Information packets will be available on October 16<sup>th</sup> both in person and online.

**STUFF THE TRUCK** this Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, after services with the Flood Buckets donated from the congregations around central Ohio. Thank you once again to all of those able to contribute to the NALC Disaster Relief drive and help those in need!

**TRUNK OR TREAT! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4PM – 6PM.** There will be games, food, trick or treating, and more! We encourage you to decorate your trunks and pass out candy. Please save the date and bring the kids to this fun-filled afternoon.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “Ephesians” w/Pastor Seth Jersild - Rm 001 / “Ephesians” w/Steve Johnson - Chapel / “Jonah” w/Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki - Rms 103-4.

**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.

**VETERAN'S LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE:** Dear Veterans, in honor of Veterans, your service, and your sacrifice for our country, you and a guest are invited to the annual St. John's Veteran's Luncheon. This event will take place in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, November 7th, 2021, at 12:15pm** in honor of Veterans Day. If you are a Veteran planning to attend, please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin.



**CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASSES: OCTOBER 24 AND 31 DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Pastor Seth will be leading a two-session class for parents (and all who are interested) during **the Sunday School hour on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.** Our topic will be "Christian Identity." In our current culture, many forces are actively working to pull young people away from faith in Christ and from his Church. In these classes, we'll be helping each other identify some of those challenges more clearly and sharing ways to encourage our children to have a strong, healthy, and joyful sense of rootedness in Jesus. We'll be meeting from 9:30am to 10:30am in the basement Fellowship Hall. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and all interested folks are encouraged to attend!

**ST. JOHN'S RECOMMITMENT CELEBRATION!** Please join us on **Sunday, October 31 immediately following the 11:00 am worship services** in the Family Life Center for a Recommitment Celebration! We would like to celebrate the recommitment we asked all of you to make during the month of September.

**We genuinely request all our members to complete and submit their commitment cards.** It is not too late to turn in your card! We realize some of you have been filling the cards out for years and "we know what you do." This may be the case, but especially due to the disruption of events over the last few years, it would really help us update our records.

**We appreciate all that you do and want to celebrate YOU on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Lunch will be provided, so please mark the salmon insert and let us know that you are attending. In this way, we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. We truly hope to see you there!



**CALLING ALL GARDENERS - Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** we will be having another landscape workday. This time around we plan to do fall planting. If you have just a few hours to spare, we would greatly appreciate it. We will begin working each Saturday at 9:00 am. Please mark the salmon insert if you can help.

**HELP NEEDED: RECORDING WORSHIP SERVICES.** St. John's needs volunteers who are willing to record worship services, both traditional and contemporary. This could be as simple as signing up for dates to record a 12-minute sermon with your iPhone. Our homebound members deeply appreciate being able to connect with our worship services through our website. If you are interested or have questions about helping with this important ministry, please call Pastor Seth at (217) 255-2118. Thank you for your consideration!

**ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS!** We would like to invite our interested high school and middle school students to join the St. John's Chancel Choir. We hope to include singers of every voice range. It is an opportunity to serve God, to add to the beauty of traditional worship, and making music can play an important role in your faith journey.

We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir usually sings on Sundays, at either the 8:15am or 11:00am services. Rehearsals are easy, and everyone in choir will provide you a warm welcome. If you, or your parents, have questions about joining the choir, please e-mail Mark Meuser at [mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org).

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>** will be held from noon until 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. Donors with blood types O, B negative, or A negative are encouraged to make a Power Red donation, providing a maximized impact. Walk-ins welcomed; appointments appreciated. Do you know someone who has never donated blood? Please encourage them to schedule their appointment with yours by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) with sponsor code StJohnsGC.

**ST. JOHN'S NEEDS YOUR HELP** for light duty tasks and a wood working project. **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.

**Sanctuary Main 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.

Call the office at (614) 875-2314 or sign up on the salmon sheet to see how you can help!

**SARAH CIRCLE WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** at 7:00pm in rooms 103-4.

Please bring items for the Health Kits and we will put together that evening.

**Here is what you need to get for your Health Kit:**

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|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| A large, dark bath towel                | A wash cloth | Sturdy comb               |
| Full size deodorant                     | Toothbrush   | Dental floss              |
| Full size toothpaste (check expiration) |              | Two bars of soap, wrapped |

We welcome any newcomers! Looking forward to seeing all of you, and God bless you all.

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** Ladies, are you looking for a place to study the Bible and find fellowship with friends? You're invited to join Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki in rooms 103-4 during the 9:30am Sunday School hour. Our first study will cover the book of Jonah. Come join us! Gathering at 9:30am, and study begins at 9:45am.

Questions?  
Contact Vi Davis  
(614) 875-2605

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through gift-filled shoe boxes! They are taking the Gospel to half a million children in the Pacific Islands over the next few years as part of their commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 6:15).



Here's how you can participate:

1. **Pick up a shoe box** at the church entrance or Link or go to St. John's website and click on the Operation Christmas Child link to build a shoe box online for \$25.
2. **Fill your shoe box** with a "Wow" item (*a toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal*) and other gifts: Hygiene items (*no toothpaste or liquids*), school supplies, other fun toys.
3. **Pray!** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
4. **Include \$9 donation** to cover the shipping costs.
5. **Drop off your filled shoe box in the Link by November 7.**

If you are unable to pack a full box, there is a bin in the link for individual item donations. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Jeremy Butsko with any questions 614.871.6295.

*"Declare His Glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples" ~ Psalm 96:3*

## ✪ YOUTH NEWS ✪

**CONNECT meets weekly on Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us.** Everyone will be masking. The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. If you have any questions, again you can talk to Laurie. Her number is 614-620-2669. **We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age-group!**

**Swing by the overflow and read the Faith Trifolds of our confirmation students! We are blessed by their witness!**

## ✪ STEWARDSHIP ✪

**Attendance:** October 10 – 202.

<u>September 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$52,401	\$537,687	\$52,906	\$547,127
Benevolence	\$ 4,115	\$ 42,967	\$ 3,557	\$ 39,219

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **9/30/2021: \$21,156.**

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

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – FALL BACK ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.** Saturday evening service will be held at 4pm due to Daylight Savings starting the following Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

#### ***NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (11am svcs)***

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am Men's Choir Reh. (Choir Rm)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
 6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)  
 7:00pm Council (103-4)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)  
 12:30pm Small Group (102)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH/204 back up)  
 7:00pm BSA 392 (SH/103-4 back up)

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

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

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 1:00pm Small Group (101)  
 2:30pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)  
 5:45pm CONNECT (Also on ZOOM)  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Choir Rm)  
 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22**

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

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

#### ***QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS***

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

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**

#### ***QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS***

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 9:30am Men's Choir Reh. (Choir Rm)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
**4:00pm TRUNK OR TREAT (North lot)**  
 4:30pm Private Event (SH/103-Kit back up)  
 6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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