

# NEWS NOTES

December 11-12, 2021

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,  
Dwight Henricksen

### Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman,

Hunter Thompson

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor,

Rhonda Maynard

### Readers:

4:00pm: Gayle Woodgeard

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Dan Yeater

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall

Corban Allman

11:00am: Dylan Allman

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am N/D: George and Gloria  
Biggs

11:00am M/D: Keith and Jane  
Stenerson

**Lessons Today: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** To the Glory of God and in honor of our awesome staff at St John's. Given by Jo Dimond.

**BULLETIN DEDICATION:** In celebration of the birth of our Lord and in memory of Richard Davis' birthday. Given by Vi Davis.

## PERSONAL NOTES

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Alice Sweeley; Adam Jenny.

**BAPTISM:** (Baptized Today) Congratulations to parents Kyle Hackney and Sabrina Sparks on the baptism of their daughter, Jazlyn Athena Sparks, on Sunday, December 12th during the 11:00am traditional service.

### NOTES OF THANKS:

"Thank you for your prayers, my Prayer Warriors! I haven't felt this good in 18 months. Please pray the cancer is shrinking with new treatment. Love you all!!! Your sister in Christ," ~ Rita Lang

"A BIG thank you to everyone who donated money and assembled bikes this year for The Bike Project! With your help, we were able to deliver 25 bikes and helmets to kids in local foster care. Again, thank you for supporting this service project!" Dylan Allman

**CONNIE TAYLOR** is temporarily staying at First Community Village. Please direct any cards to: Connie Taylor, First Community Village, 1801 Riverside Dr. Rm 132, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

## TODAY'S NEWS



**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/DINNER THEATER!** Please plan to join us tonight, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** for a special Christmas Celebration. This year's program will feature **Sunday School Students, and much more!** Dinner will be served at 5pm and **the program will begin immediately following dinner.** Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends. All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donations are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to both set up and clean up for this event. Please contact Elaine Bennett if you are interested in helping or mark the salmon sheet.

**A SIT-DOWN HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.** Please contact the church office to volunteer at [sj@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:sj@stjohnsgc.org).

We are in need of communion assistants and ushers for the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Please mark the salmon sheet if you can serve. We always have many visitors and full services so we need all the help we can get to welcome and serve. Thank you!



Volunteers  
Needed!



**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Overflow. If you do not see one with your name, and you would like a box, please indicate on the notepad provided. A box will be prepared and ready for you the next week.

**CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY PROPOSAL: INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:** We have scheduled informational meetings for the following dates/times regarding a proposed accessibility plan for St. John's:

December 12<sup>th</sup> Following 8:15am Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

December 19<sup>th</sup> Following 11:00 Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

\*Dates following Contemporary Service and the OWLS meeting yet to be announced.



We hope all our members will attend one or more of these meetings to learn about the proposal and ask questions. More information will be in the **December Eagle**.

**ADOPT A FAMILY** - In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-a-Family drive. The names are kept completely confidential. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office. If you are able to deliver Adopt-a-Family goods, please notate the salmon sheet.



**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** - Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, we are still unable to Christmas carol to our homebound members. Instead, on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, we would like to deliver a poinsettia and a small gift bag to each of our homebound members and friends that need a little Christmas cheer. We plan to let them know ahead of time that someone will be leaving some goodies outside their door for them. We will not enter their homes so that we do not put anyone at risk. Everything will be provided. If you would be willing to help deliver some holiday cheer, please mark the salmon sheet. We would love to have you join us!

**ANNUAL COAT DRIVE** - We are requesting donations of coats, blankets, outerwear, sleeping bags, and socks to be donated. Our winter donations will be given to people in the Southern Columbus area, including homeless, who need help staying warm this winter. There is no cost to any recipient. Jesus instructed us to provide for others. Please leave your donations in the box in the church library. Any questions, please call Bruce and Karen Whyte at (614) 878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.



**THE RED CROSS** hopes you and your families had a lovely Thanksgiving. During the last blood drive, the Red Cross team was able to collect 33 units of blood. Those 33 units have the potential

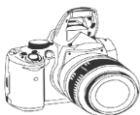
to save 99 lives! We hope to have an even greater turn out for our next blood drive, which will be held the week of Christmas on **Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 17, 2021:** The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are very happy and excited to be together this year to celebrate the Christmas Season with our friends. Giving to those in need with gifts of money to ease their burden, praying for the sick and their families, lending a helping hand to others who are unable to perform simple tasks and offering a true friendship are what we do as a group. We hope you consider attending our meeting and see for yourself. You might not be too interested in a certain month's program, but you will always enjoy the friendship and Christian love shared among us.

Normally we put a basket on the buffet table for those who wish to help pay for the chicken. The money collected this month will instead be donated to a needy family of St. John's. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

For our December meeting we will be entertained by thirty children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help singing some of their favorite Christmas songs, and we will join them to sing a few of ours! Kim Nocero does a wonderful job with the music program at OLPH, and she is looking forward to entertaining our group.

The potluck is back!! OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also let us know by calling the church office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



**KEEP OUR ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UP TO DATE**

We are asking everyone congregation to submit an individual or family photo for use in our Pictorial Directory. We would like to have pictures of as many of our folks as possible. If you already have a photo we may use, please email it to [elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org) or leave a hard copy in the church office.



The holidays are a great time to take family pictures!  
If you would like us to take your photo,  
please mark the salmon sheet and we will arrange a time with you.

**PRAYERS AND PINS** bowling league starts January 9, on Sundays at 3pm. Cost is \$14 per person, and 50% of this will support our Summer Short-Term Mission teams. Contact Jo Dimond to sign up at 614-270-3291 or [iodimond@aol.com](mailto:iodimond@aol.com); or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.



**GREETERS NEEDED** for traditional services, especially Sundays at 8:15am. 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 11:00am volunteers to contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office, by 9am the Wednesday before the weekend issue. Articles for next weekend are **due by December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞**

**AMAZONSMILE:** You can link your Amazon orders to St. John’s and the youth program will receive .05% of what you order on selected Amazon items. You can do this directly through your Amazon account or set up an AmazonSmile account using your Amazon password and log-in at <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

**CONNECT is on break through the month of December.** We hope you can join us again in January! Questions? Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance:** December 5 – **284.**

<b><u>November 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Operating	\$55,691	\$654,868	\$49,679	\$657,309
Benevolence	\$ 4,305	\$ 52,089	\$ 5,761	\$ 49,876

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **11/30/2021: \$21,871.**

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

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Philippians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.  
**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.

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)  
9:00am Accessibility Presentation (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
5:00pm Christmas Program/Dinner  
Theater (FLC, Kit)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
6:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)  
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00pm Finance Team (101-2)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
12:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Small Group (101-2)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (204)  
6:15pm Fat Quarters Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
2:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (away)

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:00am Small Group (Lib)  
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
11:30am OWLS (FLC)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

1:00pm Sit-Down Service (Sanc)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship /  
Accessibility Presentation (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
2:00pm Private Event (FLC)

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