

NEWS NOTES

December 18-19, 2021

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Pat Larick

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

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers:

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Acolytes:

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman
Merrick Wilson

Greeters:

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Sky Singleton

11:00am N/D: Barb Armentrout

11:00am M/D: Lori Wobig

Lessons Today: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45[46-55].

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my grandfather, Jesse Farley. Given by Sandy Hayes.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of Sarah Wittenberg's 22nd birthday. Given by the family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of Paul & Andrea Offenburger's 51st wedding anniversary. Given by Paul and Andrea Offenberger.

BULLETIN DEDICATION: In thanks to the Lord for all our blessings. Given by Carol Rich.



✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Adam Jenny, Rianne Dotson, Rhonda Maynard.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE NEW ADDRESSES: Connie Taylor; Doris Finley; John Parker. Please contact the office for details of where to send your cards. *Has your contact information changed in the last year? Please provide the new information on your salmon sheet.*

THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTERS - CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR LSS CHAMPION FOOD PANTRY. 100 Christmas bags were filled and taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry on December 7, 2021. With the gracious help of Debbie Abbitt, Linda Chenault, Patricia Marie, Sherry Nighbert, Jane Stenerson and Linda Vozel, we were able to fill the bags in just 1½ hours! Diana and Laurie blessed both the bags and the children who will receive them. The Ohio Department of Wildlife gave donations of their booklets of Ohio birds, pencils, and decals. Grove City Family Dentistry provided toothcare items. We thank you all for your donations of candy and Beanie Babies. We met our goal of two tables full of candy. We especially thank Linda Vozel and Sue Koehler for sewing the bags and candy donations. We could not have done the bags without the congregation's concern and donations. Thank you.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS will be accepted through Dec. 22. Order forms are available in the bulletin/News Notes, and at the church entrances.



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.

OFFERINGS FOR 2021 must be received in the church office by Dec. 31 at noon, or if mailed, have a postmark no later than Dec. 31, 2021. Offerings received after Dec. 31 will be posted for 2022.

QUILTERS' QUILT SALE: The Quilters' Quilt Sale is this weekend, Dec. 18-19, 2021! Tables will be set up in the Link displaying the quilts. The quilts are fashioned from your donated fabric and cost between \$25-\$45. The quilts are hand knotted and are in different sizes and colors. The proceeds will be divided among Adopt-a-Family, the Grove City and LSS food pantries, and other church-related ministries. Some of unsold quilts will be given to Bed Brigade and other children's charities. Thank you for your interest in the Quilters and our ministry.

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 21st**.

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 19th Following 11:00am Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary
January 9th Preceding 11:00am Contemporary Worship, FLC



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

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!**

READERS NEEDED for all traditional services. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up on the volunteer charts posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. Thank you for your participation!

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 joimond@aol.com; or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.



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.



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 22nd**.

YOUTH NEWS

CONNECT is on break through the month of December. We hope you can join us again, starting **January 6th!** CONNECT is a place for all ages to faith web, connecting with each other and God! We have a special CONNECT group for ages 4/5/K, Grades 1 – 2, Grades 3 – 4, and Grades 5 – 6. Added to these great CONNECT groups are some awesome teen and adult leaders! Questions? Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: December 12 – 252

<u>November 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services – December 24 - 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Service – December 25 – 10:00am

No service will be held the evening of December 25th. Regularly scheduled evening services will resume the following Saturday, December 31st.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

QUILT SALE! COOKIE SALE!

- 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 (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:00pm Private Event (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 12:00pm RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
- 12:30pm Small Group ()
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 5:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)
- 9:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- 10:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 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 /
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

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