

NEWS NOTES

March 6, 2022

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Chad Whyte,
Ron Nighbert,

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson
Colton Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman
Merrick Wilson

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis,
Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Greeters:

4:00pm Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian and
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am M/D: Dave and Lisa
Stallard

N/D: Linda Diehl

Readers:

4:00pm: Nannette Shea

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Lessons Today: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Blessings to the Wednesday Small Group members, meeting for 20 plus years. Given anonymously.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of our 65th wedding anniversary- March 9, 1957. Given by Richard and Joan Werner.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for the following members who are or were in the hospital this week: Pastor Ray Rosenthal; Ralph Johnston; Carole Ratcliffe.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

NEW BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT! Pastor Seth will begin a six- week Sunday night discussion of the Book of Daniel **today, March 6th**. Class will meet each Sunday night in **rooms 103-4 from 6:30-8pm through Palm Sunday, April 10th**. No prior Bible Study experience is assumed. Snacks and drinks will be provided each week. Come and join the discussion and fellowship!



OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY CONCERT – We will be hosting the Otterbein University Choir under the direction of Dr. Gayle Walker **this Wednesday, March 9th**. They will present a 40-minute concert at **6:30pm in the sanctuary as that evening's Lenten service**. Plan now to make this memorable event part of your Lenten journey!

SOUP SUPPERS! Please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings, **starting this Wednesday, March 9th** for a soup and bread dinner prior to the Lenten Worship Services. We will begin serving at **5:45pm in the Family Life Center**. The worship services will begin at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, food, and reflection. If you or your group (Circles, Choirs, Sunday School Class, Small Group, etc.) would like to provide soup and bread one week, please mark the salmon sheet and we will follow up with you to schedule a date.



FLOWER CHART, 2022: Altar flowers beautify our worship service each week and are a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for March and April. Reserve your dedication date on the Altar flowers chart in the North Entrance. Please contact Lesa Corbin at (614) 530-4984 for more information.

CLEAN THE CLOSETS: HELPERS NEEDED At 10am on Wednesday March 23rd we'll be cleaning out some closets to make room for technology equipment. Please let Pastor Seth know if you will be able to be there for any amount of time that day: sjersild@stjohnsgc.org. He will appreciate the help!



CHURCH LIBRARY SPRING CLEANING: It's finally March and time for spring cleaning! We are sorting through books that are being stored in a closet, see above article. Books cannot be appreciated while locked away in a closet. Unfortunately, the church library is not large enough to 'house' all the items we currently have. So, we have started to go through the books in the library and remove those that are duplicates, out of date, etc.



We filled a rolling cart in the Link with books and some DVDs that are free to anyone. **Help yourself to FREE books!** A variety of subjects are included (mostly personal Christianity) and almost all are brand new. Perhaps you will find one or two books that are interest you. You might see some that you would like to give to a friend, maybe someone special who is going through a rough time and needs some Christian encouragement.

FACE COVERINGS OPTIONAL: As of February 20th, The St. John's church council has instituted a "face coverings optional" policy for all church activities. In the weeks before Easter, we will also be returning to communion at the altar rail. Thank you, St. John's church family, for your continued patience and support for each other as we carefully transition back to our normal practices.

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 March 9th**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Colossians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Mark, Steve Johnston, 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.

YOUTH NEWS

FAITH AND PURPOSE with Gary and Laurie is today, starting at 9:30am in the FLC. We will be focusing on self-awareness, understanding yourself and your son or daughter. This session is designed for 7th through 12th grade students to attend with their parents/grandparents. It is also ideal for parents with elementary and intermediate grade school children. Other adults will like this session, too!

HIGH SCHOOL GLOW meets tonight, 6:30 – 9pm! It's a true GLOW night – glow stick games, making special glow bags for children who receive beds from the Bed Brigade, and enjoying subs (which don't glow – that's a good thing)! Friends are welcome!

CONNECT resumes this Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm! Greeter's table and gym open at 5:40pm. We hope you can join us! CONNECT is a place for all ages to faith web, connecting with each other and God! We have a special CONNECT group for age for age 4 to Kindergartners, Grades 1 – 2, Grades 3 – 4, and Grades 5 – 6. Added to these great CONNECT groups are some awesome teen and adult leaders! Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669 for more details.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: February 27 – 321
Ash Wednesday -- 212

<u>January 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$57,536	\$57,536	\$59,417	\$59,417
Benevolence	\$ 3,916	\$ 3,916	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,784

**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.

⌘ LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR ⌘

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 2—APRIL 6 at 12 noon and 6:30pm

- March 2 — Ash Wednesday, Psalm 51
- March 9 — Psalm 6, Noon Service
Otterbein Choir Concert, 6:30pm
- March 16 — Psalm 38
- March 23 — Psalm 32
- March 30 — Psalm 130
- April 6 — Psalm 143



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

HOLY WEEK, APRIL 10—17

- April 9/10 — Palm Sunday “The Cry of the Whole Congregation”
Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
- April 14 — Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm
with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
- April 15 — Good Friday Worship at 12pm and 7:00pm
- April 16/17 — Easter: Traditional - Saturday at 6pm, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary - Sunday at 11am



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
 9:30am Faith and Purpose (FLC)
 10:30am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
 6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)
 6:30pm GLOW (FLC, 3rd Flr)

MONDAY, MARCH 7

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9:30am BSF
 12:00pm Lenten Noon Service (Sanc)
 1:00pm Small Group (101)
 5:45pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
 6:30pm Otterbein Concert Choir (Sanc)
 7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (101)
 2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)
 6:00pm CONNECT
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 9:30am Second Year Advance (3rd Flr, FLC)
 10:00am Congregational Caregiving
 Class (204)
 10:00am Girl Scouts (FH)
 10:00am Private Event (101-2)
 4:00pm Traditional Service (Sanc)
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
 6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)

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

MARCH 6, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus conquers evil in the wilderness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	A confession of faith
Tuesday	Romans 10:8b-13	Salvation is for all
Wednesday	1 Peter 3:8-22	Suffering for doing right
Thursday	1 Samuel 12:19-25	Samuel's farewell address
Friday	Romans 12:14-21	Marks of a Christian
Saturday	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	The Lord is my fortress
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. Psalm 91:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, give us courage to trust in your power over all things that seek to destroy goodness and mercy, through Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food and for being with us during happy and sad times in our lives, through Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the goodness of God guard you all the days of your life.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
O Lord, Hear My Prayer



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something happening in the world that makes you sad?
- What is something happening in the world that makes you thankful?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 4:1-13.

The First Sunday in Lent always includes the temptation of Jesus. The challenge is to resist the temptation to make this biblical story about us. When we do, we vow to resist our own temptations, weaknesses, and shortcomings. It is not at all about us resisting temptations in life. The story is about Jesus and his identity as the one *"full of the Holy Spirit."* It is about a testing of what it means for Jesus to be the Son of God. The good news is that in Jesus there is a power present willing to oppose evil, greed, selfishness, and misuse of power at all costs. That power is full of goodness, mercy, and God's saving presence. The devil loses to Jesus in the temptation story only to return at *"an opportune time,"* that is, at Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death. One final time, the devil will lose again.

Discuss: What evil do you see or read about happening in the world that will not last forever?

Pray: **God of power and might, by the power of the Holy Spirit, give us the strength to trust in the one who conquers sin, death, and evil through Christ our Lord. Amen**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what actions can you take to help someone when there has been wrongdoing?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Lent is a time to focus on prayer. Think about times during the day you can pray while doing daily activities. This week talk to God in prayer while washing the dishes or doing household chores. Set aside another time during the day or evening to light a candle and say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord's Prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org