



The Eagle

December 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio

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Letter from the Associate Pastor

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'"

If you had good news, who would you tell first? The most important people, I bet.

The ones who would be most likely to understand and share your joy. But when God had the best news of the ages, whom did He tell first? Important religious people? Wealthy folk? Learned scholars? Not a chance.

It is to poor, unclean night laborers that the angel, backed up by a multitude of the heavenly host, appears, and upon whom the glory of the Lord shines. That'll bring you to your knees and make your heart skip a beat, huh? Like when you see flashing lights in your rearview mirror – times 10,000! But expecting the worst, they received the best. Glory to God in the Highest! Yes. But also, Glory to God in the Lowest, for He stoops to be born in a manger, and reveals himself to outcast hirelings pulling the graveyard shift. This "stooping" of God means that He is never far removed from us, or our circumstances, whatever they may be.

Because God "stoops", these shepherds are able to trade their great fear for great joy! Joy, because a new ruler has been born! A ruler unlike Augustus and other selfish tyrants whose demands make life miserable for their subjects, and unlike even the misplaced longings that too often rule our own hearts, leaving us empty. No, this King is both just and loving. And though His dominion is everlasting, His power is displayed, not by force, but by loving sacrifice.

This good news for all people, this peace and goodwill toward man, has come to our broken and confused world, in Jesus the Messiah! Spiritually speaking, we are outcasts because of sin - peasants with nothing worthy to offer a Holy God. When we repent of our sin and trust in Jesus the King we will be saved. When this happens, we have no reason to fear any longer, there is no more condemnation! See, He is a good King who gives us what we do not deserve out of His own good pleasure. His salvation moves us from the darkness of sin into the glorious light of his righteousness! His salvation moves us from being outcast peasants in fear to experiencing the riches of joy in fellowship with God!

This season is not only a reminder of Christ's birth, but a call to look forward when He will come again. One day our King will return, and all things will be made new. We will experience His glory and presence free from the poverty of our sinful natures, free from the brokenness of this world. I don't know about you but I long for that day. And Christ's birth announcement is a proclamation that our God reigns, that His kingdom has been established. Those of us who have placed our trust in this King can proclaim with the Shepherds, with the Angels, that there is a rich wholeness in His salvation:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

Looking forward in faith,

Pastor Patti

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul Wittenberg, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Dave Clark, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Gary Smith.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

To Barb Armentrout and family for the passing of **Mike Cunningham** on September 27, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Barb Rawson**, who passed away on October 14, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Randy Ross**, who passed away on October 14, 2022.

To Dorothy Hoy and family for the passing of **Charlie Abromitis** on October 24, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Gary Throp**, who passed away on October 26, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Donald Wheeler**, grandfather of Christina Allman, who passed away on October 26, 2022.

*All who grieve are in our thoughts
and prayers.*

Announcement of Birth

Congratulations to Joshua Mills on the birth of his son!
Joshua Charles Mills Jr. was born
on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Joshua is welcomed by his grandmother, Lorina Allmon, sister Kylie, and brothers Jackson and Justice.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

**St. John's will have three worship services for
CHRISTMAS EVE on Saturday, December 24th
at 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY will be a single worship
service on Sunday, December 25th at 10am.**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2023.**

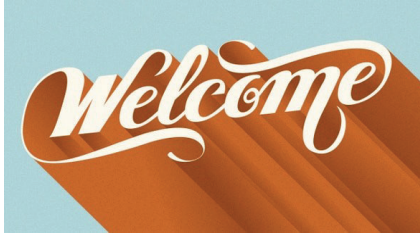
**The deadline for the JANUARY Eagle is
DECEMBER 10TH.**

Email announcements & articles to
secretary@stjohnsgc.org
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

**Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 20th, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship at St. John's:



David Clifton
Chris Fields
George and Cindy Gonsowski
Janice Gorsuch
Judy Graessle
Linda Ballou and Stephen Henry

Curtis, Amy, Will, and Ian Hughes
Chris Jenkins
Cory, Grace, and Lillian Lange
Jeff Morlock
Dorreen Zimmer

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.

David Clifton

David Clifton was born at St. Ann's Maternity Hospital, and baptized by a Catholic priest after birth. David was rebaptized by St. Paul United Church of Christ in German Village, Ohio. At the age of 7, he moved to Grove City, Ohio, and was confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church. At age 16, David began attending St. John's. David and his wife Becky were married at St. John's. During the last 12 years, they lived in Canal Fulton, Ohio, near Akron, and David was working for Key Bank. After Becky passed away, David moved back to the Grove City area. David currently sells real estate for Saxton Real Estate. David enjoys playing the guitar, giving guitar lessons, and singing in the Chancel Choir.

Chris Fields

Chris Fields was born in Mississippi, but raised mostly in Ohio. Chris previously attended the Linden Lutheran Church and the Living Christ Lutheran Church. Chris attended Northland High School. Chris is lucky to have a great family; mom, two sisters, two nieces, and four great-nieces. Chris retired from Huntington Bank after 43 years of service. After a year of retirement, Chris returned to the bank part-time, and currently works a few days a month. Chris likes to travel, read, and do arts and crafts.

George and Cindy Gonsowski

George Gonsowski was born in Queens, NY. George attended Marshall University in West Virginia, and really loves it there. George was a school teacher for 43 years, and he really loves it. Cindy Gonsowski was born and raised in Huntington, WV, and is a graduate of Marshall University. Cindy was raised as a generic protestant and became a Catholic 10 years after marrying one. Cindy is the mother of a daughter and son, and "MiMi" to four boys. Cindy is a retired Medical Technologist (think clinical hospital laboratory). Cindy's hobbies include playing in the dirt with plants, reading, and quilting.

Janice Gorsuch

Janice Gorsuch was born and raised in Dale, Indiana. Janice has also lived in Harrison, OH, Columbus, OH, and Tavares, FL. Janice previously attended St. Paul in Westerville, OH, and St. Philip in Mt. Dora, FL. Janice attended McKinley High School and OSU. Janice was married for 57 years and is now widowed. Janice has two sons and a daughter. Janice has had several jobs over the years, the last one at OSU. Janice enjoys quilting and reading.

Judy Graessle

Judy Graessle was raised Baptist, but has since fallen in love with the Lutheran Church. Judy has interest in the giving of self to serve and support our church, and bring others to Christ through His Word. Grove City, Ohio, has become Judy's home, and the residents, part of her family. Fellowship is important to Judy. Judy values the sharing of our gifts to lift up, encourage, inspire, and teach the Word through speech and through action.

Linda Ballou and Stephen Henry

Linda Ballou was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Franklin Heights High School. Linda is a mother of two, plus two given to her. Linda retired from South-Western City Schools as a cook. She also worked for the State of Ohio, with 10 years of working with MRDD, and 27 years of Corrections of Ohio. Stephen Henry recently worked for Geodis Factory, and hopes to be employed again soon. Stephen loves Play Station WWE Wrestling.

Curtis, Amy, Will, and Ian Hughes

The Hughes family is from Grove City, Ohio. Curtis Hughes attended Xavier University and is a business owner. Amy Hughes attended Miami University and is a teacher. Will and Ian Hughes enjoy soccer and music. Will is a freshman at St. Charles Prep. Ian is a 6th grader at Grove City Christian.

Jeff Morlock

Jeff Morlock was born and raised in Pemberville, Ohio. Jeff has lived in the Dayton and Columbus areas. Jeff served as a pastor at Grace Lutheran in Thornville; Genesis (NALC church plant) in Reynoldsburg; and most recently, Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. Pastor Jeff attended Eastwood High School, Capital University (BSW), and Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Columbus, MDiv). Pastor Jeff has been married to our very own Pastor Patti Morlock for 30 wonderful years. They have two girls, Bekah, 28, and Hannah, 22. Bekah works in admissions at Ohio Dominican University, and Hannah attends ODU as a pre-med student. In Pastor Jeff's current position, he is building a pipeline across the North American Lutheran Church to identify and encourage those discerning a call to ordained ministry, with a goal to have 300 new pastors in the next 9-10 years. Pastor Jeff's hobbies include cycling, weight lifting, reading, cooking, and hiking.



Thank you to everyone for your donations to help fill the 100 Christmas bags to be given to the children whose families use the LSS Food Pantry on Champion Avenue and the Grove City Methodist "Purple Door" Church. Many thanks to all who donated the beloved candy and other items for the children. We hope the bags bring a bit of Christian love and joy to the children.

The Quilters wish to thank Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street for their donation of 100 toothbrushes, toothpaste, and flossers for the Christmas bags. These are much appreciated donations. The children will enjoy their child-friendly brushes.

The Quilters thank many generous people for their time, effort and resources to make our ministry a success this last month. We thank Mary Young for making the patriotic red, white and blue quilt for the door prize at the church's veterans' dinner. Thanks to Jane and Keith Stenerson for purchasing the many combs for the bags. We thank Kathryn Mullins and her grandmother Norma for stringing so many bags. The Quilters are very appreciative of your caring spirit.

Your help will be greatly appreciated in helping to fill the bags on December 6, 2022, in rooms 103-104 from 9am to 1pm. Please come and see the generosity of our congregation.

The Quilters' Christmas quilt sale this year is on December 17, 2022, during the cookie sale. Quilt-filled tables will be set up in the Link. The Quilters will also continue the quilt sale on Sunday in the Link. Most of the quilts are in the range of \$25-\$45.

If you find you have extra time at home and would like to make a quilt top or a completed quilt to donate to the Bed Brigade or another charity, we can furnish the material and other supplies at no cost to you. Call the church to set up a time to make your selection of material.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday morning in rooms 103-104. Come whenever you can make time. Most of the quilting is simple and basic. All quilting materials are provided. There is a chair waiting for you at the hand quilting frame, also. If you prefer, you may want to cut canceled stamps. Come anytime and leave any time you want. We don't punch a timecard. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying during lunch. Our last meeting of 2022 will be December 13, 2022.

Dear God, please help me find the strength to face the days when I feel uncertain about the future. Amen

The Quilters wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our 10th Annual Veterans' Recognition Luncheon was held on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Approximately 78 Veterans and family members attended. Pastor Seth Jersild emceed our program, and he did a wonderful job!

Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veterans' Awards along with a very special certificate from the mayor's office to three of St. John's members. The Golden Veterans honored were each given a beautiful eagle plaque for their services.

We honored three St. John's Golden Veterans this year:

Larry Link served from 1960 to 1964 in the Navy. He was stationed in Hawaii, Okinawa, Japan, and other southern point places. He traveled with the Admiral and after finishing his time with the Navy he joined the Reserves.

Howard McCarley served in Fuji, Japan in 1951 in the infantry division of the Army. He also served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

Armand Arabian joined the Navy in 1945. He served in Jacksonville, Florida.



Golden Veterans Larry Link (left) and Howard McCarley (center) received awards from Mayor Ike Stage. Currently serving in the Navy, Elijah Butsko (right) received special recognition from the Mayor.

A special award was also presented to **Elijah Butsko**, a young member of St. John's who graduated from Grove City High School in 2019. Elijah is currently serving on active duty in the US Navy as a Petty Officer Third Class. We were very honored to have Elijah join us at our luncheon!

Special thanks to the Demorest Road American Legion Post 532. They presented the flag, led the Pledge of Allegiance, played Taps, and performed the gun salute. St. John's teenagers alongside Grove City ROTC served the delicious meal. St. John's member Matthew Little played the Star-Spangled Banner on the keyboard, and all did an awesome job!

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**American
Red Cross**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 from 12 noon until 6 pm.

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.



(Our 10th Annual Veterans' Recognition Luncheon article continued from front.) (Above, St. John's veteran members in attendance of the Veterans' Luncheon, 2022)

Special thank you to Wilma Phillips for co-chairing the event and doing an excellent job! Thanks to Steve Marcum for organizing the American Legion and so many others. Thank you to Diana Imbrock for organizing our teen servers. A very special thank you to Laurie Pecuch for stepping up and taking care of our slide presentation, and she did an excellent job. Many thanks to Elaine Bennett and Jane Stenerson who did a wonderful job!! Thanks to the kitchen helpers, Cindy Henricksen, Christine Hank, Phil Pennington, and Tony Bennett. Special thank you to Susan Koehler, Lynne Ehrlich, Charlotte Rausch, and Linda Chenault. Thank you both Elizabeth and Sarah Circles for baking the delicious pies, and to Mary Young for making a beautiful quilt which was presented as a door prize to the winner, Veteran Ron Nighbert! Congratulations!!

But most of all, a very heartfelt **thank you** to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made for all of us, and for their service to our country! This program was presented in honor of all our veterans!! **God bless our veterans!**

OWLS EVENT DECEMBER 16, 2022



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 but we will be collecting money to donate to a needy family of St. John's. Thanks in advance!

For our December meeting, we will be entertained by children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help singing some of their favorite Christmas songs. 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 once again.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

TIPS FOR HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS WHEN GRIEVING

1. **DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN HANDLE COMFORTABLY AND LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW.** Can I handle the responsibility of the family dinner, etc. or shall I ask someone else to do it? Do I want to talk about my loved one or not? Shall I stay here for the holidays or go to a completely different environment?
2. **MAKE SOME CHANGES IF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.** Open presents Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning. Vary the timing of gift giving. Have dinner at a different time or place. Let the children take over decorating the house, the tree, baking and food preparation, etc.
3. **RE-EXAMINE YOUR PRIORITIES: GREETING CARDS, HOLIDAY BAKING, DECORATING, PUTTING UP A TREE, FAMILY DINNER, ETC.** Do I really enjoy doing this? Is this a task that can be shared?
4. **CONSIDER DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE ELSE.** Donate a gift in the memory of your loved one. Donate money you would have spent on your loved one as a gift to charity. Adopt a needy family for the holidays. Invite a guest (foreign student, senior citizen) to share festivities.
5. **RECOGNIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S PRESENCE IN THE FAMILY.** Burn a special candle to quietly include your loved one. Hang a stocking for your loved one in which people can put notes with their thoughts or feelings. Listen to music especially like by the deceased. Look at photographs.
6. **IF YOU DECIDE TO DO HOLIDAY SHOPPING, MAKE A LIST AHEAD OF TIME AND KEEP IT HANDY FOR A GOOD DAY, OR SHOP ONLINE OR THROUGH CATALOGS.**
7. **OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS IN WAYS WHICH ARE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.** There is no right or wrong way of handling holidays. Once you've decided how to observe the time, let others know.
8. **TRY TO GET ENOUGH REST - HOLIDAYS CAN BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY DRAINING.**
9. **ALLOW YOURSELF TO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS.** Holidays often magnify feelings of loss. It is natural to feel sadness. Share concerns, apprehensions, feelings with a friend. The need for support is often greater during holidays.
10. **KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY BEREAVED PERSONS IS THAT THEY DO COME TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS AGAIN. THERE WILL BE OTHER HOLIDAY SEASONS TO CELEBRATE.**
11. **DON'T BE AFRAID TO HAVE FUN.** Laughter and joy are not disrespectful. Give yourself and your family members' permission to celebrate and take pleasure in the holidays.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Barbara Rawson** by Marilyn Wright; Gary and Karen Rawson; Dellno and Betty Lewis; Ike and Shelah Stage; Donna Carter; and Virginia Bent.

Given in memory of **Randy Ross** by Carol Miller; Mike and Karen Bays; Margaret Brungarth; Donald Ross; Virginia Bent; Marilyn Mathews; Mildred Hohenstein; and Patty Zimmer.

Given in memory of **Gary Throp** by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

Given in memory of **Robert Griffith** by Pat Griffith; and Charles and Annette Richards.

Given in memory of **Barbara Burkhart** by Ike and Shelah Stage; and Beryl Spangler.

Accessibility Project

Given in memory of **Barbara Burkhart** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Given in memory of **Barbara Rawson** by Raymond and Karen Bentley; Beth Katterhenrich; Jim and Carol Rorick; Richard Rush; and Rosemary Turnbull.

Given in honor of **Dennis and Diana Imbrock** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Given in memory of **Dr. Sandra Harper**, sister of Donna Linder, by Robert and Bonnie Swanson.

Given in memory of **Randy Ross** by Jim and Carol Rorick; Keith and Jane Stenerson; and Richard Rush.

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Barbara Rawson** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Given in memory of **Barbara Burkhart** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Given in honor of the wedding anniversary of **Brock and Grace Starr** by Kevin and Holly Starr.

Memorial Fund, Handbell Choir

Given in memory of **Barbara Rawson** by Jim and Ann Jones; and Lorina Allmon and Andrew.

Memorial Fund, Music

Given in memory of **Barbara Burkhart** by Rebecca Priwer.

Memorial Fund, Mexico Mission Trip

Given in honor of **Lukas Althoff** by his parents, Tim and Jill Althoff.



Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Missions!

We are planning a mission trip to be with our precious children this summer 2023!

If you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ, come join the 2023 Mexico Mission Family!

Mission dates are July 21st through July 31st, 2023.

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Overflow (Rm. 202). These are dated for 2023, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to begin using them.

If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like one on the notepad provided. We will have a box ready for you to pick up the next weekend.



Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Sherry Nighbert
614-581-1436



**Women's
Ministry**
CONNECTING AND ENRICHING
WOMEN IN FAITH

Sarah Circle
Contact
Vi Davis
614-875-2605

Here's a spiritual growth goal: join a Circle of friends!
Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually.
Both Circles have evening meeting times.
Contact the leaders listed above for information.



MISSION FALL BAZAAR: ANOTHER SUCCESS!!!

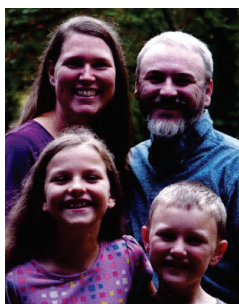
Thanks to all who provided baked goods, stopped by to support our craft vendors, and ate hot dogs and shredded chicken sandwiches, etc., at our concessions. Our vendors felt welcomed and appreciated the kindness extended to all.

Thank you for continuing to support missions.
Almost \$1,000 were raised!



Wycliffe[®]
Bible Translators

Dear friends at St. John's Lutheran Church:



we wanted to write to say how much we appreciate your partnership in our ministry helping to bring God's Word to the Bungu people. We are amazed at the way God continues to provide for us as we enter over 12 years of serving with Wycliffe. Your faithful support enables this ministry to continue, and we are so grateful for what you provide to us personally as well as how you're providing for the Bungu people.

Some recent highlights from our work include: *The book of Acts* in the Bungu language was printed this year! We also recently heard about Mwanansoga, a church leader in the town of Maleza, who is leading church services entirely in Bungu using the translated Scriptures.

May God bless you greatly! Sincerely,

Stephen, Rachel,
Hope, and Scott.

To give or sign up for news:
www.wycliffe.org/partner/katterhenrich

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WAYNE WEBB'S

PRAYERS AND PINS—2023
St. John's Bowling Club
@ Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl
3224 S High St, Columbus 43207
(614)491-7155

The cost is \$15 per person weekly. If you are not present, you may pay the following week. Proceeds will go to our mission funds.

1. Club will bowl at **3:00pm on Sundays from January 8th to March 12th**, 10 weeks total.
2. Checks should be made out to WWCB.
3. We will bowl 2 games each week.
4. Teams will consist of 2 players, and substitutions are welcome.

Plan to have a great time!
No worries if you are a rookie—
It's about having fun!

Contact Dave or Karen Grossman, 614-579-8037,
or Jo Dimond, 614-270-3291, jodimond@aol.com.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
ALASKA AND MEXICO MISSION FUNDS!**

Thank you

"The family of Randy Ross expresses their thanks and gratitude to the Pastors, the Bereavement Team, and especially Randy's Promise Keepers group, for their loving support during Randy's illness and passing." ~ Lisa Ross and family.

"To the ladies who prepared the lunch for Randy Ross' funeral. Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided. The food was delicious and the tables looked nice. Blessings," ~ Shirley Woods, Randy's sister.

"Many 'thank yous' to the members and friends of St. John's for the love and support given to us in the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Richard Werner." ~ Joan Werner and family.

"Thank you, Dennis Imbrock, for helping to load, transfer, and unload the bed, furniture, and dishes to my son John and his roommates. You are greatly appreciated." ~ Judy Graessle.

"Howard McCarley and family would like to thank all those who worked the Veterans' Salute luncheon on Sunday. Special thanks to Pam Castle, Wilma Phillips, and Mayor Ike Stage. Howard was pleased and surprised to be honored." ~ Stan McCarley.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING...

On **Saturday, December 17th** from **9 am – noon** in rooms **103-104**, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale**.

We are asking for **homemade items only**. Again this year, you will be able to choose your own cookies for your platter. We will have prepackaged plates, also, if you would prefer those.

Baked goods can be dropped off by
8:30 am on Friday, December 16th
in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale
on Saturday, December 17th.

If you are available Saturday, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin. You may also call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544, or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201.

Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Join us for the next meetings
Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 9am
and **Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 7pm**
in rooms 103-4.

We are happy to teach anyone
interested how to knit or crochet.
For more information call
Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955
or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

Do you know someone who would be blessed
by receiving a prayer shawl?
Please call Nancy Kinman
at 614-875-8155.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Now that it is autumn, winter and cold weather aren't far away. We will begin our annual coat, other outer wear and blanket collection for those less fortunate on Sunday, November 1st. We are adding socks to be donated, as well. We have a great connection with a pastor in Franklinton, who will give our winter donations to people in that area. Those being helped are the homeless and any who need a little help in keeping warm this winter. Jesus instructed us to provide for others.

Each year our loving and generous members give so many items. We take them down each Sunday night to the church before their evening service. They give the items away; there is no cost for any recipient.

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.

SJYM

St. John's Youth Ministries

YOUTH GROUPS!

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (5th and 6th grade) meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm. We will take a break during the month of December but start again on January 5th.

Explorers (7th and 8th grade) and Energizers (9th—12th grade) meet on Wednesday nights, 7—8:30pm. We take a break starting Nov. 30 and during the month of December. We start again on January 4th.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

2022 ADVENT FAMILY FAITH BOXES were handed out at Adventure Club and Faith Trek on Nov. 17. If you didn't get one for your family (or another special family) pick one up at church in the link and North Entrance areas. This year's box is a hand-crafted 10 inch wreath with tea lights and a family devotion that will prepare your hearts for the birth of Jesus.

The BIKE PROJECT takes place the first Saturday in December. Contact student-leader Dylan Allman for details on how you can give, assemble, and deliver bikes. Bikes go to foster children in the Columbus area.

The KINDNESS EVENT is a great service project for families. Contact Elaine Bennett to sign up and deliver Christmas kindness to homebound members and friends. It will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 18th.

WINTER JAM is back in Columbus on Saturday, Jan. 28th. We will be pre-ordering tickets. Actual cost is \$40. Because of fund-raisers, we are only collecting \$20 for the concert. See Laurie for details and to pre-order your ticket. *Note: you'll want to bring money the day of Winter Jam for concessions.* Christian bands coming to Winter Jam are "We The Kingdom, Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, Francesca Battistelli, Disciple, Austin French, NewSong, Zane Black, Thrive Worship, Sean BE, Renee".

AXIS PARENTING RESOURCE: It's a website with parent guides, conversations kits, expert videos, and excellent materials on parenting youth in today's culture. If you'd like to be on our AXIS email list and/or like to have direct membership access to the website, please contact Diana Imbrock. *There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting.*



For details, contact Laurie at
lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

As in previous years, the Sanctuary of St. John's will be filled with the beauty of red poinsettias as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. Each plant will be in a 6.5 inch pot and is available for purchase. The cost of each poinsettia will be \$7.50. You may place an order by sending a completed form along with your check to the office, or placing it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to St. John's and mark "For Poinsettia Order."

Orders must be received no later than Thursday, December 15th.

The flowers may be taken after our Christmas service on December 25th.

Please check one:

☐ **I will be picking my flowers up by December 30th.**

☐ **I wish to donate my flowers to shut-ins.**

Name(s) of person(s) ordering:

Phone No. _____ (In case of questions)

Number of poinsettias _____ x \$7.50 ea. = _____

Method of payment (mark one) Cash _____ Check _____



Name(s) of person(s) ordering:

Given by:

(list how you wish names to appear in service folder - i.e. The Davis Family, or Art and Frieda Davis)

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:30am Small Group 10am Trad. and Cont. Worship 11am 2nd Yr Confirmation Advance 12pm Private Event 12pm Adult Basketball 5:30pm	5 Private Event 8am BSF Leaders 9:30am Lunchtime AA 12pm Puppets 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	6 RAISE RIGHT DEADLINE Quilters 9am OWLS Planning 11:30am Small Group 12:30pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm BSA 392 7pm AI-Anon 7:30pm	7 BSF 9:30am Small Group 1pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	8 Promise Keepers 8am Homeschool Acting 3pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm Dartball 8pm (away)	9 Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	10 EAGLE DEADLINE Prayer Shawl Min. 9am Girl Scouts #6300 10am Traditional Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
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