

NEWS NOTES

November 2-3, 2024

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Armand Arabian*

11:00am MD: *Carol Rich*

ND: *Lynda Berry*

Ushers

8:15am: *Steve Marcum, David*

Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: *Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis*

Imbrock, Kelvin Koethke

Acolytes

8:15am: *Colton Thompson, Ben Previts*

11:00am: *Layla Greer, Riley Millet*

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: *Barb Hill*

8:15am: *Rita Orahood*

11:00am: *Sheryl Fraley*

Contemporary: *Ethan Czaplicki, Cindy*

Dye

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Betty Lewis, Teresa Orahood*

11:00am: *Ron Nighbert, Lisa Stallard*

Contemporary: *Cindy Dye, Karrie Clark,*

Jackie Rutan

Lessons Today: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Warren Grody and Linda Vozel.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Colton Thompson's birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Jane Graves, mother of Gretchen Jones**, who passed away on October 17, 2024; to the family and friends of **Anna Jones, aunt of Susan Koehler**, who passed away on October 17, 2024; and to the family and friends of **Johnny Johnson, cousin of Mike Esposito**, who passed away on October 27, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

175th ANNIVERSARY A wonderful celebration was held in honor of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. John's last weekend. As a part of this year of historical significance, a booklet regarding **St. John's Cemetery** has been prepared. Copies are available at the entrance doors. Many thanks to the 175th anniversary team for your work to commemorate this significant event in the life of St. John's.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

CANDY FOR QUILTERS: You know you shouldn't eat that leftover Halloween candy, don't you? Donate it to the Quilters for the Christmas bags. Please place it in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for your generosity.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, November 9th at 9am and on Tuesday, November 26th at 6pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS! For anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration. Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in mid-November and December in order to sing with the choir during Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed!

OWLS EVENT - NOVEMBER 15, 2024: We have a very special guest speaker coming in November. You won't want to miss this one. As she tells her story, you will be impressed, and your heart and soul will be touched. **Jenny Cunningham** is a 48-year-old self-advocate with Down Syndrome. She has worked for Franklin County Board of DD for 15 years as a clerical aide. She lives with her partner Bryan in Worthington, and they have been together more than 25 years.

She has received several awards including: Running the Olympic Torch in 1996, being selected as one of SUNNY 95's "20 Outstanding Women" and appeared in Stephen King's "Kingdom Hospital", a miniseries on ABC. She attended three Special Olympic World Games and won medals in gymnastics and skiing. She has served on the local Board of Directors for the local Down Syndrome Association and also the National Down Syndrome Congress. She has been a self-advocate speaker at events including the Ohio Statehouse and the Capital in Washington, DC. Hope you plan to join us for this special program!

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am and the meeting will open at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Just in case you don't know --- OWLS are **Older Wiser Lutherans** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

OTTERBEIN CHOIR AT ST. JOHN'S – November 17th at 4pm.

The Otterbein Choir will be performing their Christmas concert at St. John's Church at 4pm on Sunday, November 17. The choir is under the direction of Professor Gayle Walker. This concert is a part of the 175th Anniversary celebration of the church's founding. Members of the community are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert.



SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE: The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, December 1st at 2:00pm** in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief. For those that

have had a loss in the past year, their family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the North Entrance coat area if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We have about 1 week left to get shoe boxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! **Here's how:**

1. **Fill a box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$10 to help with shipping.**
2. **Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation table and in the Link.**
3. **Build a shoebox online by visiting <https://sampur.se/3TeYFqq>.**

Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752. **Deadline to bring in items is Tuesday, November 12th.**



THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING next weekend to the North Entrance! Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages. **All items need to be new with tags or homemade.** The tree will be up until December 1st, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our community stay warm!

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: After enjoying such a wonderful autumn, it is now time to think about winter, which is just around the corner. Cold winds will soon be blowing through Central Ohio. We are collecting coats, jackets, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to keep the less fortunate warm through the winter. Cleaning closets seems to be a spring event, but my mother said fall cleaning is just as important. So, perhaps you can clean out your closets and find a coat or jacket, which you no longer need. Remember: Matthew 25:40: "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." Donated items can be left in the hall outside the Family Life Center in the marked bin.

This year we are donating our items to Jordan's Crossing Center Ministry, located on Hague Avenue, which ministers mainly to the Hilltop area. You can find them online for more information. Any questions, please contact Bruce or Karen Whyte, 614-716-8754. Thank you! *P.S. – They have also requested candles.*

SPECIAL SHOW EVENT: Saturday, November 16 from 10am-4pm in the FLC.



The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS) invites everyone to the **37th Annual Miniature Show and Sale** at St. John's in Grove City. The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a show hall with 150+ displays by local miniature artists as well as a free miniature creative challenge for the public. The sale hall features more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items. This one-day event features:



It's an Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Recliner! Sofas that fit in the palm of your hand, fine China the size of your thumb nail, lamps smaller than marbles that light up, six-inch-long row boats that really float, the list is as endless as it is amazing. Come see all the **itsy bitsy teeny weeny** miniature fine art and collectibles you've been missing! Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Please check the entrances both this Sunday and next for \$1.00 off flyers. Questions? Contact Angela Ryan at 614-392-4499 or writeon@columbus.rr.com, or visit our website at www.columbusminiaturesociety.org.

CMS, a 501-C3 non-profit organization, works to increase awareness and participation in miniature fine arts. In addition to the Show and Sale, CMS sponsors events at The Ohio State Fair, Winter Fair, and offers project classes and seminars on the third Saturday of each month. There are also people available for your school activities and special events.

Assisting Opportunities
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



GREETERS NEEDED for both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the Parish bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to contact Linda Diehl at 614-906-1408.

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org about how you can order physical cards. Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how easy it is to place orders on-line. With each gift card purchase, a percentage comes back to us and helps off-set the costs for children and youth ministries not covered by the budget. *Thanks for your support!*

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. Talk to Laurie Pecuch about joining us!

Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7 - 8:30pm. Talk to Gini Rogers for details!

LEGO CLUB with the Katterhenrich Family is meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10th, noon to 2:30pm. They start with pizza in the FLC. It's creative, fun, and a great time with friends! Parents and faith webbing adult friends are welcome to join!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 102 / Parenting Topics,

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / ages 5 to Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 - 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 - 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 - 6, Rm 303 / Grades 7 - 8, Confirmation Room / High School, HS Room 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE Reformation Sunday, October 27 - 367

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

How to give to St. John's:



+ Place your offering in the collection basket during worship services.

+ Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.



+ St. John's website – www.stjohnsgc.org – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.



+ Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.



+ Through the Vanco Mobile app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set



up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.



EAGLE DEADLINE is next Sunday. Please submit your article by noon on **November 10th**.

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING? Please fill out a "Church Maintenance Request" form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Facilities Manager's and Intern's office, room #205.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? **Articles are due by 9am each Wednesday.** Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Please keep in mind the building may be locked at any time outside of normal office hours.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Boy Scout Religious Medals (304)
- 12:00pm Stuff the Truck (North Parking Lot)**
- 12:15pm VETERANS LUNCHEON (FLC)**
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm Acts Bible Study (103-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC, side A)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC, side B)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE ELECTION DAY (FLC)

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FH)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00am Girl Scout #6300
- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 11:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Boy Scout Religious Medals (304)
- 12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)
- 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm Acts Bible Study (103-4)