



First St. John Journal



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YOU GOT ME. You really did get me. I was most definitely not expecting what happened on June 7th. Please accept my thanks for helping celebrate my 30th anniversary of ordination with you. I want to thank Bill Caldwell, Toni, the women who arranged the reception, and everyone who worked so hard to make this happen. I do want to thank each person by name, but I'm afraid I'll leave someone out. Thank you to all the people who stayed after church to share time with my family. Let me just say there are some very special people here.

As our Lord wills, I hope to continue serving you as your pastor for many years. Let's begin planning for our church's 150th anniversary in 2011!

-- Pastor Blohm

NOTE: If you missed this special service, you can go to our website and view pictures from the reception and the video that was shown during the first part of the service:

www.firststjohn.com

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please turn in any bulletin announcements for the July 12th and July 19th bulletins by noon on July 7th. Toni will be on vacation the week of July 13th, returning on July 20th. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to our 2009 David Winslow Memorial Scholarship co-winners, Eric Holmes and Heather Klatt. Eric is the son of Don and Karen Holmes, and Heather is the daughter of Barry and Pam Klatt. Each will receive \$750 for their future schooling. Great job!



IF YOU MOVE...

If you move, please notify the church office of your new address as soon as possible (see bottom of page 3 [Member Updates page] for a change of address form). With postage rate increases, we can be charged \$1.51 for every newsletter forwarded to a new address. To save money, we have changed the process: newsletters will no longer be forwarded to your new address. This change will save almost half of that \$1.51.

Another option is to receive your newsletter by email each month. If you prefer a hard copy version, you can always print it out at home. If this is something you'd like to do, please email the church at firststjohn@sbcglobal.net Thank you.

ATTENTION CONGREGATION

If you have any events that you or your family is involved in, please keep us updated. These events will be put up on the screen before the 10:15 service. Please send any announcements to Mary at mdarling05@yahoo.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be July 19th through July 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 pm each night. VBS is for ages 3 through 5th grade. Sixth graders and older are encouraged to help. This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock—Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light." To register, call Abbie Skorupa at 419-346-1752 or email her at peachee318@yahoo.com or you can use the form printed in this newsletter and return it to the church office.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JULY 24th at noon

WHO'S WHO AT FIRST ST. JOHN

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Senior Pastor	Robert W. Blohm, Jr.	419-691-9524	pastorblohm@sbcglobal.net
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Sunday School Superintendent	Deb Ladd	419-691-5594	jladd45166@aol.com
Custodian	Gene Hagedorn	419-693-5687	
Dayschool	Barb Shellhammer	419-691-6480	bshellhammer@sbcglobal.net
Director of Music	John Rowley	419-698-3492	jrowley@toledosua.org
Organist	Norma Ridener	419-537-0145	rideners@att.net
Handbell Choir	Cheri Johnson		cj_48@sbcglobal.net
Children's Choir	Betty Hyre	419-836-9320	chyre@woh.rr.com
Youth Director	Mary Darling	740-358-6060	mdarling05@yahoo.com
Council President	Bill Caldwell	419-698-3285	billcathyc@buckeye-express.com
Treasurer	Lisa Anderson	419-693-1232	ljanderson@bex.net
Recording Secretary	Diane Habegger	419-693-6852	dihab53@gmail.com
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Memorials	Esther Bell	419-693-8118	estherhbell@sbcglobal.net
Property Management	Gary Henningsen	419-836-9650	
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Altar Guild President	Laurie Witt	419-836-9702	ljwitt@hotmail.com
Altar Guild Flowers	Karyl Antoine	419-697-1693	KARYL1961@yahoo.com
WELCA President	Darlene Lorenzen	419-666-5804	dar5039@aol.com
Board of Education	Karen Holmes Melissa Lang Julie Gallaher	419-691-3225 419-837-1005 419-693-5081	ch eh17@aol.com thelangs@embarqmail.com
Prayer Chain	Lynn Folk	419-691-3410	hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net
Librarian	Marilyn Cashen	419-698-2363	CMarilyn37@netscape.com
Reader Coordinator	Marion Fouty	419-693-0940	info@foutywaterjet.com

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

3-23-09 *Lilly Wesleigh Perkins*, daughter of Jason and Kristin (West) Perkins.

Baptisms

6-14-09 *Addison Ryan Hugueley*, born January 17, 2008 to Ryan and Kate (Miller) Hugueley. Sponsors are Eric and Tamera Hugueley.

Marriages

6-6-09 Ashley Huss and Nicholas Grady
6-26-09 Traci Hall and Michael Schweizer

Deaths

None.

Transfers to/from First St. John: None

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES



SGT Nick & Ashley Grady
2711B Chow Circle
Kailua, HI 96734

Joe & Robin Kovesdi
75 Drake Blvd.
Oregon, OH 43616

THANK YOU!

My recent surgery and recovery reaffirmed what a great family and church family I have, and how awesome it is to have a relationship with God. Thanks be to Him for helping me through this difficult time. Thank you to everyone for their prayers, thoughts and cards. A special thank you to Pastor Blohm for his prayers, visits and encouragement. -- *LuAnn Spoerl*

WEBSITE INFORMATION

If you have information to be posted to First St. John's website, please contact Diane Habegger using this email address: dihab53@gmail.com

ELDERS FOR JULY

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
7/5	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Darold Henninger Lynn Folk
7/12	Bernie Erdmann Eric Johnson	Jeff Smith Linda Kusian
7/19	Mark Ackerman Janine Contat	Mike Winslow LuAnn Schuffenecker
7/26	Darold Henninger Joanne Henningsen	Dick Haar Lynn Folk

JOIN US FOR ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION 2009 MEMORY WALK

This year's walk will be Sun., Sept. 20. Registration starts at 10:30 am, and the Walk itself starts at noon. Anyone interested in joining First St. John's team, please go on-line to:
<http://toledomemorywalk2009.kintera.org/1ststjohnluthchurch>

You can register to be a walker and set your own personal goal for donation requests. Talk with your family and friends about becoming involved in this very worthy cause. As a group, we can truly reach out and help others. If you have any questions, call or email: Janine Contat 419-693-5183 or j9swancont@hotmail.com, or June Might 419-662-8024 or bugmight@sbcglobal.net

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____



Crocodile Dock Registration Form

One per child please

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age: _____

Grade this fall: _____

Parent's Email: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Mother (name and alt. phone#): _____

Father (name and alt. phone#): _____

Other (name, relationship to child, & phone#): _____

Allergies (especially food allergies) or other medical conditions:

Please check if you are interested in helping _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please place in the offering plate, give to Abbie Skorupa or turn in to the church office.

DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



This four-man scrambles will be held Saturday, August 1st at 8:00 am at the Chippewa Golf Club. The price is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (burgers and brats and sides). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Note the golf course has a driving range and a putting green. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 27th, and all fees must be turned in by Wednesday, July 29th. **All proceeds go to First St. John.**

If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

HOW SHOPPING AT KROGER HELPS OUR YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Visit the website at www.krogercommunityrewards.com, call Lisa at 419-693-1232, or e-mail ljanderson@bex.net for details on the how the program has changed. First, create an account, then under your profile you can select an organization to be your designated community reward recipient. You'll need your e-mail address and your Kroger Plus Card number (located on the back of the card). Once your account is set up, select First St. John Lutheran Church by using our designated number: #83476. OR, the church office also has copies of the scan sheet to link your Kroger Plus Card to our church's account. It is even easier now to help the church raise funds through Kroger purchases. Once you link your Kroger Plus card to First St. John, your purchases will automatically begin accumulating rewards every time you use your card (excluding some purchases). Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministries.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Because the Fourth of July lands on the first Saturday in July (our regular meeting date), the men's breakfast fellowship will meet instead on Saturday, July 11 at 8:00 am at Bob Evans Restaurant on Navarre Avenue. Call Bob Haar, 419-360-7510, if you need a ride. Please join us.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

These are members, family, and friends of First St. John who are in the military. You can send cards or packages to them. Remember to pray for them, too!

Specialist Steven Doherty
(we do not currently have an address for him; please keep him in your prayers)

SSGT Kevin Fouty
2021 A Mustang Ct.
Langley AFB, VA 23665

SGT Nick Grady
2711B Chow Circle
Kailua, HI 96734

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson
521 Pine Forest Trail
Orange Park, FL 32073

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc
3105 Tullibee Circle P-1
Silverdale, WA 98315

Officer Candidate
Pavley, Michael
Class #009-08 3rd PLT. CHARLIE CO.
3-11th Infantry Regiment (OCS)
7480 Riordan St.
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Matthew Phillips
1 ERHG / Red Horse
APO AE 09355

Captain Lindsey Rowland
CMR 418 Box 1155
APO, AE 09058

Grant Rowland
BP 493 Kaolack
Senegal, W. Africa



MEMORIALS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of Shirley Warnke by William & Frances Ehram, June Vogtsberger, Eunice Whitney, Larry & Carolyn Vogtsberger.

First St. John's Prayer Chain

(As of June 19, 2009)

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Chain? We can add you on the phone list to be called or to the email list. Phone list members need to call one other person as well as pray for those on the list. Email members need only to pray! We can all use the extra prayers. Contact a prayer chain member, listed at the end of this column, for details.

Crisis Prayer List

This is for those who need prayer in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Names will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the first month unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:

**Patty Gable
Janet Roberts
Ruth Ziethlow**

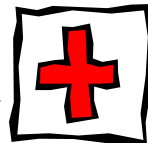
Chronic Prayer List

This is for those who need prayer for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, ongoing medical struggles and recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been notified of special circumstances:

**Jim Ackerman
Janet Bain
Lynne Bateman
Virginia Brandeberry
Chris Burk
Douglas Burk
Family of Dewey Caldwell
Joe Clifford
Marjorie Counterman
Linda Curran
Jackie Curtis
Ronald Curtis
Mary Darling
Ed Ellis
Walter Felder
Jerry Gears
Sally Winstead Hartzell
Mary Lou Hoeflinger
Doris Karow
Connie Koch
Nancy Pass
Suzanne, Ella, & Lainey Peace
Melissa Perry
Dick Ross
Fred Saelzler
Zak Salls
LuAnn Spoerl
Jan Van Sant**

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PARISH NURSE NEWS



As of this reading, we are temporarily ending formal blood pressure screenings. However, if you'd still like your blood pressure taken or have other health concerns please see these individuals and other nurses after services: Carol Abbey, Andra Bell, Chuck Bell (EMT), Kelly Roberts Braden, Penny DeWitt, Jan Eppard, Ken Fouty (EMT), Sherrie Haar, Shanna Henningsen King, Emily Kruse, Sue Moszkowicz, Sue Ann Rogers, Lee Wagner, and Connie Wiener.

Along with the above, we'd also like to express our thanks to the following who in past years have faithfully supported the Parish Nurse program: Peggy Barton, Linda Curran, Mary Hubaker, Jan Nowak, Sue Purewal, Hilda Saelzler, Kathryn Webb, and LaVerne Klawitter (posthumously). Thanks also to Ada Kreger who has served as coordinator of the Parish Nurse program. — *Jan Eppard, Chairman*

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE

Please join us on Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus. The conference features Stormie Omartian, Karen Kingsbury, Chonda Pierce, Natalie Grant, and others. If we can get a group of 10 or more, we'll be charged the lowest price— \$49 per person. We'd like to meet the early deadline of July 24th. If interested, call the church office or Darlene Lorenzen (419-666-5804) or email dar5039@aol.com For more information, go to: www.ewomen.net

First St. John's Prayer Chain

**Family of Shirley Warnke
Candy Webster
Jimmer Woods
Bill Zeisler
Raetta Zeisler**

Please check the lists and let any of the prayer chain contacts know if there are individuals who could be moved off the lists.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Lynn Folk 691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net
Donna Koehn 693-5030
Ada Kreger 693-1549
Gloria Ross 836-7166