
◊ First St. John Journal ◊

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As I sat at the “Fall Into Service Meeting” on Saturday, October 23, I was encouraged and heartened to see such a good crowd – the lounge was full! And when I heard and saw all the different ministries the Women of the Church do, I was impressed. Very, very impressed.

First, Barb Shellhammer talked about the Dayschool and how they relate to our ministries. Karen Holmes spoke about the work she and Julie Gallaher are doing with JAM (Jesus and Me) Sunday School. Mary Darling-Gilson talked about the connection with the Renew youth group.

Jean DeWitt showed how health kits are assembled, and Chris Hunsaker spoke about layettes. Marge Bollinger gave a presentation about Feed Your Neighbor, and Barb Meyers talked about the bell choir and the Mitten Tree (for poor children at Karen Holmes’ school and the Toledo Day Nursery). Jane Neal talked about the rummage sale, and she and Jane Schuetz gave us an appreciation for the work involved with the Chicken & Ham dinner. Linda Kusian spoke about Lutheran World Relief, and Deb Ladd had a powerful display about Operation Christmas Child.

That’s not to mention the annual card party, the ladies of the Altar Guild, those who handle bereavement luncheons, our sunshine ministry which sends get well cards to those in the hospital, the “birthday bingo” at the Lutheran Home, and sending care packages to service people and our homebound members.

Wow! As we celebrate Women’s Awareness Sunday Nov. 14th, we have reason to be thankful.

Incidentally, the women are planning a Wellness Day in January (tentatively January 22.) Everyone is welcome to plug into the ministry(ies) that interest you!

—Pastor Blohm

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS!



Daylight savings time ends November 7th. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 12th following both services in order to elect council members and vote on the 2011 budget.



ATTENTION TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We will not meet on November 2nd because some of our people are working during the election. Our next meeting will be November 9th at 7:00 pm.

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER

Saturday, November 6th
4:00 pm —7:00 pm

Take Out Available
Tickets Available at the Door!

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$8.50
Children: \$4.00
Children under 3 are free

Don’t Forget the Craft Sale!

Stop by the lounge during the Chicken & Ham dinner. You can view and buy beautiful craft items and cookbooks. Bake sale items will also be available.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

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

TSgt Kevin Fouty
2412 1st Ave. N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

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
78382 Dukewood Trail
Yula, FL 32097

2LT Michael R. Pavley
104th Transportation Co.
Shindand AB
APO AE 09382

Matthew Phillips
2611 10th Ave. S Suite 2
Box 263
Great Falls, MT 59405

Captain Lindsey Rowland
237 Bartlett Dr.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Grant Rowland
Will be coming home at Thanksgiving, no current address as of this printing.

Member Address Changes



Edie Felhaber
7100 S. Wilkinson Way Apt. 202
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Captain Lindsey Rowland
237 Bartlett Dr.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Greg Thayer
3721 Lakepointe Dr.
Northwood, OH 43619
(Heather, Kaleigh)



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 22nd**



BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th at 5:30 pm in the lounge.

WOMEN'S AWARENESS SUNDAY

Women's Awareness Sunday is November 14th.

POINSETTIA ORDER NOTICE

Order forms for poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas Eve will be in the November 7, 14, 21, & 28 bulletins and in the December newsletter. The final day to accept orders will be after services on December 6th when someone from the Altar Guild will be in the Narthex to take your order. Remember, December 6th is the **LAST** day to order poinsettias for Christmas.

****** 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. Email: office@firststjohn.com

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____



MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 6th at Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. We're calling this meeting "Breakfast Before the Dinner." Come and enjoy a good breakfast before working at the Chicken and Ham Dinner. All men are invited. Call Bob Haar, 419-360-7510 if you need a ride. Looking ahead, in December we will attend the "Pancake Breakfast" at the Lutheran Home. Please join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE

We will not have Sunday School on November 28th because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We'll resume classes on December 5th.

NOTICE: ALL GROUPS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, November 26. This is a lengthy and very involved process! Please do not schedule any events in the church that day so our decorators can work in there. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, November 26th (the day after Thanksgiving) beginning at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Light supper will be furnished. If you want to be a part of making the church beautiful for the season, please call Diane Habegger at 419-693-6852.

ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

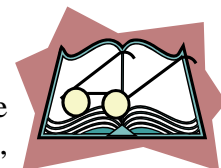
	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
11/7	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Lynn Folk Bill Nelson
11/14	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann
11/21	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson	Mike Winslow Gene Schacht
11/28	Joanne Henningsen Bill Nelson	Lynn Folk Dick Haar

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births	
10-11-10	<i>Emma Louise Eversman</i> , born in Kingman, AZ to Kurt and Erin (Matejka) Eversman.
Baptisms	
10-10-10	<i>Joanna Lynn Houser</i> , born June 17, 2010 to Matthew and Stacie (Eppard) Houser. Sponsor is Tracy Hovest.
10-17-10	<i>Dorothea Louise Mitchell</i> , born June 30, 2010 to Ted and Andrea (Mercurio) Mitchell. Sponsors are Ervin and Julie Kosch.
Marriages	
10-9-10	Chelsie Reynolds and Justin Donley
Deaths	
9-28-10	Patricia Fejes
10-1-10	Alfred Szabo
10-5-10	Mary Farkas
10-13-10	Gerald Ehram
Transfers from First St. John:	
None	
Transfers to First St. John:	
Elaine Gladieux from First St. Mark Lutheran in Oregon.	

LIBRARY NEWS

Two historical fiction books have been donated to the library for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders by Darlene Lorenzen. The first is **AMELIA**, who visits Ohio for the first time in 1831. The second book is **ISAAC AND WOLF PAW**, two characters who enjoy the freedom of being boys, also set in 1831. Historical fiction is a great way to learn about the early days of our country. Happy Thanksgiving.



—Marilyn Cashen

MEMORIALS

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Elisabeth Hecklinger** by Herbert & Phyllis Frey, B.J. Searles & family, M/M Don Boyle.

In memory of **Gene Groll** by M/M William Nelson & family, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman.

In memory of **Virginia Pflieger** by Esther Bell.

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Kenneth & Joyce Villhauer, Nancy Gallaher, Gary & Linda Kusian.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Gene Groll** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of **James Stokes** by Judith Treuschel.

DEBT FUND

In memory of **Pat Fejes** by Ellie Symington.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Pat Fejes** by Carl & Janet Morrison, Ada Kreger, Louise & Jim Sommers, Kenneth Andrew Teague, Maxine Teague, Rose Mary Peace, Dr. Robert & JoAnn Teague, Rose Wineland, Olga Zimmerman, Martha Meyers, David Teague.

In memory of **Mary Farkas** by Carl & Janet Morrison, Ada Kreger, Dr. Robert & JoAnn Teague, Louise & Jim Sommers, Martha Meyers, Kenneth Andrew Teague.

In memory of **Gene Groll** by Carl & Janet Morrison, Gerald & Elinor Ehram.

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, Elnore Groll Family, Gregory & Kelly Links, The Mills Family, Barb & Joe Links, Bob & Sue Brower, Jeanne Winzeler, Pastor Gerald & Ilean Labuhn, Carl & Jane Morrison, John & Marilyn White, J. Grant White, Marcia Schoeni, Don Koch, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Ken & Janet Wittes, Joyce Tambur, John & Ann Zelinka, Jim & Margie Kusian, Donna Cedoz, Bob & Joan Terry, Martha Hecklinger, John & Joan Koch, Willard & Sharon Wheeler.

BETTY HYRE'S CHILDRENS CHOIR

In memory of **Magdalene Fischhaber** by Olga Zimmerman.

DAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Alfred Szabo** by M/M Forest Ulrich, M/M Frank Ulrich, M/M John Anderson.

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of **Alfred Szabo** by Steve & Donna Varga, Dick & Jean Hodulik, Bonnie Varga, Bill & Jeanie Free, Robert Varga Jr. and family, Toledo Surgical Specialists Inc., Norman & Phyllis Schuffenecker, Roger & Cindy Cedoz, Jim and Karen Dunn, Nancy Diefenthaler, M/M Dean Diefenthaler and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of **Alfred Szabo** by Susan Szabo Wixsom.

In memory of **Pat Fejes** by Frank & Barb Meyers.

RENEW YOUTH GROUP

In memory of **Alfred Szabo** by Irene Dusseau, Alice Szabo.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Gerald Ehram** by Gene Hagedorn.

In memory of **Virginia Pflieger** by Gene Hagedorn.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



The party will be Sunday, December 5th at 6:00 pm in the gym. The Northwest Ohio Culinary Institute (from Clay High School) will cater the dinner, and the Clay High School Show Choir will perform for us. Free will offering. To get an accurate count of how many dinners to order, please fill out the RSVP slip below and turn it in to the office (or fax or mail it in). Thanks, and hope to see you there!

*Yes! I/we will attend the Christmas Party
on December 5th*

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

WE REMEMBER...



On All Saints Sunday, November 7th, we remember the saints of First St. John who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year.

Elenore M. Taylor	6/27/1903 - 12/25/2009
Betty M. Lauman	4/14/1926 - 12/26/2009
Joanne E. Harrell	4/05/1929 - 2/06/2010
Frederick J. "Bill" Besgrove	9/24/1925 - 2/18/2010
Bernard C. Cedoz	2/10/1927 - 4/12/2010
Ida L. "Patsy" Nelson	3/17/1915 - 5/05/2010
Joseph H. Chaney	3/13/1921 - 6/05/2010
Naomi L. Zimmerman	8/12/1916 - 7/07/2010
Elisabeth M. Hecklinger	12/13/1922 - 8/24/2010
Gene R. Groll	6/13/1924 - 9/08/2010
Patricia R. Fejes	2/20/1926 - 9/28/2010
Alfred P. Szabo	1/31/1925 - 10/01/2010
Mary M. Farkas	10/27/1923 - 10/05/2010
Gerald E. Ehram	1/30/1919 - 10/13/2010

We also remember the following friends and family members:

Pinky Fischhaber, Jim Gallaher, Angela Heisler, Doris L. Kukla, Gene Saevig, Andrea Schumaker, Madelyn Schwamberger, Austin Takacs

FROM ONE OF OUR DAYSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS . . .

"Thank you for funding the (Dayschool) scholarship that A.J. received at church this past Sunday (August 29th). We feel very blessed to have been chosen. This blessing will help ease our financial burden tremendously. We are very excited to be starting A.J.'s educational journey here at First St. John! Thank you again."

-- Helena and Charlie Day

Thanks to everyone who donated to this ONGOING scholarship fund. We hope to give scholarships every year, so any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Specially marked envelopes can be found in the pews on Sunday, or you may send in a donation to the church office with "Dayschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you.

HATS, MITTENS, SOCKS, AND BOOTS NEEDED



WELCA is still collecting hats, mittens, socks, and boots for local children. Hat and mitten sizes 0-5 go to the Toledo Day Nursery, and sizes 6-Adult go to Riverside School. We also will collect toddler and preschool size socks and boots for the Toledo Day Nursery. Place your donations in the specially marked boxes in the Narthex and/or in the lounge. Thank you.

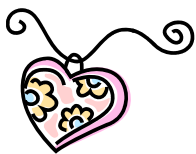
PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR NEEDED

Lynn Folk is retiring from the position as of December 1st. If you would like to become the coordinator of the prayer chain or need more information, please call 419-691-3410.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLINE

The deadline for turning in shoeboxes is November 14th. Empty, but decoratively wrapped, shoeboxes are in the lounge and the Narthex. Pick one or more boxes and a list of suggested items you can fill the boxes with. Once filled, return the shoeboxes to the church office. If you can, please include \$7 to help with shipping costs. Thank you.



FUND-RAISER FOR 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Come out on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 pm to the lounge for a great opportunity to purchase beautiful, affordable jewelry from lia sophia. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go toward the 150th Anniversary Committee, which is preparing events for First St. John's 150th anniversary next year. Also, \$10 will be given for every additional party booking. Refreshments will be served. Hope you can come!!!

First St. John's Prayer Chain

Crisis Prayer List: *For those who need prayers in urgent matters such as surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after one month unless we're contacted about special circumstances:*

Family of Mary Farkas
Larry Haar
Sally Hartzell
Joanne Koch
Robin Kovessi
Fred & Hilda Saelzler
Bob & Kate Webb

Chronic Prayer List: *For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Will be moved off the list after 3 months unless we're contacted about special/continuing circumstances:*

Mary Brymer
Richard & Marjorie Counterman
Tiffany Cox
Donald Curtis
Jackie Curtis
Kris Ensign
Bernie Erdmann
Family of Pat Fejes
Jerry Gears
Family of Gene Groll
Family of Elisabeth Hecklinger
Ben Howe
Russ Hunsaker
Veva Larson
George "Skip" McCullough
Monica Moszkowicz
Sam Mousa
Pat O'Connor
Charlie Ohlson
Barb Phillips
Julia Rhoades
Janet Roberts
Richard Rohloff
Jacquelyn Seger
Gwen Tober
Candy Webster
Ruth Ziethlow

SPECIAL NOTICE: *Lynn Folk is stepping down as Prayer Chain Coordinator as of December 1st. Call Lynn (see below) if you would like to take over as the new coordinator or if you would like more information.*

Lynn Folk 419-691-3410 hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net
Donna Koehn 419-693-5030
Ada Kreger 419-693-1549
Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

RENEW EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 6— Chicken & Ham Dinner. Please let Mary know if you want to help ASAP!

Nov. 7 — 9AM. Meet at Freeway for Breakfast

Nov. 14— Sunday School 9AM

Nov. 21— Sunday School 9AM

Dinner and Games at Mary & Aaron's 6PM
2932 Algonquin Parkway Toledo, Ohio
RSVP by Nov. 19

Nov. 28— No Sunday school Thanksgiving Break

Coming to our website: Photos from Trunk or Treat!

Upcoming events

Project Give A Blessing tree will be set up Nov. 28
Additional information TBA

Zoo Lights

Christmas Party at Mary and Aaron's in December

Being Thankful

God gave to us a gift through Jesus Christ. Realizing God's grace causes me to have a thankful attitude.

2 Corinthians 4:15— *"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."*

It's the grace of God that causes thanksgiving to flow. If we truly understand God's sacrifice for us we would never cease to praise Him. One way to acknowledge the good that God's done in your life is to make a list— a gratitude journal in which you list the things you're thankful for. Reviewing the list periodically can help improve your outlook too. A gratitude list might look something like this:

- 1) I'm thankful God chose to save me.
- 2) I'm thankful God changed my heart.
- 3) I'm thankful God brought godly friends into my life.

Once you start a list like that, it may be difficult to stop writing. Something happens when we focus on all we've been given. Realizing everything comes from God helps us continue to give thanks to the One who deserves it! So what do you have to be thankful for today? Take time this Thanksgiving to share exactly what you're thankful for and praise God, for He is good! Happy Thanksgiving!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving holiday, the Dayschool children would like to share with us what they're thankful for.

Hemmie and O.J., my two kitty cats
— *Emma Kalmbach*

Valentine's Day.
— *Kendall St. John*

Trains.
— *Cole Tobias*

My Papa calling me funny, sweet names.
— *Lilly Dalton*

That God loves us and takes care of us.
— *Jolyn Powell*

That my mommy loves me.
— *Natalie Woody*

For kindergarten .
— *Bella Nemecek*

Mom and Daddy and Chandler. And that Chandler is at school, too.
— *Abby Simpson*

Cars, puzzles, and Dad and Mom
— *Hunter St. John*

Nona, Papa, Grandma, my mom, and my dog. I like my dog; he has soft hair.
— *Maddie Hubley*

Jude, my dad, my mom, my dog, and baby Milo (he has Jude's eyes).
— *Liam Nichols*

For spiders.
— *Nick Pfeiffer*

For grownups who can help us carve pumpkins.
— *Rebekah Casey*

For friends. — *Caiden Baxter*

For giving us the beach.
— *Krystal Watt*

For our First St. John children.
— *Love, Miss Rose Hite*

For Halloween and summer, springtime, winter and fall.
— *Sophia Fouty*

For lions. — *Vincent Barton*

For hugging. — *Brady Nemecek*

For my toys, my momma, my dada, and my baby.
— *Keira Owens*

For God because He loves us.
— *Ryan Dirlam*

He gave me toys and sharks and T-Rex's.
— *Aidan Dosch*

That Tre's dad got me a crocodile.
— *Bryce Taylor*

That my dad loves me.
— *Theo Porter*

For the whole entire world God made.
— *Reid Trost*

For eggs. — *Maverick Morse*

For school. — *Parker Reed*

For eating ice cream.
— *Kassidy Bauer*

For goldfish. — *Logan Dykema*

Mom, Dad, Baby Kitty, and my sissy.
— *Gabby Lengle*

That my dad got me a swing set.
— *Chandler Schwartz*

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—OCTOBER 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Caldwell. Pastor Blohm led devotions. The roll was taken. Minutes were read from the last meeting. Bill asked for a motion to approve them. Dave Warnke motioned and Mike Winslow seconded it and the motion passed.

Treasurer-For September we had a positive income over expenses. For year to date we are still short \$34,000 to meet the budget. This information was shared with the congregation by Lisa Anderson at both services. We need to raise \$110,000 to meet expenses for the year. We made some progress in October. We have 9 Sundays left before Christmas Eve, and hopefully we will come closer to meeting the budget. Bill asked for a motion to approve the report so Gary Henningsen made the motion and Mike Winslow seconded it and it passed.

Board of Ed.-The Christmas program will be a party on Saturday, December 11. The Sunday School has been very busy since the beginning of September and is pleased with attendance and the new Sunday School area.

Finance-The 2011 budget was distributed. Lisa went through each item explaining the changes. Due to the projected deficit this year, salaries were held the same as 2010. The only increases were the cost of benefits next year. This is the second year salaries have been frozen. After discussion with council, Bill asked for a motion to present the budget proposal to our congregation. JoAnne Henningsen motioned and Larry Paul seconded it and it passed.

Elders-No report

Property Management-Kitchen stove has been repaired. A new suppression system will be installed after the chicken and ham dinner. Sign out front and a step in front of the church will be repaired.

Dayschool-Barb gave the report. Thanksgiving Feasts will be held November 16, 17, 18 and 19. Help is needed to serve and make some of the food. On December 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:00 the Dayschool will have their Christmas programs.

Youth-Mary spoke about Trunk or Treat. It was very successful with about 85 kids attending. Sixteen

families were not connected to the church or school. Three families who filled out registrations said they were looking for a church. Twenty-nine families came from the congregation and the school. They will work on project Give a Blessing and will help some families in need over Christmas. This month students will go to Mary's house to play games and have fellowship. The Youth will sell pop at the Chicken and Ham dinner.

Pastor-Pastor had a transfer in, Elaine Gladieux, from First St. Mark and asked for a motion to accept the transfer. Mike Winslow motioned and Bernie Erdmann seconded. Motion passed. Pastor will offer a new members class in January. Pastor went to a meeting with the Bishop, which centered on what God is doing in personal lives and the community. It was encouraging for congregations.

New Business-Bill passed out a booklet from the synod that shared stories of faith in action.

A note from Brad Luebcke of the Oregon Career & Tech Center asked to use the gym kitchen for the culinary program. He will pay rent for use of the kitchen. Council is not sure it is feasible with the use the kitchen has now. The logistics of this program coming in was discussed. Hours would be 4-10pm. WELCA is looking for more details. Bill will talk to the WELCA president about the concerns.

Old Business-Bill talked about the 150th anniversary committee. They have ordered little medallions to be sold for \$15 as a memento of the church. They should arrive before Christmas. They have been working on the history of the church. Lynn Folk reminded everyone to get their pictures taken for the church directory.

Mike Winslow announced there will be a Father/Son banquet on February 16. Mike is looking for a speaker for this event.

Bill asked would be going off council this year. He asked for a nominating committee for 2011. Keith Mullen will lead the committee.

The motion was made to adjourn by Dave Warnke and seconded by Larry Paul. Motion passed. The Lord's Prayer was then recited by the council.

Respectfully submitted,

8 Diane Habegger, Recording Secretary