

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 19th

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are presented to the glory of God.

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Chuck Neal – Flower Hospital Rehab

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Family of Dylan (no last name), David Poore, Andra Bell, Barb Tischinae, Pastor Beth Huener, Steven Riegler

Ongoing Concerns: Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyles, The Burk Family, Rosie Burtch, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Greg Contat, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Dick Crouse, Hannah Culler and family, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Joy DeVore & family, Chiara Del-Mace, Robin Duck & family, Ann Dudics, Andy Dupris, Sharon Grames, Dorothy Felderman, Sara Florian, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Dana Justice, Phyllis Kelly, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Carole Kolibar, Ada Kreger, The Lee Family, Heidi LeGrand, Bonnie Lutzmann, Joyce Martin, Teresa McFarland, Donald Meyer, Donna Miller, Jason Monti and family, Mary Bell Moore, Bill Morse, Susan Murphy, Margie Myers, Chuck Neal, Joyce Ostapowicz, Pfouts family, Pam Pirolli, Jullian Ramsey, Mike Ray, Courtney Reed, Michael Rheinbolt & family, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Neil Rutledge, Erich Schiddel, Andrew Schlegel, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Samuel Unnerstall, Steve Uzl, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST ST. JOHN: The Coronavirus pandemic has certainly changed many things. I pray all of you are remaining healthy. It is also abundantly clear that ministry is continuing at First St. John, albeit in new and creative ways; for that I am, indeed, giving thanks. In particular, thank you for your recent gifts of \$500.00 in benevolence and a \$287.00 general gift, both to our Genacross-Toledo ministry. I thank God for you and for the faithfulness in ministry that is evident in so many ways at First St. John, even as we are called to maintain distance between ourselves and others. Please accept our appreciation; through your gifts you can make a real difference in the lives of some of God's special people. To God be the glory.
-- Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration

THANK YOU to Jay Emch who on his own cleaned the church cemetery. Our cemetery committee extends their great appreciation for all his hard work!

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH DIRECTORY: Due to a series of unforeseen circumstances, the new church directory delivery has been delayed. We had just sent our edited copy back for final printing when the pandemic hit. Universal Church Directories is considered a non-essential business, so as soon as the restrictions are lifted they should get back to printing our directories. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY CANCELED: After much discussion, we have decided NOT to have an "official" service this year. Christ Dunberger Post is unclear about their activities as well, due to the uncertainty stemming from the pandemic. A few days prior to Memorial Day we intend to put the flags out for the veterans buried in our cemetery, so it will be ready for anyone planning to visit on their own.
-- Cemetery Committee

LISTENING TO WORSHIP ON-LINE: Pastor Rayl has been video recording the services and placing the links to them on our website www.firststjohn.com. Once there, look on the right side of the home page in the box labeled "Recent Posts." The link to the most current service will be there. A link to some of Dr. Pattin's music can also be found on our homepage in green lettering about half way down the page.

APRIL SERVICES: The remaining services in April have been cancelled due to COVID-19 and the governor's orders to stay home. Please continue to check out our website at www.firststjohn.com to find pastor's video of the services and a link to several featured music selections from Dr. Pattin. A decision regarding services for May will be forthcoming.

MASKS NEEDED FOR STAFF & RESIDENTS OF GENACROSS: If you know groups or individuals who are making masks and would like a place to donate them, the residents and staff could benefit from them. If you are able to help, please contact Amanda Schroeder, Vice President of Home & Community Based Services, at ASchroeder@Genacross.org or 419-309-4288. Thank you for your willingness to help. We are giving thanks to God for you. *Blessings, Rev. Dr. Jim Dumke, VP for Mission Integration*

OTHER DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GENACROSS RESIDENTS: The staff is trying to keep the residents busy and engaged even though they are sequestered in their rooms, which means they need more materials the longer this goes on. We'd like to ask everyone who can if they would volunteer to order some items online and then have them shipped directly to Genacross. This is a simple act many of us can do that will benefit the staff and residents at Genacross Assisted Living. Thank you for your generosity! Some ideas for items to donate include:

- adult coloring books
- sketch pads
- markers, colored pencils
- puzzle books of all kinds
- crafts that they can make on their own (craft kits)
- decks of cards
- books
- jigsaw puzzles
- stationery, notecards and pens

When you order, please have the items shipped to:

Genacross Lutheran Service
Assisted Living
131 N. Wheeling St.
Toledo, Ohio 43605

VERY IMPORTANT: Even though church services are cancelled, we still have our regular church operating expenses to meet. If you'd like to consider on-line giving, please go to our church website www.firststjohn.com and click on the "Vanco" link to sign up. (If you need help signing up, please contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). You may also consider mailing your church offering: 2471 Seaman St. Toledo, OH. 43605. During this time, the mail is being held at the downtown post office and will be picked up weekly. We will try to still deposit your offerings on a weekly basis. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION continues, both for the summer program and the 2020-2021 school year. Our summer program begins June 1st and our fall program begins August 19th. Preference will be given to church members and families whose children have attended the school or are attending now. We have made a few changes and additions to our services that will hopefully fit into most families' schedules and help our students get the most out of our education programs. Right now, we are offering an early bird special off the registration fee, and we will waive the registration fee for registered church members. Go to our website at www.firststjohndayschool.org for detailed information about our classes, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley in the Day School office (419-691-6480) if you have any further questions.

ORPHANAGE TOURS: Archivist/Museum Curator Bob Haar is now scheduling tours through September 30th of the old orphanage located next door to First St. John. No group is too large or too small! If you and your group would like to arrange a guided tour, please call Bob at 419-250-9409.