

ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 5th

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

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Chuck Neal – Flower Hospital Rehab

PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES: *Add:* Barb Tischinae, Pastor Beth Huener, Steven Riegle

Ongoing Concerns: Lee & Karyl Antoine, Lynn Balogh, Karen Bless, Mitchell Broyls, 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, Dylan (no last name given), 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 UzI, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

EASTER SERVICES and 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 service.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you ordered flowers for Easter, the Altar Guild will return your payments to you at a later date. Thanks.

CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL OFFICES: These are both closed at this time in compliance with the governor's "shelter in place" order. The church secretary is working from home and accesses the church voicemail messages daily.

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.

CHURCH EVENT CANCELLATIONS: Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the following events are cancelled until further notice.

- ❖ Easter Sunday
- ❖ Personal Needs Pantry
- ❖ Chapel Communion
- ❖ A.W.E. Service for April (next scheduled is May 13th)
- ❖ Confirmation Classes ** ON-LINE HOME LEARNING IS REQUIRED **
- ❖ Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services (Maundy Thursday & Good Friday).
- ❖ All JAM Sunday School Classes
- ❖ All remaining Dartball matches AND the Dartball Banquet
- ❖ All Wednesday and Thursday Bible studies and grief studies.
- ❖ All choir and bell choir practices
- ❖ All Zumba classes
- ❖ Card Party (4/21) – Donations already given will be held for next year's event.
- ❖ Rummage Sale (4/30 & 5/1)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - SOME GOOD NEWS: At this time of uncertainty and concern for our neighbors during a global pandemic, the Souper Bowl of Caring campaign reminds us we must always focus on our local neighbors in need, sharing our gifts with those who don't have enough soup in their bowls. Souper Bowl of Caring is celebrating 30 years of tackling hunger with our best campaign YET! A record-breaking \$10,560,000 (cash plus the value of food donated) has been reported through our campaign to date, shattering our goal of \$10.5 million! Out of over 5,000 participating groups, 3,807 charities were helped, \$4,517,377 was raised, and 533,358 pounds of food were donated. Many of those collections are being used RIGHT NOW to support our food charities. Congratulations to ALL who help make the Souper Bowl of Caring happen each year: our participating groups, partners, schools, churches, volunteers, our donors, board of directors and staff! Sincerely,

-- Alison Reese, Executive Director, Souper Bowl of Caring

DONATION FOLLOW UP: All food items we collected during our Souper Bowl of Caring drive and some of the toilet paper were delivered to the Lutheran Social Services food pantry on Thursday, March 26th by Bill Caldwell and Jeff Felderman. Thank you, Bill and Jeff! We also donated some of the toilet paper to Genacross for its residents at Luther Ridge, Luther Grove, and Luther Hills senior living apartments on Friday, March 27th.

DONATION FROM PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY: Genacross put out a call that the residents in its senior housing apartments (Luther Ridge, Luther Grove, and Luther Hills) were in need of personal care items. Since our pantry is currently not operating, some of our items were donated to Genacross to help meet this need. We retained a few items so we can still run the pantry when it reopens. (Please keep in mind for later that we'll need more donations for our pantry once we start up again.) Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry.

QUILTING WRAP-UP: Each week, we averaged 15 ladies who pinned, tied and sewed. We were blessed to have home sewers to make our gatherings on Monday much easier. Thank you to Michelle Rice, Heather Suto, Wanda Rice, Jane Neal, and Jean DeWitt who sew at home. Also, several ladies took quilts home to finish them, and we thank them, too. We had to end our sessions early, but we were able to complete 165 adult quilts and 40 baby quilts. Some have been donated to local charities, and we will continue to do so when we are able to be out again. Thank you to everyone who helped.

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.