

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS – June 28<sup>th</sup>*

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

### **OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Sandra Koch, Family of Eleanor Heckman, Sue Moszkowicz, Jean Fry, Family of Lukas Mason, Nick Sass, Cory & Collin Folk, Lynn Denny & family, Jeff Stahl, Bill Wiener, Family of Terry Crowell, Karen Kruse, Larry Baumer, Paulette Giaimo, Katelyn Weirich

**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, Dorothy Felderman, Toni Henline, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, 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, Joyce Ostapowicz, Pam Piroli, David Poore, Mike Ray, Michael Rheinbolt & family, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Karen Rowley, Neil Rutledge, Andrew Schlegel, Rick Schumaker, Connie Singlar, Skylar (no last name given), Michelle Stanberry, Diane Swartz, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Barb Tischinae, Steve Uzl, Jane Vargo, Jim Vogelsang, Nick Wasserman, Barb West, Kellyn Wyngate, John & Grace Yard, Raetta Zeisler

**COMMITTEE / CIRCLE MEETINGS:** In keeping with our slow openings, the Reopening Task Force has decided we cannot accommodate in-person meetings at First St. John until perhaps September. We are hoping that we will have better information on the spread of or slowdown of the virus and further guidelines from the governor. You are free to hold online meetings or meetings at a member's home as you feel comfortable doing so. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** We will hold a congregational meeting after the service on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to vote on two projects approved by church council. The first project is to air-condition the sanctuary, and the second is to replace the cameras and associated hardware involved in our visual recording equipment in the church. Please note you must be present to vote—no absentee ballots will be provided, as specified in our church constitution. Thank you.

**WILLIAM WINSLOW MEMORIAL GATHERING INVITATION:** On Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Winslow family will meet to spread Bill's ashes at a private event. Later that day all Bill's family and friends are invited to a memorial gathering at the Toledo Yacht Club.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** We would like to meet in July at president Beth Hugueley's house on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Beth's house is at 538 Bridgewater Dr. in Oregon. Because of all the changes taking place, we have much to discuss. If you have any questions, please call Beth at 419-350-0529. Hope you can be there.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The Portals of Prayer devotional booklets for July through September have arrived (both large and small print). Since we are still not meeting in person, we are asking anyone who is interested in receiving a copy to please call the church office (419-691-7222) to make an appointment and come to the church to pick one up. IF YOU CANNOT COME TO THE OFFICE, we can deliver it to you. Just call and let us know whether you want a large or small print version and we can work out a time to deliver it to you. Thanks.

**LISTENING TO WORSHIP ON-LINE:** Even after our reopening, we will continue placing a recording of Sunday's services on our website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) Once there, look on the right side of the home page in the box labeled "Recent Posts." Also, the most recent link will be emailed to all local members and shared on the church's Facebook page. \*\* Don't forget to check for a link to the weekly announcement so you can stay up-to-date on the latest church news. Announcements will be mailed every other week to those who do not have internet access.

**REOPENING CHURCH:** We will begin in-person worship at church on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> (no communion that day). **\*\* Included with these announcements is a list of the changes that will take place.\*\*** If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact anyone from the reopening committee: **Pastor Rayl** – 567-395-0143; **Mark Ackerman** – 419-345-6934; **Chuck & Andra Bell** – 419-290-4431 or 419-350-7358; **Matt DeWitt** – 419-270-9935; **Beth Hugueley** – 419-350-0529; **Keith Mullen** – 419-345-3474; **Larry Paul** – 419-327-7097; **Annette Slater** – 419-262-0880; or **Toni Wilbarger** – 419-250-4665. **NOTICE:** If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, OR if you are still uncomfortable going out in public, there is no shame in staying home. We understand. You can still watch the service on our website (although it will be recorded live with all our human mistakes).

**WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - UPDATE:** Our annual golf tournament will be on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am (shotgun start) at Eagle's Landing golf course. **REDUCED PRICE:** \$55 per person, which includes golf cart and hot dog and drink ticket. Two people per cart, but because of COVID-19 precautions, there will be a divider between the seats. Proceeds help fund the Winslow Memorial Scholarship that is awarded each year to a member of First St. John who is graduating high school. If you would like to sponsor a hole or make a donation, please contact Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430. To accommodate COVID-19 precautions, this year only two people can have a cart and only one person can ride in it. Thank you for supporting this ministry and for your understanding as we continue on in these challenging times.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** The shipment with our replacement directories was lost (!) and the company is resending it. We will complete our delivery once we have them. Thank you for your continued patience!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We ARE having VBS, but it will be different this year. We again are partnering with Christ United Methodist Church, and since Christ United has an FM receiver, VBS will be in their parking lot, which will allow children and their families to gather safely from their cars. However, instead of meeting for four days in one week, we will meet each Thursday from 7-8 PM from June 18<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is "Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor." Our new children's choir director Hilary Heisman will co-chair with Tracy Thiel from Christ United. VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade. To register your child(ren), go online to <https://form.jotform.com/201395589388068>. We will try to get this link on our website soon. Also, if you can help in any way, please email either Hilary Heisman at [faith.hilary@gmail.com](mailto:faith.hilary@gmail.com) or Darlene Paul at [jam40st.john@gmail.com](mailto:jam40st.john@gmail.com). See you there!

**CLERGY VISITATION POLICY AT MERCY HEALTH:** We received a letter this past week regarding new regulations for clergy hospital visitation at Mercy Health-Toledo hospitals. Please know the following:

- ❖ *Patient must request the clergy visit – you must request Pastor Rayl specifically.*
- ❖ Visitation hours are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm with exceptions for end-of-life and other extenuating circumstances
- ❖ Clergy must allow their temperature to be taken before entering the facility
- ❖ Clergy must wear a mask and are asked to bring their own, if available. Masks will be provided if needed
- ❖ Use hand sanitizer as you both enter and exit the patient's room
- ❖ If clergy are experiencing symptoms of illness, they are to refrain from visiting until they feel better.

**OFFERING UPDATE:** We are now receiving regular mail delivery at the church. All the mail that was held in Detroit seems to have been delivered. The online giving option may still be a great idea for some. If interested, go to [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) and click on "Stewardship & Giving" to sign up for the Vanco program. (If you need help, contact Lisa Anderson at 419-392-3712). Thank you so much for continuing to support First St. John in these times.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION POSTPONED:** We have postponed our annual recognition of our graduates until a later date. We will continue to collect your achievements via the graduate recognition forms found in the newsletter, bulletin and sometimes the announcements. You can mail these to the church or scan and email your information to [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com). Thanks for your understanding.

**DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL** We're still registering for our fall program that begins August 19<sup>th</sup>. Preference will be given to church members and families whose children have attended the school or are attending now. The registration fee is waived for registered members of First St. John. See our website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org) for detailed information, and feel free to contact Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480 with any further questions.

**HELP WANTED - MINISTER OF YOUTH AND FAMILY:** First St. John Lutheran and Martin Luther Lutheran churches are looking for a faithful, talented disciple of Jesus Christ to fill a new position as Minister of Youth and Family at First St. John and who will also act as spiritual leader at Martin Luther. This will be a shared staffing position between the two congregations. This person will demonstrate a life of faith in Jesus Christ and of active discipleship. The candidate should be an energetic self-starter with a passion for young people, with a goal of working for the youths' well-being and faith development in discovering their path of discipleship. The Minister of Youth and Family is responsible for assisting the church in planning, coordinating and promoting the youth programs of the church as well as special youth projects, assignments and events. This person needs a proven ability to relate well to young people and their families from diverse backgrounds and have an understanding of the complexities of the challenges facing them. The candidate should have experience organizing and leading effective youth activities with proven positive outcomes.

This person needs to be able to prepare and lead worship services at Martin Luther, providing leadership and insight for the congregation, focusing on building the congregation and their outreach within the community, in addition to ministering to the sick and shut-ins. Previous experience as a church leader and youth worker or a person who has or is working toward a degree in church work is preferred. The position will begin asap. Salary is competitive, based on qualifications and experience. For further information and a complete job description, please contact Pastor Jerald Rayl at 567-395-0143, or email at [pastor1@firststjohn.com](mailto:pastor1@firststjohn.com), or on our website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com).

**OREGON SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER:** All Nighter Lock In July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm through July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Watch it LIVE at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) by doing the following: Search for Oregon Senior Center on the internet. Click on the red arrow "Subscribe" button. This will subscribe you to the Youtube channel that will air the fundraiser. Then come back on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and watch the fun LIVE. The event includes special guests, entertainment, make n' take goodies, member giveaways, basket giveaway for donating, random giveaways, and more! But you can also be a part of it. Have a funny family video? Send it to them. Or send a video message for the OCS staff or members. Have your grandchildren teach you a Tik Tok dance and send the video! All videos can be emailed to [cassi@oscoho.gov](mailto:cassi@oscoho.gov) by July 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ***GRADUATE RECOGNITION***

With the uncertainty of our church service schedule at this time, we may have to postpone our graduate recognition until a later date. But we will begin to collect our graduate's information now.

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please complete this form and either mail or email ([office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)) it to the church. If you email the information, you don't need the form, unless you have scanning capability at home. Thanks!

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NAME OF GRADUATE

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GRADUATED FROM

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NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.):

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## REOPENING AT FIRST ST. JOHN

We will have a “soft” opening of in-person worship at 9:00 am on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Safety guidelines include:

1. **Masks must be worn.** We will have some masks available to take if anyone doesn't have one. These are cloth masks and can be taken home to wash and reuse.

**NOTICE:** If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, OR if you are still uncomfortable going out in public, there is no shame in staying home. We understand. You can still watch the service on our website (although it will be recorded live with all our human mistakes).

2. Attendance will be taken in the Narthex before entering the sanctuary, as recommended by the Toledo-Lucas County Health department. This will allow us to be able to contact you in case we find out that someone who attended has contracted the virus.
3. We will use every other pew. Unused pews will be roped off on the outside end, where people will enter.
4. We will try to seat at least three people per pew, a couple and a single, unless there is a family that lives together. They can sit together without social distancing.
5. The balcony and the “orphans section” will be used for overflow, if needed. In the balcony, we will start with the second pew from the front. The lounge may be used as an overflow area, but only after all other available seating has been used.
6. Hymnals will be placed in the unused pews. Communion cards, pens, and offering envelopes will be removed from the pews.
7. Elders will wear gloves and hand the bulletins to the members when they are seated.
8. We will not have corporate singing or verbal liturgy responses.
9. The windows and doors should be open, weather permitting.
10. Hand sanitizer will be located at the entrances.
11. For communion (not served until July 19<sup>th</sup>), people will use the center aisle to go forward, keeping six feet in between each other, and they will use the outside aisles to return. Pastor will use gloves and a mask, dropping the wafer in the person's hand. Wine will be taken from the tray with only 12 cups spaced in a tray. **NOTE:** We're still fine tuning the wine distribution, so this may change slightly.
12. People will not be allowed to congregate in the Narthex.