

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**ROSE ON THE LECTURN** is to honor a son, Grant Alan Ruedy, born to Michael and Nicole Ruedy.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

5-23-21: 8:00 am: 30 Online: 22 Total: 52  
10:15 am: 118 Online: 40 Total: 158

**OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

None of which we are aware (no change for Lucille Paul).

**PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES:** *Add:* Jill Cousino, John Ranchan, Ann Ryan, Karen Bless, Mary Frederick, Family of Ed Klawitter, Brooke Mason, Mark Walker

*Ongoing Concerns:* Art Balk, Lynn Balogh, Bennett (no last name), Pastor Joe Brosious, Lori Capitola, Jeannette Carlo, Pat Christy, Marjorie Counterman, Nancy Coy, Hannah Culler & family, Mary Ann Davies, Olivia & Delaney Dawkins, Dawn (no last name given), Chiara Del-Mace, Don Dotson, Emmalyn (no last name given), Collin & Cory Folk, Karen Frey, Herb Frey, Jean Fry, Paulette Giaimo, Grace Harris Greenbank, Delores Heilman, Toni Henline, Gary Henningsen, Karen Huber, Pastor Beth Huener, Dana Justice, Mark Kieswetter, Joanne Koch, Tom Kohn, Ada Kreger, Heidi LeGrand, Linda (no last name), Carol Lorenzen, Joyce Martin, Evan Matheney, Bonnie Meier, Donna Miller, Sue Moszkowicz, Lucille Paul, Liz Perozek, Elsie Pfouts, John Presley, Pam Pirolli, Steven Riegle, Logan Roberts, Leona Ryan, Norm Schumaker, Judy Sharp, Skylar (no last name given), Ann Smith, Girrard Stewart, Julie Swanson, Tom Tedrow, Becky Thielan, Joan Tilton, Jane Vargo, Nick Wasserman, Katelyn Weirich, Jeff Wheeler, Bill Wiener, Sharon Winslow, John Yard, Ruth Zasada, Raetta Zeisler

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 30 – JUNE 5**

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| <b><u>Today</u></b>    | 9:00 am  | - Worship / Baptism                      |
| <b><u>Monday</u></b>   |          | - OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY   |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>  | 11:30 am | - Miriam Circle at Black Forest Café     |
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b> | 11:30 am | - Rebecca Circle at Cedar Creek Preserve |

**WELCOME** to everyone who is worshipping with us this morning. We're happy to see you!

**BAPTISM TODAY** is for Grant Alan Ruedy, born December 8, 2020 to Michael and Nicole (Mira) Ruedy. Sponsors are Kailee Missler and Hannah Missler.

**THANK YOU** to our Quilting group who donated 12 quilts to the Build-a-Bed project being run by Christ United Methodist Church. See later announcement regarding information on other ways to give to this worthwhile event.

**THANK YOU** to my church family for the prayers, and cards and the caring thoughts you expressed on the passing of my brother Ed Klawitter. -- Sue Moszkowicz

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kaylee Beavers, this year's David Winslow Memorial Scholarship winner. Way to go, Kaylee!

**NOTICE REGARDING BAPTISMAL INSERTS:** Since the baptismal liturgy can be used for all baptisms, we would like to begin reusing them to save on paper and color copy expenses. After the service today, please remove the baptismal insert from the bulletin and place it in the box on the table next to the wooden church that we use for the offering. Thank you!

**UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:** For today, everyone will still wear masks per the CDC's guidelines. Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, all vaccinated people can stop wearing masks. We ask those who have not been vaccinated to please continue wearing them.

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION TOMORROW:** Please arrive at 9:00 am to witness the annual cemetery VFW Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not have a formal church service, but those interested may gather in the back parking lot to witness the ceremony. The color guard from the East Toledo Oregon Memorial Association (ETOMA) also will be there. Please park in the spaces next to the church or across the street in the big parking lot. Thanks.

**SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE:** Summer office hours are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and running through September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are in. Please call Toni in the church office to arrange a pick up: 419-691-7222.

**SPECIAL MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY:** Susan Stephenson, a violinist with a Bachelor's degree in Violin Performance at the University of Toledo and a Master of Music degree from Ohio University will play for us. Ms. Stephenson is a native of Toledo and teaches violin at the Suzuki Music School of Greater Toledo. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Maumee where she also is part of the church choir and handbell ensemble.

**SPECIAL MUSIC JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>:** Soloist Bradley Baker will be here to sing for us on June 13<sup>th</sup>. A native of Toledo, Mr. Baker studied music in Los Angeles, attending The University of Southern California. Mr. Baker performed in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas for over 25 years, singing in several operas, musicals, concerts and guest artist performances in more than 35 countries. If anyone attended our Maundy Thursday 11:00 am service this year, you may remember Mr. Baker because he sang for us that day.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE:** We will meet on Wednesday, June 2nd at 11:30 am at the Black Forest Café. No plans yet for July or August; we will contact you at that time.

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Our next get-together is Saturday, June 5th at 11:30 am at Cedar Creek Preserve (off Walbridge Rd.). Bring your own brown bag lunch. We will try to meet throughout the summer on the first Saturday of the month at different venues.

**DAY SCHOOL DONATION WISH LIST:** Our summer Day School camps are starting very soon, and we need a few more items to help us make our students' experiences even more enjoyable. If you can donate any of the following items, the staff would be very appreciative.

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| Sandbox with lid     | Hula hoops           | Clean donut boxes                                  |
| Cake decorating tips | Herb plants          | Plants for flower beds                             |
| Used Big Wheels      | Metal tablespoons    | Patriotic loose beads for jewelry                  |
| Acrylic paint        | Wooden spoons        | Blank canvases (16 x 20)                           |
| Baby food jars       | Fruit & veggie seeds | Veggie plants (tomato, peppers, etc.)              |
| Flower pots (4 inch) | 1 & 2 liter bottles  | Outdoor children's games (corn hole / golf / etc.) |

You can drop any of these items off at the Educational Building during school hours. If you have any questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480. Thank you!

**PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY FOCUS FOR JUNE** is laundry soap and fabric softener. Please deposit your items in the pull-out drawer to the left of the Feed Your Neighbor bin in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or in the green bin in the lounge.

**ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flower sign up book is now back in its place under the main bulletin board in the Narthex. If you'd like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, you can sign up for the Sunday you want. Flower vases are \$15 each; you can use an envelope out of the book for payment. Either place it in the small box on the wall next to the bulletin board, drop it in the offering place, or mail it to the church office.

**160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF EVENT:** Please circle Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. We will have our 160 Anniversary kickoff celebration that day, which will include a visit from Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and a luncheon afterwards in the Fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate 160 years of ministry here at First St. John.

**GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY** will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have a high school or college graduate in the family, we'd like to recognize them at this service. A form can be found in the May newsletter and the announcements. Fill it out and turn it in with your offering or mail, email ([office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)) or fax (419-691-7220) to the church office by Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**GARDENING & LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE:** Mark Ackerman, is forming a Garden and Landscape committee. This group would be responsible for selecting and maintaining flowers and shrubs for the front of the church. They also may be involved in the ongoing courtyard project. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mark at 419-345-6934.

**SIGN UP & ORIENTATION FOR FALL CATECHISM:** We're getting a head start on next fall's catechism class, so we'd like to announce that catechism orientation will be Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the catechism room (located on the middle floor of the Educational Building near the ladies restroom). Pam Beavers will teach the class. If you have a child who will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 to sign up. Students are encouraged to invite their friends! If you have questions, please call Pam at 419-691-3929 or 419-276-8925 or email her at [pjb1155@aol.com](mailto:pjb1155@aol.com)

**DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:** This four-man scrambles will be held on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Eagles Landing Golf Club. Price is \$75 per person, which includes lunch and a hot dog and beverage at the turn. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees due by Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430. All proceeds go to First St. John.

**DAY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION:** Registration for our fall 2021-2022 Day School program also has begun. Our regular fall program begins August 18<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is waived for active church members, but you must still complete the registration form in order to reserve a spot for your child. Forms can be found on the school's website at [www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org) Children must be at least three years old and potty-trained. Our classes are from 9:00 am to noon, with extended care available from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. For questions, please call Andrea Buckley at 419-691-6480.

**BORROWING TABLES & CHAIRS:** We can now offer the use of the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage (not from the gym, please) as needed for summer events. Please call Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222 ahead of time to reserve them. Thank you.

**HELP NEEDED FOR SOUND BOARD:** We still need one more person to help operate the sound board for Sunday morning worship. Training is provided. Board members will tell you it's not a difficult job! We'd like to have additional people so each person will be "on duty" for only one week per month. If this is something you'd like to try, please contact Dave Wilbarger at 419-205-7855.

**NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR GERMAN DANCE GROUP:** Hello First St. John! Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe is a dance group that is part of the German American Fest at Oak Shade Grove. We dance folk dances from Germany and Austria. Our dances are fun to learn and good exercise. We are looking for new members. Our group is easy going, and it's pretty easy to learn the dances. We provide 'tracht' dance outfits. If you've ever wanted to learn something new, now is the time. Please call me at 419-697-7505 or text 419-680-3359 if you are interested. Thanks.

-- Guy Schultz, American Turners Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING:** If you or someone you know is experiencing anxiety, ADHD, psychosis, or depression or is a victim of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse; or if you know a youth who is struggling with alcohol or other substance abuse, Oesterlen can help. They are licensed and/or certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and many others. Call 937-399-6101 x141 or contact [www.oesterlen.org](http://www.oesterlen.org) for help.

**HELP NEEDED FOR BUILD-A-BED PROJECT:** Christ United Methodist on the Starr Ave. Extension will host a work day on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon for those who would like to help build beds for children in need in our community. The project includes the frame, mattress, and bedding. Everyone is needed as there will be jobs for every age and experience level. Donuts will be provided at 9:00 am and a celebratory lunch will be held at noon for all volunteers. If you can't be there to build beds but would like to help in other ways, you can make a monetary donation on their website at [www.christumc.info](http://www.christumc.info) (click on "Online Giving"), OR you can purchase twin bedding sets, OR pray for the volunteers and the project's success. If you'd like to help build beds, please contact Tracy Thiel at 419-691-9701 or [tracy@christumc.info](mailto:tracy@christumc.info)

**GENACROSS 161<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBER CONGREGATIONS** will be Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Hope Lutheran Church (2201 Secor Rd. in Toledo). This year's meeting will be a hybrid model, with delegates having the option to attend either virtually or in person. Due to current health restrictions, there will be no food, ministry displays, or gathering before the meeting. President/CEO Rick Marshall will present his annual report on current operations. Voting on business items and electing new members to the Board of Directors will take place, in addition to a testimonial speaker who will share how Genacross has impacted his life. For reservations, please call Bev at 419-861-4954 or email her at [BApel@Genacross.org](mailto:BApel@Genacross.org) by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SUMMER STAFF NEEDED AT LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES OF OHIO (LOMO):** Due to a staff shortage, LOMO is putting out a request for employees so they don't have to close some of their programs. They still need 5 counselors for Camp Luther, 5 male counselors for LMC and Day Camps, 3 female counselors for LMC and Day Camps, and cooks and dishwashers for LMC. They need to secure additional staff for LMC by May 15<sup>th</sup> or they may be forced to eliminate some programs at LMC and Day Camps. Do you know a young adult who can be a positive Christian role model? Their encouragement will make all the difference! Staff members need to be 18 and older. Staff members will develop invaluable future career skills, make friends who last a lifetime, and make an impact on campers' lives! Plus, the LOMO Board of Directors has added an incentive in that all temporary summer staff members who work the entire summer will receive a \$500 bonus! Apply at [lomocamps.org/employment](http://lomocamps.org/employment). Please tell your friends and coworkers that their assistance is needed to carry out this crucial camping ministry.