

November 16, 2025 Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, Nov. 23 following the worship service. Look for an email/mail in the coming week regarding the 2026 Budget and other items.

Community Holiday Dinner for Seniors: We will be hosting a Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 9th for community seniors, age 55 and over. Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary by Monday, November 17th. Please call the church office during office hours (717) 642-5822 to make your reservation. There is no cost, however, donations are appreciated. Plan on enjoying a fine dinner and an afternoon of carol singing and holiday fun! Meet & Greet will be 11:30 a.m. with dinner being served at noon. For questions, see David Thomas.

Volunteer Opportunities: The 2026 Altar Guild schedule to set up & clean up communion, and the 2026 Lector schedule are under construction. Please contact Dawn Cool at 717-642-5501 or coolsonwater@centurylink.net by December 1st if interested in any of these roles. Those on the 2025 schedules will be included on the 2026 schedules unless Dawn is notified otherwise.

Adopt a Child For Christmas: Wish lists & guidelines for Adopt a Child are in the gathering area. This is an opportunity to help make Christmas a little brighter for some who are struggling financially. Please see Carol Garman or Stacey Haynes for more info or if you are willing to help manage this project.

Goody Bags for College Students: Once again we will be giving goody bags to our college students to help them through their finals. Bags will be distributed the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Donations of snack food, chapstick, gum, mints, sticky notes, highlighters etc. can be placed in the box marked "college students" in the gathering area. If you know of any students who might appreciate a goody bag, please see Carol Garman or Stacey Haynes.

ADVENT PRAYER SERIES: Perhaps you've had questions about your prayer life. How can we feel more engaged with God in prayer? Join in St. John's Advent Prayer Series. We'll meet for brief teachings about prayer on Tuesday evenings during the Advent season: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16. We'll meet at 7:00 pm each week for a teaching about prayer followed by a service of Evening Prayer.

ADVENT BREAKFAST- We will be having our annual Advent breakfast following worship on Sunday, November 30th. Similar to previous years, we will be having pancakes and bacon along with various breakfast casseroles. If you would like to bring in a casserole, please sign up on the board in the fellowship hall. See Stacey if you have any questions.

Short Meeting After Service: We will be having a short meeting after today's service to nominate persons for the 2026 Church Council. These persons will be voted on at our Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday November 23.

Christmas Eve Choir: Christmas Eve Choir will begin rehearsing Weds., Nov. 19th, at 6:30 pm. If you like to sing and will be here on Christmas Eve, please come join us! For more information, see Carol Garman or any choir member.

Newsletter Submissions & Website Changes/Additions: Contact Becky Robinson at rlrobinson08@gmail.com. **The deadline for the December newsletter is Nov. 25th.**

Those for Whom We Pray- Roy, Bob, Roger, Deb B., Mike M., Steve M., Marla, Donna, Shirley, Bill, Kelly, Mae, Patty, Dylan, Sam, Martha, Rosie, Ed, John, Craig, Judy, Bob, Charlie, Essie, Jim & Mary Lou, Nancy.

Birthdays: **Today, Nov. 16th** – Cora Click, Lida Fitz **Nov. 18th**- Scott Fitz
Nov. 20th- Kelly Delong **Nov. 22** – Bennett Conn

Flowers: The flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving for His love, by Linn Wichowski & Roger Semplak.

<i>Happening This Week at St. John</i>		
Today	16	9 a.m. Service of Holy Communion; Pre-Annual Congregational Meeting; 10:15 Sunday School
Monday	17	Kitchen Use 9-Noon
Tuesday	18	5:30 Lion’s Club (Kitchen Use 3-5:30)
Wednesday	19	9-12 Hillside Prep; 9:30 Discussion Group; 6:45 WOV, 7:30 Hand Bells
Thursday	20	9-12 – Hillside; 3:45 – 5 Kid’s Club
Friday	21	
Saturday	22	
Attendance Nov. 9 - 56		

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Acolyte	Andrea Haynes	Jack Runk
Lector	Julie Falk	Barb Booz
Communion Asst.	David Thomas	Barb Booz
Usher	Linn Wichowski	Linn Wichowski
Flower Sponsor	Linn Wichowski & Roger Semplak	Chuck Szarowski
Offering Counters	Dave & Barb Booz	
Altar Guild	Martha Fitz	
Bread Sponsor	Martha Fitz	
Bulletin Sponsor	Larry & Sue Hull	