

January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

**Sign up for 2026 Altar Flowers!**

1 bouquet for JAN 18
2 bouquets for JAN 25



The 2026 order forms are now posted. You can also sign up for 2026 flowers on Sign-up Genius. Use the QR code to access it!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

We are collecting the following for January:

Food • sweetened cereal
Pantry: • boxed au gratin and scalloped potatoes

The Food Pantry is currently serving 65 families.

Shared Bounty: • dish soap
• laundry detergent
Please place in containers in the Coat Room. Thank you!



Going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help you or someone else. To learn more, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders — Joe Nycz @ 419-575-3895 or Nancy Nycz @ 419-349-1932

Church Office Hours**Week of January 5**

Mon 1/5 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p
 Tue 1/6 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p
 Wed 1/7 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p
 Thu 1/8 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p

OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FRIDAYS

ATTENTION!!

We are missing a silver and black oval CrockPot from the kitchen. If anyone has borrowed it and just not yet returned it, please let the church office know. Thanks!



Volunteers are ready to pray for the needs of others. Contact Clyde at 419-874-8175 or the church office at 419-837-5115.



All St. John's Committee Chairs

All Committee Reports and Financials for the 2025 Annual Report are due by January 6, 2026

New Bible/Book Study focusing on grief

Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20 & 27 at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge

We will discuss several books on grief and learn more about Stephen Ministry

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 25 @ 11:30 AM

**Next Week's Readings 1/11/26**

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 6 - Committee Annual Reports Due
- Jan 7 - Lunch Bunch - 11:30 AM @ Luckey Junction
- Jan 8 - Take down Christmas decorations - 6:30 PM
- Jan 12 - February VOICE articles due
- Jan 17 - Food Pantry - 7:30 AM
- Jan 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service (11:30 AM)



A PRAYER FOR OUR CALL COMMITTEE

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, January 4

9:00 a.m. Christian Education
10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, January 5

Dayschool Resumes
Practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. JJJAM
7:30 p.m. Stones of Praise

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Visitation for Paul Downey at Marsh and Marstellar Funeral Home – Luckey, OH

TUESDAY, January 6

Committee Reports and Financials for Annual Report are due!

10:00 a.m. Funeral Visitation
11:00 a.m. Paul Downey Funeral
Luncheon in PH to follow interment.
Noon Prayer via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Committee Meetings #1
8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

WEDNESDAY, January 7

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @ Luckey Junction

THURSDAY, January 8

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (L)
6:30 p.m. Take down Christmas decorations
8:00 p.m. AA (PH)

FRIDAY, January 9

SATURDAY, January 10

SUNDAY, January 11

9:00 a.m. Christian Education
10:00 a.m. Worship

LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Attendance Sunday Worship: 70
Offerings through December 28, 2025

General Fund Income (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$247,650	\$233,348

Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$27,000	\$16,278

Improvement: \$12,402 (Y-T-D)

ELECTRONIC GIVING



We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a giving plan. To set up a recurring or one-time giving schedule, visit us online at stjohnsstonyridge.net (or scan the square with your phone) and locate the Give Generously button.