

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent**Sign up for 2025 or 2026 Altar Flowers!**

2 bouquets for DEC 28 and JAN 18 & 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 December 22**

Mon 12/22 ~ 8:30a - 3:30p

Tue 12/23 ~ 8:30a - 3:30p

Wed 12/24 ~ 8:30a - 2:30p

Thu 12/25 ~ Office Closed

Fri 12/26 ~ Office Closed

We are in need of empty Cool Whip containers for flower delivery or leftovers. If you have some to share, please place them in the box in the coatroom. Thank you!



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

**Dartball News!!**

The arctic cold we experienced last Monday must have taken its toll on the St. John's darts! We were not able to score any runs in the 1st game! Then in the 2nd game we took a 1-run tie into the bottom of the 9th inning, but came away victorious thanks to a 2-out 2-run walkoff homerun! Our darts finally warmed up for the 3rd game, but so did our opponents! We had a 2-run lead in the 9th inning, and the Pemberville Presbyterians scored 3 in the bottom of the 9th to steal that game 8-9. We start the 2nd half of the season tomorrow night, taking on the Pemberville Methodists. We've been scoring a lot of runs but not getting the wins. We are hoping for better luck this 2nd half! ☺ ☺

HELP IS NEEDED!!

We are looking for volunteers for our Christmas Eve Services.

The following spots still need to be filled:

6:00 p.m. AV Booth

9:00 p.m. 1 Communion Assistant

You can sign up online at Sign-up Genius or on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Thank you for your assistance!

Next Week's Readings 12/28/25

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 24 - *Christmas Eve Worship*
6 PM - Contemporary Service
9 PM - Traditional Service
Special Music 30 minutes prior to each service.
- Dec 25 & 26 - *Church Office Closed*
- Jan 1 & 2 - *Church Office Closed*
- Jan 6 - Committee Annual Reports Due



CHURCH INFORMATION:

Phone: 419-837-5115 Fax: 419-837-5578
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- SUNDAY, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. Christian Education
10:00 a.m. Worship ~ Kids sing during Children's Message

MONDAY, December 22

- Practice in the Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. JJJAM
7:30 p.m. Stones of Praise
7:30 p.m. Dartball (Away)

TUESDAY, December 23

- Noon Prayer via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship

- 6 PM - Contemporary Service
9 PM - Traditional Service
Special Music 30 minutes prior to each service.



THURSDAY, December 25

- Church Office Closed
8:00 p.m. AA (PH)



FRIDAY, December 26

- Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 27

SUNDAY, December 28

- NO Christian Education
10:00 a.m. Worship

LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Attendance Sunday Worship: 98
Offerings through December 14, 2025

General Fund Income (Year-to-Date):

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$239,395 | \$222,507 |

Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date):

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$26,100 | \$15,495 |

Improvement: \$11,267 (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.

