

December 28, 2025

1st Sunday of Christmas

**Sign up for 2026 Altar Flowers!**

2 bouquets for 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 29**

Mon	12/29	~	8:30a - 3:30p
Tue	12/30	~	8:30a - 3:30p
Wed	12/31	~	8:30a - 2:30p
Thu	1/1	~	Office Closed
Fri	1/2	~	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!!

We started out the 2nd half of our season last Monday night by losing all 3 games to the Pemberville Methodists. We were scoring, but not enough. ☹

We have a week off for the holidays and then are visitors at Cloverdale on January 5. Hopefully there will be a better outcome!! ☺ ☺

**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

Next Week's Readings 1/4/26

- 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel: John 1:1-18

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 & 2 – *Church Office Closed*
- Jan 2 – Men’s Breakfast @ Panera on Rt. 20
- Jan 6 – Committee Annual Reports Due
- Jan 7 – Lunch Bunch – 11:30 AM @ Luckey Junction
- Jan 12 – February VOICE articles due
- Jan 25 – Annual Congregational Meeting



CHURCH INFORMATION:

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, December 28

NO Christian Education

10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, December 29

Practice in the Sanctuary

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

TUESDAY, December 30

Noon Prayer via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, December 31

THURSDAY, January 1

Church Office Closed

8:00 p.m. AA (PH)



FRIDAY, January 2

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, January 3

10:00 a.m. Shared Bounty (PH)

SUNDAY, January 4

9:00 a.m. Christian Education

10:00 a.m. Worship

LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Attendance Sunday Worship: 99

Offerings through December 21, 2025

General Fund Income (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$243,523	\$226,413

Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date):

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$26,550	\$15,763

Improvement: \$11,342 (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.