



Weekly Revelations

December 16, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the McClain family in celebration of Harper's 6th birthday; and, by the David family in celebration of Pierre & Beth's 27th wedding anniversary.

Name Tag Sunday – Name tags and markers are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Please take the time to fill one out and wear it during your time in church today.

Are you "Dreaming Small?" We hope so! Please remember to place your gold stars on the tree outside the sanctuary, and your dream small donation envelope in the gift box. This week's Dream Small donations go to a woman who lost everything in the North Olmsted apartment fire.

Christmas Caroling will be **today** immediately following the 11:00 AM service. We will stop for lunch and head out; don't forget money. All are welcome!

Lydia Circle will meet **Wednesday, December 19 at 10:00 AM.**

Harvest Month. We continue to collect nonperishable food items for the Christmas food baskets **through December 20.** Donations can be placed on the table outside of the Controller's office or in the shopping carts located near the doors. We are also in need of monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available at the *Welcome Center* and can be placed in the offering plate.

Men's Basketball is **Thursday, December 20, 7:30 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary*. 18 yrs old and older are welcome!

Volunteers will be needed to pack the Christmas food baskets on **Friday, December 21 at 9:00 AM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. To sign up, please call or e-mail Reiner Mueller at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

We are looking for someone that would be willing to pick up Shirley Mack for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service. If you are willing to help out, please contact Pastor Chuck.

We are in need of a crucifer (cross-bearer) for the 8:00 & 10:00 PM services on Christmas Eve. Please see Pastor Chuck if you would like to serve.

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM – Contemporary Christmas Celebration
8:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion
10:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

We are looking for **volunteers to usher for Christmas Eve.** We have three services, **8:00 PM, & 10:00 PM.** If you are able to help, please contact Dawn Evangelista at devangelista@wowway.com or Maureen Shorts at shortsstuff3@gmail.com.

The **New Devotional books** are available on the credenza outside the church office.

There will be **ONE service on Sunday, December 30 at 10:30 AM.** Join us for *Lessons and Carols*.

Yoga at First Church begins on **Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 PM.** Cyndi Milluzzi returns to lead a six-week yoga class for any person over the age of 16. Cost is **\$5/class.** Sign-up sheets and details are at the *Welcome Center*.

WOW Book Club will be **Saturday, January 26, 9:00 AM** at *Giant Eagle Market District in Strongsville.* We will discuss "*Time Keeper*" by *Mitch Albom.* Please sign up at the *Welcome Center.*

We are looking for additional **nursery attendants** on Sunday mornings, if you are interested, please contact Bonnie Bailey at bailey.bonnie@cleanharbors.com.

Altar Guild is seeking additional members; members serve once every five weeks as part of a team. Please contact *Beth David* at bethdavid34500@hotmail.com to be part of this very special group serving our congregation.

First Lutheran Busy Bags contain quiet items, crayons and books for children to use during the service. They can be found on the wooden stand in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery Policy – The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to attend Sunday school or worship with their families. Thank you!

Altar flower/Bulletin sign-up sheets for 2019 are posted on the bulletin board above the water fountain.

The weekly and monthly newsletters are available on our website at www.firstchurchalive@hotmail.com.

Do you have a prayer request? Please use the bulletin board over the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

Prayer Request Cards may be found inside the fellowship pads at the end of each pew. If you would like to include someone in today's prayers, please fill out the card. The pastor will collect the cards immediately before the Prayers of the Faithful.

The teddy bears in the pews are there to share God's love. You may take one to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in a pew envelope marked "*Teddy Bear Ministry*" or new bears may be placed in the bear den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby. Questions? Please contact *Marj Gray* at marjgray@gmail.com.

The 2019 offering envelopes have arrived, they are available for pick up in front of the Controller's office.

December 16 - 23 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday school
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	12:30 PM	Christmas Caroling
Monday	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Lydia Circle
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:30 PM	Praise Band
	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Friday	9:00 AM	Packing Food Baskets

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM – Contemporary Service
9:45 AM – Sunday school
11:00 AM – Traditional Service – ELW Setting 3
Holy Baptism

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