

# St. John's News - January 18th

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## READ A BOOK MONTH



Yes, the Bad Girls are reading another banned book! This time it's **Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury**. Although written over 70 years ago, Bradbury's themes resonate today. The protagonist, Guy Montag, is a fireman whose job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities...books. Only after meeting his eccentric neighbor, Clarisse, does he question the status quo.

Join the Bad Girls on  
January 12 at 6:30 in the Conference Room  
to delve into the pros and cons of limiting  
the written word.

In every season of life—  
joyful or challenging—may we  
be a people who go to God first  
and always. Before we worry,  
plan, or act, let us bring our  
needs, praises, and questions  
to Him in prayer, trusting that  
He is faithful to guide us.

**Sunday, January 18th**  
Adult Contemporary Class 9 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
following worship

**Monday, January 19th**  
Chair Yoga 10 AM  
Needles & Hookers 2 PM

**Tuesday, January 20th**  
Office hours 9 AM—12 PM

**Wednesday, January 21st**  
Office hours 9 AM—1 PM  
Chancel Choir 7 PM

**Thursday, January 22nd**  
Chair Yoga 10 AM

### Family Members in Nursing Homes

New Dawn A.L. - Clara Struhar  
Park Village - Linda Schilling  
Park Village I.L. - Jim Cotton  
Park Village NP - Don Page  
Park Village NP - Carol Sue Keener  
Inn at Northwood - Norma Haglock  
Canton Christian Home - Dotty Hartzell

### Winter Challenge:

Take a moment this winter  
to write a letter or note to a  
loved one. A few heartfelt  
words can bring warmth,  
encouragement, and a smile  
on even the coldest days.  
If you need an address for  
a church member just call  
into the office at  
330-364-4458.





It was a beautiful baby shower put on by Bev, Barb, and Jen. My husband, Kyle, and I are so thankful and truly appreciate all the love and support everyone has shown us. The next few weeks may be challenging, but they will be so worth it. I also want to apologize for the inconsistency in church office hours. With a high-risk pregnancy, there have been many appointments, and I've needed to prioritize rest when I'm not feeling well.

Thank you so much for your understanding.—Emaly Smallcombe

### Honor • Celebrate • Remember

2026 sign-ups for altar flowers and bulletins are now open. This is a meaningful way to glorify God while honoring special people and moments. Visit the church office to get a form & choose your date!

Love to sew, crochet, or work with yarn?

Our Needles & Hookers group meets every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a project and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of crafting and fellowship.



Looking for a gentle way to move and stretch? Chair yoga at Fourth & Faith is a great option to loosen muscles, improve mobility, and refresh your body. No experience needed! Every Monday and Thursday at 10 AM!

Attention all ushers—and anyone interested in becoming one! There will be a training session on Sunday, February 8, right after worship in the Fellowship Center.

We'll review usher duties and learn how to serve communion.

For questions, please contact Bev Smith.

### Ushers for January

Chad McGlothlin—Head Usher  
Bill McIlvaine  
Jon McIlvaine  
Ed Rufener

### VITAL SIGNS

January 11, 2026

Weekly Offering Collected:

General Fund	\$3,385
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$88
Capital Improvement	\$90

Average Weekly Offering Needed to meet the General Fund Budget: \$ 5,817

Worship Attendance: 99