

The Visitor

prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church
Family and Friends

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Please Pray For:

- Phyllis Miller, who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Anna Yoder, who is recovering from a fracture in her upper arm.
- Karen Walker, who is recovering from septicemia.
- Richard and Cathy Spiess, as Richard continues to care for Cathy who lives with Frontal Temporal Dementia.
- Ricky Cruz, son of Maria Cruz, who is in Parkview Nursing Home, 328 W. Vine St., Edgerton, OH 43517.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

Kyle Ducey (Navy)

10175 Park Meadows Dr., #5-326
Lone Tree, CO 80124

1 Lt. Jared R. Kuntz - wife Maria (Army)

Jared, Maria & Silvette:
3857 B Moss Circle, Fort Sill, OK 73503

Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Dennis is stationed in Afghanistan
Wife, Wren & daughter, Lorelei
107 Nebraska St, Travis AFB, CA 94535-1235

Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

LOC #1355 MCCES, Box 788253
Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8253

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan
590 Rhonert Park Expy. W. #350
Rhonert Park, CA 94928

Please consider sending these people cards letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:

Cara Lou Frey, Glenn Park Care Facility, Defiance
(mailing add: 201 N. Defiance St., Archbold)
Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Florence Augustine, Room #120
Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206
LeNore Heer, Special Care Unit
Valeria Hornish, Room #174A
Eileen Meller, Room #133

Marilyn Nofziger, Room #144

Esther Rice, Room #116

Sadonna Spiess, Special Care Unit Room #405B

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Lois Heer, Room #238

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567

Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman, Room #220

Country Living of Hillsdale, 1133 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.,
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Donna Mason, Room #3

congregational thank you's

To my wonderful friends at St. John's,

My recovery from my foot and eye surgery is still ongoing but I am happy to say I am doing very well. I know I would not be healing this well had it not been for your prayers and concern for me. A "Thank You" does not seem enough to express my feeling for all of you that sent a card, prayed for my healing or came to help or visit. A special thank you to Carolyn Walker, Carrie Wooley and Sandy Miller for all your help and the wonderful Christmas cookies. Our church is sure blessed with so many caring members.

Carol DeVries



To St. John's Spiritual Council & Congregation,

Thoughts and prayers were so appreciated through the loss of our mom and grandma, Nancy Grime. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Tom & Peg Hines, Matt & Kim Hines,
Keith & Nici Wyse & families



St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for the awesome support to me and my family during my recent illness. A special thanks for the prayers, cards and everyone's concern for me. I appreciated the visits from everyone, too. I love being part of the St. John's family. Thanks once again.

Karen Walker



pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Adam . . .

There is an interesting parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 13:31-32. He speaks of how the Kingdom of Heaven is like a very small and tiny mustard seed. The mustard seed then takes root and grows into a great plant that provides a lot of space for surrounding birds to come and perch.



This has always been a good illustration for me in understanding how God's Kingdom should be growing and moving in our lives. However, recently I learned of a few more aspects to this parable that help bring further insight and understanding.

When Jesus' hearers heard that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed/plant they would have been shocked. The mustard plant in Israel is an invasive species of plant that grows quickly and overtakes large areas of farmland. Farmers do not like mustard plants. They are similar to the Kudzu vine that overtakes large areas of forest in the southern US. Why would Jesus refer to the Kingdom of Heaven as an invasive, troublesome, disrupting plant? Simple, because the Kingdom of God should be disrupting and invading our hearts, souls, minds and lives. Sound a little too aggressive? Here's another example.

Earlier in Matthew's gospel, Jesus is giving a message to John the Baptist. He tells John (who sits in prison) and the crowd around him that "from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it." (Matthew 11:12). The Kingdom of Heaven is intruding. It is pushy. It is aggressive. It is forceful. The word translated "forcefully advancing" has another meaning of "to explode." Jesus is equating the Kingdom of Heaven with something great that is exploding into your life and the world around us.

So, what does that mean for us at St. John's? Let's look around together at what God is doing. Let's ask some hard questions. Does it seem that the Kingdom of God is exploding around us? Is the Kingdom of Heaven moving and invading our lives? Are you aware of how Jesus is planting mustard seeds in your heart? Why or why not? Another question: are you fearful of the "explosion?" Are you afraid of God's Kingdom invading your soul?

Let's allow the Kingdom to grow in us this winter. Let the mustard seed grow and explode.

Blessings, *ADAM*

preschool corner

Brrr!! I hope all of you are staying warm, cozy and healthy during these days of extreme cold! I have to say I am thankful for the beauty of freshly fallen snow..... God sure knows how to paint a pretty picture, even with a palette of white! During the month of January, we have been celebrating all things winter-related. Due to the limited number of school days, we have been unable to move on to another theme, but that seems to be just fine with the children! We have brought the snow inside and played with it in the sensory table, painted it with watercolors, and measured how fast it melts. We have had ice at the science table, predicting whether it would melt faster with hot water added or cold water added. We also talked about how the heat from our hands melts the ice faster. The art area was busy, as the children constructed snowmen from various materials. We talked about the concept of seriation (small, medium, large), and the children worked hard on their cutting skills as they cut out circles for these projects. The Tuesday-Thursday class experimented with puffy paint as they made polar bears, and we learned a bit about these beautiful creatures and how they survive in the cold temperatures. The MWF class learned many fun facts about penguins when we read, Penguins to the Rescue, and they made their own penguin during a project where they learned to follow specific steps. The children learned about categorizing as they played Seasons Lotto in the Game Area, counted as they played a snowman grid game in the Math Area, and practiced writing numbers with ice skater number cards. Unfortunately, Mom's Night has had to be re-scheduled for February, but we are all looking forward to showing our moms what we have learned in preschool! Thank you so much for your support in 2013.....we have been truly blessed in many ways!!!



Anna and Raegan experience snow painting

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- The Islands Mission (Tom & Megan L), for our gift of \$572.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$858.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$703.
- Christian Service International, for our gift of \$36.
- Fulton Cty. Christmas Cheer, for our gift of \$2,642.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$170.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$720.
- GCM (Matt Pardi), for our gift of \$575.
- LCMS (Ryan Volkman), for our gift of \$40.
- Pioneers (The Dorjots), for our gift of \$110.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$80.
- WT (Tony & Leila F), for our gift of \$3,936.

Letters From Our Mission Partners:

Dear FRB Friends,

The 2013 Corn Project in which you participated is complete. The harvest was very good, so we are celebrating with you the many mission projects that can be completed around the world.

Thank you for your support of \$2,850.52 which, when added to all other inputs, allowed us to send \$14,339.88 to FRB from this year's growing project.

From its meager beginnings, FRB's mission continues to be able to alleviate world hunger by globally connecting local communities through agriculture.

Again, we thank you for your continued support.

In Christ,
Marvin Fish, Project Manager



Dear Church Congregation, Tom, Laura (Johnson) and all Volunteers,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, THANK YOU for opening your church for our 3rd Annual Holiday Home Tour. It is only because of thoughtful, caring individuals as yourselves that our organization can continue its mission.

I would personally like to tell you how much I appreciated all you did. Events of this magnitude can't happen without places to tour and you were willing to participate when called - thank you so much.

This year's event sold 227 tickets and brought in over \$4,200 which will be used to help place more local families into decent, affordable homes in the future!

I look forward to maybe working with you again, but until then please know the impact your recent efforts have had on our mission.

In Christ, Heidi Kern, Exec. Director HFHFC

February Mission-A-Month – Archbold FISH Food Pantry:

February is the month we contribute items and monetary donations to the Archbold FISH Pantry. The number of families visiting the pantry for food has been continually increasing and the shelves continue to empty quickly after the pantry has been open. Below is a list of currently needed items at the pantry, although all items are willingly accepted:

Food Items – canned meat, tuna, fruit, vegetables, and beans, dried beans, pasta (all kinds), spaghetti sauce, brown rice, boxed meals, oil*, flour*, soup, crackers, sugar (all kinds), cereal (cold and hot), cookies, pancake mix, syrup, juice (bag, box, 64 oz.), cake mixes, frosting

Personal Items – paper towels*, toilet paper*, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant*, shampoo*, conditioner*, bar soap, cough/flu meds, Tylenol/aspirin, dish soap, feminine items*, cleaning supplies, lotions, birthday gifts (\$1-\$2 range), gift bags and candles

*Denotes desperately needed items

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex or dropped off at the Pantry during their hours (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 11AM - 2PM and every 3rd Tuesday from 5-7PM). You can also give monetary donations through your weekly offering envelopes or in the church office weekdays from 8AM - 5PM.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35

Missionary Names:

You might have noticed that we've not been printing out the last name of some of our missionaries, only using their first names and the first initial of their last names. That's at their request, for safety and security. That's not only for themselves, but also for their missionary colleagues and for the people they are ministering too. Evidently, persecutors of Christians will search the internet to seek out the names of people they think might be working to spread the Gospel. So we have been asked to remove certain names from any articles we post on our website. Please be in prayer for missionaries who serve in areas where the threat of persecution is very real.

2014 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

February 8-15, 2014 – Back Bay Mission

June 8-13, 2014 – LaPorte Cty. Habitat for Humanity

June 15-20, 2014 – SYF Trip to St. Louis

October 11-18, 2014 – Back Bay Mission

mission corner cont.

Back Bay Mission Trip – February 8-15, 2014:

Our cooperative mission efforts with Back Bay Mission continue, with two more trips planned in 2014. This first one in early February will mark the 18th trip to Biloxi since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The lives of countless people have been touched through this on-going ministry of our congregation. The mission funds sent to Back Bay, the prayers lifted up, and the volunteers sent are truly sharing the light and love of Christ.

Going on their first trip this month is Ricky Ruscigno, and Tara Meyer and her son, Braden. They will be joined by returning volunteers of our congregation: Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson, Mike Meyer, Jim & Betsy Redd, Kim M. Walker, and Pastor Erich. Additionally, two men from outside the congregation, but who have become good friends of many through these trips, will be sharing in this experience – Larry Auck and Don Geary.

The group of fourteen will spend the week serving alongside 20 volunteers from Pleasant Run UCC in Indianapolis, as well as a volunteer from the First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, IL, and a volunteer from a church in New Uhl, MN. The week promises to be one of great fellowship and service.

Missionary News and Contact Information:

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ministry happenings

Christian Education

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

The JYF announces an evening of child care for the families of St. John's on February 14th. The JYF will offer child care service for children up through 5th grade. Child care will begin at 6PM and will end at 8:30PM. A snack will be provided, as well as age appropriate crafts, games and movies. Please contact Katie Whiteman (419-906-7722) with your request for care before Wednesday, February 12th (we may not be able to accommodate children on the night of February 14th if they have not been preregistered). We hope that we can help couples in the congregation enjoy a special evening together. Thank you for all your support of our JYF ministry.

LOGOS Ministry:

LOGOS Wednesday evening youth program themes include: Feb 5th - Bingo Night, Feb 12th - Jesus Loves Me Night, Feb 19th - Crazy Hat & Hair Night, Feb 26th - Medieval Night.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) THANK YOU:

The Senior Youth Fellowship would like to give the congregation a huge "THANK YOU!" for all the generous support of their Spaghetti Lunch on Annual Meeting Sunday.

SYF:

February is a fun month in SYF. We begin by preparing delicious subs for the Sub Sale on Feb. 2nd. Each youth is asked to bring a dozen cookies for our sub boxes. On Feb. 5th we're finishing up our series in Revelation; Feb. 12th is Life Planning and SYF Remix night; Feb. 19th is "Opposites Attract" and Feb. 26th is "Gospel Essentials – The Need for Jesus." And then on Saturday, February 22nd is the 7th Annual Winter Retreat. We'll be heading up to a family cottage in Williams County for the day and enjoying broomball, devotions by the fire, games and yummy food.

Come and join us for LOGOS dinner at 6PM and then SYF at 7PM. Please contact a youth advisor or Pastor Adam if you have any questions about SYF.

SYF Mission Trip:

The SYF Mission Trip is scheduled for the week of June 15th-20th. The 2014 mission trip will be to St. Louis with Group's Week of Hope. We have partnered with Group Week of Hope for three other trips (2010 – Indianapolis; 2011 – Bay City; 2013 - Cincinnati). Mission trip applications will be available beginning in February.

Life Planning - Senior High Youth Mentoring Program:

The next Life Planning time will be on February 12th at 7PM. Mentors and youth will have opportunity to discuss prayer and discipleship.

Events / Activities

Prayer Times/Ministries:

A weekly prayer time, to which any and all are invited, continues to be held each Tuesday at noon in the chapel. Prayers are lifted up for the people, ministry and leadership of SJCC.

Coping With Depression:

Feeling down from time to time is a normal part of life. But when emptiness and despair take hold and won't go away, it may be depression. More than just the temporary "blues," the lows of depression make it tough to function and enjoy life. Depression can make you feel helpless, hopeless, or empty and numb; but there's a lot you can do to change how you feel. With help and support, you can overcome depression and get your life back. The key to recovery is to start small and take things one day at a time. Feeling better takes time, but you can get there if you make positive choices for yourself each day and draw on the support of others.

To offer support for and awareness of depression, we are hosting three sessions on depression. Sarah Short, from the Central Mennonite congregation, will be leading these sessions on February 2nd, 9th and 16th. They will be held in the parish hall during the 9:15AM Sunday school hour.

Attention All Women – You Are “Chosen”:

An inspiring day full of fun, fellowship and faith discussion is what we have planned for you, and we hope you join us for the 2014 St. John's Christian Church Ladies Retreat! The event is slated for Saturday, February 8th; registration begins at 8:30AM and the day will end at 3:00PM. Shirley Briggeman will share her message on daily encounters with God titled "Divine Appointments and Divine Assignments" and Candace Stoffel will share her moving story and musical talent. Registration forms are on tables in the sanctuary and chapel narthex - the cost is \$12, lunch included. And YES - any woman can attend, so invite a friend or two! Contact Deb Schnitkey (daschnitkey@yahoo.com) or Jenna Storrer (jennastorrer1@gmail.com) for more information.

Ministry/Service Opportunities at St. John's Christian Church:

This is a listing of ministries and tasks that exist in the life of our congregation, and for which we are looking for volunteer leadership. Please consider, and if you are interested in learning more, contact the church office staff.

Chancel

- A person to design or select, create or purchase, worship banners to add to or replace our already existing banners that hang towards the front of our sanctuary.
- A person to oversee the care and possible decorations of the sanctuary chancel and altar area, on a monthly and/or seasonally basis.
- A person to care for altar flower arrangements and altar items.

Decorations

- A person or team of people to provide inspiring seasonal decorating of entrance areas of the building for the enjoyment of all who enter.
- A person or team of people to oversee all aspects of the Advent and Christmas decorating of our church building.

Historical Display

- Research, find and arrange items from the history of our congregation for display in the new parlor history cabinet.

Landscape

- A person to pull weeds on a weekly basis.
- A person to care for the rose bushes.
- A person to care for the planted flower areas.

Library

- A person or two to care for, maintain, and improve the church library, including the organization of the existing resources as well as purchasing new items.

Visitors

- Visit some specific senior citizens who don't receive many visitors.
- Help some of our senior citizens connect with family members through Skype – an internet based video calling system

Worship

- Sound Tech for Praise Band
- Sound Tech for Worship Services
- Video Tech for Worship Services
- Easy Worship Techs for Worship Services

Walleye Hockey Game March 16th - Green Ice:


This year's outing to a Walleye Hockey game has been scheduled for Sunday, March 16th, featuring "Green Ice" in honor of St. Patty's Day. Tickets are \$13 each (sign up on the bulletin board and pay your ticket fees in the church office by March 2nd please) and the puck drops at 5:15PM. We are planning on taking the church bus, so please bring extra money the day of the game to help cover fuel expenses.

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— FISH Food Pantry Elder of the Month— Ed Ruffer					1 2PM Non-Member Wedding
2 Super Bowl of Caring 9:15AM Depression Support/ Awareness Session 10:30AM Junior Choir Sings 11:45AM Preschool Open House—Church 6:00PM Seekers Sm. Group	3 11:00AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-ball Practice 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	4 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 5:00PM Comm. Meal (SJCC) 7:00PM Preschool Open House—Public	5 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells & Chimes Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	6 7:15PM Mission Comm.	7 6:45AM HS Girls Small Grp.	8 9AM Women's Retreat
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Back Bay Mission Trip - Biloxi, MS						
9:15AM Depression Support/ Awareness Session 10:50AM Junior Church 3:00PM Out of Box Experience	11:00AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-ball Practice 6:00PM Preschool T-Th AM Mom's Night 6:30PM Couples Small Grp. 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 5:00PM Comm. Meal (SJCC) 6:00PM Preschool T-Th PM Mom's Night 6:30PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Preschool Board 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM Bells & Chimes Reh. 7:00PM SYF / Life Planning 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.		6:45AM HS Girls Small Grp. 6-8:30PM JYF Child Care Night	1-9PM Cub Scouts (Parish Hall)
16 9:15AM Depression Support/ Awareness Session 11:45AM All Church Valentine's Day Potluck 6:00PM Seekers Small Group	17 President's Day 11:00AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-ball Practice 6:30PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC 7:30PM Consistory	18 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Comm. Meal (SJCC) 8:30PM Property Comm.	19 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells & Chimes Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	20	21 6:45AM HS Girls Small Grp.	22 SYF Winter Retreat
23 10:30PM Bells & Chimes Play	24 11:00AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-ball Practice 6:30PM Couples Small Grp. 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	25 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 5:00PM Comm. Meal (SJCC) 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	26 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Junior Choir Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	27	28 6:45AM HS Girls Small Grp.	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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- 1 John & Mary Beck
 - 2 Bruce Wooley
 - 3 Bob & Connie Bostelman
 - 4 Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Karen Rice, Shirley Wyse
 - 5 Kaenan Layton, Dave Miller, Brittany Yaichner
 - 6 Rollin Nafziger, Deb Volkman
 - 8 Brandon Lehman
 - 9 Tyler Jennings, Karen Walker
 - 10 Alexis Blankenship, Jason Pursel, Irene Short
 - 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay
 - 12 Vern & Mary Lou Nemire, Marilyn Nofziger

- 14 Sue Buehrer, Tucker Johnston, Keith & Kelli Kuntz
 - 15 Teresa Mann, Don & Audrey Smith
 - 16 Hannah Grieser
 - 17 Donna Buehrer, Rod Wyse
 - 18 Bea Briggs, Jilian Kuntz, Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse
 - 19 Erin Grieser, John Kauffman, Sue Kinsman, Judy Overmier, Ella Yoder
 - 23 Kylie Kreuz
 - 24 Joe Short
 - 28 Alyssa Abebe, Amy Christman
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☼ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	Name	Address	City	St	Zip	School	Year
1	Bechstein, Tyler	Apt 348 10294 42nd Ave	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ	Jr.
2	Buckenmeyer, Alicia	948 Huntwood Lane	Charlottesville	VA	22901	University of Virginia	Grad Sch
3	Buckenmeyer, Eric	47 E Green Dr	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University	So.
4	Christman, Amy	Malone University Box #975 2600 Cleveland Ave NW	Canton	OH	44709	Malone University	Jr.
5	Christman, Ryan	418 Clara Ave. Apt. 4	St. Louis	MO	63112	Washington U.	Grad Sch
6	Ducey, Morgan	244 King Ave	Columbus	OH	43201	Ohio State Univ	Sr.
7	Garza, Grace	417 N. Pointe Dr	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC	Fr.
8	Gobrogge, Alyssa					Heidelberg University	Jr.
9	Jennings, Chris	Bluffton University	Bluffton	OH	45817	Bluffton University	Sr.
10	Jennings, Tyler	Bluffton University	Bluffton	OH	45817	Bluffton University	Jr.
11	Lehman, Jenny	Wittenberg Univ Box 3541 734 Woodlawn Ave	Springfield	OH	45501	Wittenberg University	Fr.
12	Lindsay, Jayson	2374 Victor St	Cincinnati	OH	45219	Univ of Cincinnati	Sr.
13	Lindsay, Jennifer	Ashland University	Ashland	OH	44805	Ashland University	Jr.
14	Mann, Alyssa	Indiana Wesleyan Univ	Marion	In	46953	Indiana Wesleyan	Sr.
15	McCandless, Morgan	Lyden House Room #4013 251 Madison Ave.	Youngstown	OH	44502	Youngstown State Univ	Fr.
16	Neuenschwander, Trevor	Unit 2559 402 W. College Ave	Ada	OH	45810	Ohio Northern Univ	Jr.
17	Nofziger, Charlie	Student Mailbox 75 1247 E Siena Heights Dr	Adrian	MI	49221	Siena Heights University	Jr.
18	Nofziger, Delaney	541 Ann Ave.	Wauseon	OH	43567	NWSCC	Fr.
19	Nofziger, Mackenzie	319 S. Mercer Rd., Apt. 140	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ	Sr.
20	Nofziger, Vicki	1592 Co Rd 16	Wauseon	OH	43567	NWSCC	Jr
21	Rice, Dinah	10020 Residence Dr #226	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ	Fr.
22	Sears, Heather	58 E. Daniel St.	Champaign	IL	61820	University of Illinois	Sr.
23	Short, Olley	25515 Co Rd E	Archbold	OH	43502	Univ of NW Ohio	So.
23	Smith, Kinsey	98 West Green Drive	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University	Fr.
24	Sonnenberg, Ellie	CPO 1359 P O Box 10060	Chicago	IL	60610	Moody Bible Institute	Fr.
24	Walker, Collin	1101 N Byrne Rd	Toledo	OH	43607	Univ of Toledo	Sr.
25	Walker, Corey	1101 N Byrne Rd	Toledo	OH	43607	Univ of Toledo	Sr.
25	Walker, Michael	1700 S Main St	Goshen	IN	46526	Goshen College	Fr.
26	Winzeler, Bryce	4850 A Hollingbourne Dr	Columbus	OH	43214	Law School	
26	Ducey, Kyle	10175 Park Meadows Dr. #5-326	Lone Tree	CO	80124		
27	Lesniak, Jacob LCpl	LOC #1355 MCCES Box 788253	Twentynine Palms	CA	92278-8253		
27	Mr & Mrs Dennis LaPorte	107 Nebraska St	Travis AFB	CA	94535		
28	1 Lt Jared Kuntz & Maria	627 UN Lauman	Fort Sill	OK	73503		
28	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	590 Rhonert Park Expy. W. #350	Rhonert Park	CA	94928		

small groups

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

Twice a Month Sunday Evenings - Seekers

6:00 - 8:00PM - Wyrick's, 504 N. Defiance St.

Wednesday Mornings - Moms in Prayer

8:30 - 9:30AM - Upstairs Sunday School Room

2nd & 4th Monday of Month - Couples Small Group

6:30 - 8:30PM - Youth Room

Monday Evenings - Sister Chicks INC

7:00 - 8:30PM - Nancy Rupp's, St. Rt. 2, Stryker

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoons - High School Guys

3:30 - 4:30PM - Youth Room

Tuesday Afternoons Prayer Time

12:00 - 1:00PM - Chapel

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

9:00 - 10:00AM - West Haven, Fairlawn

Friday Mornings - High School Girls

6:45 - 7:45AM - Youth Room

St. John's Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....Jeff Rutledge

Congregation Vice-President..... Ed Ruffer

Congregation Secretary.....Betsy Redd

EldersNorma Fish, Kim Hines, Jan Lindsay,
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worship

February Worship:

Feb 2.....Sermon Series: Week 2 on "The Sabbath"

Scriptures – Ex. 16:23-30, Lev. 25:1-13,
Psalm 116:1-9

Pastor Erich will be preaching

Junior Choir at the 10:30 Service –

"Make A Song for My Heart to Sing"

Praise Band will be leading at 10:30 Service

Feb 9.....Sermon Series: Week 3 on "The Sabbath"

Scriptures – Acts 17:1-4, Psalm 147:7-9

Pastor Adam will be preaching

Chancel Choir at the 10:30 Service –

"When I Look Into Your Holiness"

Feb 16....Sermon Series: Week 1 on "Vision and
Discernment"

Scriptures – Mark 8:22-26, Psalm 9:1-2

Sermon – "Clarified Vision" – Pastor Adam

Chancel Choir at the 10:30 Service –

"We Bow Down"

Feb 23.....Sermon Series: Week 2 on "Vision and
Discernment"

Scriptures – Acts 10:9-23, Psalm 30:1-4

Sermon – "How Does God Speak to Us?" –
Pastor Erich

Bell and Chime Choirs at the 10:30 Service

(8:00) Reception of New Members

The Season of Lent:

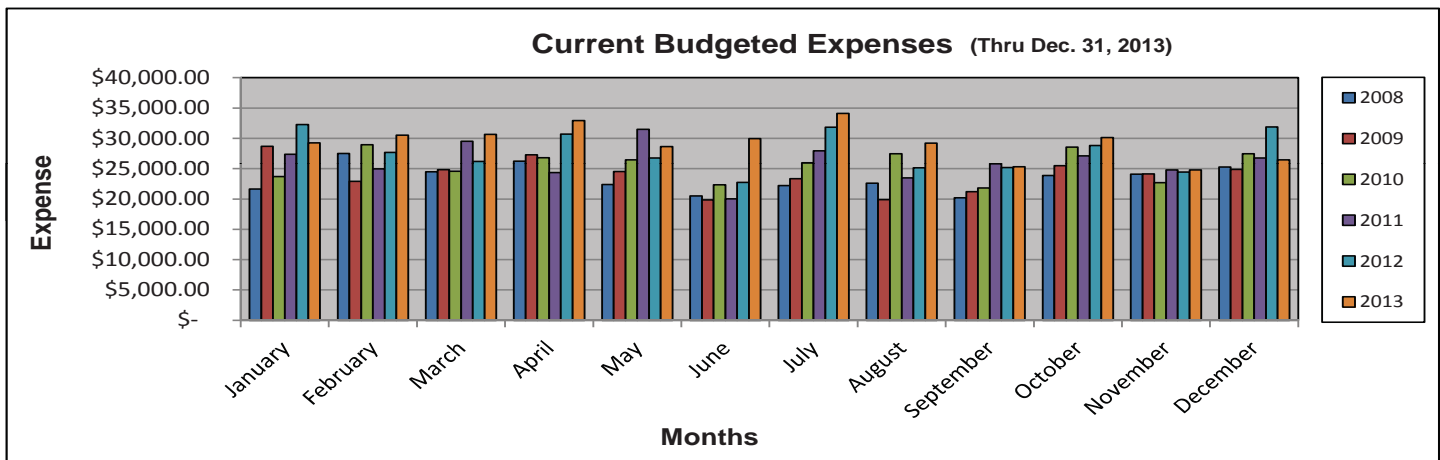
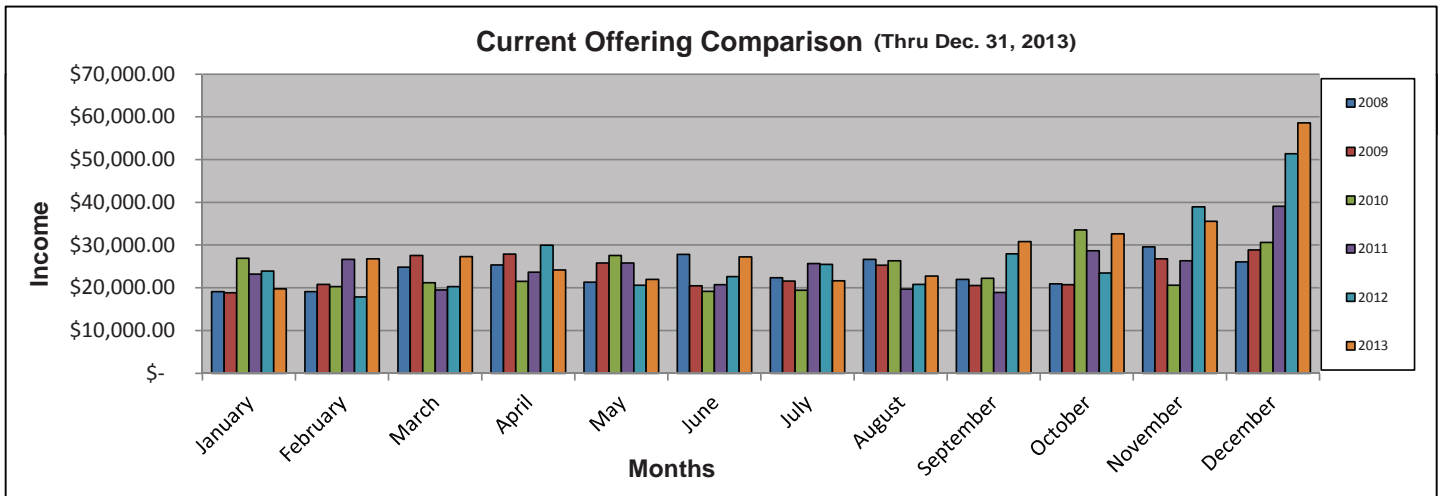
Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th this year and ushers in the forty day season of Lent. Our annual observance of this season will focus on the study of what can be called the "spectacular sins" of the Bible. In both our Sunday morning times of worship and in our Wednesday evening Lenten services, we will be exploring how these "spectacular sins" serve to bring glory to Christ. What biblical accounts of sin might be considered "spectacular?" The Fall of Satan, the Fatal Disobedience of Adam and Eve, the Pride of Babel, and Judas Iscariot, to name some of them. The sermons and teaching lessons will be based on a book written by John Piper.

community news

2014 Community Meals:

The fourth year of this community ministry is underway. Each Tuesday afternoon our parish hall is turned into a cafeteria type of setting, with two serving lines of hot, delicious food and twenty-five tables for our guests to sit down and enjoy food and fellowship. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help with set-up, serving, hosting, and clean-up – just stop by between 3PM and 6PM and check it all out, and enjoy a meal too!

stewardship



Offering Information

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
1/5/14	201	\$ 3,419.26	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (2,995.09)
1/12/14	238	\$ 5,638.57	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (775.78)
1/19/14	274	\$ 5,284.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (1,130.35)
1/26/14*	144	\$ 5,707.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (707.35)
Total	214	\$ 20,048.83	\$ 25,657.40	\$ (5,608.57)

AS of January 29, 2014	Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals	\$ 22,946.26	\$ 24,776.06	\$ (1,829.80)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
1/5/14	\$ 1,434.03	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (1,698.67)
1/12/14	\$ 2,141.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (991.70)
1/19/14	\$ 1,962.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (1,170.70)
1/26/14*	\$ 1,570.11	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (1,562.59)
Total	\$ 7,107.14	\$ 12,530.80	\$ (5,423.66)

*8AM worship service canceled due to inclement weather

February Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

1 Traditions Won't Save Us! -----	1 Samuel 4:1b-22	15 Emotional Ways -----	1 Samuel 17:55-18:16
2 Betrayal -----	Psalm 54:1-7	16 View From The Middle -----	Psalm 56:1-13
3 True Repentance -----	1 Samuel 7:2-17	17 New Ventures -----	Acts 13:1-12
4 The Need For Leaders -----	1 Samuel 8:1-22	18 Building Bridges -----	Acts 13:13-41
5 Looking For Donkeys -----	1 Samuel 9:1-27	19 Refocused -----	Acts 13:42-52
6 A Humble Heart -----	1 Samuel 10:1-27	20 Suffering For The Gospel -----	Acts 14:1-7
7 A Godly Leader -----	1 Samuel 11:1-15	21 Mistaken Identity -----	Acts 14:8-20
8 Samuel Sums Up -----	1 Samuel 12:1-25	22 Second Time Around -----	Acts 14:21-28
9 Friendly Fire -----	Psalm 55:1-23	23 Talking With Yourself -----	Psalm 57:1-11
10 I'll Do It My Way -----	1 Samuel 13:1-22	24 Godly Conflict Resolution -----	Acts 15:1-12
11 A Better Way? -----	1 Samuel 15:1-31	25 Growth Pains -----	Acts 15:13-21
12 The Ways Of God -----	1 Samuel 16:1-23	26 Great Expectations? -----	Acts 15:22-35
13 Fear In The Way -----	1 Samuel 17:1-27	27 Parting Of The Ways -----	Acts 15:36-16:5
14 The Way To Victory -----	1 Samuel 17:28-54	28 Listening For Direction -----	Acts 16:6-15

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that all men he has made may know his work, he stops every man from his labor." Job 37:5-7

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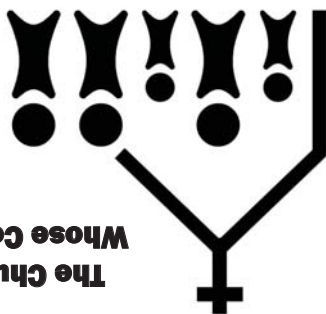
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/5), Ash Wednesday (3/5), Maundy Thursday (4/17),
 Pentecost (6/8), Mid-Summer (7/20), 1st Sunday in October (10/5),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/30)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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