

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

### Please Pray For:

- Jr. Grime, who is recovering from surgery on a broken finger.
- The family of Clyde Sommer, who went to his heavenly home on December 20th.
- Raegan Rutledge, who is home following a brief stay at Bryan Hospital.
- Bob Bostelman, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer, and is undergoing further testing for treatment options.
- Bea Briggs, who is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments.
- Carol DeVries, who is recovering from surgery for a broke hip.
- Linda Rutledge, who is recovering from foot surgery.
- Kreighton Sims, one of our 8th graders, whose father, Greg Sims, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Roger and Kay Merillat's granddaughter, Chloe Merillat, who is receiving chemo treatments.
- Mary Jo Britt, who is recovering from a stroke.
- Robert Kuntz, who is at Fulton Manor following knee replacement surgery.
- Dale VonDeylen, who is home trying to combat infection with medication.
- Annie Foote, who has begun trial chemo treatments.
- Richard and Cathy Spiess, as Cathy has now been moved to Fairlawn Haven, Room #153.
- 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

### Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias:  
3857 B Moss Circle, Fort Sill, OK 73503

### Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Wife, Wren & daughters, Jillian & Lorelei  
107 Nebraska St., Travis AFB, CA 94535-1235

### Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

5901 Aztec Avenue, Apt. 159  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

### Martinez, Braden (Army) - Kuwait

304th En Co, 19th En Bn, APO, AE 09354  
Wife, Brittany & daughters Madison & Claire  
610 E. South St, Bryan, OH 43506

### Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan  
150 Dewey Avenue, Groton, CT 06340

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### Koltin Zimmerman (Army)

Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #120

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206

Valeria Hornish, Room #174A

Eileen Meller, Room #133

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

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 #505

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

## congregational news

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Jebb and Jera Bernath were baptized on December 21st at our 10:30 worship service. Jebb and Jera's parents are Ryan and Devin Bernath, and they have an older brother, 4 year old Jace. Grandparents include Daniel and Dianne Bernath, Richard and Joyce Seiler; Great Grandparents include Denny and Ann Hines, Eugene and Delores Bernath, and Pauline Vereecke.



From left - Jera's sponsors Danielle & Tyler Gray, Devin & Ryan Bernath, Jebb's sponsors Eric & Amber Rychener

## pastor's letter

### Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

“There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.”

Clare Boothe Luce

Our modern day world is filled with situations of upheaval, unrest, disaster, violence, debt, busyness, suffering, depression, fear, poverty – leaving many, many people hopeless. The valleys can be very low, the mountains seemingly insurmountable. From where does hope come? From where does energy and direction flow? From the very word of God!

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. <sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. <sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.” Psalm 130:1-8

Hopeless? Overwhelmed? Lost? Into the world came God's Son, Jesus Christ, to bring light, peace, grace, hope, and so much more. Matthew 4:16 – “the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” The fulfillment of this prophecy is realized in Christ, not in earthly promises, nor in earthly saviors (things, pleasure, money), but in the perfect God of the universe. Let's follow Jesus into the light of eternal hope. Pursue him throughout the day, and the night; study him, read his word, live his word. Commit to worship, join a Sunday morning class or a small group, spend time in prayer, trust in the Lord and renew your hope in him.



Blessings in Christ,

ERICH

## mission corner

### Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarrens), for our gift of \$500.
- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$1,115.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1,598.14.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$1,170.18.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$180.
- Defiance YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$590.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$200.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$85.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$1,000.



Dear Friends,

December 19, 2014

It's the week before Christmas & all through our house, Bags, boxes and piles leave no room for a mouse.

Documents are filed and our paperwork's done;

We leave home in 10 days; the countdown's begun!

We're listing and calling; we're sorting and packing,  
We're pitching & hauling; we're stuffing and stacking.  
We've books, clothes & rope, iPads, cookware & meds,  
Stethoscope, tools and sheets for the beds.

We fly from Chicago, and in 2 days arrive  
In Addis Ababa where we'll learn to survive.

Amharic and culture will fill up our days,

'Til we move down to Soddo and begin a new phase.

We're sure our new life holds lots of surprises,  
Exactly how many, only God surmises.

Farming and health care are ways we serve man,  
Please pray that we'll faithfully share all that we can.

As we begin this new chapter on our journey with Him,  
Your prayers and support are gifts nothing will dim.

At this time of Christ's birth, be blessed beyond measure,  
We love you and pray that God's Son is your treasure.

With love and gratitude,

Judd & Becky McClarren (www.soddo.org)



Merry Christmas!

November/December 2014

I hope everyone is enjoying this advent season and getting excited for Christmas. In my classroom my students and I have been preparing for this time. During the month of December, our devotional time has been focused around Christmas. We have talked about the true meaning of Christmas, why Jesus came, and who Jesus came for. We have had fun times of singing Christmas songs, and sweet times of prayer. It has been wonderful getting to celebrate Christmas with my students (please see the following images related to my work at the Bangkok school).



"Jesus was Born for Me" ornaments decorated by my students to remind them that Jesus came to earth for them.

I have been serving with a ministry I mentioned in my last newsletter for a month or so now. It is one that helps women in sex prostitution and in the red light areas. I learned of this ministry through my church here in Bangkok because it is one of the ministries they support. I volunteer with them by going to their outreach nights, typically on Friday night. During outreach, we (a team of 3-4 people, some of who work for the organization) go to a bar to talk to some of the women there. While for me there is a language barrier, most women can speak some English. I have been blessed by having good conversations with a few girls, even through their broken English. Some barely have an education, while some are working there to pay for a college degree.



These are our thankful turkeys we made while talking about what we are thankful for.

The brokenness and darkness is real in that red light area. The goal of these outreach nights is to find women who are wondering about leaving that life and to hopefully establish relationships outside of the bar. Through this ministry, English classes are offered once a week, and this is one thing I and others promote this on outreach night. This opportunity the Lord has given me has been a very blessed, but humbling experience.



This is from the Christmas production "Where in the World is Christmas?" All the students did great!

Will you pray that the love of Christ would be so evident as we go out through this special ministry? Please pray that in that dark place in the red light district, the light of Christmas would shine so brightly. Every time I go, I am reminded of the powerful fact that my God has already won. Darkness may be present, but it will not be that way forever because Jesus wears the victor's crown. I pray that you would be reminded of this impacting truth as you celebrate Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Mackenzie Nofziger  
Bangkok International Christian School  
blog - [kenziethailand.wordpress.com](http://kenziethailand.wordpress.com)

### January Mission-A-Month - Emergency Clean Up Kits (Church World Service):

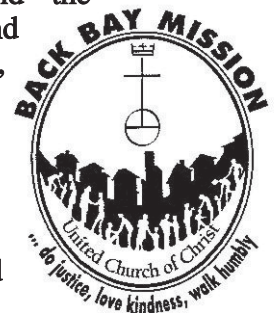
Emergency Cleanup Kits, or Cleanup Buckets, provided by Church World Service are our January Mission-A-Month. The supplies provided in these cleanup kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States.

Monetary donations given not only cover the cost of the supplies to assemble these emergency kits, but also cover sorting, packing, insurance and shipping costs to get the kits to their final destination. Please use your weekly offering envelopes for your donations and mark them M-A-M or CWS Kits.

### Back Bay Mission Trip – February 7-14, 2015:

February's trip will feature NEW TRAVEL PLANS! We will take two days to travel to Biloxi and two days to return home. The plan is to depart mid-morning on Saturday, February 7th, drive two-thirds of the way, stay the night somewhere, then finish the trip on Sunday, arriving in plenty of time to settle in the mission house prior to Sunday evenings orientation session with Back Bay staff. We will enjoy 4 ½ days of home construction – either new or remodeling – and plenty of time to relax in the evenings, rest some tired muscles and get to know each other as the days go by. We will leave Biloxi mid-afternoon on Friday, drive approximately one-third of the way home, stay somewhere overnight, and then finish the trip on Saturday.

Cost of the trip will be \$200, which includes \$75 for lodging at Back Bay's mission house, \$50 for construction supplies, and the remainder will cover fuel and transportation costs, meals, and lodging on the trip. But don't let the cost prevent you from considering – there are always some benefactors who are willing to offer anonymous assistance for people interested in participating in such a week!



Be sure to pick up the current Discovery Bible Guide in the literature rack and join our congregation in reading and studying God's Word daily.



## mission corner cont.

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Judd & Becky McClarren, Ethiopia

Scheduled to depart for Ethiopia on Dec. 29th

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## ministry happenings

### Christian Education

#### LOGOS - Wednesday Evening Youth Program:

Our LOGOS program will start back up on Wednesday, January 14th when youth will enjoy a Winter Wonderland theme.

#### Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

JYF will start back up on Wed., January 14th.

#### Thank You:

The Senior Youth Fellowship would like to give the congregation a huge "THANK YOU!" for all the generous support of their Bake Sale in December.

### Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Welcome to 2015! SYF will begin again on January 7th as we explore "New Life in the New Year." Then for the rest of January we'll be talking about various heroes and the lessons we can learn from them. The senior high youth will be cooking up some spaghetti for a congregational meal after the annual meeting on January 11th. Also, save the date for our SYF Winter Retreat coming up on Saturday, February 21st.

Come and join us for LOGOS dinner at 6PM (beginning January 14th) and then SYF at 7PM. Please contact a youth advisor or Pastor Adam if you have any questions about SYF.

### Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Mission Trip:

The SYF Mission Trip is scheduled for the week of June 14th-19th. The 2015 mission trip will be to Nashville, TN with Group's Week of Hope. Mission trip applications will be available beginning in February.

### Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Explore:

Beginning January 6th all youth are invited to join a small group exploring some of the more challenging questions of our culture in deeper and more thorough ways. Opening topics include: Does God Exist? Is the Bible Reliable? Who is Jesus? This group will meet after school on Tuesdays in the youth room.

### Life Planning:

The next Life Planning time will be held on January 14th at 7PM. We'll be talking about our ups and downs in life – how do we work through tough times. \*\*\*Date Change in February: In February we'll be attending a Life Planning regional gathering at North Clinton Mennonite Church on February 25th.

### Events / Activities

#### Men's Breakfast:

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of the month, several men from St. John's join together at the Home Restaurant from 6:15-7:15AM. We spend time in fellowship and then read and discuss some scripture together. In January we'll begin by looking at Matthew's gospel. This is open to all men in the church.

#### Man Camp:

Steaks, bacon, hatchets, and fire. Need we say more? Be on the lookout for this great weekend coming in late March (March 20-22) or early April (April 20-22). The cost for this weekend at



Miracle Camp is \$119 for lodging and meals (or \$134 if you need a more pampered room). Check with Bruce Wooley if you have questions or visit [www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp](http://www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp).

### **Men's Basketball:**

Any men that would like to play some pickup basketball games on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons during the winter, please contact Pastor Adam.

### **Men's Ministry - Dads and Daughters Class:**

Fathers are important influences in the lives of their daughters. Make the most of your father / daughter relationship. All Dads (who have daughters) are invited to join us for a 3-week Sunday school class "Dads and Daughters: Building Lasting Relationships." This will be offered in January on the 4th, 18th and 25th with the class culminating in a "Dads and Daughters Dessert" on February 7th at 6PM. "Dads and Daughters" will cover the importance of dad in the life of his daughter, the dangers if he isn't present in her life, and practically what can a dad do for his daughter. The first three Sunday sessions are for Dads only, with daughters being invited to the Dessert on February 7th. This can also be a good refresher for those who took this class 4 years ago.

### **Senior Citizens:**

The Fulton County Senior Center's mission is to enhance the quality of life for seniors by encouraging their continued involvement in the community by providing opportunities for nutrition, socialization, education, recreation and information that promotes wellness and supports independence.

The Archbold location is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Ruyhley Park Scout Cabin. Seniors gather for games and conversation from 9 to 11. A program is usually offered at 11AM. Lunch is served at noon. Monday mornings feature a Bible study at 10:30AM led by local pastors.

Brochures of all of the programs of the Senior Center are located on the welcome table outside the chapel. Further information is available by calling 419-337-9299.

### **A Day of Fasting – Saturday, January 10th to Sunday, January 11th:**

#### **Fasting:**

...is a spiritual faith practice with spiritual communication in mind.

...is about denying "self" and seeking God.

... involves a time when a person does not eat in order

to focus on communicating with God.

...is about a person seeking God with all their heart.

...is a physical way of saying, "food and the things of this world are not as important as God is."

The Day of Fasting is in preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 11th. Everyone is invited to enter into a time of fasting to focus our thoughts on the agenda and events of our annual meeting. This time of fasting will focus on not eating while understanding that drinking liquids will be continued and necessary. Each person will need to keep in mind their own diet and health needs, checking with their physician regarding any potential negative health affects of fasting. Individuals may choose to fast totally on their own, in their own way.

#### **Possible activities during the Day of Fasting:**

- In lieu of preparing a meal, spend the time normally taken up by such preparation and spend that same amount of time reading scripture and praying
- Whenever you experience the desire to eat something, praise God for this time to nourish your soul through meditating upon His Word
- As the day progresses, and you feel hungrier and hungrier, praise God that this is a self-imposed fast, and offer prayers for those who endure hunger every day
- Spend the day in prayer and reading scripture
- Instead of eating, take that time to do something kind for someone else – send a card, make a phone call, pray for particular people, go visit them, help them around their home, etc...
- Spend time reading through the annual meeting packet and pray for discernment, both for yourself and for the congregation, as you cover the various items requiring action at the meeting

#### **Prayer Topics:**

- Discernment regarding the election of officers
- Vision for the coming year of ministry
- That many will come to worship, attend the meeting, and stay for the meal
- God's blessing our congregation with ways and means of evangelizing and discipling people

#### *Daniel 9:3*

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes."

# ministry happenings

## Mental Health Awareness:

cont.

Mental health may be seen as a continuum ranging from having good mental health to having mental disorders. A person may vary along this continuum at different points in his or her life. A person with good mental health will feel in control of their emotions, will have good cognitive functioning, and will have positive interactions with people around him or her. This state allows a person to perform well at work, in their studies, and in family and other social relationships.

A mental disorder or mental illness is a diagnosable illness that affects a person's thinking, emotional state, and behavior and disrupts the person's ability to work or carry out other daily activities and engage in satisfying personal relationships. Mental illnesses include depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, and others.

Approximately 1 in 4 adults experiences a mental health disorder in a given year. About 1 in 10 children lives with a serious mental or emotional disorder.

The local ADAMhs Board and the local chapter of NAMI provide resources and education for understanding and seeking help with mental illness. The ADAMhs Board is the four county board of Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services, which is located at T-761 State Route 66, across the road from Four County Career Center. Their phone number is 419-267-3355.

NAMI stands for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and there is a four county chapter of NAMI,

with information available at [www.namifourcounty.org](http://www.namifourcounty.org).

Further information is available on the welcome table outside the chapel, or you may contact Pastor Erich who has recently attended education events hosted by the ADAMhs Board and NAMI.

## small groups

### Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

#### 2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings - Seekers Small Group

6:00 - 8:00PM - Keith & Kelli Kuntz's,  
733 W. Leggett St., Wauseon

#### 2nd & 4th Monday Evenings - Couples Small Group

6:30 - 8:30PM - Youth Room

#### Monday Evenings - Sister Chicks INC (Begins Jan. 19)

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

#### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

#### Tuesday Afternoons - SYF Explore (Begins Jan. 6)

3:15 - 4:15PM - Youth Room

#### 1st & 3rd Wed. of Month - Men's Ministry Breakfast

6:15 - 7:15AM - The Home Restaurant, Archbold

#### Wednesday Mornings - Mom's In Prayer

8:30 - 9:30AM - Upstairs SS Classroom

#### 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

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

### Couples Small Group:

The couple's small group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month from 6:30-8:30PM in the youth room. We will continue to study through the gospel of Luke. Any couple interested in joining should contact Pastor Adam.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Duane Hayes
- 2 Josee Grime
- 3 Ruth Schmucker, Maurice & Ruth Schmucker
- 4 Ryan Christman
- 5 Mary Lou Nemire, Karen Schnitkey
- 6 Carolyn Walker
- 7 Wade Enderle, Beth Gobrogge, Jon Lindsay, Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman
- 8 Ralph Grieser
- 9 Amy Baden, Bodi Kauffman, Leah Hall, Jack & Joanne Spotts
- 10 Pauline Short
- 12 Tootie Beck, Tyson Bostelman
- 13 Cathy Nofziger, Stacy Rutledge, Len & Jean Stamm

- 14 Jace Bernath
- 16 Aaron Kauffman, Anna Yoder
- 17 Laura Bostelman, Trevor Neuenschwander, Jeff & Laura Bostelman
- 18 Ava Genter, John & Kathy Graber
- 21 Ann Fether
- 22 Ed Overmier, Kay Stamm
- 23 Alicia Buckenmeyer, Jim Grieser
- 24 Deb Rupp
- 26 Tim & Sue Grieser, Travis Gruenhagen, Pat Leupp, Verlene Lovejoy
- 28 Steve & Molly Knipp
- 29 Joan Lovejoy
- 30 Nate Meyer, Wayne Spiess

✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

# January 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Elder of the Month— Ed Ruffer Mission-A-Month— Emergency Clean Up Kits	9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal	6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:15PM Fellowship Comm. 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> OFFICE CLOSED	2 3:30PM Private Party (Chapel)	3 Depart for DR Mission Trip
4 <b>Epiphany</b>	5 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Financial Audit of Church Records	6 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal	7 Dominican Republic Mission Trip 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:15PM Fellowship Comm. 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	8	9	10
9:15AM Dad's of Daughters SS Class 1:00PM Take Down & Store Advent Decorations	11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Financial Audit of Church Records	9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal	6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:15PM Fellowship Comm. 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	3:30PM Private Party (Chapel)	3:30PM Private Party (Chapel)	Return from DR Mission Trip
11 <b>Annual Meeting</b> 9:30AM Worship 10:00AM Children's Ministry 11:15AM Congregational Mtg. 12:15PM Lunch (served by SYF) 6:00PM Seekers	12 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group	13 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal 6:00PM Cub Scouts Den Meeting 7:00PM Evangelism Committee 7:00PM Property Comm.	14 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:45PM Bells & Chimes 7:00PM Life Planning / SYF Remix 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	15 6:00PM Scouts District Meeting	16 Open Enrollment For Preschool Begins	17
18 9:15AM Dad's of Daughters SS Class 10:50AM Junior Church	19 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Consistory Orientation 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	20 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Evangelism Committee	21 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:45PM Bells & Chimes 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	22 5:30PM 3rd Grade Basketball	23	24
25 (10:30AM) <b>Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers</b> 9:15AM Dad's of Daughters SS Class 6:00PM Seekers	26 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Preschool Moms Night—T-Th AM 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Consistory 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	27 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal 6:00PM Preschool Moms Night—T-Th PM 7:00PM Cub Scouts Pack Committee Mtg.	28 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:45PM Bells & Chimes 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	29	30	31 9AM-3PM Private Party (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

# worship

## January Worship:

- Jan 4 .....New Year's Communion and Celebration of Epiphany  
 Sermon – "What Gift Can I Bring?"  
 Pastor Erich  
 Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan 11 ....Annual Meeting Sunday  
 Sermon – "In Praise of Faith"  
 Pastor Erich  
 Scriptures – Ps. 16:7-11, Hebrews 11:1-40  
 Chancel Choir – "Song of Joy"
- Jan 18 .....Sermon – "Called for What?"  
 Pastor Adam  
 Scriptures – 1 Cor. 12:12-13, Luke 6:12-23  
 Chancel Choir – "Climbin' Up the Mountain"
- Jan 25 .....(10:30) Service of Ordination and Installation for Officers  
 Sermon Theme of Stewardship  
 Sermon – "Automatic Payments"  
 Pastor Erich  
 Scriptures – 2 Cor. 9:6-8, Proverbs 3:5-10  
 Chancel Choir – "The Old Hundredth Psalm"

# consistory

## Capital Campaign Committee:

The committee will share a presentation at the annual meeting, updating the congregation on the status and progress of their plans.

## Annual Congregational Meeting – January 11th:

- 9:30AM Worship Service
- 10:00AM Children's Ministry (Kind. – 5th Grade)
- 11:15AM Annual Meeting
- 12:15PM Congregational Meal – Served by SYF

# housekeeping

## Lost and Found:

There is a blue bin under the coat rack at the handicap entrance on the east side of the building that is beginning to overflow with lost articles of clothing. We also are getting quite a large collection of food containers on the southwest counter in the kitchen. We encourage you to take a look at both of these areas to see if any of these items might be yours. Thank you.

## Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
12/7/14	330	\$ 11,307.07	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 4,892.72
12/14/14	264	\$ 6,719.07	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 304.72
12/21/14	315	\$ 11,953.11	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 5,538.76
12/28/14	257	\$ 13,027.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 6,612.65
Avg / Total	292	\$ 43,006.25	\$ 25,657.40	\$ 17,348.85
As of December 31, 2014		Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 366,490.53	\$ 357,222.93	\$ 9,267.60

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
12/7/14	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (465.70)
12/14/14	\$ 3,615.17	\$ 3,132.70	\$ 482.47
12/21/14	\$ 3,694.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ 561.30
12/28/14	\$ 15,982.95	\$ 3,132.70	\$ 12,850.25
Total	\$ 25,959.12	\$ 12,530.80	\$ 13,428.32



## College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	Name	Address	City	St	Zip	School
1	Bechstein, Tyler	Fulton St. East	Grand Rapids	MI	49503	Grand Valley State Univ
2	Buckenmeyer, Alicia	1018 St. Clair Ave.	Charlottesville	VA	22901	University of Virginia
3	Buckenmeyer, Eric	15 S. Shafer St.	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
4	Christman, Amy	Malone University Box #975	Canton	OH	44709	Malone University
5	Christman, Ryan	418 Clara Ave.	St. Louis	MO	63112	Washington U.
6	Fryman, Marli	400 Ditto St.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
7	Garza, Grace	417 N. Pointe Dr.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
8	Lehman, Jenny	Wittenberg Univ Box 3541	Springfield	OH	45501	Wittenberg University
9	Lindsay, Jennifer	Ashland University Box 1567	Ashland	OH	44805	Ashland University
10	Mann, Jeremy	1001 Bethel Circle	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
11	McCandless, Morgan	91 Wick Oval	Youngstown	OH	44502	Youngstown State Univ
12	Neuenschwander, Trevor	428 North Main St.	Ada	OH	45810	Ohio Northern Univ
13	Nofziger, Charlie	1247 E. Siena Dr.	Adrian	MI	49221	Siena Heights University
14	Nofziger, Delaney	Fulton House 104	Grand Rapids	MI	49506	Acquinas College
15	Rice, Dinah	4310 Ravine Center Dr.	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ
16	Schnitkey, Tyson	Marycrest Hall - Room 490	Dayton	OH	45401-8802	University of Dayton
17	Sears, Heather	58 E. Daniel St.	Champaign	IL	61820	University of Illinois
18	Short, Ashley	2065 Baker Hall East	Columbus	OH	43210	Ohio State University
19	Short, Olley	25515 Co Rd E	Archbold	OH	43502	Univ of NW Ohio
20	Smith, Kinsey	46 E. Green Dr.	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
21	Sonnenberg, Ellie	CPO 1359	Chicago	IL	60610	Moody Bible Institute
22	Walker, Collin		Toledo	OH		Univ of Toledo
23	Walker, Michael	700 College Ave.	Goshen	IN	46526	Goshen College
24	Walters, Monesi	1001 Bethel Circle	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
25	Winzeler, Bryce	4850 A Hollingbourne Dr.	Columbus	OH	43214	Law School
26	Zamudio, Mireya	202 Park St.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
27	Ducey, Kyle	10175 Park Meadows Dr.	Lone Tree	CO	80124	Navy
28	Capt. Jared Kuntz & Maria	3857B Moss Circle	Fort Sill	OK	73503	Army
29	Mr & Mrs Dennis LaPorte	107 Nebraska St.	Travis AFB	CA	94535	Air Force
30	Lesniak, Jacob LCpl	5901 Aztec Avenue	Twentynine Palms	CA	92277	Marines
30	Martinez, Braden	304th En Co	APO	AE	9354	Army (currently in Kuwait)
31	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave.	Groton	CT	6340	Coast Guard
31	Zimmerman, Koltin	Fort Jackson	Columbia	SC	29207	Army (basic training)

# January Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

1 Chosen and Called -----	Jeremiah 1:1-19	17 Good for Nothing -----	Jeremiah 13:1-17
2 Guilty as Charged -----	Jeremiah 2:1-22	18 Integrity -----	Psalms 10:1-8
3 The Great Divorce -----	Jeremiah 3:6-4:4	19 Silver Linings -----	Acts 20:1-12
4 A New Vantage Point -----	Psalms 99:1-9	20 Giving Our All -----	Acts 20:13-24
5 Grieving Aloud -----	Jeremiah 4:18-31	21 Letting Go and Letting God -----	Acts 20:25-38
6 A Call for Integrity -----	Jeremiah 5:1-13	22 Facing the Storm -----	Acts 21:1-16
7 Decadence and Decay -----	Jeremiah 5:14-31	23 Jumping Through Hoops -----	Acts 21:17-26
8 Enough! -----	Jeremiah 6:1-15	24 Closed -----	Acts 21:27-36
9 If Only They'd Listen! -----	Jeremiah 6:16-20	25 Ask God to Act -----	Psalms 102:1-28
10 Presuming on God -----	Jeremiah 7:1-20	26 The X Factor -----	Acts 21:37-22:5
11 All Joy -----	Psalms 100:1-5	27 Story Time -----	Acts 22:6-21
12 Going Backwards -----	Jeremiah 7:21-29	28 Paid in Full -----	Acts 22:22-29
13 Bearing the Load -----	Jeremiah 8:18-9:9	29 Words -----	Acts 22:30-23:11
14 What Do You Worship? -----	Jeremiah 10:1-25	30 Daring to Dare -----	Acts 23:12-22
15 From Covenant to Complaint -----	Jeremiah 11:1-23	31 Lead Me, Lord -----	Acts 23:23-35
16 Putting God on Trial -----	Jeremiah 12:1-17		

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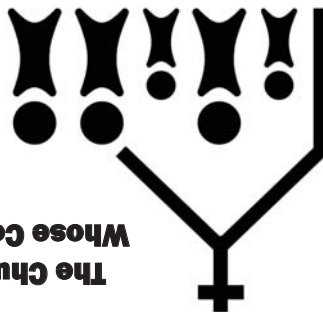
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Holy Communion:

New Year (1/4), Ash Wednesday (2/18), Maundy Thursday (4/2),  
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