

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Leaving Saturday morning, February 7th, for a week with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi are: Joan Burkholder, Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson, Jim and Betsy Redd, Nancy Storrer, Larry Auck, Don Geary and Erich Christman. Please pray for safe travels and that God would use their efforts as a blessing of hope and peace to the people they serve.
- Dencel Miller, who is home after a brief stay at UTMC.
- Ed Wyrick, who had a pacemaker installed on January 23rd at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as Bob starts treatment on February 9th for stage IV colon cancer.
- Jon Rupp, who is home recovering from knee replacement surgery on January 19th.
- Jan Martinez as she recovers from breaking a small bone in her foot on January 13th.
- Mike Henry as he recovers from breaking his ankle.
- Jr. Grime, who is home from UTMC.
- Bea Briggs, who continues to recover from cancer.
- Linda Rutledge as she continues to recover from foot surgery.
- Kreighton Sims, whose father, Greg Sims, continues to go through cancer treatments.
- Roger Roth, who began treatments for stage IV renal cancer on January 30th.
- Roger and Kay Merillat's granddaughter, Chloe Merillat, whose recent scans were good and she is scheduled to complete nine more chemo treatments.
- Mary Jo Britt, who returned to Fairlawn, Room #157, having been discharged from UTMC on January 19th.
- Robert Kuntz, who continues to rehab from knee replacement surgery at Fulton Manor.
- Dale VonDeylen continues to have positive steps of healing over the infection in his knee.
- Annie & Joel Foote, as Annie continues with trial chemo treatments.
- 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

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Family and Friends

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Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

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Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

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Martinez, Braden (Army) - Kuwait (new address)

304th En Co, 528 En Bn, APO, AE 09366
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

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 Haven, Room #157

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

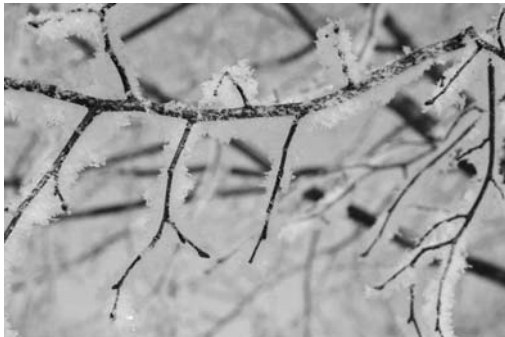
congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS to new members:

Gary Mann lives just east of the church at 21478 County Road C, with his wife Teresa. They have two adult children, Alyssa and Jeremy. Alyssa just graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a biology major, and Jeremy is a freshman nursing major at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Gary works at Sauder Manufacturing, sings in the chancel choir, attends the Family Focus Sunday school class, and recently completed the Alpha Course.

pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Adam . . .



In mid-January we experienced something called hoar frost. A really cool and beautiful frost caused by

supersaturated air combined with freezing temperatures. This frost attaches itself to all sorts of surfaces to form beautiful patterns and an overall "awe"some landscape. In our call to follow after Jesus, we can often see God's amazing creation and give him praise as a result. We offer praise to God for the wonders and beauty of his hands. One of the spiritual disciplines (a discipline is a tool in our faith tool belt that helps turn our attention to the Lord) that aide us in following Jesus is pondering and spending time in wonder of the nature around us. We see God's creation and then praise him for what he has made. We wonder because of God's "awe"some work.

Another aspect from the frost is a cautionary tale of a frozen heart and soul. From one season to another, our hearts and souls can sometimes lay victim to "frost." Maybe we've experienced a disappointment or setback in life that gives us a frost. Or maybe we've just been inattentive to our souls and over time from inactivity they have become a little frosty. So what's to be done?

Thankfully, the hoar frost doesn't last long. Once the sun comes out and shines its glorious rays upon the frozen landscape, the frost disappears. The same can be said with a small amount of "frost" on our hearts. We need a little "Son" each day. Jesus is the true light of the world. He warms and stirs our hearts. He takes our frozen limbs and uses them in his capable hands. Let's all spend some time in the warmth of the Son. May he shine glorious rays of light on each of our days.

Blessings,

ADAM

preschool corner

Registration for next fall is in full swing, and one class is already full! If you know anyone who has a child who will turn 3 by Aug. 1, 2015, let them know about our Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 6:30-8PM.

We hope you have enjoyed our winter artwork in the hallways! The children have been busy learning about God's winter artistry



Christmas Party Fun!!!

this past month. We started the month with a unit on 'weather,' followed by a two-week unit on 'winter,' then wrapped up the month talking about 'dinosaurs.'

We did a science experiment and learned about what makes ice melt (salt? vinegar? baking soda?). The children made predictions, then we talked about the results. Most of the children thought the vinegar would melt the ice faster, but the winner was salt! We also made a 'snowstorm in a jar' for the science area, with baby oil, paint, glitter and alka-seltzer, and the children had fun creating the snowstorm again and again. We learned about many types of weather, and made artwork to show off what we had learned. We brought real snow in from outside to play with in our sensory table. The children thought it was so funny that we could play with it indoors! The younger classes made puffy paint, and used it to make the snowmen in the hallway near the nursery. The older classes used many, many collage materials to construct their snowmen; check out the unique designs in the hallway! We read *Penguins to the Rescue* by Tony Mitton, and learned many interesting facts, as well as some new vocabulary words. Both classes participated in an interactive story, *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett. We also read another classic, *The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats. We talked about how Peter experienced his snowy day in the city, and how that differed from our experiences here in a small town.

Dinosaur week is always a popular time! We learned about different types of dinosaurs, what they eat, how big they are, and where they lived. We had plastic dinosaurs of all sizes in the sensory table and block area, and even got to do some excavating of 'dinosaur bones!' We learned about the sound of the letter 'Dd', and the older classes practiced writing it. One big question that often comes up during this week is, "Was Jesus there with the dinosaurs?????"

congregational news

cont.

Cheryl "Cherie" Shepard lives at 439 Clover Lane in Archbold. Cherie is a clinical therapist (early childhood) at Harbor, Toledo. Cherie has five grown children, Micah, Joshua, Jeanne and Caleb Burke, and Alanna Sindlinger. She has an interest in helping people through rough situations, helping those who need a lift or a helping hand. She enjoys walking, biking and "quiet time." Cherie attends the 8:00 service of worship.

Brian & Kris Short live at 273 Main Street in Pettisville. They have five children, including Sara Greek who is a freshman at Archbold High School, James Greek and Jake, Luke and Kelsey Short. Brian is a manager at Sauder Woodworking and Kris is a caregiver with Passionate Care. They enjoy worshipping at the 10:30 service. Their interests include camping, remodeling, old cars and NASCAR (Brian) and crafts (Kris)!

congregational thank you's

Dear Church Family,

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. Your love and support have gotten us through cancer treatments, the loss of my dear brother, and my day to day challenges. Words can't express what a blessing you all have been. God Bless You All!

In Christ's Love,
Annie J. Foote

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$749.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$505.17.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$810.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$2,869.
- Defiance YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$50.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$578.
- GCM (Matt/MaryLynn Pardi), for our gift of \$578.
- Pioneers (The Doriots), for our gift of \$110.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$620.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$2,960.



Dear Congregation of St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your support of the Friendship House this past year (2014). Without supports like you we could not show God's love and give a place of refuge to those who have no place to go. With your help we were able to give shelter to two families and a single lady this year.

We once again have a new house mom, Kaylene Eshenbrenner. Just when we need a new "house mom" God sent Kaylene. God has such a wonderful way of placing the right person in the right place at just the right time.

Thank you again for your generous gifts to the Friendship House.

Blessings to you,
Gloria Lauber, Friendship House



January 6, 2015

Our deepest thanks for your generous gifts over the past years. Gifts from friends and family like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue this mission. You have demonstrated your deep commitment to our work of helping people make more positive choices in their lives. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in the success of many less fortunate. We are inspired by your dedication!

Shepherd Circle
Nancy Rupp, Treasurer

February Mission-A-Month - 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 – Pancake mix (add water only) and syrup, instant potatoes, sugar, cake mixes, canned soups, toilet paper, cleaning products, feminine products

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.

Out of Box Experience:

With the FISH Pantry as our February Mission-A-Month, we are offering an Out of Box Experience! On Sunday, February 15th people are invited to gather in the chapel at 3PM to begin this adventure. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We'll divide into small groups, joining with people we don't yet know well so we can get better acquainted, and then groups will pool funds and go shopping for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we'll stock the shelves with the items just purchase. A mission/fellowship experience for the delight of all who participate!

mission corner cont.

2015 Mission Events::

- Back Bay Mission Trip – February 7 thru 14
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel & Meal – March 15
- Detroit Navigators Weekend Work Project – April 24 & 25
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel & Meal – May 17
- Summer Mission Trip – June 7 thru 12
- Youth Mission Trip – June 14 thru 19
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel & Meal – September 13
- Back Bay Mission Trip – October 10 thru 17
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel & Meal – November 15

2014 Foods Resource Bank (FRB) Bean Project:

The 2014 Bean Project in which SJCC participates is now complete. The harvest was very good, so FRB is celebrating the many mission projects that can be completed around the world. Marvin Fish serves as the project manager of the local growing project. St. John's supported the Bean Project with \$2,685 which, when added to other inputs, allowed the local project to send \$13,799 to FRB from 2014'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. In 2013, \$3.3 million was raised for growing projects.



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ministry happenings

Christian Education

LOGOS - Wednesday Evening Youth Program:

Our LOGOS program is back in full swing for 2015. Themes for February include: February 4th - Crazy Hat and Hair Night, February 11th - Jesus Loves Me Night, February 18th - Ash Wednesday Night, February 25th - Outer Space Night. Meal time begins at 6PM with Bible studies and other evening activities (JYF, SYF) following the meal. LOGOS evening wraps up at 8PM.

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

Our JYF invited parents to attend their January 21st meeting and shared their lesson and also played board games together.

On February 4th our JYF will join with the SYF and hear guest speaker Kelly King discuss the topic of Human Trafficking in Northwest Ohio and abroad. Parents are welcome to attend.

JYF will again be hosting a Child Care Night on Saturday, February 14th from 6-8:30PM. Supper will be included and fun activities for children ages nursery through 5th grade will be provided.

The JYF will be hosting a family movie night on Sunday, March 8th in the parish hall. A pizza supper will be served (free will offering) at 5:30PM with movie to start shortly after. New this year, the JYF will also be showing a matinee feature for younger children at 4PM in the parish hall.

Thank You:

The Senior Youth Fellowship would like to give the congregation a huge "THANK YOU!" for the generous support of their Spaghetti Lunch on Annual Meeting Sunday, January 11th.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

February is a fun month in SYF. We begin by preparing delicious subs for the SubSale on Feb. 1st. Each youth is asked to bring a dozen cookies for our sub boxes. On Feb. 4th we're having a special guest speaker to discuss the topic of human trafficking. SYF will combine with JYF on this night and begin earlier at 6:45PM in the Chapel; Feb. 11th topic is "Love and War"; Feb. 18th is the Ash Wednesday service and Feb. 25th is SYF Remix. And then on Saturday, Feb. 21st is the 8th 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.

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 this month.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Explore:

Each Tuesday after school youth are invited to join a small group exploring some of the more challenging questions and topics of our culture in deeper and more thorough ways. Upcoming topics include: Does God Exist? Is the Bible Reliable? Who is Jesus? What does God think of cussing? Why does God want my money? Just to name a few. This group will meet after school on Tuesdays in the youth room.

Life Planning – **Date Change:**

The next Life Planning time will be a regional gathering held at North Clinton Mennonite Church on February 25th at 7PM. Mentors and youth will have opportunity to hear from Brock Mealer and gather with other mentors and youth.

Bible Quiz Meet:

On Sunday, February 1st St. John's will host a Bible Quiz meet beginning at 2PM. Various areas of the church will be used, including the chapel, parish hall and sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School:

Our Adult Sunday School classes continue to meet and study together, and anyone searching for

an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth is welcome to start joining any class. Currently, the following classes are meeting in these locations: Forerunners – Fireside Room, Family Focus – Parlor, Women's Class – Upstairs Classroom, and Adult Forum – Upstairs Classroom next to the SYF Room.

Confirmation Review for Adults – Sunday School Hour February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd:

Participants in Confirmation Review will explore several of the faith and history topics that our 7th and 8th graders experience in Confirmation. Designed for adults who went through their own confirmation experience a few years ago, or many years ago, or whose faith background didn't include such an experience, or for parents of current or upcoming 7th and 8th graders. Offered during the 9:15AM Sunday school hour on the four Sundays in February. Topics will include: OT and NT Review, Church History and Time Line, Creeds and Beliefs, Church Seasons and Holy Days, History and Ministry of St. John's, and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Please sign up for this four week course so we can determine the best room location!

Events / Activities

Hymn Sing at Fairlawn:

St. John's is responsible for the Hymn Sing at Fairlawn on Sunday, February 8th at 6:30PM. Contact Elaine Winzeler (419-446-2200) if you are available.

Fellowship Committee – All Church Potluck:

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an all church potluck on Sunday, February 15th after 10:30 worship. Bring a dish and share in a time of great fellowship and fun in the parish hall.

Men's Breakfast:

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.

Man Camp:

Steaks, bacon, hatchets, and fire. Need we say more? Be on the lookout for this great weekend coming on March 20-22nd. 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.



ministry happenings

Men's Breakfast: cont.

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 February, we will continue to look at the gospel of John. This is open to all men in the church.

College Scholarships Available – Completed Applications Due by March 1st:

St. John's Christian Church offers and administers four scholarships, three of which are described below. The fourth scholarship is available for students attending seminary.

1. The Springer Scholarship - established in memory of Helen Springer by her husband, David; with an award of \$1000 available each year; to a student from St. John's enrolled in Seminary, Pre-seminary or Christian Education studies; if more than one student is enrolled in one of these programs, the \$1000 will be divided evenly; if there are no students in any of these programs of study in a given school year, the \$1000 will be divided evenly amongst any Education Majors who are members of St. John's.
2. The Nursing Scholarship - established through the estate of Orpha Mull; \$600 available each year for not more than four years to any one student; to a nursing student of any age who is a member of St. John's and who attends an accredited post-secondary school; if more than one student is enrolled in a nursing program at one time, the \$600 will be divided equally among all students who fulfill the scholarship requirements; must be a full-time student in one of the following programs: Basic LPN (one year), Associate Degree RN (two years), Bachelor Degree RN (four years).
3. The College Scholarship - College scholarships will be awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are attending college. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time traditional and non-traditional students.

Scholarship applications are available through the church office or on the website – look under the Media tab. Completed applications must be returned to the church office by March 1st in the year of application.

Annual St. John's Walleye Hockey Outing:

This year's outing to a Walleye Hockey game has been scheduled for Sunday, March 1st. The puck drops at 5:15PM and tickets are \$13 each (sign up

on the bulletin board and pay your ticket fees in the church office by noon on February 15th). Theme for the evening is Pink in the Rink - pink ice and pink jerseys!! If enough people are interested, we will plan to take the church bus.

Fulton County Senior Center – Archbold Location:

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 Rauhley Park Scout Cabin, with a lunch served at noon. Lunch reservations need to be made in advance – information can be learned by calling 419-337-9299.

Each Monday morning, Pastor Erich leads a Bible study from 10:30 to 11:00, which is then followed by a scheduled program at 11:00.

Mental Health Awareness:

Mental health may be seen as a continuum ranging from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is offering the following free programs:

NAMI Basics – a free course about fundamental information for dealing with your child or teenager's emotional, behavioral or mental health issues. Starting on Saturday morning, April 11 and continuing through Saturday, May 16; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the Four County ADAMhs Board office, at T-761 State Route 66 south of Archbold, across from Four County Career Center. Informational brochures and registration form is available on the table outside the chapel. Pastor Erich attended this course last spring and found it very, very educational and helpful.

NAMI Family-to-Family Course – free education and support for families who have relatives with brain disorders (mental illness). The winter/spring 2015 class will be held on Thursday, February 5th from 6-8:30PM at Sherwood State Bank, 400. W. Third Street. Call 419-636-0148 and speak to Barb or Gary Arnos to register.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” *Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)*

small groups

- Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:**
2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings - Seekers Small Group
6:00 - 8:00PM - Kuntz's, 733 W Leggett St, Wauseon
1st Sunday Evening - Sundays at Sara's Small Group
7:00 - 8:00PM - Sara Just, 501 Vine St., Archbold
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

St. John's Christian Church Leadership:

- Congregation President.....Jeff Rutledge
Congregation Vice-President Jim Redd
Congregation Secretary.....Betsy Redd
EldersAnn Grime, Kim Hines, Jan Lindsay,
Paige Miller, Jim Redd, Ed Ruffer
Deacons/Deaconesses Amy Baden,
Jim Grieser, Tom Hines, Nate Meyer,
Brad Roth, David Stuckey, Greg Walker,
Bruce Wooley, Justin Yoder
Church Treasurer..... Roger Miller
Custodians.....Dean Buckenmeyer, Nick Rice
Security Person Richard Spiess
Christian Preschool Staff Sue MacDonald,
Joan Burkholder
Administrative Assistant..... Sue Grieser
Director of Music Ministry Deb Schnitkey
Director of Christian Education..... Jenna Storrer
Associate Pastor Rev. Adam Just
Pastor.....Rev. Erich Christman

housekeeping

Lost and Found:

There is a blue bin under the coat rack at the accessible entrance on the east side of the building that is beginning to overflow with lost articles of hats, coats, shirts, mugs, etc. We also have a collection of food containers on the southwest counter in the kitchen. We encourage you to take a look at both areas to see if any of these items might be yours. Items not claimed within the next couple of weeks will either be donated to Care N Share or discarded.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 Jason Pursel, Irene Short
- 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay
- 12 Vern & Mary Lou Nemire
- 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

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

February 2015

8:00AM Worship
 9:15AM SS/FV/Conf

Elder of the Month—Kim Hines
 Mission-A-Month—FISH Food Pantry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Souper Bowl of Caring SYF Super Bowl Sub Delv. 9:15AM Adult Confirmation Rev. 10:30AM Bells & Chimes Play 11:00AM Pastor Adam/Fairlawn 12:00PM Preschool Open House 2:00PM Host Bible Quiz Meet 5:00PM Seekers (Kuntz's) 7:00PM Sunday at Sara's	2 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	3 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal 6:00PM Preschool Open House (Public) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	4 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9AM-9PM Fairlawn Aux. Quilt 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 6:45PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	5 7:15PM Mission Comm.	6	7 Depart for Back Bay Mission Trip 6PM Dads & Daughters Dessert
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Back Bay Mission Trip - Biloxi, MS						
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15 9:15AM Adult Confirmation Rev. 10:50AM Junior Church 11:45AM All Church Valentine's Day Potluck 3:00PM Out of Box Experience 5:00PM God's Not Dead Movie	16 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC 7:30PM Consistory	17 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 4:30PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM Ash Wed Service 7:00PM SYF 8:00PM Chancel Choir Reh.	19	20	21 SYF Winter Retreat 3:30PM Setup for Banquet 6-8:30PM Cub Scouts Blue N Gold Banquet
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Stewardship Sermon Series:

As we gear up for our Capital Campaign, let us worship and celebrate God's faithfulness in our congregation's efforts of ministry. One such effort is our stewardship of God's resources, which will serve as the basis for a four week sermon series, which started on January 25th. We'll explore many of the facets of biblical stewardship — how we understand and care for our God given blessings of faith, time, energy, service and yes, finances!

January 25th — "God Owns It All" based on Daniel 4

February 1st — "Automatic Payments" with lessons from Proverbs 3:5-10 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

February 8th — "Positioned for Ministry" drawing upon Psalm 112 and Proverbs 11:23-25

February 15th — "Investing Your Life" with lessons from Matthew 6:19-21 and Matthew 25:14-30.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th:

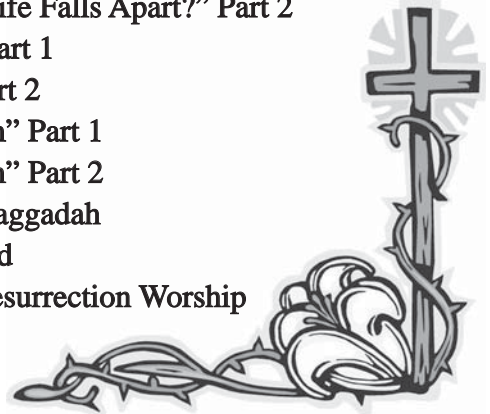
The focus of our Lenten worship will be drawn from the movie, “God’s Not Dead.” The basis of the movie asks the question: How far would you go...to defend your belief in God? The movie is about present-day college freshman and devout Christian, Josh Wheaton, who finds his faith challenged on his first day of Philosophy class by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson. Radisson begins class by informing students that they will need to disavow, in writing, the existence of God on that first day, or face a failing grade. As other students in the class begin scribbling the words “God Is Dead” on pieces of paper as instructed, Josh finds himself at a crossroads, having to choose between his faith and his future. Josh offers a nervous refusal, provoking an irate reaction from his smug professor. Radisson assigns him a daunting task: if Josh will not admit that “God Is Dead,” he must prove God’s existence by presenting well-researched, intellectual arguments and evidence over the course of the semester, and engage Radisson in a head-to-head debate in front of the class. If Josh fails to convince his classmates of God’s existence, he will fail the course and hinder his lofty academic goals. With almost no one in his corner, Josh wonders if he can really fight for what he believes. Can he actually prove the existence of God? Wouldn’t it just be easier just to write “God Is Dead” and put the whole incident behind him? “God’s Not Dead” weaves together multiple stories of faith, doubt and disbelief, culminating in a dramatic call to action. The film will educate, entertain, and inspire moviegoers to explore what they really believe about God, igniting important conversations and life-changing decisions.

A special showing of the movie will be offered at 5PM on Sunday, February 15th, in the sanctuary.

Lenten Worship:

Ash Wednesday, February 18th – 7:00PM – A service of confession, repentance and forgiveness, with the observance of the Sacrament of Communion.

- 1st Sunday of Lent – February 22nd “Where is God When Life Falls Apart?” Part 1
- 2nd Sunday of Lent – March 1st “Where is God When Life Falls Apart?” Part 2
- 3rd Sunday of Lent – March 8th “Is Our Faith Blind?” Part 1
- 4th Sunday of Lent – March 15th “Is Our Faith Blind? Part 2
- 5th Sunday of Lent – March 22nd “Welcoming Skepticism” Part 1
- Palm Sunday – March 29th “Welcoming Skepticism” Part 2
- Maundy Thursday – April 2nd Celebrate Passover – Haggadah
- Good Friday – April 3rd The Passion of Our Lord
- Easter Sunday – April 5th Sunrise Worship and Resurrection Worship



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Online Giving Details:

We have been offering an online giving option for a few years now, set up through F & M Bank and accessible through our web site (www.stjohnsarchbold.org). To set up an online giving account, all you need to do is contact the church office for an online giving number. Once you have obtained that, setting up your account through the link on our web site is quick and easy. Ever get to worship and forget your giving envelope, or your checkbook, or both? No worries with the convenience of online giving literally at your fingertips 24 hours a day.

Transactions can be handled through any banking institution’s savings or checking account (no credit card transactions), and there are no other fees associated with online giving transactions. You can set up your account to transfer payments automatically (weekly, monthly, bimonthly, etc.), manually or both. We have 5 “buckets” on the online portal (current, benevolent, capital improvement, legacy and mission-a-month), but you can still direct your giving to specific funds (i.e. benevolent funds to The Aroles, Back Bay Mission, The Franks, etc., or your legacy funds to the new Building Fund) by e-mailing or calling Sue Grieser with date of your transaction and details on where you want the funds designated. For more information or if further questions, feel free to contact Sue anytime during regular office hours (8AM - 5PM weekdays).

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Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
1/4/15	248	\$ 4,467.41	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (2,085.88)
1/11/15	205	\$ 4,974.11	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (1,579.18)
1/18/15	257	\$ 6,133.11	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (420.18)
1/25/15	276	\$ 5,237.57	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (1,315.72)
Avg / Total	247	\$ 20,812.20	\$ 26,213.16	\$ (5,400.96)
As of January 28, 2015		Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 21,408.17	\$ 25,820.33	\$ (4,412.16)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
1/4/15	\$ 1,682.30	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,308.09)
1/11/15	\$ 1,819.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,171.39)
1/18/15	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,191.39)
1/25/15	\$ 2,051.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (939.39)
Total	\$ 7,351.30	\$ 11,961.56	\$ (4,610.26)

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Report from Annual Congregational Meeting:

The 2015 Congregational Annual Meeting was held on January 11th, following a 9:30 service of worship. Approval was given to the 2014 financial reports and the 2015 proposal budgets. Elected as officers were: Jeff Rutledge, congregation president; Betsy Redd, congregation secretary; Ann Grime and Paige Miller, elders; Amy Baden, deaconess; and Nate Meyer and David Stuckey as deacons.

The proposed construction of a storage building was approved. The pole barn structure will be located east of the concrete parking lot. Scott Short has volunteered to oversee this project, utilizing some of his construction crew and his liability insurance. People of the congregation will be needed to assist in the completion of this project. The estimated cost for materials and labor not to exceed \$85,000 will be drawn from funds in the Legacy Fund. Specifications of the structure include:

1. 60 feet wide and 64 feet long, of pole barn construction
2. Two tone metal siding, color to blend with the color of the exterior stone of the church building
3. Metal roof over wood sheeting
4. Two 12 foot x 14 foot insulated overhead doors
5. One 3 foot service door
6. 12 inch overhang along entire roof and eave perimeter, with eaves trough
7. Clear span trusses for total floor use
8. 6 inch concrete floor
9. Wired for lights and outlets
10. Structure would not be heated, but insulation and heat could be added later
11. Plumbed for possible future addition of water line
12. Plumbed for waste and storm water drainage

Be watching for further information, such as construction dates!

The annual meeting closed with Joyce Kinsman and John Beck sharing a presentation from the Capital Campaign Committee. Kick Off Sunday for the Capital Campaign is scheduled for April 12th.

College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	Name	Address	City	St	Zip	School
1	Bechstein, Tyler	Fulton St. East Apt. 393	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. Unit #1404	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
4	Christman, Amy	Malone University Box #975 2600 Cleveland Ave NW	Canton	OH	44709	Malone University
5	Christman, Ryan	418 Clara Ave. Apt. 4	St. Louis	MO	63112	Washington University
6	Fryman, Marli	400 Ditto St.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC
7	Garza, Grace	417 N. Pointe Dr.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC
8	Lehman, Jenny	Wittenberg Univ Box 3541 734 Woodlawn Ave	Springfield	OH	45501	Wittenberg University
9	Lindsay, Jennifer	Ashland University Box 1567 401 College Ave	Ashland	OH	44805	Ashland University
10	Mann, Jeremy	1001 Bethel Circle Oakwood 204	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
11	McCandless, Morgan	91 Wick Oval Apt. 1308B	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. Mailbox #306	Adrian	MI	49221	Siena Heights University
14	Nofziger, Delaney	Fulton House 104 1607 Robinson Rd. S.E.	Grand Rapids	MI	49506	Acquinas College
15	Rice, Dinah	4310 Ravine Center Dr. Apt. A-6	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ
16	Schnitkey, Tyson	Marycrest Hall - Room 490 P. O. Box 8802	Dayton	OH	45401-8802	University of Dayton
17	Sears, Heather	58 E. Daniel St. Apt A4	Champaign	IL	61820	University of Illinois
18	Short, Ashley	2065 Baker Hall East 93 W. 12th Ave.	Columbus	OH	43210	Ohio State University
19	Short, Olley	25515 Co Rd E Archbold	Archbold	OH	43502	Univ of NW Ohio
20	Smith, Kinsey	46 E. Green Dr. 279 Jefferson Hall	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
21	Sonnenberg, Ellie	CPO 1359 P. O. Box 10060	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 Shupe 106	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
24	Winzeler, Bryce	4850 A Hollingbourne Dr.	Columbus	OH	43214	Law School
25	Zamudio, Mireya	202 Park St.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC
25	Ducey, Kyle	10175 Park Meadows Dr. #5-326	Lone Tree	CO	80124	Navy
26	Capt. Jared Kuntz & Maria	3857B Moss Circle	Fort Sill	OK	73503	Army
26	Mr & Mrs Dennis LaPorte	107 Nebraska St.	Travis AFB	CA	94535	Air Force
27	Lesniak, Jacob LCpl	5901 Aztec Avenue Apt. 159	Twentynine Palms	CA	92277	Marines
27	Martinez, Braden	304th En Co 528th En Bn	APO	AE	09366	Army (currently in Kuwait)
28	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave.	Groton	CT	06340	Coast Guard
28	Zimmerman, Koltin	Fort Jackson	Columbia	SC	29207	Army (basic training)

February Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Forget Not His Benefits ----- Psalm 103:1-22 | 15 Declare His Wonders ----- Psalm 105:1-45 |
| 2 Happiness Is . . . ----- Matthew 5:1-12 | 16 Access All Areas ----- Matthew 8:28-34 |
| 3 Agents For Change ----- Matthew 5:13-20 | 17 X-Ray Power ----- Matthew 9:1-8 |
| 4 Straight to the Heart ----- Matthew 5:21-32 | 18 "Shady" Friends ----- Matthew 9:9-13 |
| 5 Breaking the Mold ----- Matthew 5:33-48 | 19 The Reason for the Party! ----- Matthew 9:14-17 |
| 6 Secrets ----- Matthew 6:1-15 | 20 Fully Restored ----- Matthew 9:18-26 |
| 7 Healthy Living ----- Matthew 6:16-34 | 21 One Size Does Not Fit All ----- Matthew 9:27-34 |
| 8 Who Do You See? ----- Psalm 104:1-35 | 22 Learning From History ----- Psalm 106:1-48 |
| 9 A Generous Spirit ----- Matthew 7:1-12 | 23 Mission Impossible ----- Matthew 9:35-10:16 |
| 10 Get Real! ----- Matthew 7:13-23 | 24 Fear Not! ----- Matthew 10:17-31 |
| 11 Do It! ----- Matthew 7:24-29 | 25 All or Nothing ----- Matthew 10:32-42 |
| 12 Can He? Will He? ----- Matthew 8:1-13 | 26 Any Questions? ----- Matthew 11:1-19 |
| 13 Where You Go, I will Go ----- Matthew 8:14-22 | 27 Born to Be Free ----- Matthew 11:20-30 |
| 14 Look Who's in the Boat! ----- Matthew 8:23-27 | 28 You Can't Do That! ----- Matthew 12:1-14 |

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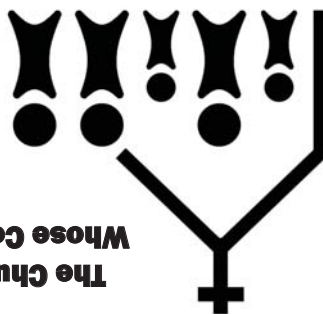
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 Sunday School 9:15AM



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Whose Cornerstone Is Christ

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Holy Communion:

New Year (1/4), Ash Wednesday (2/18), Maundy Thursday (4/2),
 Pentecost (5/25), Mid-Summer (7/19), 1st Sunday in October (10/4),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/29)

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