

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Ken Nafziger, who is home after a brief stay at UTMC.
- Carol Robinson, who attends our Tuesday morning Bible Study, and is recovering from April 25th heart surgery.
- Don Smith, who is in Fairlawn's Therapy Unit recovering from bronchitis.
- Audrey Smith, who is in Fairlawn's Therapy Unit (Rm. #2) recovering from hip surgery.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who is recovering from a fracture of the hip socket.
- Nancy Storrer, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who is undergoing chemo treatments.
- Dale VonDeylen who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on April 24th.
- Mike Henry, who is recovering from liver transplant surgery.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as Bob undergoes treatments for stage IV colon cancer.
- Bea Briggs, who continues to recover from cancer.
- Roger Roth, who is undergoing treatments for stage IV renal cancer.
- Kreighton Sims, whose father, Greg Sims, continues to go through cancer treatments.
- Roger and Kay Merillat's granddaughter, Chloe Merillat, who continues with chemo treatments.
- Annie and Joel Foote, as Annie continues to receive target 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

Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

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

Martinez, Braden (Army Reserves) now home

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 Lee, Virginia

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Family and Friends

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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 #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

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS - We celebrate with Mike and Sarah Overmier the birth of their son, Wyatt James on March 30th. Wyatt weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz. and was 22" long. Wyatt has a 3 year old brother, Kane, and his grandparents include Bill and Judy Overmier. Wyatt's great-grandmother is Velma Overmier.



CONGRATULATIONS - We celebrate with Chris and Amy Baden the birth of their son, William Christopher on April 9th. William weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 21" long. William has a 3 year old brother, Carson, and his grandfather is Joel Wanemacher.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Smith and Chelsi Keegan, who were married on April 18th in St. John's Chapel of the Cross. Ryan's parents are Dean and Lisa Smith, and his grandparents include Don and Audrey Smith.

pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

"Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3

Worship is one way in which we acknowledge the Lord. For the nation of Israel, in the time of Hosea the prophet, such acknowledgement was not happening as they were unrepentant, living and doing as they desired without any real regard for God.

Though the Israelites were turning away from God, Hosea assures them that like the rising sun, like the winter and spring rains that come, so the Lord comes to us – in faithfulness, providing for our needs. Our response to God's presence, to God's care, should be one of acknowledging God. In our worship, in both our corporate worship on Sunday mornings and in our daily personal worship, may we always acknowledge the greatness, the splendor, the majesty, the presence, the love and the grace of God.

In the life of SJCC, the month of May promises to be an amazing time of acknowledging God. On two separate Sunday's we celebrate the faith journey of our ten second year confirmands – on May 3rd they led us in worship as they shared their faith presentations with the congregation, and on May 17th they will profess their faith through the Rite of Confirmation.

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 24th, celebrating the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the early Christian Church. It's a day to acknowledge how God fulfilled the promise made by Jesus in John 14, when he promised the coming of the Counselor, the Holy Spirit of God.

May will end with our annual recognition of our graduates on the 31st; when we applaud their achievements, recognize their presence in our congregational family, and pray God's direction, strength and grace over them.

Each time a child is dedicated, baptized or confirmed, the congregation is asked to pledge their support, through Christian example and love. May provides several opportunities for us to love our children and youth, moving us to acknowledge God in our worship of him. I invite you to share in these times of worship, and for those unable to attend, remember that Pause for Praise airs the previous Sunday's service at 8:30am on 96.1 WMTR.

ERICH

preschool corner

We hope all of you had an enjoyable Easter, as you celebrated Christ's resurrection! After spring break, we jumped right into learning about all the changes spring brings! On the first nice, warm day, we took a nature walk and looked for signs of spring, such as buds on trees, flowers, birds and their nests, worms, ants and sunshine!! We also talked about the life cycles of caterpillars/butterflies and tadpoles/frogs. Our Bible verse for April was "The earth is the Lord's." Psalm 24:1. We are so proud of the children for memorizing Bible verses each month! They feel so good about themselves when they can remember and recite the verse each day!

On April 8th and 9th, we celebrated Grandparents' Day with each class. The children had a wonderful time, and it was so nice to host the people who mean so much to our children! The grandparents started off in the chapel listening to a few songs and a story, and spent the majority of the time in the parish hall, rotating among several activities. Our time together concluded with a snack. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped set up and tear down the parish hall during those days.

During the second and third weeks of the month, we focused on "transportation." It sounds so simple, but the children had so much fun pretending to ride a bus in the dramatic play area. Of course, cell phones, diaper bags and babies also found their way onto the bus! The following week, we tried something new and turned that area into an airport. We learned about parts of an airplane and the jobs people have at airports. We had boats and water in the sensory table one week, then sand, cars and sand combs the next. In art, we made transportation collages, sponge painted trains, and made airplane pictures.

We closed out the month with our "farm" theme. We revisited some of the great animals/nature that God created for us to enjoy. We read The Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown, and even had a visit from real live goats (Thank You, Meyer family!!!)

In closing, we would just like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, donations and assistance we receive each year from our church family. It is truly a blessing to have such a caring congregation!!



Sue MacDonald
Director



Joan Burkholder
Aide

congregational news

cont.

CONGRATULATIONS - We celebrate with Adam and Sara Just in Ruhama's dedication at our 10:30 worship service on April 19th. Ru's older siblings include Samuel, Joanna and Nathan. Ru's grandparents are Greg and Jean Just, and Don and Joan Fothergill. The Justs are also incredibly grateful for the love and support of their church family and friends.



CONGRATULATIONS - We celebrate with Eric and Anna Yoder the birth of their son, Finn Arthur on April 21st. Finn weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20" long. Finn's grandparents include Dale and Sharon VonDeylen.



CONGRATULATIONS to Brandon Lehman and Nicole Hudson, who were married at the home of Wayne and Lynn Lehman by Pastor Adam on Saturday, May 2nd.

congregational thank you's

We would like to say "thank you" to you, our church family, for all your prayers, visits, meals and transportation. A special "thank you" to Dustin Nofziger for all the help he gives us every day. May God bless you all, and let's remember ... God IS Good!

Dale & Sharon VonDeylen



St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for letting us use your gym and kitchen for our Spring Break Lock-in! We had a great day and did all sorts of projects to earn our bug badge.

Girl Scout Troops #11081 & 11082

Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, visits, and for Pastor Erich's visit. Words can hardly express my appreciation.

Rosemarie Schmidt



Thank you for all your prayers, visits, concerns, calls and cards during my recent days of illness, diagnosis and recovery. Again, I'm thankful for God's guidance, grace and healing hand. His blessings during our recent move and associated matters have been overwhelming

Edwin Wyrick



I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee along with the entire church family for my scholarship award for next year. This money will be put to good use during my senior year at Grand Valley State University. Thanks for your continued prayers and support.

Dinah Rice

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$145.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$296.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$550.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$76.
- Defiance YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$20.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$150.
- Mighty in the Land Ministry (Robert Rogers), for our gift of \$500.
- TEAM (Mackenzie Nofziger), for our gift of \$50.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$125.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$537.



April 7, 2015

Thank you, Pastor Erich, and all of St. John's Mission Board for this immense gift. I'm grateful (and humbled) to you beyond words.

Blessed Easter to you all,
Robert Rogers, Mighty in the Land Ministry



2015 Mission Events:

- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission –
Chapel and Meal - Sunday, May 17
- Summer Mission Trip – June 7 thru 12
- Youth Mission Trip – June 14 thru 19
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission –
Chapel and Meal - Sunday, September 13
- Cherry Street Ministry Fall Banquet – September 24
- Back Bay Mission Trip – October 10 thru 17
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission –
Chapel and Meal - Sunday, November 15
- Christmas Cheer Hospitality – December 9

mission corner cont.

April 10th E-mail from Mackenzie Nofziger:

Christ is risen! I know Easter has passed, but I don't think we can proclaim that truth enough. It has been a sweet experience to celebrate the good news with my students and my church family. As I reflected on Easter, I was reminded of the contrast of where I am. Bangkok is known as the city of angels, but what most don't know is that it is the city of dark angels. But even in this city of darkness, the light of Christ is still stronger. Because of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, I can rest assured that my God is victorious.

Many things have happened in the past month and a half. I have been busy with school and have even been taking some Thai lessons. I still don't know it very well, but I am gaining a few words here and there. One event that I helped at school with was the grade 5 and 6 lock in. This happened over a Friday night and Saturday morning in March. The theme of the lock in was being divergent (taken from the Divergent film series). Over and over it was emphasized to students that being a Christ follower sometimes means going against what is popular, but that God is always with us. Part of the time we played crazy and ridiculous games with the students. We also had a time of worship where students heard just how much God loved them and where myself and other teachers were able to pray for them.

During the last couple weeks of my devotional time with students before break, I have been teaching them something called the 7 gospel truths. I learned this from summer project with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). They are: 1) I am fully accepted by God. 2) I am completely loved by God. 3) I have nothing to prove. 4) I am free to make mistakes. 5) I have nothing to lose. 6) I have nothing to fear. 7) I have nothing to hide. Each morning we would go over one of these truths and read a verse that went with it. In addition to morning devotionals, I have also been able to talk about faith with my students during extra times. On Good Friday, we were able to watch Chronicles of Narnia. The movie is a great illustration of Jesus's sacrifice. Afterwards, we talked about the movie and connected the dots on how it shows the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. I could see it in their faces that they were able to understand a little bit more that day what Christ's sacrifice means for them. It is awesome to see how the faith of my students is growing. These devotional and extra times are such a blessing and great reminder to have the childlike faith of my students.

I am still volunteering with the organization that helps women in prostitution when I can. One new

thing they are doing is a "Beauty Shop" idea. On Friday afternoons before the women go out to work, they hold a beauty shop where the women can get their hair, nails, and make-up done. I have been able to help with a couple of them and it has been humbling. I did the same woman's nails both times and both times she was gracious. Painting nails are definitely not my gift, but she loved them anyway. One time I was even able to paint her toes, all the while she was apologizing for how dirty her feet were. It was a beautiful, beautiful picture of what it means to be a servant and to see Jesus in others.

God is ALWAYS good and will never stop being faithful. I am so glad that I serve that God.

Mackenzie Nofziger



This is a picture of my students during the Songkran celebration (Thai New Year) at school. Students are in Thai traditional dress and Songkran shirts (flowered shirts). We had a 2 week break from school for this holiday.

May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street Mission & Sparrow's Nest:

Since 1947 Cherry Street Mission Ministries has served homeless and low-income individuals in the Toledo area. The doors are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other vital services including literacy and vocational training, resource networking and job readiness assistance. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

The Men's Division is able to serve 110 men each night, providing them with food, clothing, shelter, daily chapel services and weekly medical attention, as well as information and referrals to agencies that provide a wide range of services.

The Sparrow's Nest is Cherry Street Mission's Women's Division, which provides safe emergency shelter for women. The Sparrow's Nest reopened in January 2005, with expanded sleeping and dining areas for 52 women per night.

Cherry Street serves men and women every day to help meet their most basic need of eating a balanced

meal. Cherry Street gratefully accepts financial donations and gift-in-kind donations (anything donated that is not cash). More information about this Mission-A-Month can be found online at www.cherrystreetmission.org.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with "May M-A-M (mission-a-month) or by dropping off donated items in the white box across from the chapel.

Nepal Disaster:

May our thoughts and prayers be with the people of Nepal and neighboring countries after April 25th's magnitude 7.8 earthquake and the aftershocks that followed. The death toll is staggering as a result of the quake. How can we help? How can we respond? Please pray for all those affected by the quake and for those who are anxious about the future. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, their homes and their businesses. Pray that God will provide peace in the hearts of those who are hurting and assurance that people around the world will respond with great compassion and generosity. In addition to prayer, people can respond by sharing monetary donations to relief efforts. Donations can be given through St. John's - we will forward all such designated donations to Church World Service for their disaster response efforts.

Summer Mission Trip:

Located approximately 2 ½ hours west of Archbold, Tower Hills rests on the shore of Lake Michigan in the dunes region of western Michigan. Volunteers will lodge and work at Tower Hill this year. Mike Meyer and Pastor Erich recently met with the camp director to review projects for the week, which include:

1. Replacing a total of five doors and up to six windows in three buildings
2. Correcting some rain water drainage issues behind two buildings
3. Replacing a garage roof
4. Repairing a program building roof
5. Assisting another church work group with deck construction

Details for the week are as follows:

- Trip Leaders/Recruiters – Mike Meyer, Greg Walker, Kelly Ducey
- Departure – the group will leave from the church mid to late afternoon on Sunday, June 7th, arriving at Tower Hill after stopping for dinner at a local restaurant.
- Lodging – in the comfortable St. Philippus Retreat

Center at Tower Hill, which has a mix of single and multiple bedrooms, several bathrooms, a well equipped kitchen, comfortable gathering room and air conditioning throughout.

- Meals will be enjoyed in the camp's dining hall, with the group eating out one evening.
- Return – the group will leave the camp following Friday's lunch and will return to the church mid to late afternoon.
- Cost – the anticipated cost will be about \$125, which will include transportation, lodging and camp meals.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board – sign up soon in case we need to reserve more space!

Missionary News and Contact Information:

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Jon & Rachel Doriot - Pioneers, Papua

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Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand

Teaching @ Bangkok International Christian School

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ministry happenings

2015

VBS



Christian Education

2015 Vacation Bible School (VBS): Everest!

Get ready to embark on an icy expedition! During Everest VBS, we are going to learn rock-solid Bible truths that will help us overcome obstacles with God's mighty power!

When is VBS? The evenings of Sunday, July 12th thru Thursday, July 16th, from 6:00-8:30PM.

How can I get involved? We are looking for energetic, compassionate adults to participate in VBS, too! If you want to be involved, there are plenty of roles and opportunities to fill for people of all gifts and talents. You can serve as a Climbing Crew Leader, an Arctic Arts leader (crafts), an Imagination Station crew member, a Kid Vid Cinema leader, a Glacier Games leader, a member of the Mountaintop Treats team, or a Preschool Peak leader!

How do I register my children? Online registration is now OPEN – check it out on our Facebook page. Registration forms are available on a table in the Chapel narthex!

What ages do my children need to be to participate in VBS? Children must be four years old to participate in Vacation Bible School, up through children who just completed the 6th grade during the 2014-2015 school year.

Who do I contact if I would like more information? You can contact VBS Director Stacy Rutledge, VBS Assistant Director Sarah Nafziger, or Jenna Storrer (jennastorrer1@gmail.com).

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

May is the final month of SYF for this school year, and we're finishing with a bang! May's calendar: May 6th – Relationships; May 13th – Life Planning / SYF Remix; May 20th – Senior Awards / Senior Lip Sync Battle; May 27th – Final SYF / Food Fight.

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, Tennessee with Group's Week of Hope. We have partnered with Group Week of Hope for four

other trips (2010 – Indianapolis; 2011 – Bay City; 2013 – Cincinnati; 2014 - Kenosha). Mission trip applications are available in the youth room.

Life Planning:

The next Life Planning time will be on May 13th at 6PM out at Short's pond. We'll be wrapping up the year allowing time to celebrate our seniors and also looking ahead to being intentional with our summers.

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 May we'll continue studying John's Gospel. This is open to all men in the church.

Attention Ladies:

Do we have a deal for you! Pack your bag. We're going on a day trip! Liz Curtis Higgs will show us how to boldly seek after truth, ask the right questions, give generously, and honor God above all – ideal qualities for a Godly queen of any realm. We will enjoy a revitalizing time in the Word of God, experience powerful worship and uplifting fellowship at this Ladies Day event.

WHEN – June 18, 2015

TIME – Leave at 6:15AM

Event - 9:00-3:00; Arrive home 6:00PM

WHERE – Gull Lake Ministries, Kalamazoo, MI

COST - \$25 per person

DEADLINE – June 7th (sign up on bulletin board)

Questions – see Deb Schnitkey (daschnitkey@yahoo.com)

Two Chairs – May Adult Sunday School Class - Cancelled:

This class has been canceled and hopefully will be offered again later on this year.

Fellowship – Monthly Potlucks:

Beginning on Sunday, June 14th, we're going to be having some informal times of fellowship after our 10:30 service of worship. Anyone and everyone is invited to bring a potluck item to share as we spend time together as a church family over some lunch. Coffee, water, cups and plates will be provided.

Summer Camp Scholarships:

St. John's is able to help send children and youth of our congregation to summer church camp, covering up to 50% of the registration fee. Check with the church office for further information!

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	Bostelman, Tyson	457 W. Maumee St.	Napoleon	OH	43545	Defiance College
3	Buckenmeyer, Alicia	1018 St. Clair Ave.	Charlottesville	VA	22901	University of Virginia
4	Buckenmeyer, Eric	15 S. Shafer St.	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
5	Christman, Amy	Malone University Box #975	Canton	OH	44709	Malone University
6	Fryman, Marli	400 Ditto St.	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
7	Garza, Grace	26519 County Rd EF	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	Seats, 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 County Road 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, Mondesi	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	Lesniak, Jacob LCpl	5901 Aztec Avenue	Twentynine Palms	CA	92277	Marines
30	Martinez, Braden	610 E. South St.	Bryan	OH	43506	Army Reserves
31	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave.	Groton	CT	06340	Coast Guard
31	Zimmerman, Koltin	Fort Lee		VA		Army

May 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— Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest					1 9:00AM Presentation Practice
3 Presentation Sunday 10:30AM Bells & Chimes Play 1:30PM Lyme Christman Piano Recital 12:00PM SYF Mission Trip Meeting	4 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group	5 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal	6 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	7 7:00PM Mission Comm.	8	9 7:00AM EA Reg. Gathering, IN 7:00AM FCHC Geranium Sale 8:00AM Work Day
10 Happy Mother's Day 6:00PM Seekers	11 11:15AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Fellowship Committee	12 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:00PM Preschool Board 7:00PM Property Comm.	13 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 6:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM SYF Remix 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	14 8:30AM FCCLA Spring Rally 6:00PM Scouts District Meeting	15	16 8:00AM Work Day (if needed) 9:00AM Confirmation Practice/Pictures
17 Rite of Confirmation 10:50AM Junior Church 3:00PM Leave for TGRM Meal & Chapel 6:30PM Hymn Sing at Fairlawn	18 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	19 9:15AM Bible Study 3:15PM SYF Explore 4:30PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Preschool Graduation	20 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	21 4:00PM Set up for Girl Scout Event 6:30PM Girl Scouts Recognition Event	22 5:00PM Non- Member Wedding Rehearsal	23 4:30PM Non- Member Wedding
24 Pentecost/Holy Communion 6:00PM Seekers	25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	26 9:15AM Bible Study 11:15AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal	27 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 6:00PM Chancel Choir Banquet 7:00PM SYF End of Year Party	28	29 1-9PM Private Event (Parish Hall & Kitchen)	30
31 Grad. Recognition						

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MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|---|
| 1 Valeria Hornish, Chris & Toni Neuenschwander | 20 Marissa Beck, TJ Rice |
| 2 Marvin & Norma Fish | 21 Burdell Nofziger |
| 3 Sam Just, Bill Overmier | 22 Tyson Schnitkey |
| 4 Suzette Nafziger | 23 Don Smith, Silas Whiteman, Elaine Winzeler |
| 5 Dean Buckenmeyer | 24 Lucas Lantz, Dean Smith, Bryce Winzeler,
Eric & Anna Yoder |
| 6 Willie & Donna Buehrer, Rich & Jane Lesniak | 25 Connie Bostelman, Lorelie LaPorte, Kent &
Shiela Short |
| 7 Ed & Julie Ruffer | 26 Bo & Bri Krukowski, Dave & Paige Miller, Gabe
& Mindy Smith |
| 8 Craig Grieser, Greg & Deb Weddelman | 27 Tiffany Johnston, Charlene LaFountaine, Richard
Spiess |
| 9 Braden Martinez, Missy Warncke, Deb Weddelman | 28 Kasey Grime |
| 10 Michelle Short | 29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke |
| 11 Lynne Christman, Laura Rini | 30 Nanette Buehrer |
| 13 Adam Just | 31 Gary Frazier |
| 15 Bette Calvert | |
| 16 Lori Rohrs | |
| 18 Gary Mann, Judy Sears | |
| 19 Bill & Judy Overmier, Tyler & Traci Rupp, Coral
Melms, Tyler Wyse | |

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

worship

Holy Week Worship:

- May 10th Celebrating Motherhood
Sermon – “Is Anyone Thirsty?” – Pastor Adam
Scriptures – John 4:5-14, Psalm 63:1-5
Special Music – A Men’s Quartet
- May 17th The Rite of Confirmation – 10:30 Service
Sermon – “The Long Haul” – Pastor Erich
Scriptures – John 4:31-38, Psalm 117
Chancel Choir – “Jesus, Take My Hand”
- May 24th Pentecost Sunday
Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sermon – “Seeing & Following” – Pastor Erich
Scriptures – Acts 2:1-6, 22-39, Psalm 118:1-4
Chancel Choir – “Holy, Holy / Blessed the Nation”
- May 31st Graduate Recognition
Sermon – “Who Is In Control?” – Pastor Erich
Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Philippians 4:10-13, Psalm 119:9-16
Chancel Choir



Summer Special Music:

It’s that time again to plan special music for the summer. It would be great if you could consider helping with this ministry. Children, teenagers, adults, senior citizens – solos, duets, trios, quartets, ensembles – families, current or former church members, grandchildren, friends – be creative.

Deb Schnitkey, our Director of Music Ministry, is very willing to help you with your music selection and rehearsals. All you have to do is contact her (daschnitkey@yahoo.com) and let her know you are interested. Let’s make our summer music really special this year!

Graduate Recognition Sunday - May 31st:

It’s that time again – when we honor our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments with them! Please provide information (institution, degree, future plans, attending May 31st worship service) to the church (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) at your earliest convenience to be included in our May 31st bulletins and our June Visitor.

consistory & committees

Work Day:

Saturday, May 9th is our annual spring clean up/work day. Bring gloves, rakes, garden tools, buckets, and willing feet and hands to help spruce up the inside and outside areas of our facility. You may come any time and for however long you can between the hours of 8AM and 1PM. Work not completed that day will be completed the following Saturday, May 16th.

Church Kitchen Updates:

A new stainless steel worktable has been installed in the kitchen, replacing the counter unit that was on the west side of the kitchen. Coffee cups and glasses are now being stored in racks on rolling carts, and a small chest freezer is in the anteroom to the kitchen for the storage of bagged ice.

Imagine Your Faith “Building” Campaign:

- Keeping you informed on the progress towards the \$4.5 million goal set by the Congregation. This is a FAITH campaign and we need your prayers.
- As of May 4, 2015, the total blessings are \$103,183.44 towards our Imagine Your Faith “Building” Campaign! (No matching gift amount is included in this total)
- 2015 Matching Gift
 - In 2015, for every dollar donated to the Imagine Your Faith “Building” Campaign through December 25, 2015, the Building Fund will receive 33 cents from an anonymous donor.
 - Giving to the Current Operating Fund must meet or exceed the 2015 Expense Budget of \$340,771. As of May 4, 2015, Operating Income is \$108,679.01, Operating Expenses are \$132,181.08 (\$23,502.07 deficit).
 - When the Building Fund receives \$450,000 by December 25th, the 2015 Matching Gift of \$150,000 would bring the total contributions to \$600,000.
 - As of May 4, 2015, building fund donations towards the 2015 matching gift total \$63,791.94.
- Thank you to all who are praying for and supporting the Capital Campaign! If you want more information about the Capital Campaign, please contact John

Beck (419-572-1186 / 419-446-2427), Jim Redd (419-445-5309), or Jeff Rutledge (567-341-0048 / 419-682-7568).

- Suggested Capital Campaign Prayer: Eternal Father, Lord of all Creation, for generations You have guided the congregation of St. John’s, and for generations Your people have responded to Your call to be the church together. I pray for Your Spirit’s guidance, leading us today, leading us towards unity of thought and deed, leading us towards expanding the Kingdom, leading us to the visionary goals of our capital campaign. Lord, may we each trust in Your providence, may we build upon the faith foundations of our heritage, building towards a bright and faithful witness of Your Word. In Christ, I pray. Amen

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoons - SYF Explore

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

College Summer Small Group:

As summer is quickly approaching, we are preparing for this year’s college small group. The college small group is a time designed to allow college students and post-high school young adults to get together for a weekly time of fun, fellowship and food. The group typically has met on Tuesday evening’s beginning in late May or early June, but that always depends on who will be attending this summer. If you are interested please be sure to contact Pastor Adam.

stewardship

Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
4/5/15	431	\$ 6,651.00	\$ 6,553.29	\$ 97.71
4/12/15	291	\$ 7,245.61	\$ 6,553.29	\$ 692.32
4/19/15	288	\$ 5,041.25	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (1,512.04)
4/26/15	327	\$ 4,272.00	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (2,281.29)
Avg / Total	334	\$ 23,209.86	\$ 26,213.16	\$ (3,003.30)
As of May 4, 2015		Total Income	Total Expenses*	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 108,679.01	\$ 132,181.08	\$ (23,502.07)

*Total Current Fund Expenses include \$8,133.21 for purchase of new office copier

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
4/5/15	\$ 2,717.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (273.39)
4/12/15	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (776.39)
4/19/15	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,495.39)
4/26/15	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,580.39)
Total	\$ 7,836.00	\$ 11,961.56	\$ (4,125.56)

Stewardship of God's Resources:

Giving to St. John's Christian Church

1. Donations intended for the Building Fund should be designated on the offering envelope or check or through direction to the Administrative Assistant as to on-line donations, as "Building Fund" or "Capital Campaign."
2. People giving special or estate gifts to St. John's may stipulate that the gift be placed in the Building Fund, Legacy Fund, Second Mile Fund, or designate its use according to their own wishes.
3. When a gift is received for the Building Fund, it will be deposited into the Building Fund, which is the current Capital Campaign going towards the 2014 Facility Report and Proposal.
4. When a gift is received for the Legacy Fund, 10% - a tithe - will be used for a special or immediate mission project, to be decided upon by the Consistory (perhaps with input from the Mission Committee). The remaining 90% will be invested in the Legacy Fund.
5. When a gift is received for the Second Mile Fund, it will be disbursed according to the 40-40-20 percentages that are current policy.
6. When a gift is received which is not stipulated for any fund or purpose, it will go into the Building Fund until the Capital Campaign Goal is reached.

May Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| <p>1 Without a Trace ----- Jeremiah 51:33-64</p> <p>2 It Ain't Over ----- Jeremiah 52:1-34</p> <p>3 Behold The King! ----- Psalm 115:1-18</p> <p>4 Time to Get Ready ----- Matthew 13:1-9</p> <p>5 Preparing the Soil ----- Matthew 13:10-23</p> <p>6 Hands Off! ----- Matthew 13:24-30</p> <p>7 Invisible Yet Visible ----- Matthew 13:31-43</p> <p>8 Treasures Old and New ----- Matthew 13:44-52</p> <p>9 Smokescreens ----- Matthew 13:53-58</p> <p>10 Sabbath Rest ----- Psalms 116:1-117:2</p> <p>11 Promises, Promises ----- Matthew 14:1-12</p> <p>12 Meeting Needs ----- Matthew 14:13-21</p> <p>13 He Who Hesitates... ----- Matthew 14:22-36</p> <p>14 A Break with Tradition? ----- Matthew 15:1-20</p> <p>15 Faith Triumphs ----- Matthew 15:21-28</p> <p>16 Blessings Abound ----- Matthew 15:29-39</p> | <p>17 The Cornerstone is Sure ----- Psalm 118:1-29</p> <p>18 Signs from Heaven ----- Matthew 16:1-12</p> <p>19 What Do You Say...? ----- Matthew 16:13-20</p> <p>20 Not What You'd Expect ----- Matthew 16:21-28</p> <p>21 Jesus Unveiled ----- Matthew 17:1-13</p> <p>22 Keep on Learning ----- Matthew 17:14-23</p> <p>23 You Can Depend on Him ----- Matthew 17:24-27</p> <p>24 Empowered to Speak ----- Acts 2:1-13</p> <p>25 Come Humbly Like the King ----- Matthew 18:1-9</p> <p>26 Shepherd's Delight ----- Matthew 18:10-14</p> <p>27 The Mercy Seat ----- Matthew 18:15-20</p> <p>28 The Curse of Unforgiveness ----- Matthew 18:21-35</p> <p>29 He's the One ----- Matthew 19:1-15</p> <p>30 Poor Little Rich Boy ----- Matthew 19:16-30</p> <p>31 Love Poem to God ----- Psalm 119:1-24</p> |
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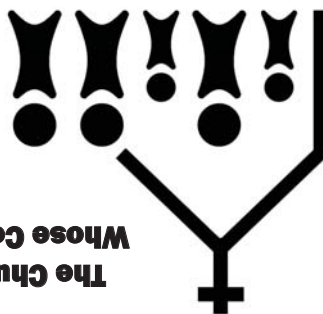
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The Church on the Corner
Whose Cornerstone is Christ

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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