

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

### Please Pray For:

- Health care workers and people caring for those going through significant and long term health care situations.
- Hannah Kern, who left on June 24th to participate in a month long Compass Leadership Training program through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
- Mike and Sue Henry, as Sue's father, Marlin Wyse, passed away on June 23rd.
- Vond & Mary, Leah, Brayden & Emma Hall, thankful for the generous and kind support in the aftermath of the fire that destroyed their home, as they settle into temporary housing.
- Richard Neill, who is at Toledo Hospital recovering from open heart surgery.
- Audrey Smith, who is now home from Fairlawn.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose tumor shrunk by nearly 70%, while chemo treatments continue.
- Dale VonDeylen, home receiving intravenous treatments for two different infections.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as Bob undergoes treatments for stage IV colon cancer.
- Bea Briggs, who continues to recover from cancer treatment.
- Roger Roth, who is undergoing treatments for stage IV renal cancer.
- Kreighton Sims, whose father, Greg Sims, was home last month following chemo treatments, but was scheduled to return the end of June for tests.
- Roger and Kay Merillat's granddaughter, Chloe Merillat, who has now completed her 5-day chemo treatments.
- Annie and Joel Foote, as Annie continues with 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:  
Jared Kuntz, HHB 2-1, ADA BN,  
Unit 15754 Box #409, APO AP 96269

### Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

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Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

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### 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 Campbell, Oakwood, Kentucky

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 #113

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Haven, Room #206

Valeria Hornish, Room #174A

David Lightner, Room #120

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 thank you's

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during our family's difficult time. Your words of sympathy and support were greatly appreciated. Thank you Pastor Erich and Pastor Adam for the love and care you showed. The funeral service was comforting and inspirational to everyone present and a great memorial to our mother. We would also like to thank all those involved in the luncheon following the service.

It means so much to have a caring church family.

The Eileen Meller Family

Keith Meller,

Doug & Diane Wilcox & extended family

# pastor's letter

## Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

Lynne and I have come to another crossroad in the life of our family – Amy is just settling into her apartment in Ashland, Kentucky and in her new position at First Christian Church there in Ashland. I've been experiencing a tremendous cascade of thoughts and emotions as this new phase of family life unfolds. Amy and I enjoy a very close father-daughter relationship, which has been a tremendous blessing in my life, and I hope hers, and I'm not fully ready to release her out into the world! College helped prepare me for this, but my love for her is not ready for this next stage of greater independence. Couldn't she have found a church position in Bryan, Defiance or Toledo? I recognize the selfishness of these kinds of thoughts. I've been selfish in thinking of myself, and not of Amy.

So I continue to praise God for His guiding hand upon my daughter's life and her calling to this vocational role in ministry. I'm trusting Amy to the Lord as she moves further away from home and settles into a new and different location. I'm thankful for her education and internship experiences that have prepared her so well to serve the Lord in a Christian congregation.

I've been selfish in thinking of myself, and not God. He released His Son into the world, a place He knew was filled with sin, and yet He sent him anyway. His will was for His Son to die, that His people would be saved. What sacrifices God has made for me, for us.

I've been selfish in thinking of myself, and not parents who have experienced the death of their child or whose child has been lost in this world. A father whose son died several years ago reminded me that at least my daughter is just a phone call away – and I became more aware of his loss and his grief. When the days and weeks might stretch out between visits and phone or video calls with Amy, I will be more mindful of those children who are missing, who have had an amber alert sent out about them, about those parents who have no idea what happened or where their precious child is.

So many lessons of faith occur in our daily journey. As I reflected on what I've described so far, I was led to consider Paul's words from Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

These verses aptly describe family life and congregational life – looking towards our own interests and the interests of others, hand in hand, always considering others better than ourselves. May we live and believe and serve and worship in humbleness as we praise God for His lessons of life and faith.

In Christian discipleship, ERICH

## The Definition of Marriage:

The US Supreme Court has delivered a landmark ruling that changes the definition of civil marriage in America. The ruling affects long held religious and civil understandings regarding marriage. Through St. John's affiliation with the Evangelical Association (EA), the following is shared from EA materials:

- The best way to protect a church's rights will be to clearly articulate their religious identity in all important organizational documents.
- Since most of the churches affiliated with the Evangelical Association are independent, the question to be asked is, "Has our church taken the time to clearly articulate what it believes about Christian doctrine and morality?"
- If our church's right to the free exercise of religion eventually does come under attack, it will be very important that congregations have taken the time to state what their religious convictions are and why they hold those convictions.
- Further, as our congregation is part of the Evangelical Association, keeping our affiliation current is important since each year a church belongs to the EA is another year that they have gone "on the record" as affirming the religious belief that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Since the EA keeps a record of signed renewal forms, we have the paper trail your church might need at some point to prove your position on these matters.

St. John's wedding policy states the congregation's convictions regarding marriage, with scriptural support, and our EA affiliation is current, and has been in place since 2006. The Spiritual Council, the Consistory and the pastors will discuss the ramifications this ruling might have upon our congregational beliefs and ministries. People of the congregation are encourage to speak with any of our leadership in regards to the US Supreme Court ruling. Prayer for God's guidance and revealed wisdom is desired and encouraged.

## congregational thank you's

cont.

St. John's Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the scholarship. It is such a blessing to have received and will be useful this next year as I continue studying Integrated Language Arts (English Education) at Bowling Green.

God Bless, Kinsey Smith



St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship and encouragement. I am grateful for the support this church has shown me through the years and will continue to show me throughout my college experience.

Thanks again, Kaitlyn Wyse



St. John's Church,

Thank you for the scholarship to help support me with college. Also, thank you for the new Bible on Graduate Recognition Sunday. Thanks for your support.

Cayla Walker

## mission corner

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

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$125.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$675.
- Cherry Street Mission Ministries, for our gift of \$950.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$170.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$150.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- Mennonite Mission Network (Jessica Lindsay, Service - Philippi, WV), for our gift of \$1,500.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$560.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$1,000.



Mike & Crew,

I cannot express how thankful we are for all you did for us at Tower Hill. It was such a joy and blessing to enjoy your fellowship and hard work.

Blessings to each of you.

Kim, Tower Hill Camp

P.S. After you left, we had a huge drenching rain storm and guess what? No leaks in Marshall!!!



St. John's Christian Church,

Former Crossroad resident, Stephanie, is volunteering in my office this year while she is studying recreation therapy in college. Ultimately, she would like to work here at Crossroad, because it was here she found the help she needed. Stephanie has this message for you:

"I know from personal experience how kids find a new and better path here at Crossroad. My childhood was a mess, and some of the kids here had even worse times than I did. We didn't have to study psychology to know how much those bad childhood experiences changed who we were supposed to be. We all new it, and the kids at Crossroad today all know it. But the people at Crossroad taught us ways to get on with life, even making most of us want to have not just a less troubled life, but a very positive life that makes a difference."

This is what your gift does! It helps young people make good choices for their lives and changes their future. Thank you for caring about troubled children and helping them move into promising futures.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kyle Zanker, Crossroad Chief Dev. Officer



The board of Black Swamp Benefit, Inc. would like to thank your church for their support of the Black Swamp Benefit on June 19-20. So many of you volunteered in some way through making items, donating items, baking food, helping financially, sharing your time or resources, and many other ways. We could not have a successful benefit without you! We are so grateful for your continued faithfulness in supporting MCC and Sunshine Communities. We are looking forward to next year! Thank you!

Karmin Brooks, Admin. Coordinator  
Black Swamp Benefit



### July Mission-A-Month - Shepherd Circle

Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.

## mission corner cont.

### Back Bay Mission Trip – October 10-17:

It's a trip about faith, service, fellowship and growth. The time away from weekly routine provides a setting for different contemplations and conversations. Scriptures such as Acts 1:8 and Matthew 25:31-46 support service work in various locals and settings. Fellowship on the lengthy journey to and from, and during the week, fosters friendship and unity. Witnessing God's creation and God's love across a thousand miles and in a different cultural setting fosters reflection and conversations with God.

Fun is a great part of the mix, too. Participants will climb aboard the bus early Saturday morning, drive more than half way to Biloxi, spend the night in a motel, then finish the trip on Sunday, arriving for a time of orientation and settling into the comfortable and welcoming mission house. Monday through Thursday offers plenty of service opportunities – home repair and renovation, homeless day shelter and soup kitchen activities. Friday is a half day of finishing up projects and cleaning, then on the road towards home, arriving in Archbold mid-afternoon Saturday.

The trip costs \$200, but generous assistance is available – supporters don't want to see anyone not go just because of the cost. The funds cover transportation, lodging, most meals and work supplies. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon!

### Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio:

It's time to once again partner with a Fulton County family in building a house that will become their home through Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County (HFHFCO). A crew of 20 volunteers is being sought to help with the floor and wall framing, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 4th and 5th. Yes, that's fair time in Fulton County, but we trust there are those who are willing to volunteer for a few hours before they head off to the fairgrounds. The house will be constructed in Swanton. Be watching for further details, and for now, just save the dates!

### 2015 Mission Events:

- Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio – Build Weekend - September 4th and 5th
- 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

### Missionary Partner Updates:

Tom & Megan – 1) As the new moon was sighted June 17th, June 18th was the first day of the special month of fasting on the islands. It is an important time for islanders, and we get daily opportunities to share with friends and neighbors. A colleague of ours put together a daily prayer guide for the islands for the month. Let the church office know if you would like one; 2) Please pray for our little neighbor. He is a little boy about 18 months old. He has a bad burn on his thigh. Thankfully we have a bunch of burn-care supplies left over from treating David's burn so we are helping them care for it. It doesn't look as bad as David's but his living conditions aren't great so keeping infection away will be a challenge. Pray for an infection-free and fast healing process, and that we might show him and his family love and truth through the process.



Matt & MaryLynn Pardi – moving from



Bowling Green to the Perrysburg area to be closer to the University of Toledo campus. They purchased an old farm house and are in a lengthy process of remodeling and settling

in, all while ramping up for the coming year of campus ministry.

Brian & Jamie Rauschenberger – they have transitioned into a new partnership with Lifesong for Orphans, yet are still working with their water purification ministry. Lifesong is a Christian based adoption agency. They have also begun a new radio broadcast ministry.



Jon & Rachel Doriot – are on home assignment through October, awaiting the birth of their fourth child, and will be traveling to visit with their supporters while seeking to raise further support of their missionary efforts in Papua.

**Missionary News and Contact Information:**

**Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP**

web site - [www.jamkhed.org](http://www.jamkhed.org)



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**Jon & Rachel Doriot - Pioneers, Papua**

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**Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand**

(Home for rest and revitalization in June and July)

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?** There are sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board across from the church office for VBS food donations needed. This is a great way for people of all ages to be involved with VBS!

**How do I register my children?** Online registration is now OPEN – check it out on our Facebook page or register through our church web site. You can also call the church office to register children.

**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](mailto:jennastorrer1@gmail.com)).

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

The SYF youth enjoyed a great week in Nashville! We wanted to thank you all for your support. The mission trip week was full of great devotions, excellent team work, participation in growing local church ministries, helping people (young and old), loads of fun and laughter, and much growth with Jesus.



## SYF 2015



## Nashville TN

# ministry happenings

cont.

## **SYF Summer Program - Resonate:**

Resonate is the senior high summer program at St. John's. The purpose of Resonate is to resound and echo the scriptures and to resound and echo God in our continual fellowship with one other. Summer vacation does not mean we also take a summer off from God. Resonate intends to produce a resonance of Jesus in your life. Resonate will be providing a deeper time in the Word of God and prayer throughout the summer. We will be learning to walk with Jesus on a daily basis. Resonate will meet on every other Wednesday night throughout the summer at 7PM. The Resonate dates for July are the 8th & 22nd. Contact Pastor Adam if you have questions.

## **Compass Program:**

Follow along with Hannah Kern and her participation with the Compass Leadership program via the blog: <https://compassprogramgcts.wordpress.com/>.



## **Alpha Course:**

The Alpha Course is still happening each Tuesday evening beginning at 5:30PM in the Chapel. Come and check it out for a week.

## **Events/Activities**

### **Pictorial Directory:**

We are beginning to put together an updated church pictorial directory using the online company Instant Church Directory. Instant Church Directory allows members to access our pictorial directory through an online website, an app using a tablet or smartphone, or a printed out booklet similar to what we printed in 2010. The use of an online resource will allow for our pictorial directory to remain up to date with the current and correct information that we have on file in the church office. Each church family member will get to choose and submit their own family or individual picture. Here are some other important details:

1. The church directory is using the name, address and phone number information that is printed in our year book. If any information needs updated please e-mail [office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org) or call the church office.
2. Each family or individual is asked to submit a photograph. All photos need to be approved by the church office. Once a photograph is approved it will

then be added to online directory. Submit a photo to [office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org).

3. On the first Sundays of July and August after the 8:00 and 10:30 services, we will have some of our amateur photographers available to take some family pictures.
4. If you would like to receive a printed out booklet, please sign up on the bulletin board.
5. To download the mobile app visit: <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/>. When you open the application you will be asked to enter your e-mail address to receive a security code. Your current e-mail address must be submitted to the office for you to receive the security code and have access granted.
6. Let the office know if you would not like to participate or have your information available in the pictorial directory.

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

## **Fellowship – Monthly Potlucks:**

On Sunday, July 12th, we're going to have an informal time 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. This potluck fellowship time will be offered the 2nd Sunday of the month this summer.

## **Book Bag Bash:**

St. John's Evangelism Committee will again be hosting the annual Book Bag Bash. The date is Sunday, August 2nd, from 4-6PM. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office for volunteer helpers, cookies and drink donations.

## **Clothing Swap:**

If anyone is cleaning out closets or has leftover children's clothing or coats and would like to donate them to the Fall Clothing Swap, please contact Katie Whiteman (phone 614-706-0062 or e-mail [6nhkids@gmail.com](mailto:6nhkids@gmail.com)) or the church office.

## **Current For Women (C4W):**

Ladies, exciting news about a Current for Women event coming to our area this fall. Jill Ludlow, along with her husband, Geoff, started Full Sail Ministries in

1999 - an organization using art in culturally relevant ways to reach the hearts of people of every race, age and socioeconomic background with the Good News! C4W is a Full Sail Ministries women's retreat offered as a time to pause for a moment, listen for God's voice, and receive His touch. Through worship and the Word, life stories and the Life Giver, this C4W event will allow you to let the current of His deep love and grace wash over your soul, ease your burdens, soothe your ache, reawaken your passion, and sweep you off your feet . . . maybe for the first time.

C4W will take place at Pettisville Missionary Church on Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th. As one of the sponsoring area churches, we will be involved in the planning process of this event, and encourage all women to consider attending in November. If you would be interested in serving on a planning committee, please contact the church office. Please feel free to visit [www.fullsail.org/current-for-women.php](http://www.fullsail.org/current-for-women.php) to learn more about this exciting opportunity coming to our area! Tentative hours of this event are as follows:

Fri, Nov. 6th - 6-9PM (refreshments included)  
Sat, Nov. 7th - 9AM - 4PM (lunch included)

More information, including ticket pricing, will be available following an early August planning meeting.

### Mental Health Awareness:

From the ADAMhs Advantage (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services newsletter):

Fulcare Behavioral Health, located in the Fulton County Health Center, serves age 60+ inpatient and 18+ outpatient psychiatric needs. The inpatient staff includes the medical director, nurse practitioner, four licensed social workers and twenty registered nurses.

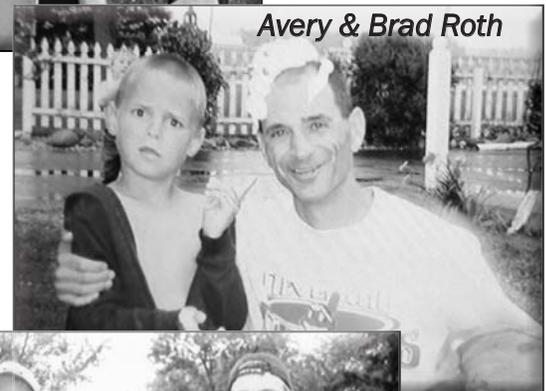
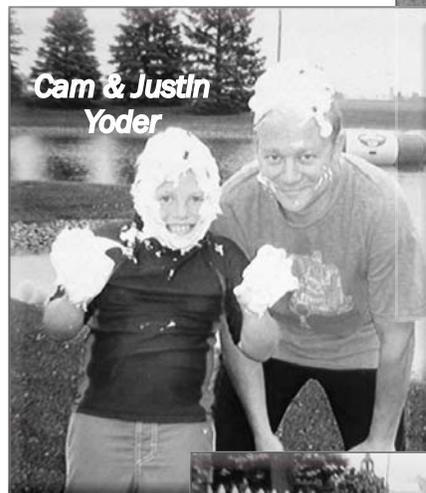
The average patient in the unit is just over 73 years of age and stays just under 10 days. The most common diagnosis is depression – about 47% of the patients. Mental illness, especially depression, among the elderly presents differently than it does with younger persons. Many depressed seniors claim not to feel sad at all. They may complain of low motivation, a lack of energy or physical problems. Physical complaints, such as arthritis pain or worsening headaches, are often the predominant symptom of depression in the elderly. When treated for depression, patients suddenly have less body aches, they sleep better, and they eat better and gain needed weight.

For further information, talk with Pastor Adam or Pastor Erich, call the ADAMhs Board at 419-267-3355 or Fulcare Behavioral Health at 419-337-8661.

A little(?) wind and rain didn't dampen the fun had at this year's father/son camp out!!



Who knew shaving cream could be so fun!!!



# July 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— Kim Hines Mission-A-Month— Shepherd Circle		1 6:15AM Men's Breakfast	2 7:00PM Mission Comm.	3 6PM Wedding Reception Prep	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 11:30PM Wedding Reception
5 <b>Independence Day Observed</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		7 9:15AM Bible Study 11:15AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM SYF Reframing Jesus 5:00PM Community Meal 5:30PM Alpha Course	8 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM SYF—Resonate 7:00PM VBS Staff Meeting	9 6:00PM VBS 8:00PM VBS Closing Program	10 9:30AM HS Girls Breakfast	11 10:00AM Seekers
12 11:45AM Monthly Potluck 6:00PM Vacation Bible School (VBS)	13 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM VBS	14 9:15AM Bible Study 1:00PM SYF Reframing Jesus 6:00PM VBS 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:00PM Capital Campaign 7:00PM Property Committee 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	15 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 6:00PM VBS	16 6:00PM VBS 8:00PM VBS Closing Program	17 9:30AM HS Girls Breakfast	18 8:00AM District Scouts
<b>Vacation Bible School - Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!</b>						
19 <b>Holy Communion</b>	20 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	21 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 5:30PM Alpha Course	22 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 1:00PM Tile Floors Stripping/Waxing 7:00PM SYF—Resonate	23 1:00PM Tile Floors Stripping/Waxing	24 <b>Church Camp Out Weekend—</b> <b>Harrison Lake State Park</b> 9:30AM HS Girls Breakfast 1:00PM Tile Floors Stripping/Waxing	25 <b>3:30PM Non-</b> <b>Member Wedding</b>
26 <b>Church Camp Out Weekend—</b> <b>Harrison Lake State Park</b>	27 11:15AM Staff Meeting	28 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 5:30PM Alpha Course	29	30	31 9:30AM HS Girls Breakfast	

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jayson Lindsay
- 2 Richard & Nan Neill
- 3 Jacob Rupp, Jeff Rutledge, Buzz Ziegler
- 4 Kinsey Smith
- 6 Kenny & Sandi Cowell
- 7 John & Deb Kauffman, Sarah Kinsman, Brian Short, Jim Silcox
- 8 Lou Ann Beck, Ben & Tiffany Johnston
- 9 Emily Hines, Bob Kuntz, Chad Short, Kaitlyn Wyse
- 11 Neil & Nanette Buehrer, Pete & Rachel Grieser, Matt Hines, Steve & Kim Walker, David Stuckey
- 12 Mark Beltz, Mary Hall, Lainey Holdgreve, Nathan Just, David & Nancy Lightner, Tammy Nofziger
- 14 Jean Beck
- 15 Hannah Kern
- 17 Ryan & Jill Holdgreve, Eric Nafziger
- 18 Matthew Kinsman
- 19 Velma Overmier, Ed Ruffer, Justin Yoder
- 20 Kaitlyn Beck, Andee Grime, Brian & Kris Short, Mary Silcox
- 21 Mike & Sue Henry, Andrew & Lori Rohrs
- 22 Warren Sauder
- 23 David Augustine
- 24 Molly Knipp
- 27 Callie Rohrs
- 28 Becca Grieser, Graeme & Gloria Lauber, Jim & Betsy Redd, Ryan Smith, Jack Stover
- 29 Florence Augustine, Justin Pursel
- 30 Greg & Kim Walker
- 31 Larry Bechstein, Ryan Holdgreve, Brent Schnitkey

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

## worship

### July Sermon Series – featuring Stories of the Stained Glass Windows in the Sanctuary:

- July 5th Sermon – “Christ – The Last Judgment” – Pastor Erich  
Scriptures – Ps. 57:1-5, Matthew 7:13-23  
Special Music – Alice Bradner
- June 12th Sermon – “Everest – Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power” – Pastor Erich  
Scriptures – 2 Cor. 9:8, 2 Kings 5:1-19  
Special Music – Joel & Annie Foote, Mike Meyer, Deb Schnitkey – “He Never Failed Me”  
VBS Dedication Program
- July 19th Sermon – “Financial Security – Really?” – Pastor Erich  
Scriptures – Luke 12:13-21 – The Parable of the Rich Fool  
Special Music – Ed Ruffer  
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- July 26th Sermon – “Get Thee to a Hammock!” – Pastor Adam  
Scripture – Matthew 11:28-30  
Special Music – Caitlyn Lay and Alex Schmidt

## small groups

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

#### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

#### Tuesday Afternoons SYF Reframing Jesus

1:00 - 2:00PM - Youth Room

#### Friday Mornings HS Girls Breakfast / Bible Study

9:30 - 10:30AM - Carol’s City Cafe

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

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

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

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

## housekeeping

### Lost & Found Locations/Items:

There is a blue bin sitting inside the handicap entrance by the church office where clothing and small accessory items are placed when found in the church. The southwest counter in the kitchen is where kitchen items (mostly serving or storage dishes) are placed when left at the church from various functions. Please take time to check both these areas for items that may belong to you. When items are not claimed after several months, they are taken to Care-N-Share or discarded.

Items of larger value (eyeglasses, electronic devices, etc.) are put in the church office for safe keeping until claimed.

# consistory & committees

## Special Congregational Meeting:

With a vote of 89 yes's and 0 no's, members present for the June 21st congregational meeting approved contracting with Grunwell Cashero for \$47,300 to tuck point, clean and waterproof the exterior masonry of the church building. The project should begin sometime in August.

## 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 June 30, 2015, the total blessings are \$137,777.29 towards our Imagine Your Faith "Building" Campaign! (No matching gift amount is included in this total)
- 2015 Matching Gift
  - o 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.
  - o Giving to the Current Operating Fund must meet or exceed the 2015 Expense Budget of \$340,771. As of June 30, 2015, Operating Income is \$164,683.72, Operating Expenses are \$181,291.26 (\$16,607.54 deficit).
  - o 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.
  - o As of June 30, 2015, building fund donations towards the 2015 matching gift total \$85,469.27.
- 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).
- This is a capital time to teach children and youth the importance of biblically based stewardship. Church banks are available for children and youth to use in giving towards our Imaging Your Faith "Building" Campaign. Banks are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

- 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.

## Church Bank Collection - Imagine Your Faith Building:

On the fourth Sunday of the month, a large 5 gallon clear container will be on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Children and youth may empty their church banks into the container as they come to worship. Children, youth and adults may count their personal amount prior to the service. Cards will be sitting next to the container for children, youth or parents to take one for noting name and amount, placing the card in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Whenever the container is filled, monies will be counted and announced.

### St. John's Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....	Jeff Rutledge
Congregation Vice-President .....	Jim Redd
Congregation Secretary.....	Betsy Redd
Elders .....	Ann 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

# stewardship

## Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
6/7/15	256	\$ 5,694.02	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (859.27)
6/14/15	290	\$ 6,813.00	\$ 6,553.29	\$ 259.71
6/21/15	281	\$ 4,473.00	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (2,080.29)
6/28/15	243	\$ 6,415.25	\$ 6,553.29	\$ (138.04)
Avg / Total	268	\$ 23,395.27	\$ 26,213.16	\$ (2,817.89)
As of June 30, 2015		Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 164,683.72	\$ 181,291.26	\$ (16,607.54)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
6/7/15	\$ 2,622.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (368.39)
6/14/15	\$ 2,267.00	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (723.39)
6/21/15	\$ 1,922.62	\$ 2,990.39	\$ (1,067.77)
6/28/15	\$ 2,990.50	\$ 2,990.39	\$ 0.11
Total	\$ 9,802.12	\$ 11,961.56	\$ (2,159.44)

## 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.

# July Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

1 Siblings in Faith -----	Titus 1:1-4	17 The Only Way Left -----	Amos 9:1-10
2 Your Actions Speak -----	Titus 1:5-16	18 I Will Restore -----	Amos 9:11-15
3 Healthy Living -----	Titus 2:1-15	19 Remember Your Learnings -----	Psalm 119:153-176
4 Doing Good -----	Titus 3:1-15	20 Who's Next in Line? -----	1 Kings 1:1-27
5 More Than Gold -----	Psalm 119:113-128	21 Long Live King Solomon! -----	1 Kings 1:28-53
6 The Lord Roars -----	Amos 1:1-10	22 The King's Last Words -----	1 Kings 2:1-12
7 The Lord Roars Judgement -----	Amos 1:11 - 2:5	23 A Prayer Heard -----	1 Kings 3:1-15
8 Just Like All the Others -----	Amos 2:6-16	24 Wise Judgment -----	1 Kings 3:16-28
9 Prophetic Boldness -----	Amos 3:1-15	25 Wisdom Abounding! -----	1 Kings 4:29-34
10 You Have Not Returned -----	Amos 4:1-13	26 A Tough Climb -----	Psalm 120:1-7
11 The Lord Mourns -----	Amos 5:1-17	27 Building Plans -----	1 Kings 5:1-18
12 Cherish God's Word -----	Psalm 119:129-152	28 God in a Box? -----	1 Kings 8:1-21
13 A Day of Darkness -----	Amos 5:18-27	29 Standing in the Gap -----	1 Kings 8:22-30
14 Too Much at Ease -----	Amos 6:1-14	30 A Light to the Nations -----	1 Kings 8:46-61
15 The Prophetic Burden -----	Amos 7:1-17	31 The Only Way is Down? -----	1 Kings 9:1-19
16 The Time is Ripe -----	Amos 8:1-14		

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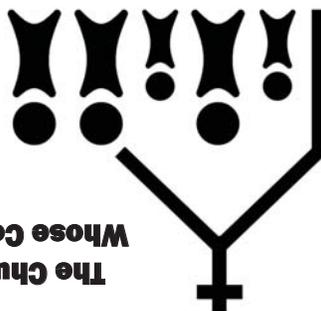
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 Sunday School 9:15AM

**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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