

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Taylor Collins, granddaughter of Nan Neill, who leaves February 1st for Air Force basic training.
- John Beck, who is recovering from foot surgery.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who is in rehab at Fairlawn, recovering from a broken hip and pelvis.
- Bea Briggs, who returns to Cleveland every 3 weeks for low dose chemo treatments.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who had successful microwave ablation surgery on January 28th at UTMC to remove his remaining cancer.
- Bob Bostelman, thankful that the treatments for his colon have removed all cancer there, and praying treatment does the same for spots on his lungs.
- 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 96260

Martinez, Braden (Army Reserves)

Wife, Brittany & daughters Madison & Claire
404 Murbach St., Archbold, OH 43502

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

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

Koltin Zimmerman (Army)

Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, 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 #166A

David Lightner, Room #117

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

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Family and Friends

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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 to Gabe Smith and Mindy Enderle on the birth of their first child, Mae Eloise, on December 18th. Mae weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21" long. Grandparents include Brad and Susie Enderle, and great-grandparents include Maurice and Ruth Schmucker.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ian and Mindy Redd on the birth of their first child on December 29th, Isaac James. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20-3/4" long. His grandparents include Jim and Betsy Redd.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tracy Wyse and Joan Burkholder, who were married December 28th. Joan is the assistant teacher for our preschool, and we value her service in this ministry with us.



WE CELEBRATED the Baptism of Maddux Jay Gruenhagen, son of Travis and Mindy Gruenhagen, on January 10th at our 10:30 service of worship. Maddux was born on September 14th, 2015. His grandparents include Joel and the late Beth Wanemacher, and Steve and Kathy Gruenhagen. Standing

up with Travis and Mindy at the baptism ceremony were sisters, Amy Baden, Carrie Wanemacher, Ashley Stuckey and Kasey Nafziger.

congregational thank you's

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have given me since my surgery. St. John's is an amazing group of people. The cards, phone calls, visits, prayers and walking partners are all greatly appreciated and are making this journey so much easier. God bless you all!

Deb Schmitkey

pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Adam . . .



Sara gave me an asparagus fern in my office last summer that normally sits by the window. However, since the weather has turned colder the fern hasn't enjoyed being so close to the cold window. I moved it to the warmer side of my office and set it nicely on a corner of my library table. Now that I fixed the problem of temperature for the plant, I have created another problem for it by reducing the amount of natural light it receives.

Plants need light to live and to grow. Light is crucial for energy needed in the photosynthesis process. The best light for a plant is the natural light from the sun. Now that I've moved the asparagus fern away from the natural light, it will need to rely on the artificial light created by the

fluorescent ceiling light. The artificial fluorescent lights are okay, but they don't deliver the full spectrum of light waves that the sun does. There is a difference between real light and artificial light.

Jesus in John 8:12 makes the statement, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Jesus is the real Light and provides love, joy, strength, truth, peace, hope and direction for all who sit and receive the Light. The issue is when we pull ourselves away from the "window" and try to get filled with other types of artificial light. We try to find our hope in other things, like maybe thinking that someday a Cleveland sports team will actually win something. We try to find strength in artificial ways, too, with control and self-discipline. We seek artificial direction in news feeds and politicians instead of the true Light and the Word.

As we prepare to enter another Lenten season, which has a sense of darkness to it from the realization of our need of a savior, we have choices each and every day between true Light and artificial light. The artificial light might seem to work for a while, but it's not the best. May we seek to place ourselves in the wonderful warm glow of Jesus, the true Light of the world.

Blessings,

ADAM



preschool corner

I hope everyone is staying warm! Despite the crazy weather, we celebrated "Winter" during the first two weeks of January. We made artificial snow/ice for a couple of days, then eventually had enough real snow to bring in and put into our sensory table. The children had so much fun playing in it with shovels and buckets. During the first week of the unit, we talked about cold weather activities, snowmen and snowflakes, and during the second week we focused on animals that live where the climate is cold. In the art area, we made penguins and polar bears. We built an imaginary snowman in the gym during a music activity, sang "The Winter Wind Blows," created snowflakes out of wheel pasta, white paint and glitter, and made snowmen out of many different types of materials. During the third week of January, we learned that God gave us five senses with which to experience the world He created. We made texture collages, used scented paint at the easel, finger painted with oatmeal paint and drove monster trucks through shaving cream 'snow' in the sensory table. The last week of the month we turned the dramatic play area into a grocery store for our "Food/Nutrition" theme. The children learned about jobs such as cashier, stocker and bagger as they pretended to shop. They learned about healthy vs. unhealthy foods, created a "Fruit Coloring Book," played "Look and See, Shop With Me" bingo, enhanced their cutting skills by cutting out coupons, and played "Fruit and Vegetable I Spy" in the math area. Our Bible verse for January was Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever."

congregational thank you's

To My Church Family, cont.

Thank you so much for your prayers during my knee surgery. Also for all the cards, visits and food. It's good to know that I am part of such a caring church family.

Thanks again for everything.

Dorothy Miller



We praise the Lord and thank him for the healing that he has given both of us. We also thank all of you for the prayers, cards and offers to help that you gave to us. We thank Pastor Erich, Pastor Adam and the many friends that visited us during these last few months. We certainly felt the support of St. John's and cherish the memories.

Marvin & Norma Fish

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$1,335.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$205.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$476.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$2,064.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$200.
- Reliant (Formerly GCM) (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$850; (Matt Pardi) for our gift of \$500.'
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$575.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$1,030.



St. John's Christian Church,

In 2015, The Fish Pantry received the "Spirit of Archbold" award from the Archbold Chamber of Commerce. This award really belongs to the many donors, volunteers and clients who make the Fish Pantry what it is today . . . a place of help and hope.

The goal of the Fish Pantry is to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in crisis situations, and to share God's love and care. This is only possible through the generous support of area businesses, churches, organizations and individuals. So thank you, St. John's Christian Church, for your continued support of our ministry.

Blessings to you,
Archbold FISH Pantry,
Lynn Lehman, Coordinator



Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for allowing us to share with your mission committee, especially during the busyness of the holiday season. Your faithful prayer and financial support, warm hospitality and genuine interest in God's

work through Soddo Christian Hospital in Southwestern Ethiopia have been a blessing and an encouragement. Your partnership truly reflects Christ's heirs.

May your year be filled with joy as you continue to serve! Please let us know if there are specific ways we can pray for or assist your church family.

Gratefully,

Judd & Becky McClarren, ABWE



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 desperately needed items at the pantry, although all items are willingly accepted:

Food Items – Canned peaches, pears, pineapple, or oranges, spaghetti sauce, sugar (all kinds), cereal (kid's)

Personal Items – Toilet paper, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste, 2 in 1 shampoo, body wash, feminine items

Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex. You can also give monetary donations through your weekly offering envelopes or in the church office weekdays from 8AM–5PM. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk.

Out of Box Experience:

With the Archbold FISH Food Pantry as our February Mission-A-Month, we are offering the "Out of Box Experience" once again! People are invited to gather in the chapel at 3PM on Sunday, February 21st to begin this mission adventure. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We'll divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop 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 purchased. It's a mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

Back Bay Mission Trip – February 13-20:

A group of 16 (though that number continues to fluctuate!) will spend the week in mission service along the Mississippi gulf coast. Participating from SJCC will be Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, James Grime, Tom Johnson, Jim & Betsy Redd, Warren Sauder, Kim M. Walker, and Ryan, Lynne & Erich Christman. The building permit was approved in time for the concrete foundation to be installed so our group can frame a new home.

mission corner cont.

2016 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

- February 13–20 – Back Bay Mission Spring Trip
- February 14 – Out of Box Experience (Archbold FISH Pantry)
- March 20 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- May 15 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- June 5–11 – SYF Mission Trip to New York City
- June 12–17 – Summer Mission Trip with Habitat for Humanity
- September 11 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- September 22 – Cherry Street Mission Ministry Fall Banquet
- October 8–15 – Back Bay Mission Fall Trip
- November 20 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- December 13 – Christmas Cheer Hospitality

Jessica Lindsay - Update:



Due to changes in leadership in the Albany, Oregon Service Adventure, Mennonite Mission Network has made the decision to close the group and send everyone home since the existing leader is no longer at the facility. Although the support church attempted to keep the group going, it was found that the Service Adventure cannot be

run without an on site, live-in leader. This means that Jessica will be coming home the first week of February instead of June 2016 as originally planned. In her time there, she had the opportunity to work closely with other participants in their house, work at an extended care facility and participate in worship at their support church. Although her experience did not end as planned, she grew in her faith and was able to see God at work in many ways. Thank you to all who kept her in prayer while she was serving in Oregon, and please continue to do so as she discerns the next phase of her life.

Missionary News and Contact Information:

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Hannah Kern & friend



Mackenzie Nofziger



Charlotte from Australia & Jordyn Pursel

ministry happenings

Christian Education

LOGOS – Our Wednesday Evening Ministry for Children & Youth:

- February nights, themes and (worship skill):
February 3 – FISH Night (Bells/Chimes/Puppets)
February 10 – Ash Wednesday
(Bells/Chimes/Puppets)
February 17 – Jesus Loves Me Night
(Bells/Chimes/Puppets)
February 24 – Outer Space Night (Choir)

Children's Ministry:

Children in kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to join us for another great Sunday of kids worship in Junior Church on February 21st at 10:50AM in the Chapel.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2016:

The co-directors of this year's VBS, Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Wanemacher, have selected the curriculum and set the date for this special summer event. "Cave Quest" will be the VBS theme, which will be held Sunday through Thursday evenings, June 12-16.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Thank You:

The Senior Youth Fellowship would like to give the congregation a huge "THANK YOU!" for the generous support of their spaghetti lunch after the annual meeting.



Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

February is a fun month in SYF. We begin by preparing delicious subs for the SuperSub Sale on Feb. 7th. Each youth is asked to bring a dozen cookies for our sub boxes. Also, save the date for our 9th Annual SYF Winter Retreat coming up on Saturday, February 20th.

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 5th–11th. The 2016 mission trip will be to New York City, NY with the Center of Student Missions (CSM). We partnered with CSM back in 2012 with our trip to Washington DC. Mission trip applications are currently available in the youth room.

Life Planning:

The next Life Planning time will be Wednesday, February 10th at 7PM. We'll be attending the Ash Wednesday service together as we all begin the Lenten season.

February's Adult Faith & Fellowship – 9:15AM Sunday Mornings in the Parish Hall:

- Feb 14th – Caroline Lammers, of Hands of Grace
Feb 21st – Matt Garrow, of Engler, Garrow & Roth
Feb 28th – Cecily Rohrs, of Shepherd Circle

Events/Activities

Men's Fraternity – The 33 Series:

Hey Men! We are going to begin a new 6-week series called "A Man and His Story." This is a continual from the fall session, but can be attended by any man that desires to grow. This second series covers some of the topics as presented in Men's Fraternity but with new material and format.

The series will begin on Wednesday, February 3rd (**DATE CHANGE**) from 6-7:30AM and will have a \$15 cost for the training guide. Please sign up on the bulletin board ASAP so Pastor Adam can get training guides ordered. You can discover more about this at www.authenticmanhood.com or talk with Pastor Adam.

Church Pictorial Directory:

We have arranged for a local professional photographer to come to the church and take pictures for our soon to be printed Church Pictorial Directory. Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board for time slots on Monday, February 8 from 6–8PM, Tuesday, February 9 from 10AM–noon and 6–7:30PM, and Saturday, February 13 from 9–11AM. Or you can submit your own photo (subject to approval) for the directory. High resolution digital images are requested, or we can scan an original photo.

Here are some other details:

1. The church directory is using the name, address and phone number information that is printed in our year book.
3. If you would like to receive a printed booklet, please sign up on the bulletin board.
4. To download the mobile app visit: <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/>.
5. Let the office know if you prefer not to participate or have your information available in the pictorial directory.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	1 11:15AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	2 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Cap. Campaign Committee	3 6:00AM Men's Fraternity 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Bells / Chimes 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	4 7:00PM Mission Comm.	5 5:00PM Spaghetti Dinner Prep (Kitchen)	6 11:00AM Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30PM KAH Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser
7 SYF Subs Pickup 6:00PM Seekers Sm. Grp.	8 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	9 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 6:00PM Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Preschool Board 7:00PM Property Comm.	10 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 6:00AM Men's Fraternity 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF / Bells / Chimes 7:00PM Ash Wed Service 7:00PM L. Planning / SYF Remix 8:00PM Chancel Choir	11 10:00AM Preschool T-Th AM Valentine's Day Party 2:00PM Preschool T-Th PM Valentine's Day Party 6:30PM Budget & Stewardship Comm.	12 10:00AM Preschool MWF AM Valentine's Day Party 2:00PM Preschool MWF AM Valentine's Day Party	13 Depart For Back Bay Mission Trip 9AM Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 6PM JYF Child Care Night (Parish Hall)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Back Bay Mission Trip - Biloxi, MS						
9:15AM Adult Faith & Fell. Caroline Lammers, Hands of Grace	11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC 7:30PM Consistory	9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	6:00AM Men's Fraternity 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Bells / Chimes 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF			SYF Retreat 11:00AM Girl Scouts 4PM Blue-N-Gold Set Up 6PM Blue-N-Gold Banquet
21 9:25AM Adult Faith & Fell. Matt Garrow, EGR 10:30AM Bells/Chimes Play 10:50AM Junior Church 2:00PM Out of Box—FISH Pantry Experience 6:00PM Seekers Sm. Grp.	22 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	23 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	24 6:00AM Men's Fraternity 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM Lenten Service / SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 9:15AM Adult Faith & Fell. Cecily R., Shepherd Circle	29 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Sm. Grp. 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC		Elder of the Month— Paige Miller Mission-A-Month—FISH Pantry			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 21 Blake Grime 23 Kylie Kreuz 24 Joe Short 28 Amy Christman |
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✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

ministry happenings

Man Camp:

cont.

Steaks, bacon, hatchets, and fire. Need we say more? A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for April 8th–10th. The cost for this weekend at Miracle Camp is \$125 which includes lodging and meals. Check with Bruce Wooley if you have questions or visit www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp.



Save the Date – Walk Thru the Bible Event – April 15th & 16th:

This event will unpack the big picture of the Old Testament in an exciting, engaging way that brings people together and ignites passion for God’s Word.

This “Walk Thru the Old Testament” event will be held from 7 to 9PM on Friday, the 15th and from 9AM to noon on Saturday, the 16th.

There’s a lot to remember in the Bible. And it can be overwhelming and confusing. But through the Walk Thru the Old Testament live event, in just a few short hours, you can learn what would have taken years by just reading the Bible—and you’ll enjoy yourself in the process! More than 2 million people in the USA and over 10 million worldwide have attended the Walk Thru the Old Testament live event, making it one of the most attended events of all time!

Get the Big Picture of the Bible!

- Removes the intimidation of the Bible
- Provides the big picture of the Old Testament through a fun, exciting experience
- Ignites passion for God’s Word and revitalizes people’s walk!
- 75% of participants commit to daily Bible reading following the event

Experience the Bible Like Never Before - it’s interactive, memorable, relevant, exciting, and fun! Using the exclusive Walk Thru the Bible hand signs memory system, our certified Walk Thru the Bible instructor will guide you through the Old Testament in a way you’ve never experienced!

www.stjohnsarchbold.org:

Our church web site has a lot of information and resources available. The web site holds information on upcoming events, current and past Visitors and bulletins, and many parts of our worship services including sermons, music selections and testimonies. Sharing the website with neighbors and friends can be a great way of introducing people to St. John’s.

www.facebook.com:

Our church currently has two FaceBook pages; one is titled St. John’s Christian Church Archbold and the other is St. John’s Archbold SYF. These present us with yet another avenue of communicating events in the life of our church and senior high youth group. Check them out and use them as another great way of introducing people to St. John’s!

worship

February Worship Information:

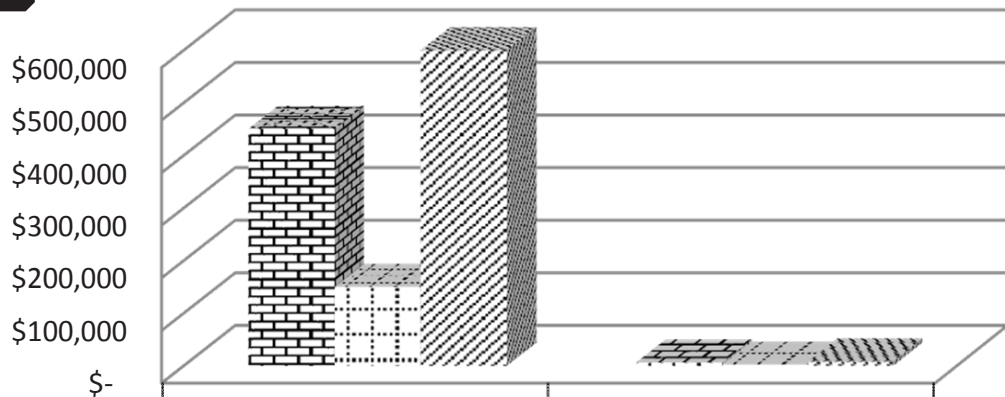
- Feb 7th Preparing for the Season of Lent
Scriptures – Titus 2:11-14, James 4:1-12
Sermon – “Time to Clean” – Pastor Erich
10:30 Chancel Choir –
“Come Let Us Worship the King”
- Feb 10th Ash Wednesday – Sacrament of Communion
Scriptures – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2,
Mark 8:34-38
Sermon – “Giving It Up” – Pastor Erich
Chancel Choir – “No Greater Love”
- Feb 14th 1st Sunday of Lent
Scriptures – Genesis 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon – “Giving Up Control” –
Pastor Adam
10:30 Chancel Choir –
“Praise God From Whom”
- Feb 17th Lenten Worship Service – 7:00PM
- Feb 21st 2nd Sunday of Lent
Scriptures – Genesis 12:1-4, John 3:1-17
Sermon – “Giving Up Expectations” –
Pastor Adam
10:30 Children’s Hand Bells &
Hand Chimes Choirs
- Feb 24th Lenten Worship Service – 7:00PM
- Feb 28th 3rd Sunday of Lent
Scriptures – Ephesians 4:1-6, John 4:5-42
Sermon – “Giving Up Superiority” –
Pastor Erich
10:30 Special Music

stewardship

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of January 25, 2016 - \$323,442.01 (includes 2015 matching funds)

**\$443,883 left to
\$450,000 goal**

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign 2016 Matching Gift



	Goal	YTD
Congregational Receipts	\$450,000	\$6,117
Match from Donors	\$150,000	\$2,039
2016 Total w/Matching Funds	\$600,000	\$8,156

consistory/committees

2016 Congregational Annual Meeting Highlights:

President Jeff Rutledge called the meeting to order and offered an opening prayer. A quorum was established as 119 members were in attendance. (72 needed for a quorum)

Six people of the congregation offered short descriptions of each of the six key words in the congregation's mission statement: Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together.

Minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were approved, as were all financial reports from the past year. The 2016 proposed budgets were approved, including raises for the non-pastoral and pastoral staff.

Jim Redd reported on the "Imagine Your Faith Building" campaign. As of 1/15/16 \$322,167.01 has been received. He offered thanks to the anonymous donors who have offered the same matching pledge for 2016.

Results of the election of officers included: Congregational President – Brent Winzeler, Congregational Secretary – Betsy Redd, Elders – Betsy Ducey, Joyce Kinsman, and Deacon / Deaconess – Josh Grime, Eric Nafziger, Lynne Roth.

community news

Beauty Comes From the Heart:

West Clinton Mennonite Church (near Pettisville) is again holding their Prom Dress Event. This will be their 4th year hosting the event. The first year they had 12 girls attend, the second year that total doubled, and the third year was even more awesome...87 young ladies participated. The name of this year's event is "Beauty Comes From the Heart" and it will be held on Friday, February 19th from 3:30PM–7:00PM and Saturday, February 20th from 10:00AM–4:00PM. West Clinton Mennonite Church is located at 18029 Co. Rd. C (on the corner of County Road 18 and County Road C), Wauseon, Ohio. They currently have an inventory of over 300 long and 220 short dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. All items are offered for donation only (nothing is priced!) and the money will be going to one local mission, Children's Lantern of Defiance (Human Trafficking) and one international mission, Growing Hope of Haiti. If you have questions or donations, please contact Lori King at 419-445-1285 or 419-822-7379 or ktlking@aol.com.

College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	Name	Address		City	State	Zip	College/University
1	Bechstein, Tyler	1008 Bridge St NW	Apt. 1	Grand Rapids	MI	49504	Grand Valley State Univ
2	Salinas, Alicia	948 Huntwood Lane		Charlottesville	VA	22901	University of Virginia
3	Buckenmeyer, Eric	15 S. Shafer St	Unit #1404	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
4	Fryman, Marli	3000 Village Loop		Toledo	OH	43606	University of Toledo
5	Garza, Grace	26619 County Rd EF		Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC
6	Grieser, Bailey	4157 Baker West	129 W. 12th Ave.	Columbus	OH	43210	Ohio State University
7	Kern, Hannah				Thailand		YWAM Discipleship School
8	Lehman, Jenny	1019 N Fountain		Springfield	OH	45504	Wittenberg University
9	Mann, Jeremy	1001 Bethel Circle	Oakwood 113	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
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February Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Build on the Rock ----- Luke 6:43-49 | 16 Inheriting a Fortune ----- 1 Peter 1:1-12 |
| 2 Deterioration ----- 1 Kings 11:1-13 | 17 Life Changes ----- 1 Peter 1:13-21 |
| 3 Division ----- 1 Kings 11:26-43 | 18 More, Please! ----- 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 |
| 4 Succession ----- 1 Kings 12:1-20 | 19 New Life ----- 1 Peter 2:4-10 |
| 5 Rejection ----- 1 Kings 12:21-33 | 20 Living in a Hostile World ----- 1 Peter 2:11-17 |
| 6 Dedication ----- 1 Kings 15:9-24 | 21 Everlasting Joy ----- Psalm 1:1-6 |
| 7 Songs of the Faithful ----- Psalm 149:1-9 | 22 Following Christ's Footsteps ----- 1 Peter 2:18-25 |
| 8 Degeneration ----- 1 Kings 16:23-34 | 23 True Beauty ----- 1 Peter 3:1-7 |
| 9 Provision ----- 1 Kings 17:1-24 | 24 Seeds of Hope ----- 1 Peter 3:8-22 |
| 10 Devotion ----- 1 Kings 18:1-15 | 25 Gifts for Others ----- 1 Peter 4:1-11 |
| 11 Confrontation ----- 1 Kings 18:16-46 | 26 Privileged ----- 1 Peter 4:12-19 |
| 12 Revelation ----- 1 Kings 19:1-21 | 27 Ever so 'Umble ----- 1 Peter 5:1-7 |
| 13 Corruption ----- 1 Kings 21:1-29 | 28 The Lord's Decree ----- Psalm 2:1-12 |
| 14 Alleluia! ----- Psalm 150:1-6 | 29 A Doxology ----- 1 Peter 5:8-14 |
| 15 Destruction ----- 1 Kings 22:1-5, 29-53 | |

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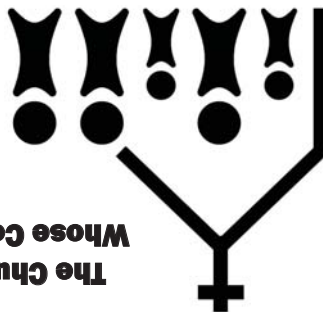
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