

The Visitor

prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church
Family and Friends

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Please Pray For:

- Shirley Nafziger, who fell and broke her femur right below her hip on February 22nd and had surgery on February 24th at FCHC.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who was home but is now back in rehab at Fairlawn after re-fracturing her pelvis.
- Emily Walker, who had successful surgery in Cincinnati on February 12th to remove pins from her hip.
- The family of Valeria Hornish, who went to her heavenly home on February 1st after a long and blessed life of 102 years.
- Bea Briggs, who returns to Cleveland every 3 weeks for low dose chemo treatments.
- 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:

AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force Basic Training)

331 TRS/FLT 232 (Dorm 3B2)
1320 Truemper St. Unit 369574
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6409

(mail white envelopes only addressed in black or blue ink)

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

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
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

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 Jeremy and Sarah Kinsman on the birth of their son, Ryan Charles, on February 16th. Ryan weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20" long.



congregational thank you's

Mary and I would like to thank our church family for the cards and prayers during my recent surgery. We are truly blessed to be a part of St John's! May God richly bless this fellowship.

John & Mary Beck

easter/lent

Easter Flower & Memorials – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for ordering Easter Flowers (deadline March 1st) and giving Easter Memorials (deadline March 20th). Flowers available for \$9 each are daffodils, lilies, hyacinths (blue, pink, or white), mums (pink, yellow, or white) and tulips (red, pink, purple or yellow). Memorials can be given in any amount. Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Coin Folders – Children and Adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. These will be collected on Easter Sunday and the offerings will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.



pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

Earlier this winter, I installed a wood stove in my workshop at home, and what a joy it has been to spend time working on various projects in a warm and comfortable shop. It's been a long time coming, with a bit of prep work involved as I added insulation in the attic a few years ago and spent the past sixteen months rearranging tools, shelves and benches so I had space for the stove and chimney.

I've always had an ample supply of firewood for our family room fireplace, but the new wood stove in my shop requires a greater supply. Some folks have been generous in providing wood, and I'm getting some good exercise in cutting, gathering, splitting and stacking the firewood. Using a chain saw and splitting wood with a maul or an ax have always been enjoyable for me, and as I've been cutting and splitting lately, I've been remembering my early years at Pilgrim Hills Church Camp. That's where I was shown how to operate a chainsaw safely, where I gained experience in dropping trees, and had hours and hours of practice in splitting and stacking! Camp is where I learned a work ethic, and it's where my faith was nurtured and grown as a young man.

Working at camp was where I learned the real meaning of the verse of 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." This verse speaks of Christian work, but even as I split wood I am reminded of the verse, especially when I am getting tired and come across a stubborn chunk of wood! I tell myself, "It's not in vain, it's not in vain! Heat and warmth will come!"

In the ministries of St. John's, this verse is of significant value – encouraging each of us to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord. Can you imagine the glory we could give to God if each one of us gave ourselves fully to the Lord? The hours of prayer engaged in, the number of bibles worn out, the amount of lives touched, changed and blessed – can you imagine?

Pie in the sky kind of thinking, right? Well, maybe, but I hope not, for think of the possibilities! One prayer at a time, one verse read or memorized at a time, one person invited, one child taught – and over the course of time, the accumulative display of such devotion would be amazing.

Will you join me in praying for the living out of this verse? Will you join me in giving self fully to the work of the Lord? As God has promised, it won't be in vain!

Laboring for the Lord, *ERICH*



mission corner

FISH Pantry - Out of Box Experience Sunday, February 20th:

As you can see from the pictures below, volunteers of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship shopping for the FISH pantry, and then learning more about the pantry while helping to stock their shelves with the items they purchased.



Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$2,065.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$265.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$350.
- Church World Service (emergency kit program), for our gift of \$380.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$135.
- Kajiado Children's Home (Rupps), for our gift of \$480.
- Reliant (Formerly GCM) (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$1,010; (Matt Pardi) for our gift of \$1,030.
- Kids Against Hunger (includes Souper Bowl of Caring), for our gift of \$1,100.
- Mighty in the Land (Robert Rogers), for our gift of \$1,000.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$100.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$775.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$6,000.



Anonymous Gift:

St. John's received a donation at the end of 2015 with the following note: "St. John's Mission Committee, please accept this donation. I ask that the Mission Committee use it to support the various missionaries of the church, in the best way you see fit." The donation was in the amount of \$24,968.82. What an amazing blessing! At their February meeting, the members of the Mission Committee rounded up the donation to \$25,000 and designated the monies based on the length of history SJCC has had with various missionaries, as well as in proportion to our annual support of each. The following blessings were allocated:

\$1000 each to Judd & Becky McClarren (Soddo Hospital), Agape Family Life House (Keith Wyse, China), Kyle Chase (GCM at UM), Matt Pardi (GCM at UT), Whitney Varnau (GCM at OSU), Mighty in the Land (Robert Rogers), Brian & Jamie Rauschenberger (Haiti), and Jon & Rachel Doriot (Pioneers).

\$2000 to Tom & Megan (The Islands)

\$5000 each to CRHP (Aroles), Kajiado Children's Home (Rupps), and World Team (Tony & Leila Frank).



Dear St. John's Church,

Thank you for the use of the Parish Hall for the Kids Against Hunger spaghetti fundraiser, not to mention the supplies. We greatly appreciated the kind donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring church mission donation. Thanks Again!

Sincerely,
Kristen Lauber

Dear Foods Resource Bank Friends,

The 2015 Corn Project in which you participated is complete. The harvest was not very good, but we are celebrating with you the many mission projects that can still be completed around the world.

Thank you for your support of \$2,177.50 which, when added to all other inputs, allowed us to send \$8,946.06 to FRB from this year's growing project.

Again, we thank you for your continued support.

In Christ,
Marvin Fish, Project Manager



Matt & Paige Waanders January, 2016 Newsletter:

Our Privilege – It was a Monday night in early January - 15 college guys and 4 CRU staff members crammed into a small basement, to pray and dream about what God might do in our area of campus ministry this semester. As the students shared what they were trusting God to do through them this semester, we couldn't help but be overcome by hope, being surrounded by a group of men who were equipped and excited to help their peers know and enter into a relationship with Jesus. We thank God that we get to work with these students, and we thank you for partnering with us to make it all possible.

Prayer Requests – We are grateful for your continued prayers. Specific things to be praying for:

- Thank God with us for the amazing students we get to work with. Nathan, Matt, Haley, Erin and many others walk faithfully with God and encourage us to be faithful to God by the way they live.
- For freshman in our ministry and on campus to better understand what it means to have a relationship with God and desire to live that out by inviting others to know God, too.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in our ministry. We are so blessed by you!

March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House:

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two story home, located near downtown Archbold, is set up to house one or two family units at a time. The home provides shelter for individuals and families until they are able to become self-sufficient. The home is almost always occupied and has been a tremendous help to numerous residents. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

The main need of the Friendship House at this point is further financial support for operating expenses. This month we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

mission corner cont.

Kids Against Hunger Event:

Kids Against Hunger is a Christian ministry with the following mission: To significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. We ship meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. We need your help to end world hunger.

Kids Against Hunger packages highly nutritious, life-saving meals for starving children and malnourished children and their families in developing countries and the United States. The goal of the organization is for its meals to provide a stable nutritional base from which recipient families can move their families from starvation to self-sufficiency. Kids Against Hunger accomplishes this by mobilizing the energy and caring of American children, teens, and adults on behalf of hungry children around the world. Kids Against Hunger seeks to end the literal hunger of children receiving the meals, but also satisfies a hunger among prosperous Americans – a hunger for meaning and contribution.

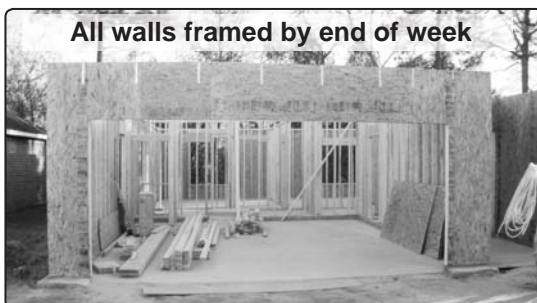
A local meal packing event is scheduled for the afternoon of March 20th at the K of C Hall on W. Lutz Road, beginning at 2PM. A sign-up sheet is posted.



Back Bay Mission Trip – February 13-20:

Eleven folks from SJCC were joined by five others for a week's adventure in home construction in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Traveling on the church bus and in a pick-up pulling the tool trailer, the group arrived along the gulf coast early Sunday afternoon. After settling into the mission house, enjoying a service of worship, stocking up on groceries and visiting the work site, the group got right at it Monday morning.



The materials and supplies were dropped at the home site at 7:30AM. Struggles with the concrete slab being out of square and not level from corner to corner, along with some changes to the plans by the construction supervisor created some challenges to overcome. But enjoying hours and days of group interaction, visiting with a few neighbors and with BBM staff, the group was able to frame up the walls of the house by the end of Wednesday. Since the roof trusses were never constructed, the group moved on to another project for Thursday and Friday – replacing a shingle roof on a home. The group made sure Mike Meyer was doing well, and they look forward to seeing him come home in another six weeks or so!

Spring Break Experience – Kinsey Smith:

Kinsey and a group of about a dozen students and Cru staff will be on a vision trip to an overseas country the second week of March. We've been asked not to print the destination in order to protect the ministries in that local area. While there, the group will spend time representing Christ through their interactions with those they'll meet. Please be in prayer for Kinsey and all of the group members. The Mission Committee supported Kinsey through a support gift of \$250.

Habitat for Humanity Summer Mission Trip – June 12 - 17:

Plans for the annual summer mission trip have been finalized. After a year's break from building, the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity will be once again building a house this summer. They are counting on a crew of volunteers from SJCC to get the build well underway.

Trip volunteers will lodge at Tower Hill Church Camp, in the wonderful setting of the St. Phillipus Retreat Center, near the shore of Lake Michigan. Enjoying breakfasts and dinners at the camp, the group will eat lunches at the work site, supplied by area churches and businesses – including the special American fare and homemade root beer from Carlson's!

Leaving the church mid-afternoon on Sunday, June 12th, the group will work Monday through early Friday afternoon, returning home later Friday afternoon.

The week is another blessed experience of enjoying Christian fellowship while sharing God's blessings of time, energy and talents! Talk with Mike Meyer or Greg Walker if you have any questions!

2016 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

- 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

Fairlawn Haven's 50th Annual Auxiliary Auction:

The annual auxiliary auction at Fairlawn Haven is Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8. This year will again feature a photography show and sale, live auction with hundreds of items (handcrafted furniture and quilts, sport items, toys, gift cards, and more) to bid on, and plenty of great food! Proceeds benefitting projects for Fairlawn Haven residents. Information is posted on the bulletin board or visit www.fairlawnarchbold.org or www.facebook.com/FairlawnArchbold.

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:

Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

web site - www.jamkhed.org

- ✚ Pray for partnership with Freedom from Poverty Foundation, providing free surgeries for poor/marginalized communities, medical facility upgrades, training of health professionals.

Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU

web site - www.give.cru.org

e-mail - matthew.waanders@cru.org

e-mail - paige.stamm@cru.org

- ✚ Pray for an outreach coming up on 2/24 – a debate between a Christian theologian and an atheist professor – last year's event had 1,500 students show up! Continue to pray for the campus of OSU, that God would stir a desire in their hearts to know him, and that Matt & Paige would have opportunities to share the Gospel.

Kyle Chase, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.gcmweb.org

e-mail - Kyle.Chase@gcmweb.org

Matt Pardi, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.h2ochurch.com

e-mail - matt.pardi@gcmweb.org

Whitney Varnau, Reliant (formerly Great Comm. Min.)

web site - www.h2ochurch.com

e-mail - whitney.varnau@h2osu.org

- ✚ Pray for Greek Team as they focus on being on mission, for Greek students to invest their spring breaks in an h2o trip, for several students facing various mental health struggles.

Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil

web site - www.worldteam.org

e-mail - tony.frank@worldteam.org

Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

web site - tmislands.blogspot.com

e-mail - tmislands@fastmail.net

- ✚ Pray for returning teammates as they transition back to island life; for two families working on the islands who had to leave suddenly – for health situations; as they set the vision and plans for their future team.

Judd & Becky McClarren, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

www.soddo.org

e-mail - juddmc@abwe.cc; e-mail - becmc@abwe.cc

Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home

web site - www.hope4kajiado.com

e-mail - kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com

- ✚ Pray that God may raise up one or more from St. John's to join a group visiting KCH in June.

Brian & Jamie Rauschenberger, Haiti

web site - www.WaterForTheWorld.com

e-mail - Brian@WaterForTheWorld.com

e-mail - Jamie@WaterForTheWorld.com

Keith & Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House

web site - www.agapeflh.org

e-mail - k.wyse@agapeflh.org

Jon & Rachel Doriot - Pioneers, Papua

web site - www.pioneers.org

e-mail - kelapa@linkmail.org

- ✚ Pray for God's guidance and peace as they follow Him in faith like Abraham into their unknown future; for healing for a girl with a cleft palate and for conviction for her family; for Jon, Jadon and Brendan as they go to Indonesia for 3 weeks and for Rachel staying home with Joshua & Asher; that their financial and physical family needs would be met.

Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand

Teaching @ Bangkok International Christian School

e-mail - mmnofziger@gmail.com

- ✚ Pray for her as she finishes out her two year teaching term, for strength, health and joy.

Hannah Kern - YWAM Thailand

Facebook Page – Hannah Gabrielle Kern

Facebook Page - YWAM Madison

- ✚ Pray for Hannah and her team as they have returned to Wisconsin. Pray for them as they share and process their experiences over the past 5 months. Pray that God will continue to be with Hannah as she discerns what is next for her.

Jordyn Pursel - YWAM Lausanne, Switzerland

web site - www.YWAMLausanne.com

Facebook Page – Jordyn's Journey

- ✚ Prayers for Jordyn as she and her team prepare to travel to Egypt for her service phase with YWAM.

ministry happenings

Christian Education

LOGOS – Our Wednesday Evening Ministry for Children & Youth:

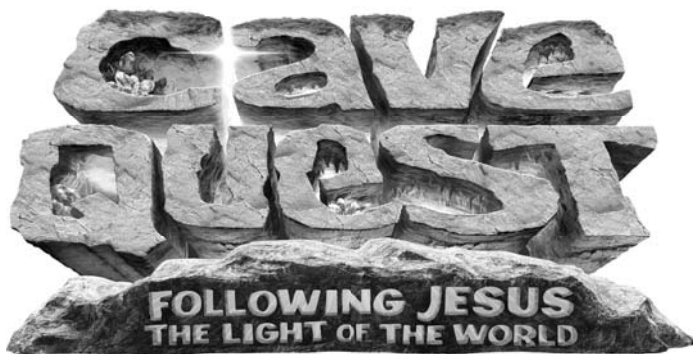
March nights, themes and (worship skill):

- March 2 – Bingo Night (Junior Choir)
- March 9 – Blast from the Past (Junior Choir)
- March 16 – Go Green for Spring (Bells/Chimes/Worship)
- March 23 – Easter Night (Bells/Chimes/Worship)
- March 30 – NO LOGOS – Spring Break

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 March 20th at 10:50AM in the Chapel.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2016:



Save The Date! June 12-16, 2016. This VBS ROCKS! Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! At CAVE QUEST, kids will be grounded in the rock-solid foundation of God's Love, a love that carries us through life's dark times. It is sure to be a one of a kind adventure FOLLOWING JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! If you have questions regarding this Summer's VBS, please contact Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Wanemacher.

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

The JYF would like to have the whole congregation attend the movie night we are hosting on Sunday, March 6th. There will be a kid's animated feature at 4PM, with a pizza supper at 5:30. At 6PM, we will show a non-animated film for everyone. A free will donation will be collected for supper.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) Thank You:

The Senior Youth Fellowship would like to give the congregation a huge "THANK YOU!" for all the generous support of their SYF SuperSub sale. We hope you enjoyed your sandwiches and special boxes. Each one was uniquely made by a uniquely made youth.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

March is a great transition month from winter into spring. We'll begin March with a series on relationships and "one anothers." Then we'll turn to Jesus and the cross for 2 weeks. SYF will be hosting the Easter Pancake breakfast on March 27th. There will be NO SYF on March 27th because of Archbold area schools' spring break. 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 or outside Pastor Adam's office door.

Life Planning:

The next Life Planning time will be on March 9th at 7PM. We'll be spending time sharing about our Lenten journeys and learning some about Revelation.

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

- March 6 – Cecily Rohrs leading Shepherd Training – Session 1
- March 13 – Cecily Rohrs leading Shepherd Training – Session 2
- March 20 – Cecily Rohrs leading Shepherd Training – Session 3
- March 27 – Easter Breakfast
- Shepherds work with wobbly sheep to help them better navigate the slippery slopes of life.
- Who are these sheep we will shepherd? Almost always, good people who have made poor choices.

Job requirements: A heart like Jesus, an extra dose of common sense and patience.

Shepherd's pay: Too bountiful to count including a new set of eyes helping you to see more clearly how to love as Jesus loved.

Benefit package: A whole new understanding of a mostly overlooked culture right in our community.

Leader: Cecily Rohrs with over 25 years walking with the sheep who seek new direction.

Think about it, everyone wants the attention of the poor: lenders, auto sale lots, retailers who lure families to spend, fast food restaurants with dollar menus full of unhealthy choices. A follower of Jesus needs to be trained to get the poor's attention to keep the wobbly sheep from being eaten alive and walking wounded month after month. Come take the challenge!

Events / Activities

Discovery Guide Devotionals:

We have been using Scripture Union’s daily Discovery Guide devotionals for quite some time now. With the rising cost of paper and printing, Scripture Union has had to increase our cost on the quarterly guides from \$3 to \$5.50. We will be ordering guides for the spring quarter (Apr/May/June) shortly, but wanted to make you all aware of the price increase. Please note you can access the daily scripture, reflection and prayer on the Scripture Union web site. - [www.scriptureunion.org/Bible Reading/Discovery](http://www.scriptureunion.org/BibleReading/Discovery).

Summer Church Camp:

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 an application form!

Man Camp:

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 other great ways of introducing people to St. John’s!

St. John’s Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....	Brent Winzeler
Congregation Vice-President	Jim Redd
Congregation Secretary.....	Betsy Redd
Elders	Betsy Ducey, Ann Grime, Kim Hines, Joyce Kinsman, Paige Miller, Jim Redd
Deacons/Deaconesses	Amy Baden, Jim Grieser, Josh Grime, Nate Meyer, Eric Nafziger, Brad Roth, Lynne Roth, David Stuckey, Bruce Wooley
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
Associate Pastor.....	Rev. Adam Just
Pastor.....	Rev. Erich Christman

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
10	McCandless, Morgan	91 Wick Oval	Apt. 1308B	Youngstown	OH	44502	Youngstown State Univ
11	Nofziger, Delaney	1712 N. Greenfield Circle	Apt. 101	Grand Rapids	MI	49506	Acquinas College
12	Nofziger, Dustin	1592 Co Rd 16		Wauseon	OH	43567	NW State Comm College
13	Pursel, Jordyn					Egypt	YWAM Discipleship School
14	Rice, Dinah	10328 42nd Ave	Apt. 11	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ
15	Schnitkey, Tyson	824A Scott Hamilton Ave		Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ
16	Short, Ashley	44 Frambes Ave	Apt. D	Columbus	OH	43201	Ohio State University
17	Short, Casen	803 W Holland St		Archbold	OH	43502	NW State Comm College
18	Short, Meridith	4594 Friley-Palmer		Ames	IA	50012	Iowa State University
19	Smith, Kinsey	652 N. Interprise St	Apt. 129	Bowling Green	OH	43402	BGSU
20	Sonnenberg, Ellie	CPO 1359	820 N Lasalle Blvd	Chicago	IL	60610	Moody Bible Institute
21	Walker, Cayla	Mailbox #134	701 N. Clinton St	Defiance	OH	43516	Defiance College
22	Walker, Michael	1700 S. Main St		Goshen	IN	46526	Goshen College
23	Walters, Mondesi	1001 Bethel Circle	Shupe 111	Bethel	IN	46545	Bethel College
24	Warncke, Ethan	Honors Academic Village #4420D	2125 Campus Rd	Toledo	OH	43606	University of Toledo
25	Winzeler, Bryce	4850 A Hollingbourne Dr		Columbus	OH	43214	Capital Law School
26	Wyse, Katie	414 True House	132 South Green Dr	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
26	Zamudio, Mireya	202 Park St		Archbold	OH	43502	NWSCC
							Branch of Military
27	AB Collins Taylor D	331 TRS/FLT 232 (Dorm 3B2)	1320 Truemper St Unit 369574	JBSA Lackland	TX	78236-6409	Air Force Basic Training
28	Ducey, Kyle	10175 Park Meadows Dr	#5-326	Lone Tree	CO	80124	Navy
29	Jared Kuntz	HHB 2-1, ADA BN	Unit 15754 Box #409	APO	AP	96369	Army
30	Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave		Groton	CT	06340	Coast Guard
31	Koltin Zimmerman	Fort Campbell		Oak Grove	KY		Army

March 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	Mission-A-Month— Friendship House Elder of the Month— Betsy Ducey	1 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Capital Campaign Committee	2 6:00AM Men's Fraternity 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 8:00PM Chancel Choir	3 5:30PM 4th Grade Basketball Practice 7:00PM Mission Comm.	4	5 10AM Cub Scis. Pinewood Derby 11:00AM Girl Scout Troop #11635
6 9:15AM Adult Faith & Fell. Shepherd Circle Training 4-8:30PM Movie Night & Pizza hosted by JYF 6:00PM Seeker's Sm. Grp.	7 11:15AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Sister Chicks	8 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:00PM Property Committee	9 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 7:00PM L. Planning / SYF Remix 8:00PM Chancel Choir	10 4:15PM 10U Boys Soccer (Parish Hall) 6:00PM Scouts Dist. Mtg. Preschool 6:30PM MWF—AM Class Dad's Night	11 5:30PM 4th Grade Basketball Practice	12 9AM Cub Scis. Pinewood Derby 12PM DST - (Turn Clocks Ahead 1 hr.)
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:15AM Adult Faith & Fell. Shepherd Circle Training 10:30AM Jr. Choir Sings	14 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Sister Chicks	15 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	16 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Bells / Chimes 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 8:00PM Chancel Choir	17 4:15PM 10U Boys Soccer (Parish Hall) 6:30PM Preschool MWF—PM Class Dad's Night	18 3:30PM Joan Grieser Recital Practice 5PM Non-Mem Wedding Rehearsal	19 11:00AM Girl Scout Troop #11635 4:30PM Non-Memb. Wedding
20 Palm Sunday 9:15AM Adult Faith & Fell. Shepherd Circle Training 10:50AM Junior Church 3:00PM Piano Recital 3:00PM Depart for TGRM Chapel & Meal 6:00PM Seekers	21 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks 7:30PM Consistory	22 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	23 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Bells / Chimes 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	24 Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Maundy Thurs. Service	25 Good Fri. 7:00PM Good Friday Service	26
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Braden & Brittany Martinez, Camden Warncke
- 2 Cameron Yoder
- 3 Cindy Sauder, Rosemarie Schmidt, Cody Westfall
- 4 Mary Jo Britt
- 5 Roger & Kay Merillat, Brent & Lynda Schnitkey
- 6 Keith & Nici Wyse
- 7 Jeff Nofziger, Aimee Roth
- 8 Brad Enderle, Meridith Short
- 10 Ann Grime
- 11 Julie Buehrer, Lindsay Wyse, Coltin Short
- 12 Katie Layton, Dawsyn Martinez
- 13 Bud & Tootie Beck, Kenny Cowell, Bryson Martinez
- 14 Jenny Lehman
- 16 Rachel Kinsman, Ron Rice
- 17 Raegan Rutledge
- 18 Molly Rutledge
- 19 Ben & Sue Buehrer, Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman
- 21 Jenna Storrer
- 22 Sandy Frazier, Jenell Cobb
- 23 Sue Grieser, Brent Winzeler
- 26 Bo Krukowski, Jacob Nofziger, Esther Rice
- 27 Jon Rupp
- 28 Jamie Beck, John Beck, Jodi Beltz
- 29 Carson Baden, Cagnee Grime, Leah Nafziger
- 30 Dean & Lou Ann Beck, Dorothy Miller, Mark Nofziger, Jeremy Neuenschwander, Jeff & Cathy Nofziger, Wyatt Overmier
- 31 Brayden Hall

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

worship

March Worship Information:

- Mar 6th 4th Sunday of Lent – Theme “Giving Up...”
Scriptures – Phil. 2:5-11, Luke 19:37-44
Sermon – “Giving Up Enemies”
Pastor Erich
10:30 Chancel Choir – “Living Water”
- Mar 9th Lenten Worship Service – 7:00PM
- Mar 13th 5th Sunday of Lent – Theme “Giving Up...”
Scriptures – 1 John 1:1-3, Ezekiel 37:1-14,
John 11
Sermon – “Giving Up Our Lives”
Pastor Adam
10:30 Junior Choir – “Input / Output”
- Mar 16th Lenten Worship Service – 7:00PM
- Mar 20th Palm Sunday – Palm Processional
Scriptures – Ps. 118:19-29, Matt. 21:1-11
Sermon – “Giving Up Popularity”
Pastor Erich
10:30 Ch. Choir – “Blessed is He Who Comes”
- Mar 24th Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00PM
- Mar 25th Good Friday Service – 7:00PM
- Mar 27th Easter Sunday! Jesus is Risen!
Sunrise Service – 7:00AM
Breakfast (hosted by SYF) – 8:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt (hosted by JYF) – 8:45AM
Scriptures – Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18
Sermon – “Giving Up Death”
Pastor Erich
10:30 Chancel Choir – “Lay His Body Down”

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Capital Campaign Committee:

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

God blesses us so we can give and bless others. We are a blessed congregation with great spiritual leadership, outstanding programs, and generous members and friends who truly are blessed by God. These members and friends generously shared \$198,805 in contributions in 2015 to our faith based building campaign titled “Imagine your Faith Building”.

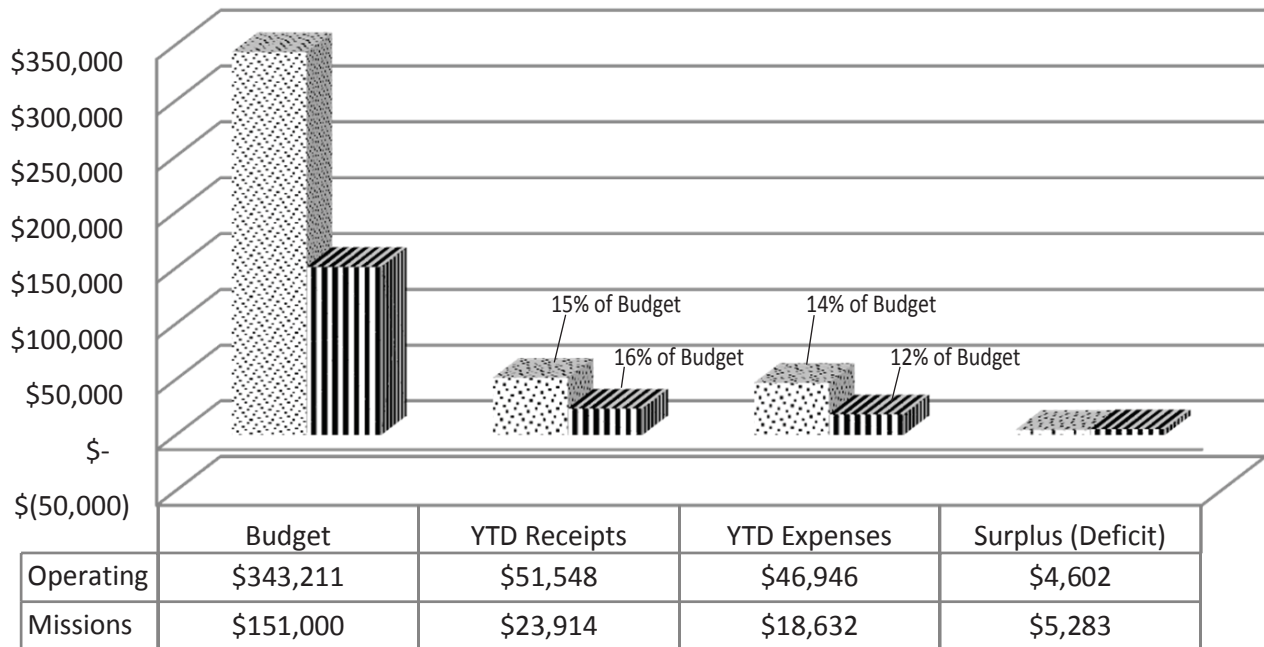
On behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee I thank each of you and the families that challenged us with their matching gift for your generosity, prayers, and support. Isn't it exciting what we can do as a church family?

So what does 2016 bring to St. John's? The same generous families are again challenging our congregation with a matching gift! Are we up to the challenge? I have no doubt, so prayerfully consider what you can do to engage in our “Faith Building Campaign.” Thanks again for your generosity and support to the present and future ministries of St. John's Christian Church. May God richly bless each of you!

John Beck, Chair

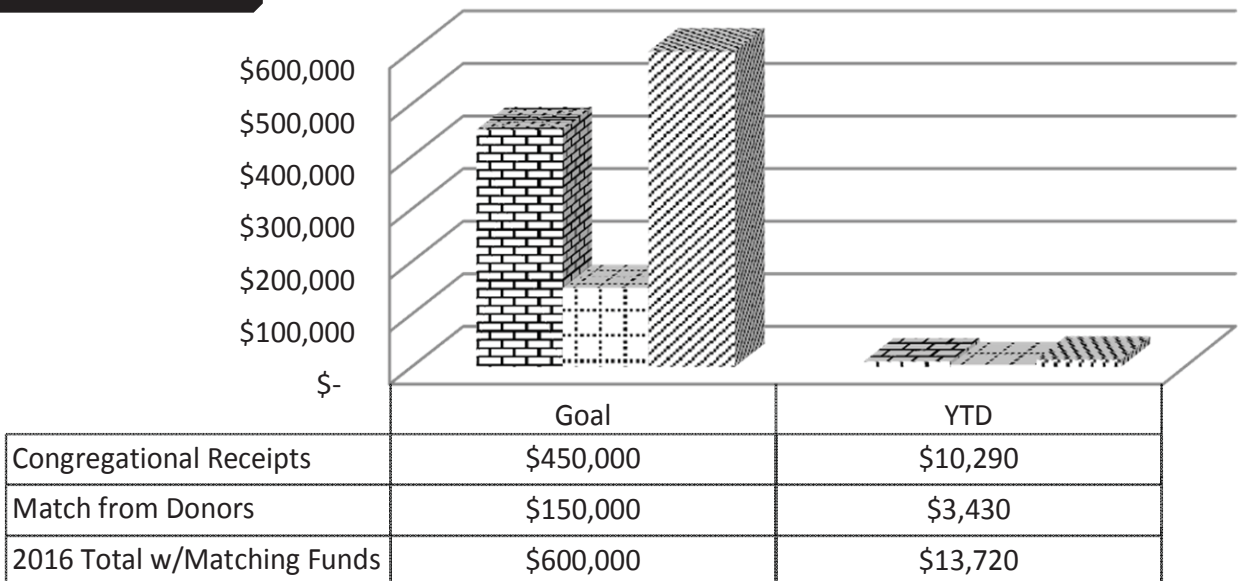
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2016 Operating & Missions Funds as of February 23, 2016



**\$439,710 left to
\$450,000 goal**

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign 2016 Matching Gift



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 22 2016 - \$327,614.86

March Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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|---|---|
| 1 Follow Together ----- Deuteronomy 1:1-18 | 17 Choose Carefully! ----- Deuteronomy 30:11-20 |
| 2 Faith vs. Fear ----- Deuteronomy 1:19-40 | 18 A Good Legacy ----- Deuteronomy 31:1-13 |
| 3 Forget Not ----- Deuteronomy 4:1-14, 32-40 | 19 Reality Check ----- Deuteronomy 31:14-29 |
| 4 Find Rest ----- Deuteronomy 5:1-22 | 20 The Arrival of the King ----- Luke 19:28-40 |
| 5 Full-Hearted Love ----- Deuteronomy 6:1-25 | 21 The King's Covenant ----- Luke 22:1-23 |
| 6 Faces to the Light ----- Psalm 3:1-8 | 22 The Way of the Kingdom ----- Luke 22:24-38 |
| 7 Found and Loved ----- Deuteronomy 7:1-26 | 23 When Darkness Reigns ----- Luke 22:39-62 |
| 8 Do Not Forget ----- Deuteronomy 8:1-20 | 24 The King on Trial ----- Luke 22:63-23:25 |
| 9 Pass on Your Story ----- Deuteronomy 11:1-32 | 25 The Death of the King ----- Luke 23:26-46 |
| 10 A Generous Society ----- Deuteronomy 15:1-18 | 26 Awaiting the King ----- Luke 23:47-56 |
| 11 Come On, Let's Celebrate ----- Deuteronomy 16:1-22 | 27 The Victory of the King ----- Luke 24:1-7 |
| 12 Worship God Truly ----- Deuteronomy 18:9-22 | 28 Too Great a Miracle ----- Luke 24:8-12 |
| 13 Grow In Faith ----- Psalm 4:1-8 | 29 Walking With the King ----- Luke 24:13-35 |
| 14 Good Justice ----- Deuteronomy 19:1-14 | 30 Risen ----- Luke 24:36-49 |
| 15 The People of God ----- Deuteronomy 29:1-29 | 31 When Jesus Reigns ----- Luke 24:50-53 |
| 16 Prosperity Gospel? ----- Deuteronomy 30:1-10 | |

Sunday School 9:15AM
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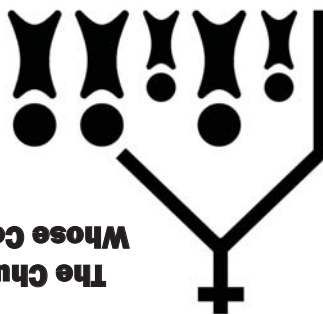
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/3), Ash Wednesday (2/10), Maundy Thursday (3/24),
 Pentecost (5/15), Mid-Summer (7/17), 1st Sunday in October (10/2),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/27)

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