

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

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

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### Please Pray For:

- Bernice Rice, now in rehab at Fulton Manor due to A-fib and an infection.
- Ruth Schmucker, who is at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo being treated for an infection in her throat that is causing breathing difficulties.
- Bruce & Carrie Wooley and family, as their 14 year old nephew, Thane Wooley, went to his eternal home with Jesus on March 29th.
- The family of Dick Calvert, who passed away on Easter Sunday in Florida.
- Mary Lou Nemire, who is recovering from knee surgery on March 24th.
- Gary Frazier, while during a routine exam, a tumor was discovered in his colon; awaiting further test results to determine treatment.
- Lynne Christman, who fell on March 17th and broke two bones in her right ankle and fractured her left foot.
- Mark Beltz, who is dealing with a badly bruised foot, but relieved it's not broken.
- Dorothy Miller, who had carpal tunnel surgery on her left hand on March 16th.
- Deb Schnitkey, who is recovering from a broken bone in her left foot.
- Sue Buehrer, who was in St. Vincent Medical Center for a brief stay after passing out at work from a low potassium level which caused dehydration and a drop in blood pressure.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who is now at the Lutheran Home in Napolen and continues with rehab for re-fracturing her pelvis.
- Shirley Nafziger, who is now home from rehab at Fairlawn for a broken femur.
- Connie Bostelman, who received a deep guided injection on March 2nd into her lower back where there is a broken disc, for relief of pain and infection.
- 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)

Left Texas on April 4th for Honor Guard Training in Washington, DC

### Kyle Ducey (Navy)

En route to Naval Technical Training Center in Pensacola, FL for additional intelligence training

### 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 thank you's

St. John's Mission Team,

Thank you all so much for choosing to support my trip to India for spring break. I am so grateful and excited to experience what God has been and is doing in India! Your support and prayers mean so much to me!

In Christ, Kinsey Smith

## congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonus and Alyssa Knowlton on the birth of their son, Zëiss William Knowlton born March 30th in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20" long. His grandparents include Gary and Teresa Mann.



# pastor's letter

## Thoughts from Pastor Adam . . .

Dear Church Family,

We have a stainless steel platter at home that shows an image of some people bringing in wheat with the phrase "our daily bread" on it. This truth comes from our Lord's prayer and is a simple statement that has great implications. Give us today our daily bread. Lord, give us what we need just for today. This request echoes the faith and request of the Israelites when they first entered the wilderness after leaving Egypt. They were unsure about the future and were needing God to come through. So, each day God provided food. It was daily. If they tried to store it maggots would form. It wasn't all that they wanted, but it was enough. Daily bread, daily trust, daily dependence, daily need. They learned to trust the Lord each and every day.

Our family and our church family is in a time of transition. Maybe not exactly what we want, but God will be enough. He again will provide and show himself faithful. We each need to be spending time at his table with his food each day. It is our daily bread. He is the bread.

Another thing the Israelites journeying in the wilderness has taught me is that it wasn't an aimless wandering. Never were they left to wander and navigate the journey on their own. Yes, there were certainly times when they thought they knew a better way, but the Lord was their leader. He provided direction each and every day. There are paths, rocks, valleys and mountains in our way and blocking our view from what might be next. This journey might cause some fear and anxiety, but God has always proved himself faithful. And in the journey brings about much growth and transformation.

He is faithful because he is our Shepherd. May we each rely upon and daily seek His face.

Love,

ADAM



## preschool corner

Although it was a short month (due to Easter and spring break), March was a busy time in the preschool room! We started out the month with the theme, "Zoo Animals." The children had fun learning about which animals God made to be pets, which ones he made to live in the ocean, and which were to live in the jungle/zoo. We learned about the story of Noah's Ark and had a puppet theater with zoo animals in the Dramatic Play area. The second week was Dinosaur Week!! This is always a favorite among the children, and many are very knowledgeable about the names and characteristics of each (we always learn a lot too)! We had large plastic dinosaurs in the Block Area, smaller ones with dirt and lava rocks in the Sensory Table, a foam set with a volcano, dinosaur puppets, magnetic dinosaurs and dinosaur floor puzzles. The younger children made dinosaur feet out of tissue boxes, and looked adorably scary! The last two weeks of the month we talked about Easter. We talked about Palm Sunday, when Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey, and then about his death and resurrection. This was best told through "Resurrection Eggs," where we used small props to tell each part of the story. The Mon-Wed-Fri children made beautiful crosses on a hill with an oil pastel rubbing technique, while the Tues-Thurs children did watercolor tape-resist paintings of crosses. We also made some colorful Easter egg paintings. The Dramatic Play area contained lots of plastic eggs and Easter baskets, so the children could pretend to hide and find eggs with their friends!

### Labels for Education:

Campbell Soup has decided to discontinue the UPC portion of the Labels for Education program. You can still turn in UPC labels up until July 15th, which will give us a few weeks to get them sent in before the July 31st closing deadline. To find a list of participating products, go to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). When July 31st gets here, you will still be able to turn in product packaging that contains the Labels for Education logo. There is no definite date set as to when that may be discontinued, but hopefully when it is they will replace it with another type of program to benefit our education institutions.

## congregational news

### Pastoral Transition:

cont.

A special meeting of the Consistory was held on March 13th, at which time they received and accepted Pastor Adam Just's letter of resignation. Various expressions of surprise, regret, faithfulness, support and sadness were shared. As the Lord called Adam to St. John's in 2006, now the Lord has called Adam to pastor at Washington Church in Toledo. Adam's resignation is effective June 15th and so we have a few months to express our appreciation and gratitude to him, as well as offer our support and prayers for this new pastoral ministry for him and his family.

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 21, the Consistory held initial discussions regarding this time of transition. The Personnel Committee will meet with Adam to negotiate the ending terms of his call agreement. A few members of the Personnel Committee and of the Consistory will meet with Adam and hold an exit interview with him. The purpose of the exit interview is to hear Adam's thoughts and reflections regarding his time here at St. John's and his discernment on future directions and ministries at St. John's.

The Consistory is in the process of looking at the associate pastor job description, discerning if there are any changes needing to be made, as well as discerning any changes to our current staffing model.

As the Consistory enters into the process of forming a Pastor Search Committee, they welcome people from the congregation volunteering to serve or suggesting people to serve – contact one of the Consistory members if you want further information.

The Consistory plans to be very intentional in keeping the congregation informed regarding this time of transition, and will offer further updates following their April 18th meeting.

## mission corner

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

- ABWE (McClarrens), for our gift of \$1,000.
- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$45.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1,628.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$280.
- CRU (Matt & Paige Waanders), for our gift of \$250.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$160.
- Reliant (Formerly GCM) (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$415; (Matt Pardi) for our gift of \$285; (Whitney Varnau) for our gift of \$250.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$2,560.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$75.

Dear Church Family,

Being part of Service Adventure was an experience that I won't forget. I want to thank you for supporting me (if that was financial or by prayer). Due to changes in leadership in Albany, Oregon Service Unit, a decision was made to close the Service Adventure earlier than expected and send the participants home. Even though I am home earlier than planned, I learned a lot about my strength in the Lord through all the ups and downs. I enjoyed getting to know people through the nursing home, church, and the people I lived with.

While in Oregon, I worked at Mennonite Village, which is a large nursing home and assisted living community. I volunteered with the activities director, and helped the seniors exercise and assisted them with various other activities that included games, arts and crafts and cooking. I really enjoyed talking with the residents and building relationships with them.

Once a week during my service time in Oregon I would visit my host (grand) parents house for host night. They provided a family setting, made me home cooked meals, took me to the city, and involved me in their family events. They treated me like a granddaughter!

I had many adventures during my time in Oregon. There were outdoor experiences - my favorites were swimming in the Pacific Ocean (in the middle of October, so it was pretty cold), climbing sand dunes, and visiting San Francisco for our team trip in late January (instead of the June year end trip due to our early departure).

I know I didn't actually experience the complete Service Adventure as originally planned, but my faith and my relationship with God grew so much because I spent so much time with him during the many struggles. God pushed me to be better in following his Word every day. I thank God and you for all that you have done for me before and during this growth experience.

With Love and Gratitude,  
Jessica Lindsay



### 2016 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

- May 15 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- June 5–11 – SYF Mission Trip to New York City
- June 12–17 – Summer Mission Trip with HFH
- 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

## mission corner cont.

### **April Mission-A-Month - Foods Resource Bank:**

Foods Resource Bank (FRB), a Christian response to world hunger, was organized in 1999 to help provide the resources needed to support smallholder, agricultural food security programs in some of the world's poorest villages.

FRB does not ship grain or food overseas. Rather, they assist smallholder farmers and communities in the developing world with seeds, animals, tools, instruction, water supply - whatever is needed to produce ample food to feed themselves and their families, with enough left over to share, barter or sell to purchase staples, basic medicines, and send their children to school.

April gives us an opportunity to donate toward the planting, tending and harvesting of the community growing project we help sponsor in cooperation with the Church of the United Brethren and First Lutheran Church (both of Stryker). The fifteen acre field of beans/corn will be planted at the corner of St. Rt. 34 and Co. Rd. 22.75, southeast of Stryker. At harvest time, the crop will be sold and the proceeds given to FRB.

### **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!

### **Fairlawn Haven's 50th Annual Auxiliary Auction:**

The annual auxiliary auction at Fairlawn Haven is Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8. Proceeds will benefit projects for Fairlawn Haven residents. We are also responsible for providing funds to cover 2 roasters of

pork and 2 angel food cakes, and we are asked to provide 4 large salads for the auction (a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board). Auction information is posted on the bulletin board, or visit [www.fairlawnarchbold.org](http://www.fairlawnarchbold.org) or [www.facebook.com/FairlawnArchbold](http://www.facebook.com/FairlawnArchbold).

### **Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio (HFHFCO) – Summer Build:**

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County would like to introduce you to future homeowners, Doug and Spring Jones. After setbacks made it difficult for the Jones family to find a large enough, affordable place to live, it was Doug who reached out to Habitat for his family and applied for the program in 2014. Since being accepted, Doug and Spring have worked many hours, referred to as Sweat Equity, as part of their requirements. The Jones children, Austin, Kodi and Elainna have all helped their parents with the requirements, and are excited that construction will be starting soon.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for my family to be able to afford a home with more space for my children to live and learn", says Spring, who drives to Toledo daily to work at UTMC. Doug and Spring try to keep up with the hectic schedules that having three children brings. Austin and Kodi are part of the Bulldog football team; both have played other high school sports too. Elainna plays basketball and is a great cookie-seller for her Girl Scout troop.

The family looks forward to having Austin's high school graduation party at their new home later this fall, after all the hard work of building the house is accomplished. They know that without community support, donors and volunteers, this dream of affordable homeownership would not be possible. Spring adds, "That we can have a home to call our own, all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you."

The Jones family is thrilled that Habitat will be building a house for them in their much-loved hometown of Swanton. This will be the first Habitat home built in Swanton and will be the 21st project for Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio. The build schedule will soon be finalized, after which we'll post times when people can sign-up to volunteer on the work site and/or provide meals for the workers.

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### **Habitat for Humanity April/May Build in Leipsic, Ohio:**

Asking for volunteer construction help for the Habitat for Humanity build in Leipsic, Ohio April/May of this year. Please contact Kelly Ducey (e-mail: [kelly.ducey@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.ducey@gmail.com)) if interested.

**Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:**

**Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP**

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

✠ Pray that their Christian guided emphasis on health, agriculture and farmer welfare continues to gain momentum and provides further evidence of God's mercy and care.

**Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU**

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

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

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**Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil**

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e-mail - [tony.frank@worldteam.org](mailto:tony.frank@worldteam.org)

✠ Pray they will be bold in announcing the Gospel and courageous in defending the Gospel when it is unpopular, for wisdom as they meet about teaching in a few local Bible schools, pray for the recovery of Tony's father, 81, who fell down some stairs after ministering God's Word at the local jail, breaking his collar bone, a rib and cutting his leg.

**Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa**

web site - [tmislands.blogspot.com](http://tmislands.blogspot.com)

e-mail - [tmislands@fastmail.net](mailto:tmislands@fastmail.net)

✠ Pray one of their friends from another island would be encouraged as he settles in to a new island, learning the new dialect/village/culture. Pray for Ma Imani's pregnancy. Pray as Tom goes to an annual teachers' conference – pray for a good conference, safe travels, good interactions, and for Megan and the children left at home.

**Judd & Becky McClarren, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

[www.soddo.org](http://www.soddo.org)

e-mail - [juddmc@abwe.cc](mailto:juddmc@abwe.cc); e-mail - [becmc@abwe.cc](mailto:becmc@abwe.cc)

**Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home**

web site - [www.hope4kajiado.com](http://www.hope4kajiado.com)

e-mail - [kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com](mailto:kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com)

**Brian & Jamie Rauschenberger, Haiti**

**Keith & Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House**

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

e-mail - [k.wyse@agapeflh.org](mailto:k.wyse@agapeflh.org)

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

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

e-mail - [kelapa@linkmail.org](mailto:kelapa@linkmail.org)

**Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand**

Teaching @ Bangkok International Christian School

e-mail - [mmnofziger@gmail.com](mailto:mmnofziger@gmail.com)

✠ Pray her teaching continues to be a blessing, and her faith talks fall on listening ears.

**Hannah Kern - YWAM**

✠ Pray for Hannah, as she has returned home from her Discipleship Training School experience. Pray for her discernment of the Lord's guidance for what's next in her life.

**Jordyn Pursel - YWAM Lausanne, Switzerland**

web site - [www.YWAMLausanne.com](http://www.YWAMLausanne.com)

Facebook Page – Jordyn's Journey

✠ Prayers for Jordyn as she finishes the classroom learning phase and prepares for her upcoming outreach phase, which she will do in Cairo, Egypt.

## **ministry happenings**

### **Christian Education**

#### **LOGOS – Our Wednesday Evening Ministry for Children & Youth:**

April nights, themes and (worship skill):

- April 6 – All Smiles & Laughs Night (Bells/Chimes)
- April 13 – Fiesta Night (Junior Choir)
- April 20 – Under the Sea Night (Junior Choir)
- April 27 – LOGOS Celebration Night (Junior 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 April 17th at 10:50AM in the Chapel.

#### **Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):**

April showers bring May flowers – and so our time in SYF in April will bring great rewards in our faith. We'll spend a few weeks talking about discipleship that Jesus invites us into. 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 with the Center of Student Missions (CSM). We partnered with CSM back in 2012 (our Washington DC trip). Mission trip applications are currently available in the youth room or outside Pastor Adam's door.

# April 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— Foods Resource Bank Elder of the Month— Kim Hines				1 6:00PM Group Home Event Set Up	2 10AM Group Home Event  11AM Girl Scout Troop #11635
3 6:00PM Seekers Small Grp.	4 11:00AM Funeral Service for Dick Calvert 12:00AM Funeral Lunch	5 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Cap. Campaign Committee	6 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Bells / Chimes 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	7 7:00PM Mission Comm.	8 <b>Man Camp Weekend</b> Miracle Camp, Lawton, MI	
10 <b>Man Camp Weekend</b> 10:30AM Bells & Chimes Play	11 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group	12 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:30PM Cub Scouts Den Mtgs. 7:00PM Property Committee	13 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM L. Planning / SYF Remix 7:30PM Chancel Choir	14 6:00PM Scouts Distr. Mtg.	15 7-9PM Walk Thru the Old Testament	16 9AM—noon Walk Thru the Old Testament  11:00AM Girl Scouts
17 6:00PM Seekers Small Grp.	18 11:15AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	19 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	20 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	21 5:00—9:00PM Girl Scouts (Parish Hall)	22	23
24	25 11:15AM Staff Meeting 3:30PM Lynne C Piano Recital Practice 6:30PM Couples Small Group	26 7:45AM Mental Health First Aid Training 9:15AM Bible Study 1:30PM Bingo @ Fairlawn 3:30PM Lynne C Piano Recital Practice 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Cub Scouts Pack Mtg.	27 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 3:30PM Lynne C Piano Recital Practice 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM JYF 6:45PM Junior Choir 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	28 10:00AM –3:30PM Grandparents Day T-Th Classes (Chapel & Parish Hall) 3:30PM Lynne C Piano Recital Practice 7:00PM Lynne C Piano Recital	29 10AM –3:30PM Grandparents Day T-Th Classes (Chapel & P. Hall) 5:30PM Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal	30 9AM Presentation Practice/Pictures 11AM Girl Scouts 4:30PM Non-Member Wedding

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Kelby Beck
- 3 Eric Buckenmeyer, Dencel Miller
- 6 Bryce Beltz, Tim Smith
- 7 Norma Fish, Ashley Rosenberger, Cameron Ruffer
- 8 Jude Rutledge, Sonny & Shirley Wyse
- 9 William Baden
- 10 Lynda Herman, Tom & Peg Hines, Charlie Nofziger
- 11 Mike Overmier
- 13 James Grime
- 15 Sara Just, Keith Kern
- 16 Kreighton Sims
- 17 Dean Sauder

- 18 Ryan & Chelsi Smith, Dale VonDeylen
- 19 Marvin Fish, Dale Flint, Vern Nemire
- 20 Travis Westfall
- 21 Kendal Pursel, Kylie Lantz, Finn Yoder
- 22 Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Thelma Bartley, Susanne Spiess, Hailey Wooley
- 23 Crystal Beck, Mark & Jodi Beltz
- 24 Kenley Lantz, Jessica Lindsay, Karla Pursel
- 26 Renee Liechty
- 27 Matt & Kim Hines
- 28 Bill Metz, Dale Grime, Vond Hall
- 29 Kim Hines

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

# ministry happenings cont.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 12-16, 2016, 6-8:30PM:

Want to be part of an exciting adventure? Come hang out with us at VBS!! This year's theme - Cave Quest - will show you how following Jesus, the Light of the World, is the only way to live!

Each day, kids participate in small groups called Cave Crews, and discover practical ways to follow Jesus, the light of the world! Not only will they experience exciting Bible adventures, but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His light shines for us to see it daily!

Cave Quest is filled with unforgettable Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real stories of real kids who are shining God's light in everyday life! Plus, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats keep everyone on the move. If you have questions regarding this Summer's VBS, please contact Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger.

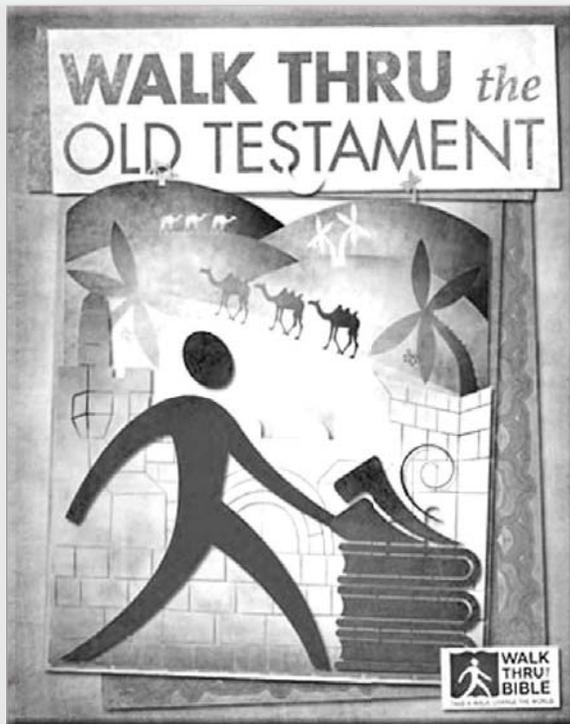
## Events / Activities

### 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](http://www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp).



## St. John's Christian Church

Friday evening, April 15 – 7 to 9 PM  
Saturday morning – April 16 – 9 AM to Noon

Sign-up on the bulletin board or register on-line at [stjohnsarchbold.org](http://stjohnsarchbold.org) (under the "events" pull down tab)

\$26 fee covers workbook, refreshments and partial event cost  
We need at least 50 adults to attend this event!

## THE STORY BEGINS

**E**xperience an event that unveils God's Word as you've never known it before. As you walk through the Old Testament, you'll realize that the Bible is coming to life and your knowledge of its people, places, and themes is rapidly increasing. In just a few short hours, you'll see the big picture of God's Story and how it fits together. Like many others, you may walk away saying, "I never understood the Bible like this before!"

Most of all, you'll develop a deeper connection with the God who wants you to know Him and will never stop pursuing your heart. The more you understand His story, the more you'll realize it's your story too. And the more you realize it's your story, the more His words will change your life.

- Experience the story of the Bible in a way that makes God's Word come alive.
- Learn 77 hand signs designed to help you understand the big picture of the Old Testament.
- See beyond the facts of the Bible and spark a passion for God's Word in your life.
- This live event will be a highly engaging, dynamic and memorable event!

## STEP INTO THE STORY

### Future Walk Thru the Bible Events

The hope is that this Walk Thru The Bible Event is the first of many such events, with future events available:

- Walk Thru the Bible New Testament Event
- Old Testament Live Student Event (ages 13 to 21)
- New Testament Live Student Event (ages 13 to 21)
- Kids in the Book Old Testament One Day Live Event (elementary ages)
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### Informational Notes:

- A certified instructor will guide participants on a virtual "walk" through the OT
- There is no age limit for the event – though there will be future events designed more age appropriate for children and youth
- Childcare will be available – make sure you note number of children and their ages on the sign-up sheet or when you register on-line

# worship

## April/May Worship Information:

- Apr 10th 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures – Psalm 119:169-176, Isaiah 9  
Sermon – “The Promise” – Pastor Erich  
10:30 Hand Bells & Hand Chimes
- Apr 17th 4th Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures – Matthew 5:14-16; 17-20  
Sermon – “Fulfillment” – Pastor Erich  
10:30 Chancel Choir
- Apr 24th 5th Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures – Rev. 5:11-13, 1 Cor. 3:1-10  
Sermon – “Faith in Transition” – Pastor Erich  
10:30 Chancel Choir
- May 1st Presentation Sunday  
Confirmands Presentations  
10:30 Junior Choir

# consistory/committees

## Capital Campaign Committee – Imagine Your Faith Building (The Race) One Year Celebration:

On Sunday, April 10th, you are cordially invited to attend the one year celebration of our “Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign.” The purpose of this event is to offer praise to God for all that he has provided thus far in the campaign (as of March 27, 2016 the total blessings are \$332,496.86), and to ask him for his continued grace in our endeavor. The celebration will take place in the Parish Hall from 9:15 - 10:15AM.

# community news

## Start Talking – Parents!:

A new effort is underway across Ohio to prevent drug abuse among Ohio’s most vulnerable citizens – our children. Start Talking has been launched to give parents, guardians, educators and community leaders the tools to start the conversation with Ohio’s youth about the importance of living healthy, drug-free lives. A majority of substance-free adolescents credit their parents for the decision not to use illegal substances. Likewise, teachers and other authority figures can have a similar influence on youth and their decision-making. Parents, mentors and peers can make a difference just by talking to the young people in their lives about drug abuse. Please Start Talking!

The Start Talking web resource for parents and children is: <http://starttalking.ohio.gov>.

## Social Networking for Parents – Parents...It’s YOUR Call!:

A series on helping parents raise healthy and happy tweens and teens, with the topics of cell phones, social media sites and basic internet safety covered. Presentation by Sgt. Courtney and Det. Chittenden of the Wauseon Police Department. For more information, call 419-337-9515 or visit [www.HC3Partnership.org](http://www.HC3Partnership.org).

## St. Martin’s 150th Anniversary Concert Series:

“Let the Church Say Amen” is the title of a hymn festival being held at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, S. Defiance St., on Sunday, April 24th at 4PM. Hymn festivals unite communities and celebrate the musical heritage of the Church. To join one’s voice with such a large group of singers deepens a love of hymns for all who attend, no matter what their denomination.

A free will offering supper will be provided after the event in St. Martin’s fellowship hall.

## Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon:

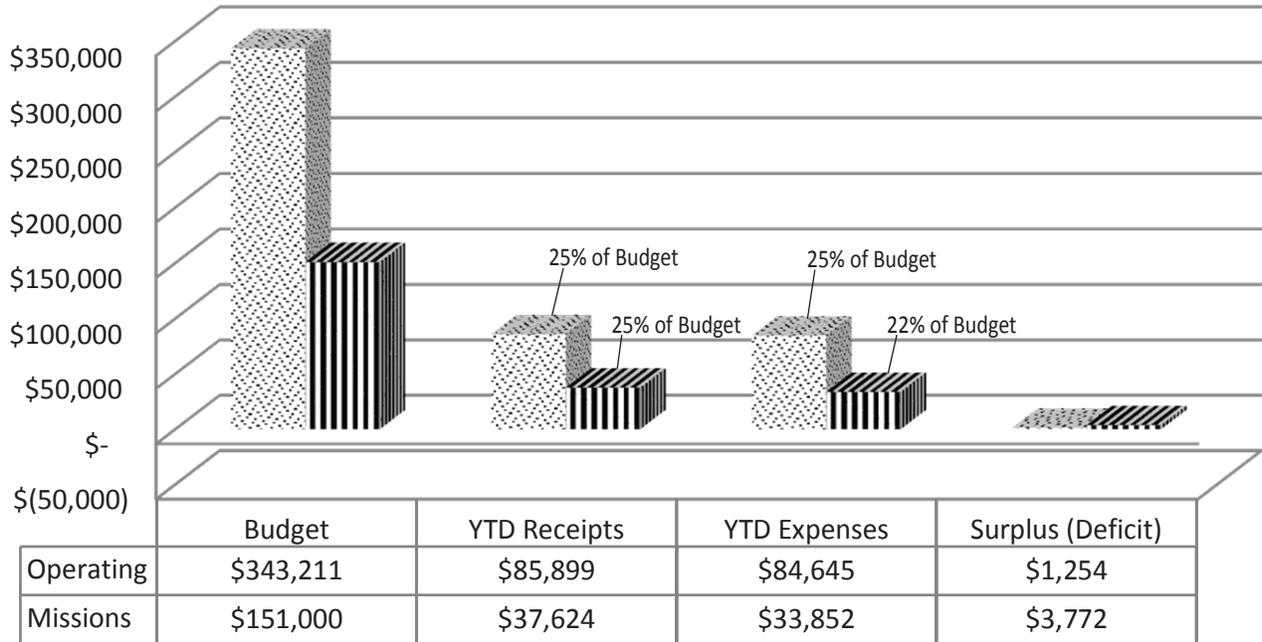
Archbold will host the 6th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 29th. This event will begin at 11:30AM in the Archbold High School Gymnasium and is a free event open to any senior citizen living in the Archbold area school district. To attend this event, contact Andrea Oyer and make your reservation by noon on Monday, April 25th (phone 419-445-5579, ext. 1205 or e-mail [Aoyer@archboldschools.org](mailto:Aoyer@archboldschools.org)).

## St. John’s Christian Church Leadership:

- Congregation President.....Brent Winzeler  
Congregation Vice-President ..... Jim Redd  
Congregation Secretary.....Betsy Redd  
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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,  
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Administrative Assistant..... Sue Grieser  
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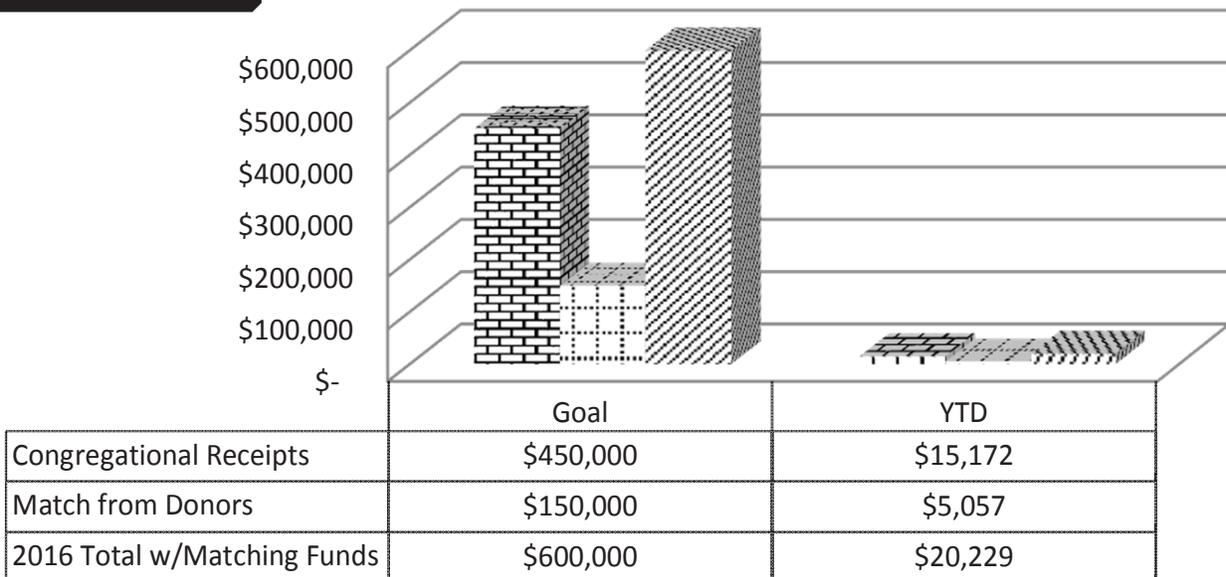
# stewardship

## 2016 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 31, 2016



**\$434,828 left to  
\$450,000 goal**

## Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign 2016 Matching Gift



**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 24, 2016 - \$332,496.86**

# April Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| <p>1 I'm a Believer... ----- Acts 24:1-21</p> <p>2 Sticking Point ----- Acts 24:22-27</p> <p>3 Expectant Worship ----- Psalm 5:1-12</p> <p>4 Taking a Chance? ----- Acts 25:1-12</p> <p>5 The Heart of the Matter ----- Acts 25:13-22</p> <p>6 Who's in Charge? ----- Acts 25:23-26:1a</p> <p>7 About-Turn ----- Acts 26:1b-18</p> <p>8 A Way of Life ----- Acts 26:19-32</p> <p>9 Unexpected Kindness ----- Acts 27:1-12</p> <p>10 How Long, O Lord? ----- Psalm 6:1-10</p> <p>11 In the Nick of Time ----- Acts 27:13-26</p> <p>12 One For All ----- Acts 27:27-44</p> <p>13 Strangers on the Shore ----- Acts 28:1-16</p> <p>14 Manifesto ----- Acts 28:17-31a</p> <p>15 Wings and Wheels ----- Ezekiel 1:1-28</p> | <p>16 Change of Direction ----- Ezekiel 2:1-3:15</p> <p>17 Put Things Right, Lord! ----- Psalm 7:1-17</p> <p>18 Just Watch Out ----- Ezekiel 3:16-27</p> <p>19 Dumb Show ----- Ezekiel 4:1-8; 5:1-13</p> <p>20 Whirling Wheels ----- Ezekiel 10:1-22</p> <p>21 Who Are the Good Guys? ----- Ezekiel 11:14-25</p> <p>22 The Seeker ----- Ezekiel 34:1-31</p> <p>23 Hallowed Be Your Name ----- Ezekiel 36:16-38</p> <p>24 The Weak Made Strong ----- Psalm 8:1-9</p> <p>25 Raising the Dead ----- Ezekiel 37:1-14</p> <p>26 Father of All ----- Ezekiel 37:15-28</p> <p>27 At Home With God ----- Ezekiel 43:1-12</p> <p>28 Be a Channel Not a Dam ----- Ezekiel 47:1-12</p> <p>29 Down, But Not Out ----- 2 Corinthians 1:1-11</p> <p>30 Jesus Christ, God's "Yes" ----- 2 Corinthians 1:12-22</p> |
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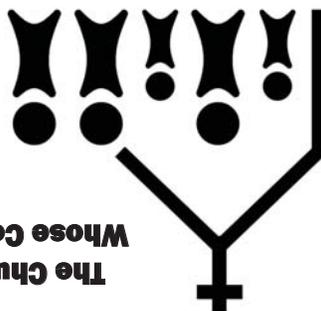
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 New Year (1/3), Ash Wednesday (2/10), Maundy Thursday (3/24),  
 Pentecost (5/15), Mid-Summer (7/17), 1st Sunday in October (10/2),  
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/27)

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