

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

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

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### Please Pray For:

- Jon Leatherman, recovering from back surgery.
- Cristina Avina (Ken & Shirley Nafziger's daughter), who is in UTMC dealing with a serious infection.
- Nicole Buehrer and Jesse Damms, whose precious daughter, Annabelle Nicole, was born and quickly called to heaven on October 17th.
- Blake, Sayward, Cooper and Tessa Schnitkey – Tessa was born August 29th at 28 weeks gestation. She weighed 1 lb., 11 oz. at birth, and is just now learning to take a bottle. She is currently in the NICU in Toledo.
- Gary Frazier, who is home recovering from surgery.
- Joan Wyse, our preschool assistant, whose mother, Martha Frey, is in Hospice care.
- Burt Badenhop, who is dealing with serious heart and lung issues at UTMC.
- Carol DeVries, recovering from knee replacement surgery on October 21st.
- Kathy Bechstein, recovering from a broken foot.
- Shirley Nafziger, recovering from a broken femur.
- Phil Buehrer, in rehab at Swanton Care Center.
- Sonny Wyse, in rehab at Heartland in Wauseon.
- Shirley Wyse, recovering from a broken pelvis.
- Jordyn Pursel, volunteering on a YWAM medical mission ship in Papua New Guinea, returning home on November 6th.
- Ann Grime, recovering from a fractured tibial plateau in her knee.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

### Pvt. Bostelman Brenden (Army)

B Co. 305th MI BN  
Attn Blood Hounds  
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

### Sgt. Benjamin Chapman (Army Nat'l. Guard)

(Stationed in Qatar)  
Box 516  
APO, AI 09898

### AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force)

268 Luke Ave., Box 700  
Joint Base Anacostia  
Bolling, DC 20032

### Kyle Ducey (Navy)

Naval Technical Training Center  
712 Underwood Ave., Apt. 802A  
Pensacola, FL 32504

### 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 #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Lois Heer, Room #238

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Josephine Short, Apt. #116

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Bernice Rice, Room #224-2

Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505

Heartland, 303 W. Leggett St., Wauseon, 43567

Sonny Wyse, Room #21-2

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

## congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS to Sylvestre "Danny" and Alicia Salinas on the birth of their son, Alexander Dean, on October 4th. Alexander weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 19-3/4" long. Grandparents include Dean Buckenmeyer and Evelyn Buckenmeyer.



The Salinas family resides in Charlottesville, Virginia.

## **pastor's letter**

### **Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .**

The month of November brings great aspects of promise with it this year in the life of our congregation. The month starts with Pastor Alex Young beginning on the 1st, and with the office renovation project near completion, allowing Pastor Alex, Sue and I to move and get settled into our new spaces. Jordyn Pursel returns in the second week of November from her three week service on the YWAM medical ship. Our second Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament Live Event is scheduled for the 11th and 12th. The Veteran's Breakfast will be held on November 13th as we offer our gratitude and thanksgiving to the veteran's and their families of our congregation. Of course, the annual observance of Thanksgiving offers great promise as we thank the Lord for his providence and blessings in our lives. And then November 27th marks the first Sunday of Advent – beginning the season in which we celebrate the coming of the Messiah! And these are just some of the month's highlights!

Sermons during the month will highlight "friendship evangelism" – talking with people about Jesus when we meet them at activities and gatherings. Drawn from Bill Hybel's "Just Walk Across the Room" material, the messages will encourage each of us to make the most of opportunities to share our faith. Inviting someone to one of November's events can be a way to begin the conversation. During the 9:15AM Sunday school hour, there will be two sessions (11/6 and 11/27) to engage in deeper consideration of friendship evangelism.

As Jesus challenged and commanded his early disciples to go and make disciples, the same challenge exists for us today. Knowing the blessed grace and love of Jesus, Christians are called to share the light and joy with others. Let's make a concerted effort to do so this month, this week, this day!



Pastor Erich, Sue, Pastor Alex

## **preschool corner**

With the warm weather lingering, it's hard to believe fall is here! We began the month of October learning about "Apples". We talked about different types of apples and what we eat that contains apples. We also cut an apple crosswise to see the 'star' in the middle. In the MWF classes we did a taste test with red and green apples, and graphed our preferences. The classes were almost equally divided on which they liked best! We did yarn wrapping to make apple trees, made (pretend) caramel apples with puffy paint and real sprinkles, and pretended to cook with apples in the sensory table with nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves! Ashley from Peapod Photography was here that week to take our pictures, so the children were all practicing their best smiles!

During the second week of the month, we talked about "Fall". With the older children, we listed some things that happen in the fall up on the chalkboard. We made a variety of fall trees at the art table and at the easel, using our arms/hands for the trunk and branches, and experimenting with corks and other objects for the leaves. With the younger classes, we used shaving cream paint on large leaf shapes and hung those on the southeast doors.

On Oct. 17 & 18 we took a field trip to the Archbold Fire Station. The children had so much fun looking at the fire engines, learning about the firefighters, and playing in the ambulance. The older children got to tour the Safety Trailer and learn about safety in our homes, as well as how to "crawl low when it's time to go" as (pretend) smoke filled the trailer. The younger groups got to try on miniature firefighter turnout gear. We learned when and how to call '911', 'Stop, Drop and Roll', "Have 2 Ways Out" and talked to the children about reminding parents to check smoke alarms monthly, and the importance of establishing a meeting place with their families.

The last week of the month was dedicated to all things "Halloween"! We made a variety of art activities with the Halloween theme, did some math/counting activities with pumpkins and ghosts, then ended the month with our Halloween parties and costume parade down to the office!



*Sue MacDonald & Joan Wyse*



## congregational thank you's

Ashley, Derek, Isaac, Nehem, John and I would like to say thank you for the cards, prayers and support from family and friends. Those caring messages and encouraging words have helped sustain our family in the loss of our daughter/sister/granddaughter, Anna. Time heals and we are realizing how important your prayers are to us in this process. Thank you all and God bless.

John and Mary Beck

I'd like to thank everyone of St. John's for all of the cards and especially the prayers while I was recovering from my hip surgery. Also, thank you to Lynne and Erich for their visit and prayers.

Emily Walker

I would like to thank everyone at St. Johns for all the cards and prayers during my time of rehab from my foot surgery.

Rich Lesniak

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all you Advent Devotional writers! The task to find 29 authors was not as easy as I first thought. Some people just don't like to write, some people are overwhelmed with busy schedules, and people simply don't feel the call. Every year I look forward to the short readings by members of the St. John's family. In fact, rather than reading each account daily, I forge ahead and read them all in one sitting, then go back and reread them on a daily basis. So again my sincere gratitude for participating and blessing each reader as the Advent season unfolds...Jesus' birthday is indeed reason to celebrate!

Be sure to pick up your copy of the Advent Devotional on Sunday, November 27th on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex!!

Thank you again!  
Nancy Rupp

## mission corner

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

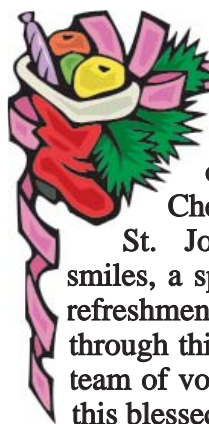
- ABWE (McClarrrens), for our gift of \$205.
- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$80.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$95.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$790.
- Church World Service, for our gift of \$640 (blankets).
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$45.
- Defiance Youth for Christ (Outback), for our gift of \$565.
- Reliant (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$330.
- Reliant (Matt & MaryLynn Pardi), for our gift of \$140.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$685.

Dear Pastor Erich & St. John's Christian Church,

We are coming out of a hot and dry summer and your gift arrived just in time to support our staff and guests.

Thank you for your support and generosity as we enter our busiest time of the year. Please contact me for a tour or visit anytime!

Craig Magrum  
Cherry Street Mission, Donor Dev. Spec.



### November Mission-A-Month – Fulton County Christmas Cheer:

December 7th and 8th are the dates of this year's Fulton County Christmas Cheer, our November Mission-A-Month.

St. John's will be offering welcoming smiles, a spirit of hospitality, hot beverages and refreshments to the people who will be blessed through this year's Christmas Cheer ministry. A team of volunteers is needed to once again offer this blessed ministry support.

- Ron and Karen Rice will be arriving at 5:00AM at the Junior Fair Building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds to perk the coffee and prep the hot chocolate, as well as unlock the building to open up the restrooms.
- 4 people to arrive at 5:45AM to offer and serve beverages and refreshments to the people standing in line, serving every 10 minutes or so.
- 2 people to arrive at 6:30AM to continue the process and pack up items and bring them back to the church at 8AM or 10AM.
- We're looking for donations of coffee cakes or cookies to serve with the hot beverages.

Please let Sue in the church office or Ron and Karen know if you'd be willing to help!

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

- November 20 – TGRM Chapel & Meal
- December 13 – Christmas Cheer Hospitality

### Thank Offering:

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary narthex and outside the chapel. The suggestion is to save your loose change in these containers. This special offering is collected at the end of this month and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and the Foods Resource Bank.



## mission corner cont.

### Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio – Project Build in Wauseon:

Work continues to progress at 230 S. Shoop Avenue! The SJCC Blitz Build week accomplished much, and would have finished the siding but a damaged window prevented that from happening. Volunteers are needed each Friday and Saturday through November – drywall, painting, flooring, hanging doors, trim work and clean up – contact Pastor Erich if you'd like to help!

### Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:

#### Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

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

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#### Kyle Chase, Reliant

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#### Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil

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#### Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

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

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

#### Robert Rogers - Mighty in the Land Ministry

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e-mail - [hello@mightyintheland.com](mailto:hello@mightyintheland.com)

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

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

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

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

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## ministry happenings

### Christian Education

#### Mid-Week Children's and Youth Ministries:

##### LOGOS:

Nov. 2nd – Crazy Tie Night – Junior Choir Practice

Nov. 9th – America the Beautiful Night – Junior Choir Practice

Nov. 16th – Thanksgiving Night – Bells & Chimes Practice

Nov. 23 – NO LOGOS

Nov. 30 – Everyone's Birthday Night – Bells & Chimes Practice

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) – The youth are working through a study of The Apostles' Creed for their study time, and enjoy refreshments and a game each Wednesday evening. JYF is holding it's annual poinsettia fundraiser again this year. Orders will be taken from November 2nd thru November 16th. Call the church office or find a youth involved in JYF to place your order. JYF will also be taking orders on Sundays, November 6th and 13th after both services of worship and the Sunday school hour. Plants will be delivered Saturday, November 26th. As always, thank you for your support.

SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship) – Youth enjoyed a Fall Festival Celebration on October 26th and then began a study of Christian apologetics on November 2nd.

Life Planning (LP) – Our next meeting will be on November 9th at 7:00PM in the Chapel.

### Events / Activities

#### Adult Faith & Fellowship (AFF) – 9:15AM Sunday Mornings in the Parish Hall:

Times of fellowship, discipleship and education – all adults are welcome and encourage to bring someone with you!

November 6th – “Just Walk Across the Room” - being equipped to share your faith and invite people

November 13th – Veteran's Breakfast (NO AFF)

November 20th – Capital Campaign Event featuring a guest speaker

November 27th – “Just Walk Across the Room” - being equipped to share your faith and invite people

#### Children's Christmas Program Practice:

Our annual Children's Christmas Program will highlight our 10:30AM service of worship on Sunday, December 18th. Practice times for the program will include:



- Wednesday, December 7th – 6:30PM – 1st thru 6th Graders
- Sunday, December 11th – 9:15AM – Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st thru 6th Graders
- Wednesday, December 14th – 6:30PM – 1st thru 6th Graders
- Sunday, December 18th – 9:15AM – Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st thru 6th Graders

**Save the Date! Walk Thru the Old Testament Live Event:**

Friday evening, November 11th – 7 to 9PM  
 Saturday morning – November 12th – 9AM 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 & partial event cost

Experience 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!
- 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 online.



**Current For Women Event This Fall:**

If you missed this local event last fall, you are blessed to have another chance to attend this fall! And if



you didn’t miss it, you will be excited to know it is being offered again this year! Slated for November 11th & 12th at Pettisville Missionary Church, it gives women of all ages (13 and up) a chance to pause for a moment, listen for God’s voice, and receive His touch. Learn more about what is offered by visiting [www.fullsail.org](http://www.fullsail.org). This year’s theme is “Living Hope” and discounted tickets (\$59 ea.) are available through SJCC - sign up using the registration forms available on the bulletin board or contact the church office.

**Veteran’s Breakfast:**

Sunday, November 13th is the date of this year’s Veteran’s Breakfast, beginning at 9AM in the parish hall. A program will follow breakfast featuring guest speaker, David Ridenour. Veterans, spouses of veterans, spouses of deceased veterans, personnel currently serving, and parents and grandparents of personnel currently serving are invited to attend. Either let Sue in the church office know you’d like to attend, or sign up on the bulletin board.

**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 Wyse
- Administrative Assistant..... Sue Grieser
- Director of Music Ministry .....Deb Schnitkey
- LOGOS Director..... Kim M. Walker
- Associate Pastor ..... Alex Young
- Pastor.....Rev. Erich Christman

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:00AM Worship School</p> <p>9:15AM Faith Village</p> <p>9:15AM Confirmation</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>Mission-A-Month— Christmas Cheer Elder of the Month— Kim Hines</p>	<p>9:15AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)</p> <p>7:00PM Capital Campaign</p> <p>8:00PM Praise Band Reh.</p>	<p>8:30AM Moms In Prayer</p> <p>5:50PM LOGOS</p> <p>6:45PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:45PM Junior Choir / JYF</p> <p>7:00PM SYF</p> <p>7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.</p>	<p>5:30PM 5th Grade Basketball</p> <p>7:00PM Mission Comm.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10AM—Cub Scouts Regatta</p>
<p><b>6 Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks back 1 hr.)</b></p> <p>9:15AM Adult F &amp; F — “Just Walk Across the Room”</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:15AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00PM Evangelism Committee</p> <p>7:00PM Sister Chicks</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)</p> <p>5:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice</p> <p>6:30PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7:00PM Property Committee</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30AM Moms In Prayer</p> <p>9:00AM West Haven Bible Study</p> <p>5:50PM LOGOS</p> <p>6:45PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:45PM Junior Choir / JYF</p> <p>7:00PM Life Planning</p> <p>7:00PM SYF Remix</p> <p>7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00PM Cub Scouts District Meeting</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p> <p>7—9PM WTOT Live Event</p> <p>7—9PM C4W Event @ Pettisville Missionary Church</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9AM—Noon WTOT Live Event</p> <p>9AM-3PM C4W Event @ Pettisville Miss. Church</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15AM Veteran's Breakfast</p> <p>10:30AM Jr. Choir Sings</p> <p>12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)</p> <p>6:00PM Seekers Sm. Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:15AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00PM Budget &amp; Stewardship</p> <p>6:30PM Couples Small Group</p> <p>7:00PM Sister Chicks</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)</p> <p>5:30PM 4th Grade Basketball</p> <p>8:00PM Praise Band Reh.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30AM Moms In Prayer</p> <p>5:50PM LOGOS</p> <p>6:45PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:45PM Bells / Chimes / JYF</p> <p>7:00PM SYF</p> <p>7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30PM 5th Grade Basketball</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8AM—2PM Music Teachers Assoc. Event</p>
<p>20 Thanksgiving Sunday</p> <p>9:15AM Capital Campaign Event (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:50PM Junior Church</p> <p>1:00PM Advent Decorating</p> <p>3:00PM Depart for TGRM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:15AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:15PM Spiritual Council</p> <p>7:00PM Sister Chicks</p> <p>7:30PM Consistory</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)</p> <p>5:30PM 4th Grade Basketball</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00AM West Haven Bible Study</p> <p>6:45PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.</p>	<p>24 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)</p> <p>9AM—8PM Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:00PM Preschool Float Prep</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15AM Adult F &amp; F — “Just Walk Across the Room”</p> <p>4:00PM Advent Concert</p> <p>6:00PM Seekers Sm. Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:15AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30PM Couples Small Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)</p> <p>5:30PM 4th Grade Basketball</p> <p>8:00PM Praise Band Reh.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30AM Moms In Prayer</p> <p>5:50PM LOGOS</p> <p>6:45PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:45PM Bells / Chimes / JYF</p> <p>7:00PM SYF</p> <p>7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.</p>			

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kali Lantz
- 2 Jan Martinez, Caleb Wooley
- 3 Susan & Brad Enderle, Dustin Nofziger, Mackenzie Nofziger, Gary Sears, Joel Wanemacher
- 4 Dustin Buckenmeyer, Margaret Leupp, Kay Merillat, Cale Short, Len Stamm
- 5 Judy Grime, Dave Walker
- 6 Tim Grieser, Jill Holdgreve, Alec & Ames Genter
- 7 Jim & Renee Liechty, Michael & Sarah Overmier, Ashley Schink
- 8 Ryan Bernath
- 9 Mary Augustine, Nancy Storrer, Sharon VonDeylen
- 10 Laurie Flint
- 11 Norm Fether, Phil Spiess
- 13 Marilyn Buehrer, Gabrielle Nafziger, Clay Nafziger, Linda Rutledge
- 14 Nancy Rupp, Dean & Lisa Smith
- 16 Kelly & Betsy Ducey, Lindy Lantz
- 17 Mert & Sue Kinsman
- 19 Doris Hull, Kris Short, Lauren Short
- 22 Emma Hall, Jon & Alice Leatherman, Kathy Layton, Luci Meyer, Curt Stamm
- 23 John Graber, Mike Meyer
- 24 Laura Johnson, Jesse Meyer, Lisa Smith
- 25 Lynda Schnitkey
- 26 Carol DeVries, Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Casen Short
- 27 Graeme Lauber, Andrew Rohrs, Collin Walker, Corbin Walker, Michael Walker
- 28 Jed Grime, Kent Short
- 30 Lynne Stuckey

✿ Please let us know if we do NOT have your special day noted or correct! Thank you.

## small groups

### Congregational Bible Studies:

Monday mornings @ 10:30AM – Pastor Erich leads a weekly bible study at the Ruihley Park Scout Cabin with the Fulton County Senior Center. Seniors are welcome to participate in this bible study, as well as share in the weekly program and lunch that follows – check with the Senior Center for further information.

Tuesday mornings @ 9:00AM – open to anyone who has 9AM to 10:15AM available – the group enjoys fellowship before, during and after the study time, opens with sharing prayer requests and prayer, and then studies the day's Discovering Guide devotional reading. This bible study meets in the Fireside Room.

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings @ 9:00AM in the activity room at West Haven at Fairlawn. Residents from the care center, supported living and independent living gather for these 45 to 60 minutes times of prayer and study. Participants include some of the residents who are members of St. John's and several from other churches, and are open to seniors who'd like to join them.

Wednesday evenings @ 6:45PM – Pastor Erich is starting a new bible study in the midst of our mid-week ministries for adults, youth and children. The study time will start at 6:45PM so the ending time will be consistent with the 8:00PM ending time of LOGOS and JYF. The focus will be on deeper discipleship, and participants will be able to give input on the selected study resource. Let Erich know if you're interested – call/text 419-551-0401 or e-mail [pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org).

## worship

### November Worship Information:

Worship in November will continue to focus on the theme of "Igniting Passion for God and His Word."

- 6th Scriptures – 1 Chronicles 16:8-10, Luke 12:1-12  
Sermon – "Just Walk Across the Room"  
10:30 Chancel Choir – "Let All Creation Glorify the Lord"
- 13th Scriptures – Isaiah 12:1-2, Mark 2:13-17  
Sermon – "Just Walk Across the Room"  
10:30 Junior Choir – "This Little Light of Mine"
- 20th Thanksgiving Sunday  
Scriptures – 2 Samuel 22:47, John 4:25-42  
Sermon – "Just Walk Across the Room"  
10:30 Praise Band  
10:30 Chancel Choir – "Thanksgiving"
- 27th First Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Hope  
Scriptures – Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 23:36-44  
Sermon – "It's a Wonderful Life – Endure It"  
10:30 Chancel Choir – "When Will He Come?"

### Advent Concert Series:

St. John's will be presenting a musical program each Sunday during Advent at 4:00PM. We sincerely hope you can attend and get in the spirit of Christmas through music.

Sunday, November 27th at 4PM will feature the Henry County Chorale. This is an adult community choir formed in 2011 by director Janet Lyne. Their mission is to present music for entertainment and to raise money for scholarships given to high school graduates pursuing a career in music.



## College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	College	Address		City	State	Zip	School
1	Beck, Marissa	Fenn Tower 0605	2450 Euclid Ave	Cleveland	OH	44115	Cleveland State University
2	Garza, Grace	26619 County Rd EF		Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
3	Grieser, Bailey	407 W Holland St		Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
4	Hines, Brooke - 334	Spring Arbor University	106 E Main St	Spring Arbor	MI	49283	Spring Arbor University
5	Kinsman, Matthew	Room 531	204 Beach Rd	Ames	IA	50013-0025	Iowa State University
6	Lehman, Jenny	527 Wittenberg Avenue		Springfield	OH	45504	Wittenberg University
7	Mann, Jeremy	Oakwood Hall, Room 315		Mishawaka	IN	46545	Bethel College
8	McCandless, Morgan	Apt 1308B	91 Wick Oval	Youngstown	OH	44502	Youngstown State Univ
9	Notziger, Delaney	Apt 102	1700 N Greenfield Circle NE	Grand Rapids	MI	49505	Acquinas College
10	Notziger, Dustin	1592 Co Rd 16		Wauseon	OH	43567	NW State Comm College
11	Notziger, Jacob	Kreischer Compton, Room 437C	325 N Mercer Rd	Bowling Green	OH	43403	Bowling Green State Univ
12	Pursel, Jordyn	20856 County Rd C		Archbold	OH	43502	YVWAM
13	Rice, Dinah	813 West St		Archbold	OH	43502	BGSU & Online Classes
14	Sallinas, Alicia	1321 A Villa Way		Charlottesville	VA	22903	University of Virginia
15	Schnitkey, Tyson	Copper Beech Townhomes, Unit 4F	2057 Napoleon Road	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ
16	Short, Ashley	44 E Frambes Ave		Columbus	OH	43201	Ohio State University
17	Short, Casen	334 Centennial Hall	1101 E Wooster St	Bowling Green	OH	43403-4003	Bowling Green State Univ
18	Short, Meridith	4549 Steinbeck		Ames	IA	50014	Iowa State University
19	Smith, Kinsey	Apt 129	652 N Interprise St	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ
20	Walker, Cayla	803 Buckeye St		Archbold	OH	43502	Defiance College
21	Walker, Michael	1601 South 8th St		Goshen	IN	46526	Goshen College
22	Walters, Mondesi	Tuckey 108	1001 Bethel Circle	Mishawaka	IN	46545	Bethel College
23	Warncke, Ethan	Apt 1814K Bedspace B	1814 N Westwood Ave	Toledo	OH	43607	University of Toledo
24	Wyse, Katie	333 Carr Hall	97 South Green Dr	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University
25	Zanudio, Mireya	202 Park St		Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC
26	Pvt. Bostelman Brenden L	B Co. 305th MI BN	Att Blood Hounds	Fort Huachuca	AZ	85613	<b>Branch of Military</b> Army
27	Sig, Benjamin Chapman	Box 516		APO	AI	89898	Army National Guard
28	A1C Collins Taylor D	Blanchard Barracks Box 505	Joint Base Anacostia	Bolling	DC	20032	Airforce
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
29	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	150 Dewey Ave		Groton	CT	6340	Coast Guard
30	AJ Short	24620 Co Rd A		Archbold	OH	43502	Marines (to depart 11/28)
30	Kolfin Zimmerman	Fort Campbell		Oak Grove	KY		Army



## consistory/committees

### Office Renovation Project:

It's coming close as this is typed! Cabinets and carpet have been installed and cleaned, the windows and screens have been washed, desks and bookcases are being assembled, leaving lights, lock sets, internet and phone system to be finished!

Sue Grieser, our administrative assistant, will be in the center office – the one with the glass window in the hallway door. Pastor Alex will be in the north office and Pastor Erich will be in the south office. To visit with one of the pastor's, please enter Sue's office and she will greet you and direct you to one of the pastors.

A great word of thanks goes to Warren Sauder for overseeing and seeing the project through! Also special thanks to the many volunteers who helped Warren throughout the project, and to those who painted, cleaned, and assembled furniture. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated!

### Pictorial Directory:

Volunteers have finished another round of making contact with households who have not submitted a picture, with hopes of the directory file to be completed soon so it can be sent in to be printed.



Ryan, Devin, Jace, Jebb & Jera Bernath

### Election Process:

As we enter into the month of November, the Spiritual Council continues discussions regarding the nomination process for the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting election ballot. The council is entering into a time of discernment and prayer, and welcomes your prayers for this important aspect of our church leadership. If you would be interested in serving as a deacon, deaconess or elder of St. John's Christian Church, or would like to nominate someone for one of these offices, please talk with one of the council members – Betsy Ducey, Ann Grime, Kim Hines, Joyce Kinsman, Paige Miller, Jim Redd, Brent Winzeler or Pastor Erich.

## housekeeping

### Archbold SuperValu Receipts:

Archbold SuperValu currently donates 1% of all sales receipts turned into them to St. John's Christian Church. Those funds go to our Walk-in Assistance program, which helps community members during times of financial struggle or crisis. These funds are dispersed by Pastor Erich after discussion and discernment with the person/people requesting assistance. There is a manila folder located in Sue Grieser's office that is labeled for you to deposit your receipts.

### Online Giving:

Just a reminder that online giving is available through our church web site. This can be done through any current bank checking or savings account. To receive information and a number to create an online account, please contact Sue Grieser.

### Church Family Database:

We keep a digital database for all our church family members. It includes contact information such as addresses, land line and cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as well as birth dates, anniversaries, baptisms, confirmations, etc. We ask that you keep the church updated on any changes or updates to your contact information. Thank you.

### GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com:

Did you know you can earn extra funds for St. John's by logging into GoodSearch.com whenever you need to search on the internet, or by logging into GoodShop.com when you need to purchase items on the internet. Just select St. John's Christian Church, Archbold, Ohio when you create your account - it's that easy!

## stewardship

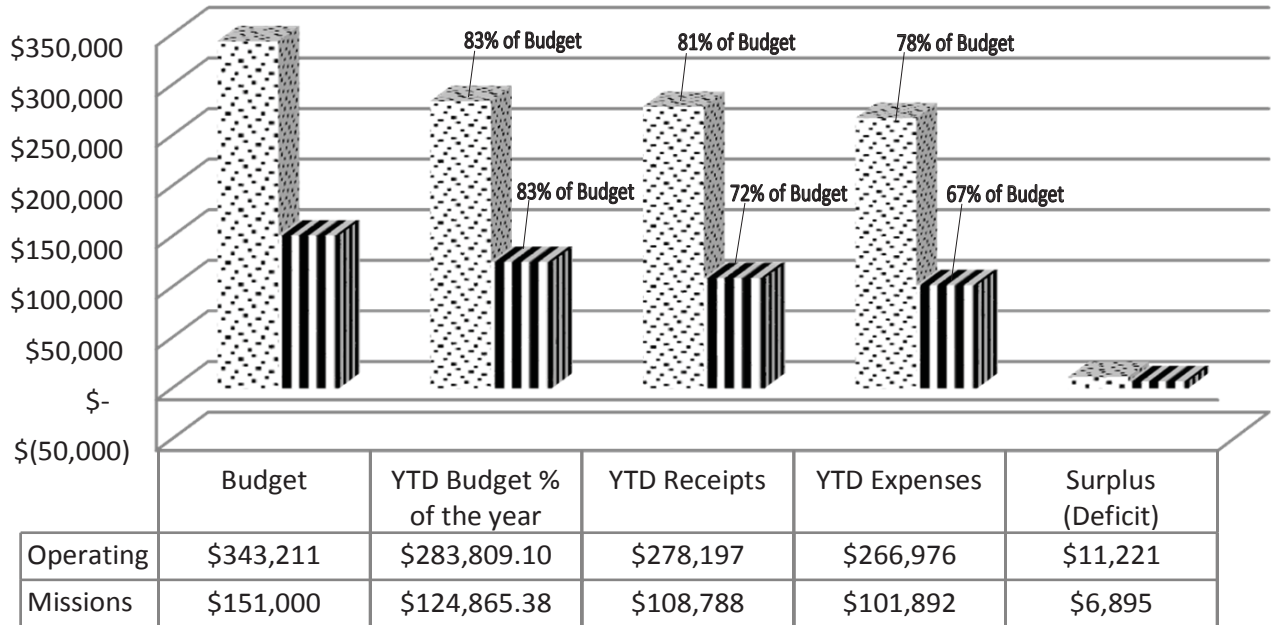
### Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign – Adult Coin Banks:

Funds totaling \$3,128 have been collected to date for the Adult Coin Bank Challenge, with 58 containers of coins turned in. The Capital Campaign Committee continues to encourage you to save your pocket change for the building campaign. Containers may be turned in at any time to be added to our building fund account.



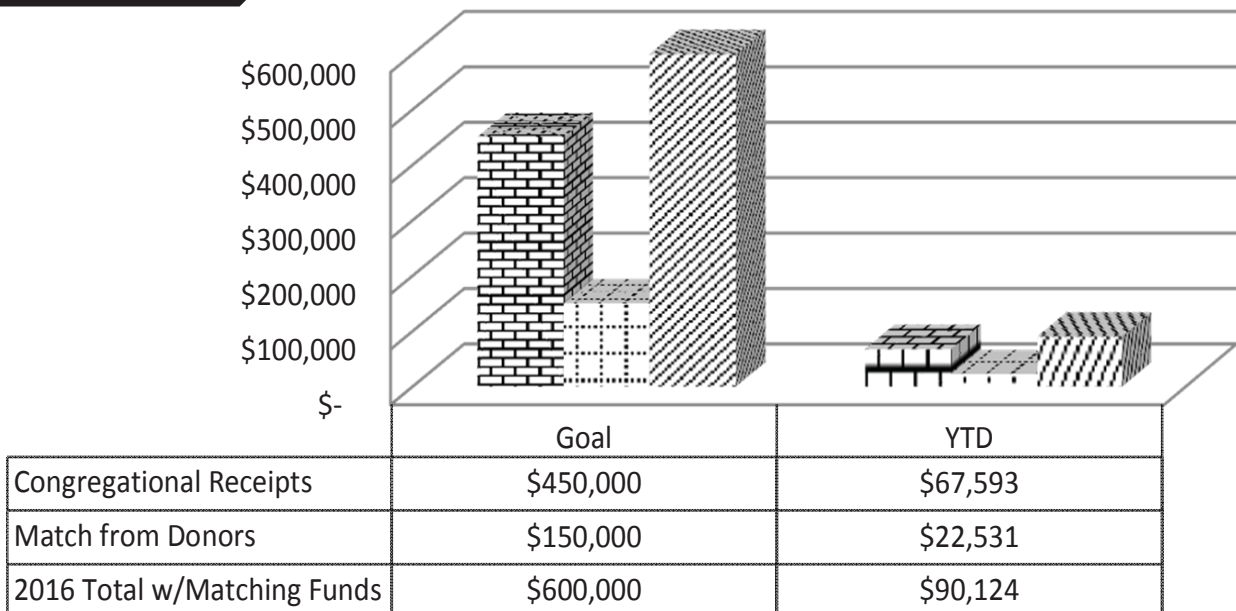
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## 2016 Operating & Missions Funds as of October 31, 2016



**\$382,407 left to \$450,000 goal**

## Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign 2016 Matching Gift



IYFB Campaign Total Receipts as of October 31, 2016 - \$384,897.86



## St. John's Christian Church - 2016 Missions Budget Report

As of September 30, 2016		2016 Goals	2016 YTD Inc	2016 YTD Exp
1	Beginning Balance Mission Fund (1/1/16)		\$ 663.68	
2	Undesignated Mission Fund Income		\$ 46,308.00	
3	Misc Mission Inc. (J Pursel & Kids Against Hunger)		\$ 2,507.00	\$ 2,507.00
4	Farm Rental / Second Mile Interest Inc		\$ 6,784.66	
5	ABWE (Judd & Becky M - Ethiopia)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
6	Agape Family Life House (K Wyse/China)	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 500.00
7	Altlink (Tom & Megan L - The Islands)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 815.00	\$ 1,815.00
8	Aroles - CRHP - Jamkhed, India	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,149.00	\$ 5,149.00
9	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,010.75	\$ 1,010.75
10	Back Bay Mission - Biloxi	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,984.00	\$ 3,984.00
11	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,010.75	\$ 1,010.75
12	Back Bay Mission - Trips	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,843.04	\$ 4,256.84
13	Cherry Street Mission - Toledo	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 4,279.00
14	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00		
15	Church Camp Registrations	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,815.00
16	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00
17	Church World Service - Clean Up Kits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00
18	College Scholarship	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,150.00
19	Community Meals	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 3,245.42
20	Crossroad - Fort Wayne	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00
21	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00		
22	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
23	FISH Panty - Archbold	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,149.00	\$ 6,771.98
24	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 1,620.00
25	Foods Resource Bank - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00		
26	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 2,810.00
27	GCM - Kyle Chase (UM)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,865.00
28	GCM - Matt Pardi (UT)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 2,115.00
29	GCM -Whitney Varnau (OSU)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 890.00
30	Habitat for Humanity - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,995.00
31	Habitat for Humanity - Michigan City	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,377.50
32	Hands of Grace - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,010.00
33	Kajiado Children's Home (Larry/Linda R)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 3,795.00
34	Kajiado Child Sponsorships	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,045.00	\$ 2,045.00
35	Love Fund (Members)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 261.63
36	Mighty in the Land (Robert Rogers)	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 500.00
37	New Life Inter. (Brian & Jamie R - Haiti)	\$ 1,000.00		
38	Operation Christmas Child - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00		
39	Outback Youth Center - Archbold (YFC)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,160.00
40	Pioneers (Jon & Rachel D - Papua)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 930.00
41	Shepherd's Circle - Archbold	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,420.00
42	Sparrow's Nest - Toledo	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,125.00
43	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00		
44	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00		
45	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 2,686.49
46	SYF - Mission Trip Support	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,180.00	
47	SYF - Next Year Trip Deposit	\$ 750.00		
48	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,870.00
49	Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 2,358.00
50	Walk In Assist Program (Non-members)	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 211.88
51	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 3,705.00
52	World Team (Tony & Leila L - Brazil)	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 6,690.00
53	Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,533.20
54	Totals	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 97,824.88	\$ 89,836.44

# November Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

**Discovery®** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

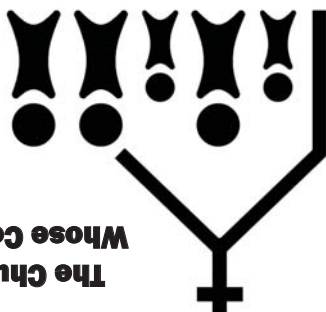
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| 1 It's Finished ----- Ezra 6:1-22                 | 16 Corporate Sin Cleansed ----- Zechariah 3:1-10     |
| 2 Here Comes Ezra! ----- Ezra 7:1-10              | 17 Priest and King Combines ----- Zechariah 6:9-15   |
| 3 Good to Grow ----- 2 Peter 1:1-11               | 18 So What's God Saying Now? ----- Zechariah 7:1-14  |
| 4 The Truth Has Been Told ----- 2 Peter 1:12-21   | 19 Half-Empty or Half-Full? ----- Zechariah 8:1-23   |
| 5 Behind the Mask ----- 2 Peter 2:1-10a           | 20 All Shall be Well ----- Psalm 37:1-40             |
| 6 Extreme Faith ----- Psalm 35:1-28               | 21 Jewels in His Crown ----- Zechariah 9:9-17        |
| 7 The Weakest Link ----- 2 Peter 2:10b-22         | 22 The Future Hope ----- Zechariah 10:1-12           |
| 8 Elemental Force ----- 2 Peter 3:1-7             | 23 God in All Things ----- Zechariah 14:1-11, 20, 21 |
| 9 Jesus O'Clock ----- 2 Peter 3:8-18              | 24 Listen and Learn ----- Proverbs 22:17-23:9        |
| 10 At Last . . . God Speaks ----- Haggai 1:1-15   | 25 Love and Respect ----- Proverbs 23:1-28           |
| 11 Never as Good as Before ----- Haggai 2:1-9     | 26 A House Well Built ----- Proverbs 24:1-22         |
| 12 Blessings Now but Not Yet ----- Haggai 2:10-23 | 27 Depressed and Desperate ----- Psalm 38:1-22       |
| 13 Love that Overcomes Evil ----- Psalm 36:1-12   | 28 Right Words, Right Time ----- Proverbs 25:1-28    |
| 14 Overtaken by God's Words ----- Zechariah 1:1-6 | 29 Sharpen Up! ----- Proverbs 27:1-17                |
| 15 God has Roused Himself ----- Zechariah 2:1-13  | 30 No Pressure ----- Revelation 10:1-11              |

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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)

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



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