

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

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Please Pray For:

- Buzz Ziegler, who had gall bladder surgery on May 25 at Toledo Hospital, and a follow up procedure on Friday to remove a stone.
- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatments.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

Brenden Bostelman (Army)

701 Quartermaster Rd. #1185
JBER, AK 99505

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

Stationed in Lynchburg, VA

AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force)

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

Kyle Ducey (Navy) (Stationed at Fort Gordon, GA)

4050 Brownstone Dr., Apt. 919
Evans, GA 30809

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias
Jared Kuntz, HHB 2-1, ADA BN,
Unit 15754 Box 409, APO AP 96260

Donnie Richardson (Marines)

Stationed in Okinawa, Japan

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

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

AJ Short (Marines)

Stationed in CA for advanced training

Kyle Stuckey (Army) (grandson of Nan Neill)

Departed May 30th for boot camp and basic training at Fort Bennington, GA

Kollin Woolace (Marines)

Stationed in NC for advanced training

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 #177
David Lightner, Room #138
Esther Rice, Room #116
Cathy Spiess, #153
Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)
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
Pauline Zimmerman, Room #223
Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545
Irene Short, Room #100
Swanton Valley Center, 401 Airport Hwy., Swanton, 43558
Marlene Nofziger, Memory Support Unit

congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS
to Katie Layton and Scott Helberg, who were married in our sanctuary here at St. John's Christian Church on Saturday, April 29th.



Observance of Rite of Confirmation:

On Sunday, May 21st, the following youth were confirmed, having professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (listed below as pictured with Pastors Erich and Alex, left to right):

Josee Grime, daughter of Josh & Kasey Grime
Emily Hines, daughter of Matt & Kim Hines
Kylie Sauder, daughter of Lucas & Lindy Lantz
Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig Grieser & Erin Grieser



pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Alex . . .

This month is packed full of service for St. John's! The 11th-16th is our mission trip to LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity. The 18th-23rd is the youth mission trip to West Virginia. The 23rd is also the volunteer installation of our new playground. And the 25th-29th is our annual Vacation Bible School.

Will you pause with me to pray for those involved with these trips and projects and to pray for the lives they will touch?

Father, we humbly ask for the success of these endeavors. Would you grant travelling mercies for long drives, and good weather for outdoor work? Grant your hand of protection to surround these volunteers in the midst of swinging hammers and climbing ladders and operating power tools, and in the midst of groups of children and crafts and games. Protect also your people from conflict; instead, grant them a spirit of unity as they go about their work, as a testimony that you have sent them. We pray, Lord, enable them not to grumble in the difficulty of the work or the heat of the noonday sun, but sustain them with all your energy powerfully working through them. Grant that they might do their work cheerfully, ever mindful of the reason for their service: they can give freely, because they have freely received your abundant love. Grant that our volunteers might also do their work skillfully, that the work of their hands and the work of their hearts will be a blessing to others. We pray that our volunteers might be like a light in the dark, drawing others to the hope we have in you. Lord, we pray, bless the homeowners we will be serving, bless the children we will be hosting; fill our hearts with love for them, and grant that they might all be encouraged in your love, whether for the millionth time or for the very first. In Jesus' name, amen.

Let's linger a little longer on the reason for all our service. We serve not because we have to earn God's love. He already loves us. We serve not to pay God back for his love. He gives his love to us freely. So the reason for all our service is because we love God.

Praying the love God has for you fills your hearts with peace and joy; and praying that his love for you and your love for him fuels a month-full (and a life-full) of service to him!

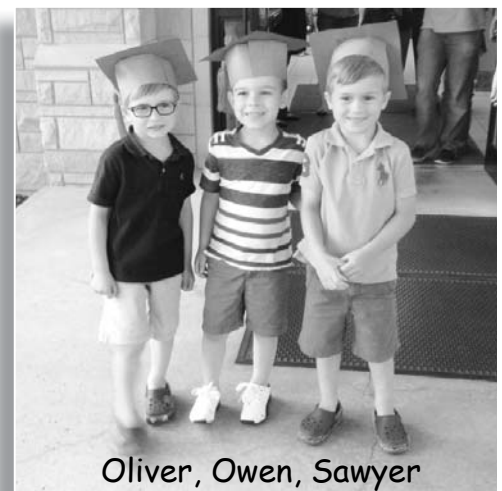
May the joy of the Lord be your strength!



preschool corner

Our school year has come to a close, and ended with a 'bang' as usual, with an amazing performance by our children at graduation. They came through beautifully, raising their voices to sing praises to our God. Thank you to all of the friends and relatives who attended. The last two days of school were spent at Memorial Park, where the children spent some time playing, before enjoying a snack in the shelter house. We had beautiful, warm weather both days. We would like to thank you for all of your support this past school year, whether you donated to the "Catch a Fish, Grant a Wish" board, brought your child to preschool, transported a grandchild, donated used items from your home, or kept us in your thoughts and prayers.

We are also beyond grateful for all of the votes for the new playground! We were humbled by the overwhelming support for this project! We pray that it will be a blessing to the whole congregation. Enjoy the warm weather and time with your families this summer!!



congregational news

Congratulations to our Graduates: cont.

High School:

Marissa Fryman, daughter of Jeff and April Fryman, graduated from Archbold High School today. Marissa plans to attend Ivy Technical Institute.

Becca Grieser, daughter of Pete and Rachel Grieser, graduated from Archbold High School today. Becca plans to attend Northwest State Community College and study radiology.

Darby Stevens, daughter of Jan Wyse, graduated from Archbold High School today. Darby plans to work as the Craft Shack Lady at Miracle Camp in Lawton, Michigan this summer, and will be attending Wheaton College beginning August 18th, majoring in Applied Health Science with the hope of going on to graduate school and working in the public health field.

Lynne Stuckey, daughter of David and Crissi Stuckey, graduated from Archbold High School today. Lynne plans to attend Defiance College this fall.

Toby Walker, son of Greg and Kim Walker, graduated from Archbold High School today. Toby will be attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University and major in Sports Management with a minor in financial advisement.

Camden Warncke, son of Tony and Missy Warncke, graduated from Archbold High School today. Camden plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in mechanical engineering.

Andrew Wyse, son of Keith and Nici Wyse, graduated from Archbold High School today. Andrew plans to continue to grow his small engine repair business while employed in this field at a local company.

College:

Brianna Krukowski graduated from Bowling Green State University on May 13th with a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Teaching with Grades 4 and 5 endorsement. Bri plans to continue to be an education substitute for the next couple years as they still have preschool age children at home.

Jenny Lehman, daughter of Wayne and Lynn Lehman, graduated from Wittenberg University on May 13th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. Jenny plans to work locally over the summer, and move to San Francisco, California in the fall.

Morgan McCandless, daughter of Rich and Jane Lesniak, graduated on May 6th from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. This fall, Morgan will begin working on a Master's Degree in Health and Human Ser-

vices through Youngstown State while working part-time in the dental field.

Ashley Short, daughter of Joe and Sheryl Short, graduated on May 7th from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work with a minor in City and Regional Planning. Ashley is enrolled in Boston University's accelerated Master's Degree program in Social Work which begins in September. While attending Boston University, Ashley plans on working with the Office of Fair Housing and Equity.

Michael Walker, son of Greg and Kim Walker, graduated from Goshen College on April 30th with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Secondary Education. Michael plans to teach English.

Nici Wyse graduated on May 6th from Rhodes State College with an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Allied Health - Major in Occupational Therapy Assistant. Nici plans to study for and obtain her national boards, and then obtain a job in the field of occupational therapy.

congregational thank you's

Dear St. John's Church,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I am so appreciative of the financial support through these years of college. Thank you for the support and prayers.

Sincerely,
Delaney Nofziger



Dear St. John's Church & Scholarship Committee,

I can't thank you enough for your incredible generosity. This (college) scholarship is more than the provision of the Lord - it is his way of showing how my roots in this community are strong, that the foundation I am able to stand on is strong, and how he provides the support I need to spread my wings. Thank you to a church who sends me out to accomplish work for a good, gracious and loving God. Thank you, so much!

Love,
Darby Stevens



Dear St. John's Family,

We would like to thank you for your love, thoughts and prayers during these past months. The planter given in dad's memory is beautiful. We greatly appreciate the wonderful meal prepared for our family and friends. A very special thank you to Pastor Erich for all his visits and for being there for us in dad's final hours. May God bless each and every one of you.

Pauline, Tom & Deb, Brent & Lynda
Family of Myrl Zimmerman

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan), for our gift of \$35.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$672.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$145.
- Mighty in the Land Ministries, for our gift of \$300.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$40
- Reliant (Chase/Pardi/Varnau), for our gift of \$360.



Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

St. John's Christian Church,

Words cannot express the amazing experience to work with and get to know so many of you that helped with the build of our beautiful home. The support from everyone was awesome. We made great memories during this build and you all are a part of them. Thank you for all of your time. This has truly been a blessing!

Kim, Meagan & Tyson
HFH - The Helmke Family



To the Body of Christ at St. John's,

Your ongoing generosity is an investment in the lives of the men and women served 365 days a year at Cherry St. Mission Ministries. That generosity enables us to have conversations of hope that can lead to redemption for a human being. Thank you for your impact!

I would love to talk with you sometime about coming to serve with us, though I know it's a long drive. Thank you again!

Craig Magnum, Community Recruiter
Cherry St. Mission Ministries



Friends of St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$545 to Church World Service. We are grateful to partner with you and put your gift to good work! Together we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors near and far.

Rose Sharp, Assoc. Congregational Spec.
Church World Service



Your financial gift is always a blessing. We appreciate your prayers and support as we see God's work accomplished day by day.

Nancy Rupp
Shepherd Circle Treasurer



June Mission-A-Month - Outback Youth Center:

The Outback Youth Center Mission is to provide Archbold area youth (middle school thru high school) with a positive non-denominational Christian based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and other problems which face our youth today. While the Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities and food. During the school year, tutoring is also one of the services the Outback offers. It is free and available to any 5th-8th grade student.

The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what the Outback is doing. You will be able to find The Outback Youth Center on Facebook and the web at www.theoutbackyouth.webs.com.

2017 Summer Habitat Trip:

The vision of all Habitat for Humanity organizations around the world is "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." Habitat for Humanity's role in realizing that vision is expressed in its mission: "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." When families have a stable, affordable home, they can:

- Provide stability for their children
- Gain improved health, physical safety, and security
- Increase educational and job prospects
- Be engaged in their communities
- Housing is important to the quality of life, health and economic prosperity of the entire community

Details of the summer mission trip with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity are:

- June 11-16, 2017, Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon
- Lodging in a very comfortable retreat center at Tower Hill Church Camp in Sawyer, MI.
- Work will be Monday thru Friday, framing a new home
- Cost of the trip is \$125 per person, with the trip supported through the mission budget, too.
- Ask questions of Mike Meyer, Greg Walker, Kelly Ducey, Tammy Nofziger, Duane & Linda Hayes!

October 7-14, 2017 – Back Bay Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi:

Back Bay Mission shares the following insights regarding their mission trip program: Mission has always been an important part of the Christian tradition. Early in his ministry, Jesus sent out the disciples to heal people and proclaim the good news of the kingdom

of God (Luke 9:1-6). This was mission. Today, the Holy Spirit calls us to serve individuals, families, and communities at home and around the world.

For generations, Back Bay Mission has been a leading mission site of the United Church of Christ. We are called to serve the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast through our ministries here. We are also called to serve the people of the United Church of Christ (and beyond) by providing an exemplary opportunity for service and faith formation. At Back Bay Mission, people will:

- **Serve the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast** through several of the Mission's ministries. While most volunteers will work in our housing rehabilitation ministry, there will also be opportunities to serve in our food pantry, the Micah Day Center and Loaves & Fishes (a local soup kitchen).
- **Explore the connection between Christian faith, service, and social justice** through educational sessions with Mission staff as well as through personal and group reflection.
- **Learn about poverty on the Mississippi Gulf Coast** through service and discussion with Mission staff. You'll also have the chance to explore poverty in your community and think about how you can take what you've learned in Mississippi home.
- **Grow in fellowship with the rest of your group** by working, eating, and playing together. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other people in your congregation in a way you couldn't at home.

A mission trip is an opportunity to do all of this and more without the distractions of home.

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:

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Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

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Robert Rogers - Mighty in the Land Ministry

web site - www.mightyintheland.com

e-mail - hello@mightyintheland.com

Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home

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e-mail - kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com

Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House

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Jason & Becky Suon, Freedom International Ministries

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e-mail - BeckySuon@itisforfreedom.com

ministry happenings

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School (VBS):

This year's theme, Maker Fun Factory, has our VBS directors, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger, excited and working very hard to make this VBS a memorable, imaginative, creative adventure! Online



registration is now available through our church web site or this link (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/stjohnsarchboldvbs2017>) which can also be found on our Facebook page (St. John's Christian Church). Please see the bulletin board in the Chapel narthex where adults and older youth can sign up and help fill our remaining VBS staff needs.

Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship) – May was our last month of SYF for the year, and we enjoyed playing games outside in the warm weather, worshipping together with several other area youth groups during a special youth worship night, serving together at the FISH Pantry, and had a blast at our end-of-the-year cookout at Justin and Carrie Yoder's house.

ministry happenings

cont.

Life Planning – The Life Planning group celebrated our seniors-Toby Walker, Lynne Stuckey, Marissa Fryman and Darby Stevens – with a mystery dinner and a “getting to know the seniors” game on our last planned Life Planning event for this school year. We had a great year studying characters out of the Old Testament, as well as other activities including helping around the church, organizing Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission and a blind Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking forward to 4 new members for next year and encourage the mentors and youth to get together this summer. We will see everyone next September for our regular meeting time every second Wednesday evening at 7:00PM.

Summer Sunday School – Children & Youth:

- Preschool Classes will remain combined through the summer months, continuing to meet in the nursery room. Teachers will include Maggie Enderle, Jenny Beck and Leah Hall.
- Kindergarten thru 6th Grade – Pastor Erich will be coordinating a program in the chapel this summer, using a VBS style curriculum.
- Confirmation – Pastor Alex will be teaching lessons in the Confirmation room.
- Senior High – Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Jeff & Stacy Rutledge, Jen Hurst and Lynne Roth will share teaching the lessons on The Church, Worship and Sharing Your Faith.

Events / Activities

Men’s Breakfast – June 10th, 7:40AM:

Men of any age are invited to this monthly prayer breakfast. Here’s what happened at the first prayer breakfast in May, so men can know what to expect at the June 10th breakfast and prayer time:

- Men sat at two different tables, enjoying breakfast provided by Elaine, Bruce and Lange’s Bakery!
- Bruce gave a brief faith testimony
- The two table groups engaged in some faith sharing and the sharing of prayer requests, and then there was a time of prayer
- Plans made for June 10th and the extra food was divided up!

Women’s Small Group:

What do you crave? We invite the women of our church family to explore this question as we embark on an 8 week study of the book Craving Connection - 30 Challenges for Real Life Engagement. This book is authored by writers from the in(courage)

community, an online community of women whose goal is to bring women into deeper community with Christ and with each other. The first gathering will be during the Sunday School hour on June 11th in the Harmony Harbor classroom (located upstairs). At that time, we will decide on subsequent meeting days/times for the summer. The goal will be to find a weekly, early morning meeting time. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the bulletin board across from the church office. This will help us know how many books to order. Please feel free to contact Tammy Nofziger (tammark88@gmail.com) or Jan Lindsay (jlind@rteexpress.net) if questions or you can’t attend June 11th.

Community Meal Ministry:

As a member of the Archbold Area Ministerial Association (AAMA), Pastor Erich has helped coordinate these community meals since their inception in 2011. Whenever there is a date on the schedule that no one has volunteered to host, the AAMA normally takes on the hosting of that day’s meal. However, the meal on Tuesday, July 4th, won’t be covered by the AAMA due to the holiday.

So we are covering this meal and we are planning to host a July 4th picnic! Erich will be asking for twenty willing volunteers of the congregation to help grill, serve and clean up the meal, as well as help with picnic games.

Christian Resources International:

Christian Resources International is an organization in Fowlerville, Michigan that sends containers filled with Bibles and Christian literature around the world and to prisons. If you have any Christian literature - Bibles, devotionals, Sunday school papers or books - that you no longer use, please donate them to this project. There is a box labeled to receive literature in the chapel narthex. If you have a large amount of literature, please contact Gloria Lauber (419-445-7882) or Norma Fish (419-799-9172). See that Christian material you no longer need or use continues to be useful in getting The Word out!

Confirmation Class Pictures of Past Classes:

We’ve had a few pictures shared with us so far! To help us remember the past, we’re asking for people to bring in photographs of past confirmation classes. Pictures can be scanned and e-mailed to the church office (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) or brought in and the office staff will scan them and return the original. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated!

Instant Church Directory Online:

To download the mobile app, visit: <http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app/>.

June 2017

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— Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) Elder of the Month— Paige Miller			1 9:00AM Mending/Fairlawn 7:00PM Mission Comm.	2	3
4 Pentecost/Communion	5 11:00AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM Worship Planning 2:00PM Pastors Mtg.	6 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	7	8 9:00AM Mending/Fairlawn	9	10 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Habitat For Humanity Mission Trip—LaPorte, IN June 11 thru 16						
9:15AM Women's Small Group	11:00AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM Worship Planning 2:00PM Pastors Mtg. 6:00PM Playground Teardown	9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Committee	9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study	9:00AM Mending/Fairlawn		
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
Senior Youth Fellowship Mission Trip—West Virginia June 18 thru 23						
	11:00AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM Worship Planning 2:00PM Pastors Mtg. 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:30PM Girl Scouts (Parish Hall)		9:00AM Mending/Fairlawn	8:00AM New Playground Installation	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Vacation Bible School (4 year olds thru 6th Grade) 6PM—8:30PM, July 25 thru 29						
6:00PM VBS	11:00AM Staff Meeting 2:00PM Pastors Mtg. 6:00PM VBS	9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:00PM VBS	9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 12:00PM SYF Mission Trip 6:00PM VBS	9:00AM Mending/Fairlawn 6:00PM VBS		



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| <p>1 Adam Walker
 2 Carly Grime
 3 Joan Grieser, Dale & Ann Grime, Kyle Walker
 5 AJ Genter, Brian Roth, Cahle Roth, Jim & Mary Silcox
 6 Joe & Sheryl Short
 9 Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim S. Walker
 10 Betsy Ducey, Sue MacDonald
 11 Keith Kuntz
 12 Norm & Ann Fether, Paul & Barb Sigg, David & Crissi Stuckey
 13 Arlene Grime, Doug & Nancy Rupp, Kyle & Jenna Storrer
 14 Neil Buehrer, Nate & Tara Meyer, Paige Miller, Pauline Zimmerman
 15 Ali Genter, Cherie Shepard, Ed Wyrick
 16 Jed & Jen Grimer, Jon & Jan Lindsay, Sarah Nafziger</p> | <p>17 Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, Rod & Pat Wyse
 18 Tom Hines, Eyan Krukowski, Kenny Nafziger, Chris Neuenschwander
 19 Dave & Mary Augustine, Roger Beck, Duane & Linda Hayes, Ben Johnston
 20 Ethan Krukowski, Brian & Lynne Roth
 21 Chris & Amy Baden, Lois Keith, Gary & Judy Sears
 22 Kevin & Coral Melms, Reese Kleck, Delaney Nofziger, Carrie Wooley
 24 AJ Short
 26 Lucas & Lindy Lantz
 28 Maurice Schmucker, Dawn Smith
 29 Morgan Ducey, Mike Evans, Tony & Sue MacDonald
 30 Larry & Mel Woolace, Dan & Jan Martinez</p> |
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✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct.

worship

June Worship Information:

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| June 4th | Pentecost Sunday – Sacrament of Communion
Scriptures – Nehemiah 9:5-6, Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9-13
Sermon – “Seeing the Good”
Pastor Erich
10:30 Chancel Choir: “Spirit, Shine on Us”
First Communion of our 8th Grade Confirmands |
| June 11th | Scriptures – Psalm 29:1-2, Isaiah 45:22
Sermon – “The Power of One Verse”
Pastor Erich
Special Music – Mike Meyer |
| June 18th | Scriptures – Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-5, Ephesians 2:8-9
Sermon – “By Grace Alone?”
Pastor Erich
Special Music – Linda Rutledge with Raegan & Molly Rutledge |
| June 25th | Scriptures – Hebrews 12:28-29, Romans 10:5-13
Sermon – “Pretty Good, Really Good or Perfect” – Pastor Erich
Special Music – Ava Genter
10:30 – Reception of New Members |

St. John’s Christian Church Leadership:

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| Congregation President..... | Brent Winzeler |
| Congregation Vice-President | Betsy Ducey |
| Congregation Secretary..... | Sarah Nafziger |
| Elders | Betsy Ducey, Ann Fether, Ann Grime, Joyce Kinsman, Gloria Lauber, Paige Miller |
| Deacons/Deaconesses | Amy Baden, John Graber, Josh Grime, Nate Meyer, Eric Nafziger, Lynne Roth, Dean Sauder, David Stuckey, Carrie 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 | Rev. Alex Young |
| Pastor..... | Rev. Erich Christman |

consistory/committees

Consistory Minutes of May 15, 2017:

- Budget & Stewardship Committee - financial reports were approved as presented, with clarification about the computer equipment and computer supplies line items, and the search committee expenses included gifts and meal for Alex's ordination process.
- Capital Campaign Committee – Linda Heer is a new member of the committee; Pocket Change Challenge (Memorial Day to Labor Day) is being highlighted again this year; November Celebration Event – planning is underway for the 1st or 2nd Sunday, highlighting past Confirmation classes. Confirmation pictures are currently being sought.
- Christian Preschool Board – Treasurer's Balance \$9,347.02. 58 children are enrolled in Preschool currently. 51 students are registered for the 2017-2018 school year. Evaluation forms are being completed. Considering hiring a part-time person (3 ½ hours per week) to help the Teacher's Aide, to allow time for Sue to have administration/planning time.
- Mission Committee - recommends discontinuing the Clothing Swap Event due to lack of leadership and mixed reviews of past events; disbursements: \$500 – Agape Family Life House, \$1,000 – Foods Resource Bank, \$500 – Freedom International Ministries (Suon's), \$500 – Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio (Celebration Event), \$500 – Hands of Grace, \$200 – The Outback, total of \$3,200.00
- Personnel Committee – six month review with Pastor Alex scheduled for May 17th.
- Property Committee:
- Playground Update – Contract and Check mailed to Game Time – Playground has been ordered, a check has been written. With the ordering process, 3 dates needed to be submitted for dates of installation. Currently June 12th @6PM, the tear out process will begin. Playground should arrive the week of June 19th. Volunteers are needed to help with both tear out and installation.
- Landscape Lights – Installation complete, timer system is still not in working order. A member of the Property committee has been attempting to work on the system and is not having any luck. A possible new timer system might be needed to replace the old one.
- Parking Lot Maintenance – Complete and Sealed
- Parish Hall AC units Update – Last Fall, Property was told the AC Unit in the parish hall needed to be replaced. A local company is coming by this week

to run a complete check on the units to see if just a service is needed or complete replacement.

- Scholarship Committee – disbursed College Scholarships of \$6,000 and \$1,000 of Springer Scholarship.
- Spiritual Council – Spent time in prayer over pastoral care concerns and other situations. The nomination and election process was discussed as well. A presentation to Consistory is hoped to be presented at the next Consistory meeting. June 11th at 10:30 service, Kenny and Amanda Walker, Dan Light and Anna Yoder will become new members during this service
- Pastor's Report – Sanctuary Organ – 1993 annual yearbook article of Dr. Rev. Gary Hodges, very knowledgeable of organs, noted that the organ had not been working properly in years. We need people willing and able to play the organ if we want to invest money into fixing the organ.
- Leadership Development – responses to notes from leadership retreat evenings – a page was sent around with a list of ideas/concerns of the church. Things can be added to this list. Is there a sense of priority? Any input? Bigger Bathrooms, Knowing everyone's name, Trying to get everyone to worship together, Pictorial Directory, Small Groups/Care Groups, More Volunteers, Community Garden and many other ideas that were presented during the retreat. What would our top options be on our list? 1. Parish Nurse, 2. Pastoral Care, 3. Knowing all by name, 4. Engagement of Members, 5. Care Groups/Small Groups, 6. Volunteerism (servants), 7. Post High – addressing a gap in Ministry from HS to 30 years
- Evangelical Association Reformation Event – Saturday October 7, 9AM-5PM located at Cross Church in Byrne IN. The Reformation is 500 years old. The EA would like to hold an EA event to celebrate this anniversary.

Special Congregational Meeting of May 7, 2017:

Action taken at this special congregational meeting approved the installation of the proposed new playground equipment. By a vote of 93 to 1, approval was given to use \$41,000 from the Operating Savings Fund for this project.

Following this approval, the Property Committee has worked out the following dates with GameTime – the provider of the equipment:

- June 12, 6PM – removal of existing fence, equipment and gravel (6 to 8 volunteers needed)
- June 23, 8AM – installation of new equipment (12 to 16 volunteers needed)



“Imagine Your Faith Building” Pocket Change Challenge
 From Memorial Day to Labor Day
 How much change can be turned in?

What happens to your pocket change?

- 1) It gets lost in the cushions of your easy chair.
- 2) It ends up on the pavement when you get out of your car.
- 3) You give it to your kids/grand kids for their sweet tooth.
- 4) **It goes in the coin bank for the Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign!**

Imagine if every household of our congregation committed to throwing their pocket change into a coin bank at the end of every day, for 90 days!



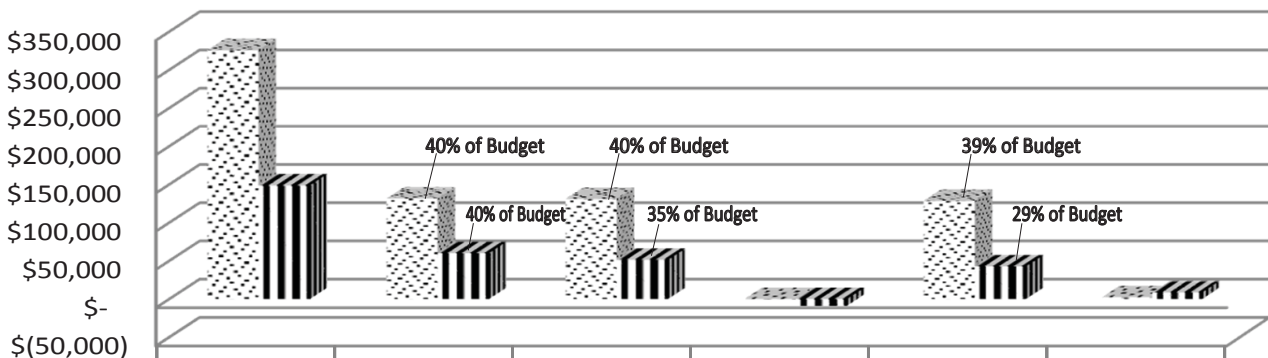
There are 97 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. There are 272 Giving Units in the Congregation. The numbers add up like this:

<u>Households</u>	<u>\$0.25/Day</u>	<u>\$0.50/Day</u>	<u>\$1/Day</u>	<u>\$1.50/Day</u>	<u>\$2/Day</u>
50	\$1,212.50	\$2,425.00	\$4,850.00	\$7,275.00	\$9,700.00
100	\$2,425.00	\$4,850.00	\$9,700.00	\$14,550.00	\$19,400.00
150	\$3,637.50	\$7,275.00	\$14,550.00	\$21,825.00	\$29,100.00
200	\$4,850.00	\$9,700.00	\$19,400.00	\$29,100.00	\$38,800.00
250	\$6,062.50	\$12,125.00	\$24,250.00	\$36,375.00	\$48,500.00

IYFB Campaign Total Receipts as of May 22, 2017 - \$476,876.67

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2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of May 22, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 21/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$131,593	\$131,068	\$(525)	\$128,561	\$2,507
Missions	\$148,800	\$60,092	\$51,354	\$(8,738)	\$42,773	\$8,581

St. John's Christian Church - 2017 Missions Budget Report

As of April 30, 2017		2017 Goals	2017 YTD Inc	2017 YTD Exp
1	Beginning Balance Missions Fund (1/1/17)		\$ 41.14	
2	Undesignated Missions Fund Income		\$ 23,042.00	
3	Farm Rental / Second Mile Interest Income		\$ 2,619.56	
4	Agape Family Life House (Wyse/China)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25.00	
5	Altlink (Langsdorfs - The Islands)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 385.00
6	Aroles - CRHP - Jamkhed, India	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,680.00
7	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 887.38	\$ 330.25
8	Back Bay Mission - Biloxi	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 665.00	\$ 1,165.00
9	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 887.37	\$ 887.37
10	Back Bay Mission - Trips	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,552.79	\$ 3,672.45
11	Cherry Street Mission - Toledo	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 2,090.00
12	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00		
13	Church Camp Registrations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 350.00	
14	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,000.00		
15	Church World Service - Clean Up Kits	\$ 500.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 545.00
16	College Scholarship	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
17	Community Meals	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 1,374.18
18	Crossroad - Fort Wayne	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
19	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00		
20	Cru (Waanders)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
21	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 572.00	\$ 2,072.00
22	FISH Panty - Archbold	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 4,513.40
23	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 872.00	\$ 872.00
24	Foods Resource Bank - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00		
25	Freedom International Ministries (Suons - DR)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
26	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,480.00
27	Reliant - Kyle Chase (UM)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
28	Reliant - Matt Pardi (UT)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
29	Reliant - Whitney Varnau (OSU)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 540.00
30	Habitat for Humanity - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 79.50
31	Habitat for Humanity - Michigan City	\$ 1,500.00		
32	Hands of Grace - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,000.00		
33	Kajiado Children's Home (Rupps)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,198.00	\$ 733.00
34	Kajiado Child Sponsorships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 602.00	\$ 409.00
35	Love Fund (Members)	\$ 1,000.00		
36	Mighty in the Land (Robert Rogers)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
37	Operation Christmas Child - Fulton Cty	\$ 1,000.00		
38	Outback Youth Center - Archbold (YFC)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
39	Pioneers (Doriots - Chicago)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
40	Shepherd's Circle - Archbold	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
41	Sparrow's Nest - Toledo	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
42	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00		
43	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00		
44	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 2,500.00		
45	SYF - Mission Trip Support	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,250.00
46	SYF - Next Year Trip Deposit	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
47	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
48	Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 2,000.00
49	Walk In Assist Program (Non-members)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 563.32	\$ 243.02
50	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 1,615.00
51	World Team (Franks - Brazil)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 1,740.00
52	Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00		
53	Totals	\$ 148,800.00	\$ 47,064.56	\$ 41,076.17

June Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Radical! ----- Ephesians 6:1-9 | 16 Press On... ----- Hebrews 10:26-39 |
| 2 Power in Jesus' Name ----- Ephesians 6:10-24 | 17 What is Faith? ----- Hebrews 11:1-19 |
| 3 Man of Mystery ----- Ephesians 7:1-10 | 18 Praise is Due ----- Psalm 65 |
| 4 Christ Revealed ----- John 14:15-27 | 19 Bless You! ----- Hebrews 11:20-31 |
| 5 An Indestructible Life ----- Hebrews 7:11-22 | 20 Unexpected Strength ----- Hebrews 11:32-40 |
| 6 Changing the Pattern ----- Hebrews 7:23-28 | 21 Disciplined Faith ----- Hebrews 12:1-13 |
| 7 Shadow and Substance ----- Hebrews 8:1-6 | 22 Revealing God to Others ----- Hebrews 12:14-29 |
| 8 Promise Fulfilled ----- Hebrews 8:7-13 | 23 Transformed for Purpose ----- Hebrews 13:1-25 |
| 9 Signposts on the Way ----- Hebrews 9:1-10 | 24 You're Great! ----- Song of Songs 1:1-2:7 |
| 10 Where There's a Will... ----- Hebrews 9:11-22 | 25 Among the Nations ----- Psalm 66 |
| 11 God Can be Trusted ----- Psalm 64 | 26 Love's Lens ----- Song of Songs 2:8-3:11 |
| 12 Once for All ----- Hebrews 9:23-28 | 27 The Garden Gate ----- Song of Songs 1:1-5:1 |
| 13 Not Less Than the Best ----- Hebrews 10:1-10 | 28 Better Than Others ----- Song of Songs 5:2-6:3 |
| 14 The Forgetfulness of God ----- Hebrews 10:11-18 | 29 Signs of Spring ----- Song of Songs 6:4-7:13 |
| 15 Be Confident ----- Hebrews 10:19-25 | 30 The Power of Love ----- Song of Songs 8:1-14 |

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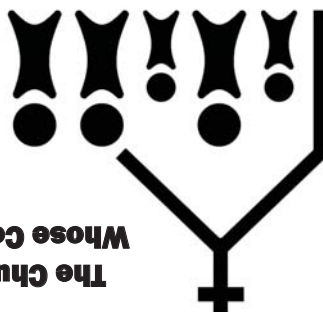
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/8), Ash Wednesday (3/1), Maundy Thursday (4/13),
 Pentecost (6/4), Mid-Summer (7/16), 1st Sunday in October (10/1),
 1st Sunday of Advent (12/3)

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