

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Phil Spiess, returned home on Monday from rehab at Fairlawn.
- Joanne Spotts, returned home on Tuesday from rehab at Fairlawn.
- Sharon VonDeylen, in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she started 33 radiation treatments on 2/19, to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Lou Ann Beck, in hospice care at home due to cancer returning; mailing address is PO Box 166, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, 43555.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army) (Afghanistan)

(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

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Bagram AF

APO AE 09354

AB Collins Taylor D (Air Force)

(Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

268 Luke Ave., Box 505

Joint Base Anacostia

Bolling, DC 20032

Kyle Ducey (Navy) - (Son of Kelly & Betsy)

(Stationed at Fort Gordon, GA

4050 Brownstone Dr., Apt. 919

Evans, GA 30809

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army) (Guam)

(Son of Keith & Kelli)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias

P.O. Box 291221, Yigo, GU 96929

Eric Magg (Coast Guard) (Sheryl Short's son)

Wife, Amy & son, Logan

1114 Jackson Street

Ketchikan, AK 99901-5771

Donny Richardson (Marines)

(Son of Shannon & Yesi)

Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

(Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)

Wife, Ashley & children, Brennan & Emilia

150 Dewey Avenue, Groton, CT 06340

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Family and Friends

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AJ Short (Marines) (Japan)

(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

PFC Stuckey, Kyle (Army)

(Grandson of Nan Neill)

Wife, Nicole

Kyle has recently returned home from Korea and now resides at his Texas address:

4600 Honeystreet Bridge Lane

Killeen, TX 76549

Kollin Woolace (Marines) (Camp Lejeune, NC)

(Grandson of Larry & Melva)

1120 Hardin St., Jacksonville, NC 28540

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

pastor's letter

As Lynne and I descended into Bozeman, Montana on February 21st, we were enthralled by the wintry mountainous landscape we could see through the airplane window. For a while all we saw was pristine nature - plenty of snow, trees, ridge lines and rocky mountains. It was a scene I expected to see for I've seen this special glimpse of God's wondrous creation many times as I've flown in to Bozeman to visit with my mother. Though it was expected, once again my soul overflowed with a vivid awareness of God's majesty and splendor. With that same sense of wonder, I later turned to scripture and searched for a passage that would speak of the mountains. I often turn to Psalm 46 or Psalm 121 when thinking about creation, and especially when I am blessed to visit in the Gallatin Valley, surrounded by the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. But this time I was lead to Psalm 98, especially verses 7-9.

“Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.”

As we each journey through the Lenten Season once again, with our own expectations in mind, let us remember that God makes all things new. In this season of repentance, when we focus on giving up our sin and when we read the scriptures of Holy Week, may we look with new eyes. May our joy well up with in us and may we sing before the Lord, extolling our awareness of God's judgement and righteousness. In preparation for our annual walk through the events and lessons of Holy Week, I encourage you to search the scriptures, going past the passages you might have memorized or you might refer to often. Let the Spirit of the Lord guide you in your daily walk of faith, opening yourself up to both the familiar and the unexpected.

Believers have no need to fear the coming judgment, for Christ's death on the cross opens the door to forgiveness. Seek God's majesty and splendor, and be blessed with his sense of equity for his people.

In Christ,

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congregational thank you's

I would like to thank everybody for your prayers, visits, phone calls and for your cards.

Rosemarie Schmidt



Dear St. John's Christian Church,

I just wanted to thank you for the Bible that was given to me at LOGOS for my birthday.

Thank you all,
Madison Bowers



Dear St. John's Mission Committee,

Thank you so much for the card and giftcards. It was an unexpected surprise and it totally made my week.

Thank you,
Delaney Nofziger



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of St. John's for the prayers, cards and encouragement during this surgery to remove a tumor. God has blessed Roger and I with good friends and a good new church as we transition to Archbold in 2 years.

Mary Zimmerman

congregational news

Wedding/Reception Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Jenny Lehman and Alex Young on Saturday, April the 14th, at 4:14pm. The ceremony will be held in the sanctuary of St. John's Christian Church. Also, please plan to join us for a cake and punch reception after church on April 15th, following the 10:30am service.

Jenny and Alex

preschool corner



Sue MacDonald
Director/Teacher



Joan Wyse
Teacher Assistant

Hearts were everywhere, as we celebrated love for our families, our friends and for Jesus this past month! Our Bible verse was, "Love one another" 1 John 3:23. As we celebrated Valentine's Day throughout the first two weeks of the month, we talked about how Jesus wants us to be kind to everyone. (Yes, even to those who are not kind to us!) In addition to our valentine boxes at our party, we also made valentines in class at the writing center. We mailed them to our friends, and also talked about checking the mailboxes and if someone's was empty, making sure they got a valentine. We wanted to make sure everyone felt cared for and appreciated.

The last two weeks of the month were spent learning and reviewing nursery rhymes and fairy tales. The older children listened to Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Little Pigs on cd, and I used a puppet to tell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with both classes. The younger classes got their hand painted for a fun craft with "Rain, Rain Go Away" and the older ones made a little book so they could re-tell "Jack and Jill" on their own.

We are looking for volunteer subs who love children, playdough and who aren't afraid to get messy! Our subs fill in occasionally for a day or half-day in the absence of one of the teachers. If interested, please contact Sue McDonald at 419-388-3606.



mission corner



The Friendship House - Mission of the Month

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

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

Upcoming opportunities to engage in mission efforts include:

- TGRM Chapel & Meal – March 18
- Brazil Mission Trip – April 21 – May 1
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – May 20
- SYF Summer Mission Trip June 3 – 9
- Summer Mission Trip – June 10 – 15
- Book Bag Bash – August
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – September 9
- Cherry Street Mission Ministry Fall Banquet – September 27
- Back Bay Mission Trip – October 6 – 13
- Operation Christmas Child Collection – October
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – November 18
- Christmas Cheer Hospitality – December

mission corner cont.

Summer Camp Opportunies

Bair Lake Bible Camp – Summer Camp Opportunities

Check the Welcome Table at the South Entrance for brochures or go on line at www.blbc.com

Little Eden Youth Camps – Summer Camp Opportunities

Check the Welcome Table at the South Entrance for brochures or go on line at www.littleeden.org. Junior Youth Camp is June 10-15 and Boys & Girls Camp and High School Camp is June 17-22.

Bair Lake Bible Camp – Summer Staff and Volunteer Opportunities

12500 Prang St, Jones, MI 49061, www.blbc.com



April 5th & 6th - Founder's Hall - Sauder Village

Thurs., April 5 Auction Preview Night 4:30PM-7:30PM

- Free Will Donation Meal featuring Philly Steak and Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Pie & Ice Cream and more.
- Preview Auction items including: Quilts, Wood Craftsmen Items, Art and more.
- Thurs. evening entertainment - 5:00-6:00pm by the Archbold High School and Middle School Jazz Bands; 6:00-7:00pm by the Pettisville Jazz Band.

Fri., April 6 - Auction Night 5:00PM-8:00PM

- Free Will Donation Meal featuring: Baked Potato Bar, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Salads, Homeade Tapioca and Pies.
- Auction 5:00-8:00pm with Quilts beginning at 6:30pm, featuring Frey and Sons Auctioneers.
- Bid on 100's of items including Handcrafted Furniture & Quilts, Sports Tickets, Collectors Items, Gift Cards and more.

Donation sheets can be found on the bulletin board across from the office. Contact Elaine Winzeler with questions



The Archbold Fish Pantry Board invites you to a two-hour seminar, "Bridges Out of Poverty,"

on Saturday, March 10, beginning at 9:00 am at St. John's Christian Church. Shirley Fry from Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center will help us explore the experience of people living in generational poverty. "If you didn't grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the 'hidden rules' that govern many aspects of life for the poor. People in poverty are often in survival mode, where the future holds little promise, and support systems taken for granted in middle class and wealth are nonexistent. If your business, agency, or organization works with people from poverty, only a deeper understanding of their challenges—and strengths—will help you partner with them to create opportunities for success." While the seminar is free and walk-ins are welcome, for planning purposes we encourage you to RSVP to Lynn by calling or texting her at 419-572-6538 or by sending an email to fish43502@gmail.com.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Agape Family Church/Wyse Family, for our gift of \$1000.
- Church World Service, for our gift of \$640.00.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$95.00.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$125.00.
- Reliant (Matt & MaryLynn Pardi), for our gift, \$20.00.
- Cru (Matt & Paige Waanders), for our gift of \$60.00.



St. John's Church,

I am so thankful for your contribution of \$1,000 to my support efforts. As we continue to reach students with the Gospel, generosity such as yours, is so crucial to sustaining the ministry that we do. As we continue to reach students with Christ's love, your prayers and support are much appreciated.



In HIM,
David Hench

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



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ministry happenings

College & Seminary Scholarships

St. John's Christian Church offers and administers four scholarships:

1. Springer Scholarship – for students enrolled in seminary, pre-seminary or Christian Ed. studies.
2. Nursing Scholarship – for a nursing student who is a member of SJCC and who attends an accredited post-secondary school of nursing.
3. College Scholarship – awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year.
4. Seminary Scholarship – tuition scholarships for students attending seminary.

Applications may be picked up from the church office, found online at (stjohnsarchbold.org under the Media tab) or students may contact the church office (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) to have the application packet digitally sent to them.

Presentations for Parents

In cooperation with the Fulton County Health Department and Healthy Choices Caring Communities, we are offering three informative presentations for parents, on March 7, March 14, March 21. These three Wednesday sessions will start at 7:00pm and be one hour in length. Topics that will be covered are:

- Hidden in Plain Sight – a mockup of tween/teen bedroom, with hidden signs of possible substance abuse. Helps parents to understand signs of substance abuse and encourages increased parental conversations and involvement.
- E-cigarettes/alcohol laws – learn latest information and current trends of tobacco and alcohol use by teens, and the enforcement and legal consequences of Ohio's Social Host Law.
- Helping parents start/continue conversations with youth about substances.

Parents can make use of resources available for talking to your kids about drugs at the following website – starttalking.ohio.gov

Mindful Movement – a weekly exercise class for women is designed to be a great stress reliever with low impact using inspirational music (instrumental and vocal popular Christian music) to provide a positive attitude with a focus on God. Women are invited to join these sessions, held at 8am on Saturday mornings in the church gym. The instructor is Jill Gilliland.

ministry happenings

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Parent Information from Prevention Action Alliance - @ contact@preventionactionalliance.org - about the Tide Pod Challenge:

If you are raising teenagers, you have no doubt heard of some of the ridiculous internet challenges that exist among this age group. While some of these new-age “dares” are silly and harmless, many more are dangerous and even deadly, like the one currently trending – the “Tide Pod Challenge. It has nothing to do with laundry and everything to do with getting internet “famous.” The videos that have spread like wildfire across social media look something like this – laughing, joking teens sink their teeth into one of the colorful, dessert-like looking laundry pods, then cough and gag while toxic, stain-fighting chemicals ooze from their mouths. The purpose? A few laughs from their friends and as many social media “views” as possible.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers, however, says the ‘Tide Pod Challenge’ is no joke. These pods have caused children to be hospitalized with difficulty breathing, loss of consciousness, and temporary vision loss due to chemical burns to the eye. Additionally, Consumer Reports say the ingredients in these pods can burn the mouth, digestive system, and stomach, cause gastrointestinal distress and respiratory arrest, and if they make their way into the bloodstream or organs, they can be fatal. While concerns surrounding these types of detergent pods are not new, we used to worry that children under the age of five would unintentionally ingest them. Who would have guessed that our 13 to 19-year-olds would be intentionally biting into them?

What is a parent to do? By reading this tip, you are already taking a step in the right direction by becoming AWARE. But you must also be aware that as this Internet challenge fades out, another is sure to follow, which is why it is so important to talk with our teens about the health and safety dangers of this and other online challenges. Here are some points to keep in mind as you do:

- Don’t assume your child won’t try it: Remember, a teen’s brain is not fully developed – impulsivity along with peer pressure and the competitive desire to one-up a peer are all powerful influencers.
- Set clear boundaries: Share your expectations and what you consider to be acceptable and unacceptable behavior. What your child thinks is okay, may not be okay with you.

- State (and restate) the obvious: While biting into a laundry detergent pod seems quite obviously NOT okay, make no assumptions when it comes to your child’s safety.
- Prompt critical thinking: Ask your child, “What do you think could happen if you do this?” In the face of such a challenge, help your child learn to step back for a moment and apply basic logic and reason before making a decision that could impact his/her health and safety, as well as your trust.
- Keep it positive: Though you may be tempted to tell your teen about all the possible consequences, remember that youth are hard-wired to defend against negative messages or scare tactics. Take a step back and emphasize what your child should do, like resisting peer pressure and making healthy decisions. It would be naive to think we will ever keep up with all the latest internet trends, dangerous or not. What we can do is talk to our children, set clear boundaries, and teach them to think critically before the next risky challenge presents itself. * If you or someone you know ingests a laundry pod, or other toxic substance, call the National Poison Help Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

Christian Education

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) During March the JYF will be challenged to undergo a six day devotional challenge. Each youth will be given a devotional booklet challenging them to read the Bible, listen to Christian songs and watch videos about faith, while writing down their own thoughts. Following the six day devotional challenge, youth and leaders will spend time discussing the challenge.

SYF

The final payment for the SYF Summer Mission Trip to Chicago is due March 18. Please submit this payment to Kim Hines or Pastor Alex. We’ll be helping with light construction/maintenance projects for a local church plant, assisting in their after-school program for kids, and going through the church’s neighborhood sharing about the church’s upcoming summer program for kids.

SSHS

Our Senior High Sunday School class is led by Rachel Kinsman and Dave & Paige Miller, who take turns teaching the class. Last month, Rachel taught about three women of the Bible who displayed great faith amidst grief and disaster and the hardships of everyday life (Rahab, Ruth, and Esther).

This month Dave and Paige will be teaching Sunday School as we journey through Lent towards Easter. We will be discussing how God wants us to be spiritually whole. Even though we can't control everything in our own lives, Jesus is in control and God is there to provide and rescue us in difficult moments. Jesus will help us to overcome evil and sin in our lives. Lastly, we will be looking at how Jesus wants to satisfy us. When we find ourselves looking for the world to satisfy our needs we will be disappointed. Ultimately, only Jesus can truly satisfy all of our needs.

Quiz Invitational is less than 2 weeks away, March 16-18, and hosts are still needed! Of the 62 teams coming this year, 35 still need a place to stay, as do 30 of the 41 staff members. Each volunteer helps! If you can open your home and serve in this way, please contact Lesa King at (419)446-4837, or lesa.king12@gmail.com.

LOGOS

Our mid-week program for kids ages 4 through 12th grade, is back in full swing, after taking a break for the holidays. During January and February, we have enjoyed "Everyone's Birthday Night", celebrated MLK Night, had "Breakfast Club Night", SouperBowl of Caring", "Angel's Night", and "Washington's Birthday Night". We have learned many interesting facts and had some delicious meals. The upcoming schedule for March includes:

March 7 – School Spirit Night

March 14 – March Madness Night

March 18 – Choir sings during 10:30 Worship

March 21 – Easter Night

March 28 – NO LOGOS – Spring Break



"Are you ready to be rescued by Jesus? Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm! Mark your calendars! Online Registration will begin April 8th. If God is calling you to help lead

these kids to TRUTH during our week of VBS, please see Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger. We would love for you to join in on the God rescuing FUN!"

Events/Activities

The Men's Prayer Breakfast (every second Saturday of the month, at 7:40am) is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing. David Stuckey plans to lead us in a brief devotion on Malachi 3:10...how has God been generous to us? How does his generosity inspire us to be generous as well? Consider bringing a verse of your own to share how the Lord has been encouraging you or challenging you lately.

Men's Ministry

Man Camp is this month! The men of St. John's are planning a retreat to Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI on March 23-25. The weekend will be filled with great food, an encouraging speaker, numerous outdoor and indoor activities, and good conversation with other men about faith, life, work, and family. Contact Bruce Wooley or Pastor Alex to learn more.

Stephen Ministry

Do you know the difference between a Stephen Leader and a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister is someone from our congregation who is willing to be partnered one-on-one with someone in need of extra support in the midst of a hard time (perhaps times of illness or illness of one's family member, or job or financial difficulties, or relational conflicts or spiritual discouragement). A Stephen Minister will meet once per week with this individual to be a caring presence in their life, offering a listening ear and an empathetic heart.

A Stephen Leader is someone from our congregation who will help facilitate Stephen Ministry at our church. They will be involved in building awareness of the ministry in our congregation, recruiting and training Stephen Ministers, coordinating supervision groups, and leading continuing education.

Want to learn more? (1) Consider following this link, and read some of the short bios from the section entitled: "Stephen Ministers Share Their Stories." <https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596> (2) Consider attending a half-day introductory workshop. The next one (and closest one) is in Toledo on March 17. (3) Consider talking more with Pastor Alex or one of the members of the Stephen Ministry Startup Team (comprised of Betsy Ducey, Dave & Paige Miller, Jim Redd, and Pastor Alex). (4) For those interested in learning more about serving as a Stephen Leader, ask Pastor Alex for an informational packet.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— Friendship House Elder of the Month— TBD			1 8:30PM 5th Grade Basketball Practice 7:00PM Mission Comm. 7:30PM Praise Band Practice	2	3 8:00AM Mindful Move- ment
4	5 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM SYF Leader's Meeting	6 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Capital Campaign	7 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM Junior Choir / JYF 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF Remix 7:00PM Parenting Presentation	8 7:00PM Brazil Orientation	9 3:00PM Joan Grieser Piano Recit- al Practice	10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Tomorrow (set clocks ahead 1 hour) 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brkfst. 8:00AM Mindful Move- ment 9:00AM Fish Pantry Semiar
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 3:00PM Joan Grieser Pi- ano Recital	12 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:30PM Praise Band Practice	13 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:00PM Property Comm.	14 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM Junior Choir / JYF 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Parenting Presentation 7:00PM Life Planning	15	16	17 8:00AM Mindful Move- ment
18 10:30AM Junior Choir Sings 3:00PM TGRM Chapel and Meal	19 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	20 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Mtg 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Brazil Orientation	21 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM Bells / Chimes / JYF 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Parenting Presentation 8:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 8:00AM Mindful Move- ment
25 Palm Sunday	26 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM FISH Board Meeting	27 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal	28 Archbold Spring Break 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00PM Maundy Thurs.	30 7:00PM Good Friday Service of Tenebrae	31 8:00AM Mindful Move- ment

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

worship

2018 Season of Lent

This year's Lenten journey began on February 14, the day we know as Ash Wednesday, and will continue through our Holy Week services, culminating with the celebration of Easter on April 1st. Our Sunday morning worship during Lent will be based on the theme of "Saying No To Sin" This theme comes from the truth that the Bible is our authority on all matters of life and faith. We'll be studying several principles of scripture in regards to righteous living, as opposed to ignoring biblical principles and just doing what we want to do or what feels right to us.

Our 7PM Wednesday Lenten services will provide further teaching and discussion of the preceding Sunday sermons.

Lenten Coin Folders

Youth and adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today! These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 1) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

Easter Memorials

Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the office (deadline March 23). Memorials can be given in any amount. Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

small groups

Seekers

Meeting every other Sunday evening, this group welcomes individuals and couples to join them in their new study topic - the Book of Ezekiel. Fellowship, faith sharing and prayer are enjoyed each gathering. We'll next meet at Keith & Kelli Kuntz's at 6pm on March 4th.

Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adults will meet at Dan Stuckey's for fellowship and Bible study (on James 5) from 6-8pm on March 11th, April 8th, and April 22nd. They are also planning a movie night together on March 18th, and considering forming a group to attend the Walleye's Faith and Family Night on March 25th. Let Pastor Alex know if you're interested in the Walleye's game or if you have any questions about the Young Adult activities.



The Toledo Walleye are proud to present the 2018 Faith and Family Night on Saturday, March 24th. Former UT Rocket/Pittsburgh Steeler, Bruce Gradkowski, joins team Chaplain Tom Fraser, and select Walleye players as they discuss their faith and experiences as professional athletes. The event starts at 4:45PM and the puck drops at 7:00PM. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board across from the office.

consistory/committees

- Capital Campaign Committee Minutes– Brent Winzeler - Committee did not meet in February, last meeting was 1st Tuesday of January. Discussion was on the professional fundraising. Goals of raising the 4 Million dollars, and if a revision is necessary. A possible scale back of the scope of the fundraising may be evident. Do we go outside the church as far as a professional fundraising? What results or data comes from the 4th Sunday giving? \$1,000-\$2,000 more per a normal Sunday giving. Not affecting any other normal giving neither current nor benevolent.
- Christian Preschool Board – Ann Fether – Discussion was about registraton being significantly down. Advertising will be put in the bulletin, visitor and Social Media. Possibly light the outdoor preschool sign to be more visible at nighttime? Possible reimbursement for Sue’s cell phone as a lot of the use is for preschool not personal use.
- Property Committee – Dean Sauder – Bells and Chimes, maintenance or repair of that. Is a mechanical bell necessary? Water shut off valve for the boiler system. Quotes for possible landscape companies are being looked into. Craig Grieser will be doing the lawn care. A new upright freezer was purchased and depleted the Equipment fund. The convection oven is having issues, the motor needs removed and needs work done.
- Pastor’s Report – Pastor Erich
Security Team: recently at Consistory there is a lot going on about safe guarding your church, or to have an action plan in place when there is an active shooter. One church in the area has armed their staff. Awareness is there are people that carry and conceal in worship. Do we want to pursue an action plan for safeguarding our Church? Should we just have only one door open during the open hours of the church? Unknown people walk into the church often.
-Festival of Lights Parade Float Committee: A float was not in last year’s parade, if we want to have a float, we need to find someone to head that up.
- Come August 1st, our online giving through F&M Bank will no longer be available. Our offering envelope company does offer e-donation services and have asked them for more information.
- Old Business – Brent Winzeler
Annual Special Offerings and coin collections – the Lenten coin folders and thank offering containers.

Not many people carry coins anymore. Any other solutions or suggestions? Possible envelopes in place of the coin containers?

Forming a Pictorial Directory Committee – Discerning a chair person. There are possibilities that will be followed through on.

- New Business
Evangelical Association – Renewal form, do we want to renew? We’ve been a member since 2006. Cost is \$3.00 per member. September 2019 SJCC is hosting an EA gathering. Motion to renew: Mark Nofziger, John Graber 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

SJCC Church Library

Do you know we have a church library? Do you know where it is located? What books have you used in the library? Would you like to have the library books expanded? What would you like to see for the library? Gloria Lauber, Suzette Nafziger and Judy Sears have been reorganizing the church library over the past few months, and they are seeking input for new resources. The library is actually located in two places – the Fireside Room includes resources for biblical research and Christian novels and spiritual direction. Upstairs in the Confirmation Classroom, there are educational resources for classes and small groups.

www.stjohnsarchbold.org:

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

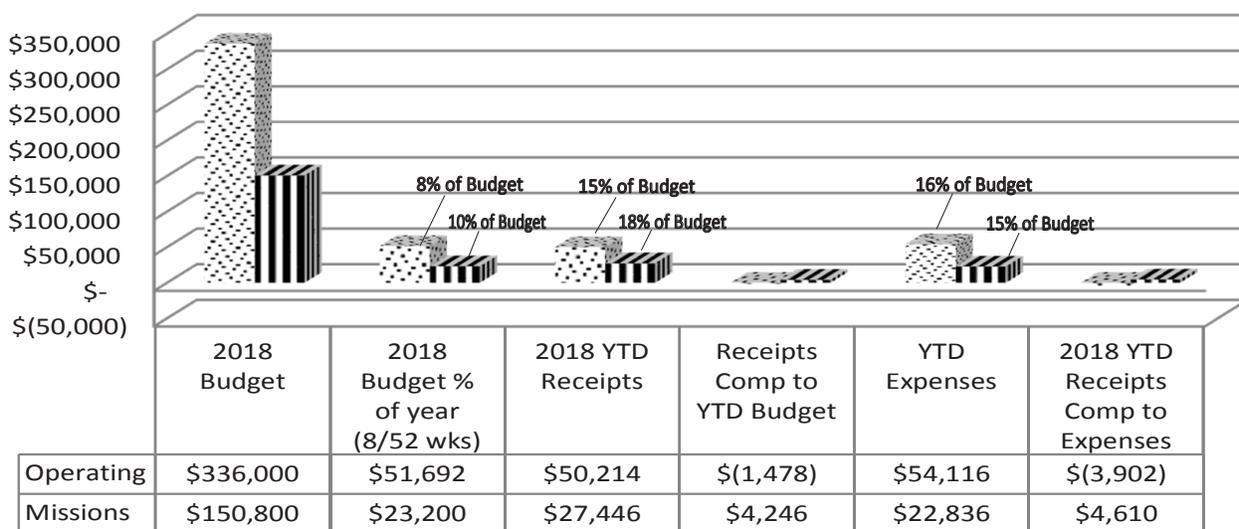
www.facebook.com:

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

stewardship

Online giving is available through our church web site. Please contact Kelly in the office to be assigned an OLG number if you are interested in taking advantage of this service. Several members of our congregation are utilizing this online service and have found it to be easy and convenient. If you have questions or don't have access to a computer but would like to take advantage of this new online giving feature, feel free to contact the church office for further assistance.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of February 26, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 26, 2018 - \$582,613.69

housekeeping

Goodsearch.com – create an account, choose St. John’s Christian Church as cause under account settings, and search away. Each search generates \$.01 for your cause.

Archbold SuperValu (ASV) Receipts Collected:

Are you aware we collect ASV receipts and turn them in to ASV periodically for a Each request for assistance is handled by our pastors. Turn in your receipts to the church office

Lost and Found Items:

We have two locations for lost and found items – one is located inside the handicap entrance closest to the sanctuary. A large blue tub sits just inside the door under the coat rack and contains numerous items left at the church (coats, hats, gloves, coffee mugs, etc.). The other is in the kitchen on the southwest counter, where we place any items left in the kitchen or at meal functions in the parish hall (glass bowls, pans, utensils, etc.). Please check both spots to see if anything belongs to you. About every other month, items not claimed are either discarded or donated to Care-N-Share.

March 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>.

1 Protest or Presumption? ----- Exodus 4:1-17	17 A Heart For God ----- Romans 2:17-29
2 Faith With Feet ----- Exodus 4:18-31	18 No Blame Now ----- Psalm 101
3 The Bondage of Busyness ----- Exodus 5:1-21	19 Our Faithful God ----- Romans 3:1-8
4 God is a God of Justice ----- Psalm 99	20 Undeserved Mercy ----- Romans 3:9-31
5 Glorious Destination ----- Exodus 5:22-6:12	21 The Gift of Jesus ----- Romans 4:1-12
6 Sentence or Sign? ----- Exodus 6:28-7:13	22 Guaranteed For Life ----- Romans 4:13-25
7 How Hearts Grow Hard ----- Exodus 7:14-24	23 Peace And Love ----- Romans 5:1-11
8 Not Wrath, But Redemption ----- Exodus 9:13-35	24 Life Through Christ ----- Romans 5:12-21
9 Lighten Our Darkness ----- Exodus 10:21-29	25 Unchanging God ----- Psalm 118
10 Exceeding Expectations ----- Exodus 11:1-10	26 Under Arrest ----- John 18:1-18
11 Shout for Joy! ----- Psalm 100	27 Two Kingdoms ----- John 18:19-40
12 Called to Be Holy ----- Romans 1:1-7	28 Power Games ----- John 19:1-16a
13 The Feeling is Mutual ----- Romans 1:8-13	29 The Wondrous Cross ----- John 19:16b-27
14 Spreading the Good News! ----- Romans 1:14-17	30 Finished! ----- John 19:28-37
15 All Kinds of Evil ----- Romans 1:18-32	31 Dead and Buried ----- John 19:38-42
16 Judge Not ----- Romans 2:1-16	

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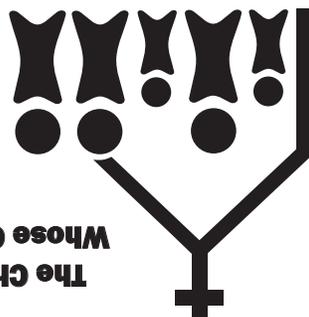
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/7), Ash Wednesday (2/14), Maundy Thursday (3/29),
 Pentecost (5/20), Mid-Summer (7/15), World Wide Communion
 (10/7), First Sunday of Advent (12/2)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



**The Church on the Corner
 Whose Cornerstone is Christ**

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