

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Sharon VonDeylen, praising God as she returned home on 3/21, being home for the first time since December 31st!
- Jim Redd, who had successful knee replacement surgery on 3/19.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she continues radiation treatments to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- 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)
TF 3 Geronimo
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

AJ Short (Marines) (Japan)

(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

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Family and Friends

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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 #113

David Lightner, Room #120

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)

Maurice Schmucker, Room #139

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

Lois Heer, Room #238

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Wyse Commons, 552 Cardinal Dr., Archbold, 43502

Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Josephine Short, Apt. #116

William and Donna Buehrer, Apt. #107

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

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Bernice Rice, Room #224-2

Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505

Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

Swanton Valley Center, 401 Airport Hwy., Swanton, 43558

Marlene Nofziger, Room #311B (Memory Support Unit)

pastor's letter

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Every Easter, the church pauses to remember what Jesus did on the cross and what it means for us today. One of my professors, Dr. Jay Sklar, has written on what it means that Jesus gave his life as a “ransom” for us. He explains that in our culture, the word “ransom” refers to the payment an innocent party is forced to pay in order to get back what was wrongfully taken from them. In the Bible, however, a “ransom” refers to a sum of money an offending party pays back to the innocent party. For example, if someone owned a bull that killed someone, their own life could be forfeit (Ex. 21:29). But if the bereaved family wanted to show mercy to the bull-owner, they could accept a payment of money from the bull-owner instead of his life (Ex. 21:30).

Because of our sin, our own lives are forfeit. The punishment we deserve is death. But because God is merciful and doesn't want us to perish, he can accept a payment, a ransom, instead of our lives. But what do we have that we could offer God in exchange for our lives? We have no payment that will be good enough, nothing that can take the place of our lives. This, then, is the truly amazing part of the gospel. First, God, in his mercy doesn't demand our lives for our sins, and instead agrees to accept a ransom. But then, even though he is the offended party, he offers to pay the ransom we're supposed to pay but can't afford. He pays for our sins. That is what Jesus does on the cross. When there seems to be no way for us to be made right with God, God himself, through Jesus, gives his life as a ransom for us, that we might be saved from death and made right with God.

What wonderfully good news! How does this affect your relationship with God, knowing how much he loves you? How can you share the good news of Jesus with others this month? How can you encourage family members to know God's merciful love more fully? How can you share God's amazing grace with people outside this church? That Jesus loves us so is news worthy to be shared!

Grace and Peace,



congregational thank you's

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the encouraging letter and gift cards! This was a pleasant surprise to me at college and I felt the warmth of love from my home church even over a hundred miles away. College has been a transformational season of life for me in multiple ways. Thank you for remembering one of your college students, as we all make a global impact for Christ together.

With Great Appreciation,
Jeremy Mann

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for the card and gifts.

Much Love,
Jake Nofziger

Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for the gift cards. My family and I went to Fort Wayne over spring break and had a lovely time using them. Thank you, once again, for the thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,
Lynne Stuckey

Dear St. John's Church Family,

We want to say a heart felt “thank you” for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, concerns, food brought to the house and visits during the last four years of our times of trials and check of faith. A special thank you to the anonymous donor for the super help in time of need. Thank you to all our sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus. God bless you all.

Dale & Sharon VonDeylen

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

As I write this, there are snow flurries outside, and it's cold and windy! You wouldn't guess that yesterday was the first day of spring! We started out the month of March with our "Farm Animals" theme. The children enjoyed playing with our farm and animals in the Block Area, washing muddy farm animals in the Sensory Table (washing off the chocolate pudding!), playing with our new cow number-matching game in the Math Area, and several children worked together to complete our "farm" floor puzzle. We talked with the older children about the names of baby animals (colt, foal, kid, chick, piglet, etc.) and played a riddle game with the younger ones so they could guess which animal we were describing. Art projects for the week included a farm collage (with magazine pictures), chicken stick puppet (paper plate and fingerprints), and chick (fork painting). The following two weeks, we celebrated Easter, talking about bunnies, chicks, candy, eggs and baskets, but focusing on the most important reason for celebrating - Jesus's resurrection. The older children heard the story about Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and concluded with the story of His death and resurrection. The children were in awe as they heard what Jesus went through for all of us, and how happy everyone was when He rose from the dead! Art projects included a 2-dimensional bunny/egg project with glitter, a foil egg decorated with collage materials, and a 3-dimensional cross with flowers. Our Bible verse for the month was, "He is not here. He has risen." Matthew 28:6. The last week of the month was our Spring Break.



mission corner



Foods Resource Bank
A Christian response to world hunger.

April Mission-A-Month Foods Resource Bank:

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

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

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



The 17th Annual Black Swamp Benefit will take place on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, Ohio. We are in need of quilts, handcrafted wood furniture, children's items, outdoor equipment, gift certificates, vacation vouchers, hosted dinners, handmade crafts, antiques, baked goods, used books, puzzles, plants, knotted comforters and small wood items. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Deadline for auction items is May 21. All proceeds support the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee and Sunshine Communities. For more information please go to mcc.org or sunshine.org.

mission corner cont.

Brazil Mission Trip

Traveling to spend nine days with Tony and Leila Frank in Ivoti, Brazil will be Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey, Brenda Kaszer (a friend of Crissi's) and Pastor Erich. They'll be departing from Archbold on Saturday, April 21st, arriving in Ivoti late afternoon on the 22nd. Their days will be filled with exploring and engaging with the ministry of Tony and Leila. Ministries will include a Bible college class, discipleship classes, hanging out with university students, youth group meetings, worship services, and an aquaponics service project meant to be an evangelistic tool. The group will return to Archbold on the morning of Wednesday, May 2nd. Your prayers for safe travels, engaging ministry and fellowship, and support of Tony and Leila would be much appreciated!

Summer Mission Trip

LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity of Michigan City, Indiana is once again getting ready to host a week of volunteers as they build the home for their newest partner family. Volunteers from SJCC will leave from the church on Sunday afternoon, June 10th and return to Archbold late Friday afternoon, June 15th. Lodging and most meals will be enjoyed at Tower Hill Camp once again. The adult retreat center has room for 13 people – very comfortable accommodations, and the food is really good, too.

The work will be a group project of framing the floor, walls and roof for a new home. There is plenty of work for unskilled people – all you really need is the desire to lend a helping hand!

Cost of this worthwhile week of fellowship and exercise (lifting lumber and pounding nails is a great workout of the whole body) is \$125 per person, covering lodging, most all meals, and transportation. The Mission Fund subsidizes the cost of the trip, too. For further information about the trip, talk with Mike Meyer, Greg Walker, Kelly Ducey or Tammy Nofziger! A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board!



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Upcoming opportunities to engage in mission efforts include:

- **Brazil Mission Trip – April 21 – May 1**
- **TGRM Chapel & Meal – May 20**
- **SYF Summer Mission Trip June 4 – 10**
- **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**

Summer Camp Opportunities

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



Church Camp Scholarships - Funds are available to help with sending children and youth to a Christian church camp experience this summer. Monies from the Mission Fund are available to pay up to 50% of a week's camping fee. Parents should contact the church office for the camp scholarship form.

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Join us in celebrating at our annual benefit!

Tuesday, April 24
Archbold High School,
Archbold

5:30 appetizers & dessert
reception

7:00pm program begins

Please join us for a night of engaging speakers, stories, and a live ultrasound! You will hear stories of God's redeeming grace and mercy and why we are pro-life.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1009.00.
- Youth For Christ, for our gift of \$60.00.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$140.00.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$10.00.
- Reliant (David Hench), for our gift, \$50.00.
- Cru (Matt & Paige Waanders), for our gift of \$40.00.
- ALtlink (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$60.00.



Dear Friends,

Your recent work camp time spent at Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many! Undoubtedly, there was a good impact on both our client's lives as well as yours. We trust whenever you reflect on that time, it will summon a smile. It surely does for those that you helped. Your selfless acts of kindness and service restore a comfort and are a breath of hope for many in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Every one of us at Back Bay Mission extends our deepest gratitude for your support of our mission. Regardless of which program you chose to give your time and service to, you aligned with and helped support our vision "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

We look forward to the day you can join us again and continue the giving. May God bless you in your journey of faith!

Gratefully,
Your Friends at Back Bay Mission

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ministry happenings

Christian Education

Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

LOGOS: Our mid-week program for children preschool through 5th grade, will be wrapping up at the end of this month. Each LOGOS Wednesday, we have had fun fellowshiping around the table and eating tasty meals prepared by our faithful Kitchen Crew. We have sung songs, played hand bells and hand chimes, and learned about many different aspects of worship while creating a Worship Banner that we hope to display soon. During Bible Study, each grade has spent time in God's word, learning about many stories from the Bible. And we have even found time to sneak in some extra recreation activities on several nights.

The upcoming schedule for April includes:

April 4 – Noah's Ark Night

April 11 – Mother Goose Night

April 15 – Hand Bell and Hand Chimes play during 10:30 Worship

April 18 – Cartoon Night

April 25 – Celebration Banquet

JYF: The April schedule of activities includes:

April 4th – participating in the school prayer event at Pettisville Schools; April 11th – Group Home Visit or Service Night; April 18th – Group Home Visit or Challenge Night; April 25th – JYF Celebration Night.

SYF: April 1st we will be cooking a fabulous Easter Breakfast for the congregation to enjoy after Sunrise Service.

SHSS: For the rest of April we will be discussing Life After High School

High school graduation is one of the most exciting events in the life of a teenager...whether it is this year or 2 years from now. It represents the start of a new stage of life that brings new freedoms and new opportunities. It's also a stage of life that promises new challenges and new temptations. We want to give our students practical, biblical advice that will help them as they enter young adulthood. We'll talk about the importance of having good friends. We'll examine the need for wisdom in making life-shaping decisions.



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We'll see how our parents can be sources of wisdom, encouragement, and strength—and how “honor your father and mother” is a biblical commandment with no expiration date. And we'll tackle the topic of finances, understanding how God wants us to be financially responsible and free. Join Us!!!

Events/Activities

Men's Ministry

The Men's Prayer Breakfast (every second Saturday of the month, at 7:40am) is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing. David Stuckey will be leading a devotion on Esther 4:13-14, where Mordecai reminds Esther, Queen of Persia, that the Lord has placed where she is “for such a time as this.” Who else but our Lord would secretly promote a Jewish woman to be the Queen of Persia at very moment in history when the King of Persia is led by evil counsel to approve of the annihilation of the Jewish race? As Mordecai reminded Esther, the Lord had purpose in making Esther the queen. And she rises to the occasion, risking her life to save her people. Do you think the Lord might also have purpose for your life today? Come to discuss, and consider bringing a verse of your own to share how the Lord has been encouraging you or challenging you lately.

NEW Sunday Morning Opportunity: “Connections”

Looking for a way to plug in during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15) on Sunday mornings? We'll be having a new fellowship time called “Connections” in the Parish Hall on Sunday, April 8th. The plan is to cover different discussion topics each week, so that volunteers for Faith Village can plug in whenever they're not serving our children's ministries. Plan to check it out, whether you're interested in growing in your faith, connecting with others, or even if you're just interested in free food!

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HFHFCO)

HFHFCO is raffling off a 6'x8' play house/garden shed as a fundraiser. Proceeds will fund projects through HFHFCO – either a new home build or repair projects. The drawing will be held on May 24, and winner must not be present to win. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Ticket sales and more information can be found at www.habitatfco.org, or tickets can be purchased from Pastor Erich, who serves on the board for HFHFCO.

ministry happenings

Stephen Ministry

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Last month Pastor Alex took a group of ten to Toledo to learn more about Stephen Ministry at an introductory workshop. Many who attended are considering serving in this ministry, but we're still looking for more who might be interested. What does a Stephen Minister do? Well, after receiving 50 hours of training here at St. John's, a Stephen Minister will be matched with one "care receiver," a person of their same gender who is going through a difficult time (health concerns, financial struggles, relational conflicts, or spiritual discouragements). Relying upon their training, this Stephen Minister will be equipped to be present with their care receiver, listening to them, caring for them, and praying for them. Stephen Ministers will also be supported by each other in a small supervision group, where they receive encouragement and ongoing direction for their ministry. Consider following this link and reading some of the short bios from the section entitled: "Stephen Ministers Share Their Stories." <https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596>. Here, you'll read stories of Stephen Ministers from many different walks of life: both men and women, both retired and busily employed, both empty nesters and moms managing a house full of kids. See what has drawn over 600,000 to be trained as Stephen Ministers, and what they've gained from the experience.

The Gospel Coalition 2018 Women's Conference, June 14-16, Indianapolis

A conference that's for women but not all about women. Together we'll exalt the Lord Jesus and grow together in his Word. Plenary speakers will expound key passages from Deuteronomy, to help us take it in deeply and personally. We'll sing and celebrate this Word of grace. A host of workshop speakers will address topics that show in practical ways how God's grace shapes every aspect of life in this fallen and needy world. Teaching from the Word . . . fellowship around the Word . . . hearing the voices of sisters living out the Word all over the world . . . TGCW18.

Ticket Pricing

Regular - \$199

Groups (5-9) - \$185

(Groups of 10 or more may qualify for additional discounts.)

Int'l/Student - \$99

*Registration ends April 15th

The women from Emmanuel's are attending, and they have invited women from SJCC to join them. For information, contact Melia VanDyke, jmvandyke@gmail.com

small groups

Young Adult Ministry

The Young Adults will meet at Dan Stuckey's for snacks, fellowship, and Bible study (on James 5) from 6-8pm on April 8th and April 22nd.

Seekers

•April 8th – 6pm at the home of Keith & Kelli Kuntz, studying Ezekiel 6 & 7, with Ed & Dianne Wyrick providing the refreshments.

•April 22nd – 6pm at the home of Keith & Kelli Kuntz, studying Ezekiel 8-11, with Scott & JoAnn Short providing the refreshments.



“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. We would love for you to join in on the God rescuing FUN!” Please be in prayer about

helping out with VBS this year. A sign up sheet will be posted outside of the Chapel on April 8th. We need you! It takes a village to make a VBS strong and powerful! Please see Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger, if interested.

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 Fire-side 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.

Archbold Fish Pantry Fundraiser:

If you like to eat chicken, or are interested in supporting the Fish Pantry, see Pastor Alex by Sunday April 8th to buy BBQ chicken from Brookview. The pre-purchased chicken will be available for pickup at the Fish Pantry (1309 S. Defiance Street) on Friday, April 20th from 3:30-6:00pm.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 6:15AM SYF prepares Easter Breakfast 7:00AM Sunrise Service 8:00AM Easter Breakfast 8:45AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Easter Worship	2 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Ten-U Archbold girls soccer team practice	3 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	4 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:45PM Hand Bells/Chimes 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Pettisville H.S. Prayer Time	5 5:00PM Ten-U Archbold girls soccer team practice 7:00PM Mission Comm.	6	7 8:00AM Mindful Movement
8 6:00PM Young Adult Ministry 6:00PM Seekers—Kuntz's	9 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Budget/Stewardship	10 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Brazil Orientation 7:00PM Property Committee	11 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS 6:45PM Hand Bells/Chimes 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM Life Pl. / SYF Remix	12 6:30PM Pre-school Dad's Night M/W/F AM Classes 7:00PM Evangelism Com.	13	14 7:40AM Men's Breakfast 8:00AM Mindful Movement 4:14 Pastor Alex 's & Jenny's Wedding
15 10:30AM Bells & Chimes Play After 10:30 Service Pastor Alex 's & Jenny's Cake Reception	16 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	17 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	18 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	19 6:30PM Pre-school Dad's Night M/W/F PM Classes	20	21 8:00AM Mindful Movement Brazil Mission Trip
22 6:00PM Young Adult Ministry 6:00PM Seekers—Kuntz's 7:30PM Lynne Christman Piano Recital	23 11:00AM Staff Meeting	24 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	25 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS (Celebration) 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	26	27	28 8:00AM Mindful Movement
29 Presentation Sunday	30 11:00AM Staff Meeting		8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation	Mission-A-Month— Foods Resource Bank Elder of the Month— TBD		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Eric Buckenmeyer, Dencel Miller
- 6 Bryce Beltz
- 7 Norma Fish, Cameron Ruffer
- 8 Jude Rutledge
- 9 William Baden
- 10 Tom & Peg Hines, Charlie Nofziger
- 11 Mike Overmier
- 13 James Grime
- 15 Keith Kern
- 16 Kreighton Sims
- 17 Dean Sauder

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

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

worship



April 1st

7:00am Sunrise Service
10:30am Easter Worship
Easter Story – Mark 16:1-20
Chancel Choir – “He Arose”
Sermon – “Believe It!” by Pastor Erich

April 8th

8:00 Service – Reception of New Members
10:30 Service – Praise Band
Vacation Bible School Sharing
Scriptures – Deuteronomy 4:39-40, Luke 12:8-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-13
10:30 Chancel Choir – “Rejoice, the Lord is King”
Sermon – “A Savior Worthy of Our Faithfulness” – Pastor Alex

April 15th

10:30 Service – Sacrament of Baptism
Scriptures – 1 John 1:5-7, Matthew 7:1-6
10:30 Bells and Chimes
10:30 Brazil Mission Trip Blessing
Sermon – “Using the Right Measure” – Pastor Erich

April 22nd

10:30 Service – Praise Band
Scriptures – Hebrews 12:3, James 4:14-26
10:30 Chancel Choir – “He Never Failed Me Yet”
Sermon – “Living Out Our Faith” - Pastor Alex

April 29nd

Scriptures – Acts 2:38, Romans 3:21-31
Special Music – Klaire Kern – “10,000 Reasons”
Sermon – “It’s Not Too Late” – Pastor Alex

Martin Luther said it this way: “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” We can see new growth in changing seasons, just as we can see the spiritual growth as we live in Christ’s example. To be reborn is to live like Christ: “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Eph. 5:11

consistory/committees

Consistory Meeting Minute Highlights – March 19, 2018

- Budget & Stewardship Committee – Joyce Kinsman - financial reports – operating fund is running at a deficit, with much of that attributed to the rotary expense from the Brazil Mission trip, which will be reimbursed in April. Motion to approve the financials as presented, Joyce Kinsman, 2nd the motion, Eric Nafziger – motion approved.

- Capital Campaign Committee – Jeff Rutledge – as of March 1st we've raised \$582,713.00, not including investments. Option to contract with a professional fundraiser has been tabled. Committee is working on a five year timeline for the campaign, which would be until April 2020. Facility Proposal plans that have been met have been the Mother's Room, Playground, Outdoor Storage and the Office Remodel. Points to consider for action: 1) investigating the need to track and monitor member demographic data, example: age groups and household giving; 2) study long term usage of the farm ground and south lot property; 3) consider addressing needs of the Kitchen, Bathroom and Sanctuary prior to the April 2020 timeline; 4) consider redirecting funds, such as loose offering (non-designated money) to go to Capital Campaign.

- Mission Committee – Betsy Ducey – Laundry Ministry – Cecily Rohrs is coordinating a laundry program, \$500 was approved for this ministry; March donations included \$500 – Kajaido Children's home, \$500 – Back Bay Mission, \$500 – Hands of Grace, \$500 – Toledo Rescue Mission, \$500 – Cherry Street.

- Property Committee – Scott Short – the bell tower has another issue and is showing its age. The Verdin Bell company, the original manufacturer and installer of the bell system, looked at the bells again recently. Repairing the bells may cost up to \$40,000 to keep the bells swinging; reworking the bells to keep the bells stationary and swinging the bell clapper would cost \$17,180. Further information is being sought.

- Spiritual Council – Pastor Erich - Approval was given for the purchase of a new drum set for the sanctuary, at a cost of \$2,700, with funds to come from the Memorial Fund. Pastor Alex reported on the Stephen Ministry: 10 members of the church went to the introductory Stephen Ministry workshop on March 17th. All were encouraged in the ministry and want

to pursue this program. Process of calling Stephen Leaders continues. Leader training is scheduled for early August for four Stephen Leaders; who would then come back and train Stephen Ministers.

- Pastor's Report – Pastor Erich – Security Team – Active shooter situations, projecting a safer church atmosphere. The greater scope of safety includes: risk management, security action plan, safe handling of offerings, life safety, emergency planning, sexual misconduct, child protection policy, fleet safety, food allergies. We are looking to conduct a church safety/security ministry assessment. Joyce Kinsman is willing to help with anything needed to pursue this team assessment.

- Ten Year Plan of Ministry – Process Report – Pastor Erich is wanting to spend time in prayer and discernment for creating a ten year plan for SJCC. Pastor Erich would set aside Tuesday's for discernment. Days of discernment would begin at 9am and last until 4pm. Pastor Erich will spend time in prayer, the study of scripture and discernment, in meditation and will make use of vision work, the facility report and proposal, recent leadership and church planning research materials. Further consideration next meeting.

- School Prayer – Archbold Area Ministerial Association is encouraging anyone willing to pray over our school buildings. Wednesday March 28th 7pm, AHS, Wednesday April 4th 7pm, PHS.

- Habitat for Humanity has built a playhouse on a trailer that can be converted to a storage barn. The trailer will be moved from community to community in Fulton County. Pastor Erich is looking for approval to have the trailer set on the church property for one week. Motion to approve the trailer to sit on the church property, Mark Nofziger, 2nd the motion Judy Sears. Motion approved.

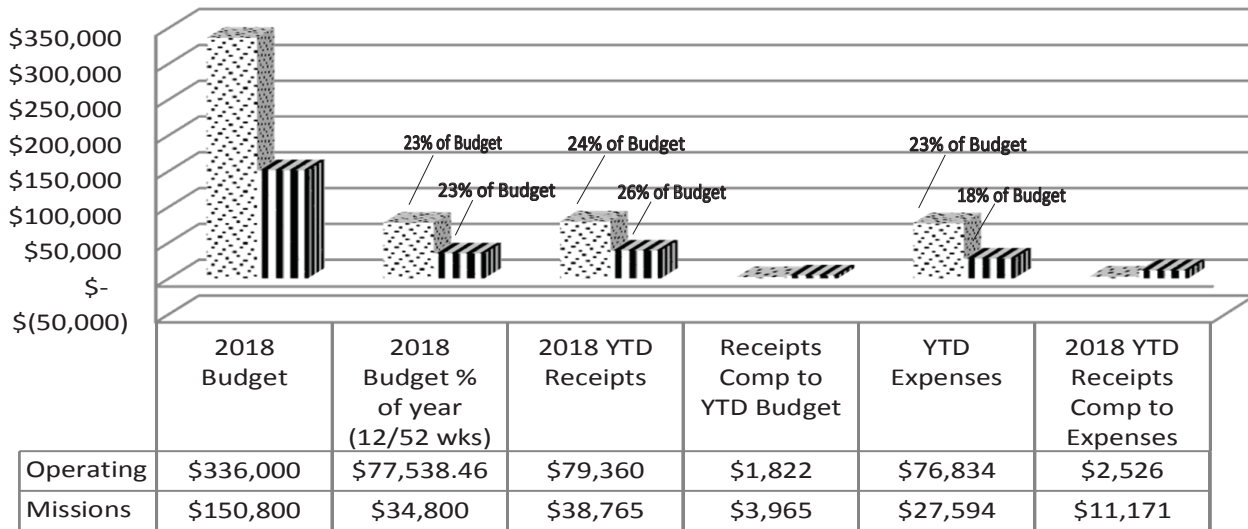
- Associate Pastors Report – Pastor Alex – Young Adult ministry is going well. They recently had a movie night, upcoming hockey night is in the works. Pastor Alex is meeting with parents of high school students, which is going well. Touching base and building communication with parents is good. Bruce Wooley has expressed interest in leading an adult fellowship time during the Sunday school hour. Classes will be discussion oriented, which will start the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

- Request from a non-profit agency to hold a fundraising event at SJCC in November. The event would include a meal, Chinese auction, 50/50 and sponsorships. The Consistory decided that we would not pursue having this event here at the church.

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.

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2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 31, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 31, 2018 - \$587,698.69

housekeeping

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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 The Third Day -----	John 20:1-10	16 Glory to God -----	Exodus 14:1-18
2 Encounter -----	John 20:11-18	17 A Matter of Trust -----	Exodus 14:19-31
3 Locked Doors, Open Hearts-----	John 20:19-23	18 Praise and Thanks to God -----	Exodus 15:1-18
4 Doubting Thomas? -----	John 20:24-31	19 Decision-Making -----	Exodus 15:19-27
5 Breakfast Time -----	John 21:1-14	20 Unconventional, Comfort Food-----	Exodus 16:1-13
6 After Breakfast -----	John 21:15-19	21 Don't Live on Leftovers -----	Exodus 16:17-26
7 Telling the Truth -----	John 21:20-25	22 Our Amazing God -----	Psalms 104
8 Tell it How it Is -----	Psalms 102	23 Grumblers Anonymous -----	Exodus 17:1-16
9 A Sign to Remember -----	Exodus 12:1-13	24 Moses: Work and Family -----	Exodus 18:1-27
10 Pass it On -----	Exodus 12:14-30	25 God's Treasured Possession -----	Exodus 19:1-25
11 Time for a Clean-Up -----	Exodus 12:31-42	26 Ten Words -----	Exodus 20:1-17
12 Obedient Hearts -----	Exodus 12:43-51	27 The Small Print -----	Exodus 20:18-26
13 Festival Time! -----	Exodus 13:1-16	28 Slave Trading -----	Exodus 21:1-11
14 Guided by God -----	Exodus 13:17-22	29 Remember, Remember -----	Psalms 105
15 Forgiven, Redeemed -----	Psalms 103	30 An Eye for an Eye -----	Exodus 21:12-27

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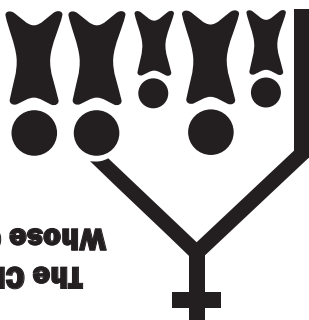
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Custodians Nick Rice
 Richard Spiess

Security

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)

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