

### Please Pray For:

- Barb Sigg, who is in rehab at Fairlawn, in Room 10.
  - Director of Music Ministry – please be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord's candidate.
  - Worship Accompanists – please pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
  - Mary Zimmerman, who is waiting for her MRI, to confirm the last of the tumor is gone.
  - 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)

### 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 #223-1

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**

On Sunday, April 15th, I preached on the passage of Matthew 7:1-6 and spoke about Jesus' teaching on judging others. It's rather a simple lesson to understand – Matthew 7:1 – “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.” We are not to have a judgmental attitude, we're not to be critical or fault-finding of others. It's a most difficult to lesson to live out. Throughout the Bible we mind God and Jesus teaching us to love one another, to even love our enemies, and our negative judging of others isn't consistent with loving people. Since I prepared for that message, and since I preached that message, I've strived ever harder to not give voice to any judgmental comments. I've found that my attitude and my conversations have been much more pleasing!

In the week following that sermon, I listened to several radio sports shows – analyst after analyst offering judgmental comments about athletes, and once again I began to wonder about the reality of our culture. When did it become the accepted practice that it's our right to question and analyze every athlete? Sports coverage 24 hours a day. Sure, there are the human interests stories about certain athletes that serve to inspire us through their achievements, but then there are the unrelenting verbal attacks and judgments – not just about the actual plays, but about the athletes themselves. The NFL draft is here – for months, there have been full reports of the character, the abilities, the intelligence, the issues, the traits of college athletes, getting down to the problems and “dirt” on each one.

Of course this type of analysis or reporting is not limited to college and professional athletes – politicians and entertainers are all subject to what I see as the public ridicule and judgment of both famous and infamous people. And such behavior has trickled down in to our everyday life – judging school teachers and staff, business owners and employees, public officials, and even our neighbors and family members.

The point? Let's put in to practice this teaching of Jesus – do not judge. Instead of offering a negative thought, stop, think and keep quiet. Train your brain to not even finish the thought – THINK:

T – is it true?

H – is it helpful?

I – is it inspiring?

N – is it necessary?

K – is it kind?

Think – if what I am about to say does not pass those tests, I will keep my mouth shut!

In Christ's love,

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## **congregational news**



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Congratulations to Pastor Alex and Jenny Lehman who celebrated their marriage on April 14, 2018!

They would like to thank everyone who was able to attend their wedding and cake reception and the support given through cards, gifts, and encouragement. We are grateful!

Pastor Alex will be on vacation from May 7th. through May 14th.

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## preschool corner

We have had a great year in preschool! We have learned so many things and have had a lot of fun times!



## mission corner

# CHERRY ST. MISSION MINISTRIES

### May Mission-A-Month Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principles in 1947, and remains a Biblically-based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. For some, it's the first night they've slept safely in a very long time.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. They care more about who a person is, rather than what a person has become.

Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. Cherry Street gratefully accepts financial donations and gift-in-kind donations (anything donated that is not cash). More information about this Mission-A-Month can be found online at [www.cherrystreetmission.org](http://www.cherrystreetmission.org).

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with "May M-A-M (mission-a-month)" or by dropping off donated items in the white box across from the chapel.

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](http://mcc.org) or [sunshine.org](http://sunshine.org).

## mission corner cont.

### Habitat for Humanity®

#### 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!

#### Habitat for Humanity Play House



Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HfHFCO) is in the midst of a new fundraising plan – a Play House / Garden Shed Raffle. A group of volunteers recently build the Play House, which can also be used as a Garden Shed! The Play House is on a moving display schedule – it will be displayed in the communities of the county over the course of the next two months. Pictures and info of the Play House are available at [www.habitatfco.org](http://www.habitatfco.org). Raffle tickets can be purchased on line at that website or tickets may be had through contacting Pastor Erich. All proceeds of the raffle will fund building projects through HfHFCO.

## mission corner cont.

Upcoming opportunities to engage in mission efforts include:

- 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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

- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.00.
- Pioneers (The Doriots), for our gift of \$100.00.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$115.00.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$260.00.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift, \$295.00.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$380.00.
- Altlink (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$280.00.
- CRU (The Waanders), for our gift of \$40.00.



## mission corner cont.

### Short Term Volunteer Opportunities at St. John's

Here are five ways people could really help the church staff in getting some annual items taken care of in the next month or two – if you are interested, contact Pastor Erich and he'll be glad to explain and show what he has in mind!

- Confirmation Pictures – we are looking for one or two people to help us organize past pictures of our confirmation classes – sorting pictures, inserting in frames, researching names, adding name labels to each picture, etc. The intent is to create a display of all these pictures. Interested?
- Storage Room Organization – two people are needed to help organize the storage room off of the Fireside Room. Tasks include finishing the work of organizing historical records in five filing cabinets, which was begun by Darby Stevens over her winter break from college; sorting through historical books and memorabilia; moving our medical equipment available for use to the storage building, and organizing the kitchen supplies. Interested?
- Attic Organization – two people to work at finalizing the storage of our Christmas decorations – getting our evergreens under plastic, labeling boxes, etc. Interested?
- Storage Building Organization – folks to work with Pastor Erich to clear out unneeded items, build some special shelving for sound equipment, seasonal equipment, etc. A couple of Saturdays or a few evenings in the warmer months. Interested?
- Organizing Pictures Saved on Computers – sitting at a computer, opening up unnamed pictures, identifying pictures, and naming/renaming them; as well as organizing the extensive library of our digital photos. Interested?

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. See that Christian material you no longer need or use continues to be useful in getting The Word out!

## Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



### Robert & Jenni McMahan, CRU (BGSU)

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e-mail - [robert.mcmahan@cru.org](mailto:robert.mcmahan@cru.org)

e-mail - [jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org](mailto:jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org)

### Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU (Ohio State Univ.)

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

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### Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP CRHP

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### Kyle Chase, Reliant (Univ. of Michigan)

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### Tony & Leila Frank, Sapiranga, Brazil

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### Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

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### Robert Rogers - Mighty in the Land Ministry

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

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### Cheryl Wyse - The Agape Family Life House

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

### Jason & Becky Suon, Freedom International Ministries, Dominican Republic

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# ministry happenings

## Christian Education

### Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

**SYF:** May is our last month of SYF before breaking for the summer. We're looking forward to discussion about what our students believe is important to their faith, and to talking about how we might be sharing our faith and serving others in ways that are constructive for others and for God's kingdom.

**SHSS:** We are grateful for Rachel Kinsman and for Dave and Paige Miller's service as our Sunday School teachers the last several years! Rachel concluded her teaching responsibilities in April, and May will be Dave and Paige's last month serving as our teachers. The theme for May is "Lifelong Faith", and we'll be discussing how we can continue to grow in our faith throughout our lives.

In addition to our gratitude for those who have served in this role for many years, we are grateful for Ryan and Devin Bernath, who are planning to help with Senior High Sunday School in the future. Pastor Alex is also still looking for others who might be willing to help with this ministry, so please see him if the Lord is putting ministry to high school students on your heart!



"Are you ready to be rescued by Jesus?" **Shipwrecked** VBS is coming June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm! Mark your calendars for this exciting adventure! Sign up sheets are posted outside of the chapel. Also, online registration is open to any youth

ages 4 years old – 6th grade, who wants to learn how we can be rescued by God! Check the church's website or Facebook page for the link to register online! 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.

# ministry happenings

## 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. In addition to praying for the joys and concerns lifted up by the men present, Bruce Wooley generously provides his deliciously cooked breakfasts, and David Stuckey has been leading a brief devotion. This month we discuss Romans 5:8. 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 new way to connect? Connections is a new time for folks to connect with each other and with God during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15) on Sunday mornings in the gym. Enjoy various breakfast foods, get to know others from our church, and participate in casual conversations about faith and life.

### Stephen Ministry

Are you interested in serving as a Stephen Minister? 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, Stephen Ministers 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 will 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.



## ministry happenings

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### **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

The women from Emmanuel's are attending, and they have invited women from SJCC to join them. For information, contact Melia VanDyke, [jmvan-dyke@gmail.com](mailto:jmvan-dyke@gmail.com)

#### **FREE...**

#### **Mood disorders support group...just for women.**

Women are twice as likely as men to suffer from mood (and other mental health) disorders. Nearly 25 percent of all women experience depression at some point in their lives. At our support group meeting, you will be with women who understand and can offer hope. We meet once a month and the support group is led by women just like you. For more information call Andrea at 419-583-9998 or Julie at 567-395-5620. The women's support group is sponsored by NAMI Four County.

Please visit our web site [www.namifourcounty.org](http://www.namifourcounty.org)

\*3rd Thursday each month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the First Church of God 507 North Fulton St., Wauseon.

## small groups

### **Young Adult Ministry**

This ministry is geared for single young adults, 18-30. It was started by Archbold Evangelical Church, is led by Dan Stuckey, and now is attended regularly by young adults from three different churches, including St. John's. The next meeting will be a scavenger hunt on 5/20 at 6pm (starting at EVAN's parking lot). Our next discussion series ("Adulting") will begin early June!

### **Seekers**

We are meeting at 6pm on both May 6th & 20th - this group of 19 enjoys two hours of fellowship, their current study of Ezekiel, prayer and refreshments. They meet at the home of Keith & Kelli Kuntz, and people are always welcome to join them!

### **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.

**Mindful Movement** - This 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.

# May 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 6:00PM Young Adults - Dan Stuckey's	Mission-A-Month— Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest Elder of the Month— TBD	<b>1</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:00AM Grandparent's Day 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 2:00PM Grandparent's Day 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	<b>2</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 10:00AM Grandparent's Day 2:00PM Grandparent's Day 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Presentation Pract 7:00PM SYF	<b>3</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn 7:00PM Mission Comm.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00AM Mindful Movement
<b>6</b> 6:00PM Seeker's - Kuntz's	<b>7</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Comm.	<b>9</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM SYF Remix 7:00PM Presentation Practice	<b>10</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brkfst. 8:00AM Mindful Movement
<b>13</b> Mother's Day Presentation Sunday	<b>14</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Preschool Graduation	<b>15</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	<b>16</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	<b>17</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00AM Mindful Movement 9:00AM Confirmation Practice
<b>20</b> Rite of Confirmation Pentecost 3:00PM TGRM Chapel & Meal 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	<b>21</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Sp. Council 7:30PM Consistory	<b>22</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 1:30PM Bingo @ Fairlawn 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	<b>23</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	<b>24</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:00AM Mindful Movement
<b>27</b> Graduate Recognition	<b>28</b> Memorial Day (Office Closed) 7:00PM FISH Board Mtg.	<b>29</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	<b>30</b> 7:00PM SYF	<b>31</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn		

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|--|
| 1 Chris & Toni Neuenschwander<br>2 Marvin & Norma Fish<br>3 Bill Overmier<br>4 Suzette Nafziger<br>5 Dean Buckenmeyer<br>6 Willie & Donna Buehrer, Rich & Jane Lesniak<br>7 Ed & Julie Ruffer<br>8 Craig Grieser, Greg & Deb Weddelman<br>9 Braden Martinez, Missy Warncke, Deb Weddelman<br>10 Michelle Short<br>11 Lynne Christman<br>13 Jack Hurst<br>15 Betty Calvert, Tyler Hurst<br>16 Lori Rohrs<br>18 Gary Mann, Judy Sears<br>19 Bill & Judy Overmier, Tyler & Traci Rupp, Coral Melms, Tyler Wyse | 20 Marissa Beck, Brie Grime, TJ Rice<br>21 Burdell Nofziger<br>22 Tyson Schnitkey<br>23 Silas Whiteman, Elaine Winzeler<br>24 Lucas Lantz, Dean Smith, Bryce Winzeler, Eric & Anna Yoder<br>25 Connie Bostelman, Kent & Shiela Short<br>26 Ryan & Devin Bernath, Bo & Bri Krukowski, Dave & Paige Miller, Mindy Enderle & Gabe Smith<br>27 Tiffany Johnston, Charlene LaFountaine, Mindy Enderle & Gabe Smith, Richard Spiess<br>28 Kasey Grime, Ollie & Lauren Short<br>29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke<br>30 Nanette Buehrer<br>31 Gary Frazier |
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✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.



# worship

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**May 6th**     **Scriptures – Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 17:14-21**  
**Sermon – “What Mountains Can Be Moved?” – Pastor Erich**  
**Testimony – Sharon VonDeylen**  
**10:30am – Chancel Choir – “You Are My Hiding Place”**

**May 13th**    **Mother’s Day**  
**Presentation Sunday – 8th Grade Confirmations Leading Worship**  
**Bryce Beltz, Braden Eichler, Emma Hall, Tyler Hurst, Emma Nafziger, Karsen Pursel,**  
**Emily Walker, Kenny Walker, Hailey Wooley**  
**Special Music – Kenny Walker, Saxophone Solo**

**May 20th**    **Pentecost and the Rite of Confirmation**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion and First Communion**  
**Scriptures – Exodus 15:2, Matthew 12:46-50, John 19:25-27**  
**Sermon – “Faithful Blessings” – Pastor Erich**  
**10:30 – Chancel Choir – “God is the Strength of My Heart”**

**May 27th**    **Memorial Day Weekend**  
**Scriptures – Psalm 37:5-6, John 17:6-11**  
**Sermon – “Steps of Faith” – Pastor Alex**



# consistory/committees

## Consistory Meeting Minute Highlights – April 16, 2018 Committee Reports:

1. Budget & Stewardship – John Graber
  - a. Financial Reports – All reports are good. The markets have been changing rapidly. The last quarterly report was down, but overall we are doing fine. Committee will keep a close look at financials for 90 days. Agreement from the committee was to keep things the same for now. Motion to approve Financials Betsy Ducey, 2nd the motion Eric Nafziger
  - b. Authorized Financial Representatives for EGR – an annual document. Authorized financial representatives are: Joyce Kinsman, Kelly Stahl, Brent Winzeler and Roger Miller. Motion to approve representatives: Gloria Lauber, Ann Fether 2nd the motion. Motion approved.
2. Capital Campaign Committee – Jeff Rutledge
  - a. Follow up to last month's reports – Donation Demographics – Budget & Stewardship is looking at the demographics from the financial aspect represented by the school districts in which people of our congregation live, and also the demographics of members by age, members and non-members. 146 households give financially to the church. If the 146 households tithe their income at 10% within all the school districts that attend SJCC, we should be receiving roughly \$834,359.00 per year. Reports are from the Ohio Department of Education.
3. Evangelism Committee – Gloria Lauber
  - a. Skye Cinema is now showing our SJCC “ad” before all movies are played. Church name and website is on the “ad”, along with a C.S. Lewis quote. A questionnaire is going to be handed out to members with some open ended questions, concerns and suggestions to see what areas we could improve on, or to bring praises for what we're doing well. The questionnaire will be presented at our next Consistory meeting. August 5th will be our annual Book Bag Bash.

4. Mission Committee – Betsy Ducey  
Please be in prayer for Pastor Erich, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey and Linda Heer, who are heading to Brazil for the mission trip. Disbursements were as follows:
  - a. Habitat for Humanity \$500
  - b. Kajiado Children's Home \$525
  - c. Funds for college scholarships were held for next month
5. Property Committee – Dean Sauder
  - a. A work day will be held on 4/21/2018 (8am-noon). Cost of repairing bells in the bell tower is roughly \$17,000, with additional costs for a lift and shipping (roughly an additional \$1000). Sandblasting of the steel up in the bell tower is recommended. Sandblasting would be done before the bells would be fixed. If a motion is passed, the bell towers could be changed in July. It was brought up about putting a gas fireplace in the Fireside Room.
6. Spiritual Council – Erich Christman
  - a. Stephen leaders will be attending training of one full week in June or August.
  - b. Senior High Sunday School – Dave and Paige Miller and Rachel Kinsman are ending their time teaching. Ryan and Devin Bernath are considering teaching the Senior High, and Jen Hurst may also help with teaching this summer.

### Pastor's Report – Erich Christman

1. Nursery Workers – As long as there are adults in the building for any questions or concerns, teens are allowed to serve in the nursery, per our insurance company guidelines.
2. Security Team – A safety self-assessment was recently completed, reviewing several key aspects of training, signage, procedures, etc. Should we form a safety team? Is our current process working or do we need to change our safety policies and awareness? An alarm system is in working order, is a security camera system necessary? Further discussion next month.



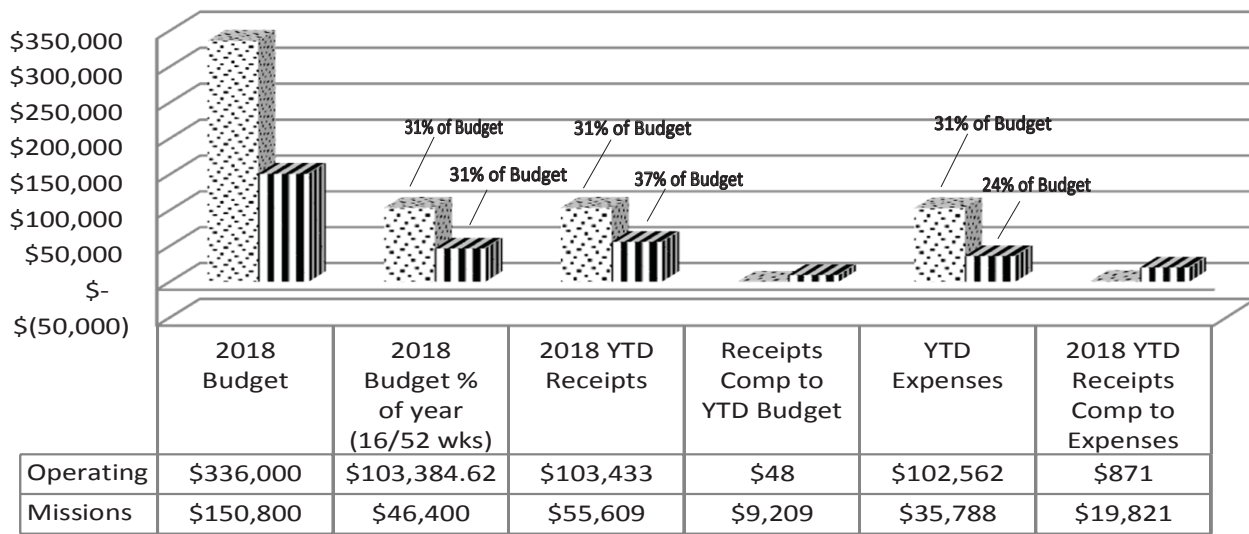
3. Ten year plan of Ministry – Carrie Wooley and Betsy Ducey met with Erich, and they recommend forming a team of eight interested lay people to serve with the Pastors for the purposes of discernment and planning. Motion to approve the 10 year plan of ministry proposed planning process, Betsy Ducey, 2nd the motion Mark Nofziger. Motion approved.

4. Online Giving – our current provider agreement will cease come August. Would anyone be willing to research online giving?

5. Electronic Age - Social Media, payments, forms, news, our church is behind on Social Media. In what areas can we improve on our online postings?

## stewardship

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 23, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 23, 2018 - \$592,709.66

## 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 our Walk-in Assistance Program? 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.

# May Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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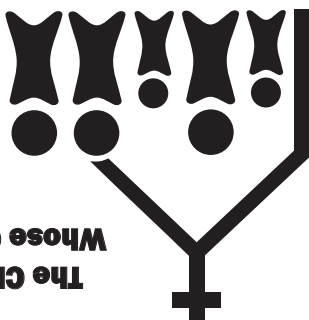
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| <p>1 Let Justice Be Done -----Exodus 22:1-15</p> <p>2 Change of Strategy ----- Exodus 22:16-31</p> <p>3 We've Got Rhythm----- Exodus 23:1-19</p> <p>4 Designated Tour Guide ----- Exodus 23:20-33</p> <p>5 A Deal Over Dinner ----- Exodus 24:1-18</p> <p>6 A Counting Exercise ----- Psalm 106</p> <p>7 The Sins of the People -----Micah 1:1-2:5</p> <p>8 A Decision is Reached ----- Micah 2:6-3:12</p> <p>9 There Are No Shortcuts -----Micah 4:1-13</p> <p>10 Learning Holy Discontent -----Micah 5:1-15</p> <p>11 What the Lord Requires -----Micah 6:1-16</p> <p>12 Who is Like God? ----- Micah 7:1-20</p> <p>13 Good Lord, Thank You!! ----- Psalm 107</p> <p>14 Free to Live a New Life -----Romans 6:1-7</p> <p>15 In Translation -----Romans 6:8-14</p> | <p>16 You Gotta Serve Somebody----- Romans 6:15-23</p> <p>17 Completely Different----- Romans 7:1-6</p> <p>18 The Old Regime ----- Romans 7:7-25</p> <p>19 The New Regime ----- Romans 8:1-8</p> <p>20 Life in the Spirit ----- Romans 8:9-17</p> <p>21 Not Long Now! ----- Romans 8:18-39</p> <p>22 The Pain of Separation -----Romans 9:1-8</p> <p>23 It's Just Not Fair ----- Romans 9:19-29</p> <p>24 Outrageous Mercy----- Romans 9:30-10:21</p> <p>25 There is Still Hope!-----Romans 11:1-24</p> <p>26 The Limits of Understanding ----- Romans 11:25-36</p> <p>27 Wake Up! ----- Psalm 108</p> <p>28 Sleepers Awake ----- Joel 1:1-12</p> <p>29 Who's Crying Now? ----- Joel 1:13-20</p> <p>30 Dancing in the Dark----- Joel 2:1-11</p> <p>31 Hard to Find a Good Heart-----Joel 2:12-17</p> |
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 (10/7), First Sunday of Advent (12/2)

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