

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

September 1, 2018 Volume 64, Number 9

Please Pray For:

- Pastor Erich's surgery went well and he was up and walking on the first day. He was discharged from the hospital on August 25th and has noticed some back pain relief, but needed to return because of a fever. At the time of printing, he was still at St. Luke's Hospital.
- Ryan Christman, recovering from an abdominal infection.
- Jack Spotts, released from UTMC.
- Bob DeVries, released from Bryan Hospital, recovering and returning to normal routines.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Congratulations to Zach & Meridith (Short) Meyers who were married in the sanctuary on August 11th. Meridith is the daughter of Scott & JoAnn Short.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, left for Marine boot camp on August 6th (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents.
- School staff, teachers and students as the 2018-2019 school year gets underway.

Please consider sending cards to these people 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.

HomeBound/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)
Lois Heer, Room #122
Josephine Short, Room #112
Paul Sigg, Room #178

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Jane Short, Room #208
Maurice Schmucker, Room #236

Independent Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold,
William and Donna Buehrer, Apt. #107

Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold,
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

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)

Pastoral news

Pastor Erich is on medical leave through Sunday, September 16th. During the week of September 17th, he is to begin physical therapy, and the plan is that he will be back in his office for half days that week. The following week, the plan is that Pastor Erich will return to full days in the office, then the week of October 1st he will be fully back to ministry. Pastor Erich will be kept informed of any care needs and he will be available for Pastor Alex and Kelly Stahl as needed.

Pastor Alex will be on vacation from August 31st through September 9th. During that time, Kelly Stahl and the Elders will be coordinating responses to pastoral care situations, in communication with Pastor Alex and Pastor Erich, as needed. The Elders and their contact numbers are:

Betsy Ducey – 419-376-5294	Ann Fether – 419-205-0026
Joyce Kinsman – 419-583-6503	Gloria Lauber – 419-966-6488
Jeff Rutledge – 419-405-1166	Greg Walker – 567-239-2103

Pastor Erich is still planning to be available for pastoral care emergencies when Pastor Alex is out of town.

Since there will be two Sundays on which both pastors will be unavailable, special plans have been made for September 2nd and 9th. On the 2nd, Jeff Rutledge will give the morning message, and on the 9th, Dr. Michael Thomson, the President of Northwest State Community College will give the message. The worship leader, song leader, children's moment leader, the accompanist, 8am ushers and the head usher will cover all necessary aspects of worship those two mornings.

congregational news & thank you's

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to Miracle Camp. I had a great time doing the blob and tubing. I made new friends and my cabin leaders were nice.

Thanks again,
Ella Yoder



Dear Pastors and Elders,

Thank you so much for going to the hospital and praying over my grandma, Barb Sigg! I was so thankful to hear that this happened and I know God is acting on your prayers. What a blessing and show of care! May God refresh all of you as you have refreshed others.

Love,
Jenni Blodgett



Scholarship Committee and St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for rewarding me with the college scholarship. It is greatly appreciated. Also, I would like to say thank you to my church family for all the prayers and support you give me every year. Thanks again.

Brooke Hines



Thank you to our wonderful church family for all of the cards, well wishes and food following my surgery. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Suzette Short

Preschool news



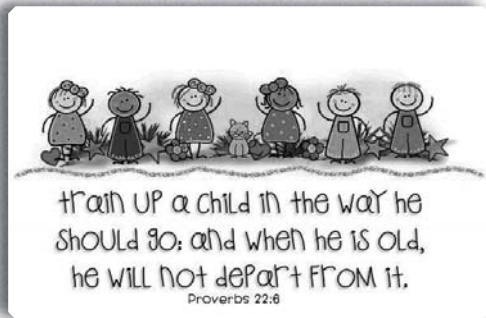
Sue MacDonald
Director/Teacher



Joan Wyse
Teacher Assistant



The halls will soon be filled with excited little voices and colorful artwork, as the preschool begins its school year on September 10th. We still have some openings, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please give them our web address (stjohnsarchbold.org) and they can register!! Thank you!!



mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Pioneers (The Doriots), for our gift of \$100.
- Reliant (Kyle Chase, Matt & MaryLynn Pardi), for our gift of \$1600.
- Altlink (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$55.
- Worldteam (The Franks), for our gift of \$800.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$165.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$800.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- TGRM, for our gift of \$155.
- Youth For Christ, for our gift of \$625.
- Cru (The Waanders), for our gift of \$40.

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen the depth of their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others. Upcoming opportunities to engage in such efforts include:

- TGRM Chapel & Meal – September 9
- Back Bay Mission Trip – October 6 – 13
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – November 18
- Christmas Cheer Hospitality – December

Thank Offering Containers

Thank Offering containers will be available for pick up on September 9, on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.



St. Martin's Lutheran Church is coordinating a coat ministry - collecting new or gently used coats for all ages from now until October. Coats may be dropped off in the "coat" collection box outside of the chapel.



mission corner cont.

September Mission-A-Month

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM):

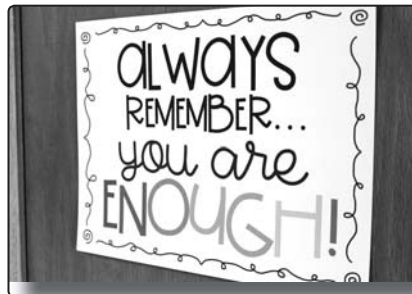


September Mission-A-Month – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM):

September's Mission of the Month is the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM). TGRM men's shelter and Rebekah's Haven women's shelter provide for the spiritual, physical and material needs of homeless persons in the Toledo area. We support them prayerfully, financially and with material donations, as well as by preparing and sharing meals and chapel services with their guests.

They ask for continued prayer for the residents in the men's and women's shelters, that they would seek and find relationship with God and begin to put their lives here on earth back together and be productive citizens again.

Usually by the end of the summer the shelves at TGRM are looking rather bare. Please place donated non-perishable food items in the white mission box outside the chapel area. You may also give monetary donations by marking TGRM on your offering envelopes. Thank you for your support in caring for God's people!



A huge THANK YOU to all of the members of St. John's that volunteered, provided cookies, made monetary donations, and most importantly, lifted this year's Book Bag Bash up in prayer. Through the generosity and work of our congregation, we were able to provide bookbags and school supplies to nearly 90 children from Archbold and surrounding communities. What a blessing it is to be part of a church family that helps others!

-St. John's Evangelism Committee





St. John's Christian Church

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

What happens to your pocket change?

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

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

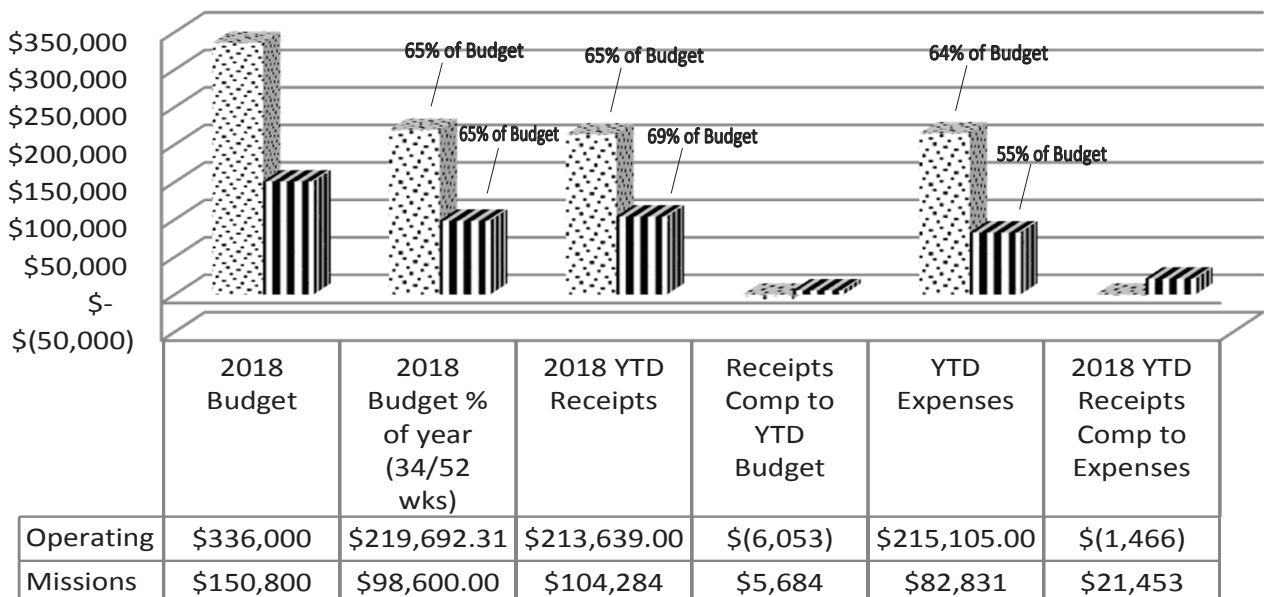


There are 97 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. There are 272 Giving Units in the Congregation. The numbers add up like this:

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

stewardship

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of August 31, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of August 31, 2018 - \$612,318.01

IYF Building Campaign Total Balance as of August 31, 2018 - \$688,800.16

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



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ministry happenings

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LOGOS – The first night of LOGOS will be Wednesday, September 19! We will follow the same schedule as in the past, with our meal beginning at 6PM in the Parish Hall – doors will open at 5:50PM. Parents may register their 5 year old through 5th grade youth for LOGOS by completing the LOGOS registration form on the LOGOS bulletin board in the chapel narthex. Completed forms may placed in the folder on the LOGOS bulletin board, be dropped off in the church office, mailed to the church, or emailed to Kim M. Walker, gkwalker@rtecexpress.net. Please have registrations completed by September 9th.

Faith Village and LOGOS volunteers needed.

As we continue to make plans for our children and youth ministries, we are in need of additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts in one or more of the following roles. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rtecexpress.net

Faith Village Shepherd – “Shepherd” a group of kindergarten through 3rd graders, or 4th through 6th graders, assisting the FV teacher as needed.

Faith Village Teacher – Prepare and teach the same lesson on two consecutive Sunday mornings, adjusting the lesson to fit the needs of the different grade levels.

LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encouraging the children to engage in family conversation.

LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs – Wednesday afternoons.

LOGOS Attendance – Greet children as they arrive, direct them to the Parish Hall, and mark the attendance sheet.

LOGOS Table Decorations – Provide simple decorations for each LOGOS table to go with the weekly theme.

LOGOS Alternate Worship Skill Leader – This is for the kids who do not attend St. John's on Sunday mornings, and takes the place of Hand Bells/Chimes. This could be a Reader's Theater, Speaker's Choir, a Drama, or creating bulletin covers or making worship banners. Drama, or creating bulletin covers or making worship banners.

ministry happenings

Youth Ministries

SHSS: We had 15 youth in attendance on Rally Sunday, and we enjoyed watching Jim Barron's illusions in the sanctuary. Pastor Alex is thankful, however, that he didn't get hit in the head with a coke bottle like Jim teased! This month we're looking at Genesis using our new Sunday School books with our new teachers, Ryan and Devin Bernath, and Pastor Alex. We're looking forward to a good year!

Life Planning: Our Life Planning Mentoring Program kicks off on 9/12. While this program is optional, all SYF students are welcome to participate in our Life Planning activities. So if you're a student in high school, whether or not you have a mentor through the church, plan to attend our kickoff on 9/12! Our Life Planning Advisors are Kim Hines, Karen Walker, and Pastor Alex.

SYF: Senior Youth Fellowship enjoyed a fall kickoff party at Justin and Carrie Yoder's house on 8/29. We're looking forward to the new year (and to a photo scavenger hunt this month). Our SYF advisors are Ryan Christman, Kim Hines, Jen Hurst, Steve and Kim Walker, and Alex and Jenny Young.

JYF: Junior Youth Fellowship starts back up on 9/12. Starting at 6pm, our junior high students will eat dinner together in the Parish Hall. From 7-8pm, we will be playing games, having fun, getting to know each other, and learning how to grow in our relationship with God. This month, we plan to play a JYF favorite, Gagaball, one evening, and we also are planning on a group photo scavenger hunt. Our JYF advisors are Eric and Sarah Nafziger, Steve and Kim Walker, Carrie Yoder, and Pastor Alex.

small groups

Young Adult Ministry

This month we'll be concluding our "Adulthood" summer Bible Study series. We'll meet at Pastor Alex's home for fellowship, food, and faith conversation on September 16th at 6pm. So far we've covered topics such as work, dating, and singleness in our 20's and 30's, and this final study will be on the topic of our faith in our young adult years.

ministry happenings

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ADVENT???? You must be kidding!

Autumn hasn't even arrived and you want me to think Christmas???

Halloween ideas are on display and

before you can shake your finger, holiday items will swarm the shelves. Each year I look forward to the Advent Devotional...short readings by members of the St. John family. In fact, rather than reading each account daily, I forge ahead and read them all in one sitting, then go back and reread them on a daily basis. I hope you anticipate these accounts as much as I do.



I am asking YOU to consider contributing one of the readings...you do NOT need to be a great writer, simply provide a one page message (250 to 350 words) that comes from your heart. The words may be your own, or there may be some quotes from the Bible or some other publication. You could include a personal experience or a short poem or prayer. In other words, ALMOST ANYTHING is acceptable – just let the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts.

Now, I know everyone does not feel comfortable sharing thoughts in a written manner...and I certainly understand. If you feel led I say, "Hallelujah!" If your first thought is, "Oh, my! I simply couldn't do this"...then I ask you to pray about it for a day, then think about it one more time...is the Spirit touching your heart? Then...write away! I need about 22 authors!! This is not an easy task unless you step forward and submit one OR more writings. RATHER THAN WAIT TO BE ASKED, IT WOULD BE A BLESSING (for me especially) IF YOU WOULD JUST SAY, "I'LL DO IT!" If you choose to participate, more information regarding specifics will be forthcoming!!

Please contact Nancy Rupp if you can help with this project. Phone number is 419-572-9885 (cell), 419-682-1102 (home) or email Nrupp47@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OR CONSIDERATION!

I will say, "Thank, you! Thank you!" In advance!
Enjoy this gorgeous weather!

Men's Ministry

Prayer Breakfast

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Our meeting time for September is Saturday, the 8th at 7:40AM.

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation		Mission-A-Month— Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM)	Elder of the Month—			1 Fulton County Fair	
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8	
Fulton County Fair						6:30PM Sierra/ Kelley Wedding Rehearsal	7:40AM Men's Breakfast 8:00AM Devotion in Motion 1:00PM Sierra/ Kelley Wedding
	OFFICE CLOSED	9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM Capital Campaign Committee	8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:00PM SYF	7:00PM Mission Comm.			
9 11:45AM Orientation for Life Planning Mentors 3:00PM TGRM Chapel & Meal	10 11:00AM Staff Meeting	11 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Comm.	12 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:15AM Bible Study at West Haven 5:50PM JYF (No LOGOS) 7:00PM Life Planning/SYF 7:00PM LOGOS Adult Meeting	13	14	15 8:00AM Devotion in Motion 3:00PM Non- Member Wedding	
16 Blanket Sunday 6:00pm Young Adult Min- istry @ Pastor Alex's	17 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	18 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Discernment Team 7:00PM Preschool Board Meeting	19 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 8:00AM Devotion in Motion	
23 11:45AM Special Congregational Meeting	24 11:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Fish Board Meeting	25 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM CE Team Meeting	26 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 5:50PM LOGOS 6:45PM JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 8:00AM Devotion in Motion	
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|---|
| 2 Krayton Kern | 17 David Lightner, Ashley Short |
| 3 Brent & Elaine Winzeler | 18 Larry & Kathy Bechstein, Kade Kern, Sue Ruffer |
| 5 Karsen Pursel, Kelsey Wyse | 20 Kelly Ducey, Rayne Kinsman,
Dencel & Phyllis Miller, Ethan Warncke |
| 6 Bob DeVries, Brianna Jenkins | 21 Kim Kern, Melva Woolace |
| 7 Scott Short | 22 Kathy Bostelman, Rachel Grieser |
| 8 Gloria Lauber, Darlene Sauder, Toby Walker | 23 Sara Greek |
| 9 Barb Stover | 24 Jacob Layton |
| 10 Avery Roth, Evynn Roth | 25 Kennedy Hurst, Kelli Kuntz, Tara Meyer,
Keith Wyse |
| 11 Kenny & Shirley Nafziger, Wayne & Susie Spiess | 26 Roger Merillat, Esther Rupp |
| 12 Jay & Karla Pursel, Bernice Rice | 27 Jordyn Pursel, Brad & Aimee Roth, Steve & Ashley
Schink |
| 13 Gretchen Heer, Shirley Nafziger, Audrey Smith | 30 Rodney & Joyce Kinsman, Rebecca Smith, Richard
& Cathy Spiess, Curt & Kay Stamm |
| 14 Bill Bostelman, Josie Grieser, Maddox Gruenhagen,
Linda Hayes, Roger Miller | |
| 15 Eric & Sarah Nafziger, Alice Tedrow, Ed & Dianne
Wyrick | |
| 16 Willie Buehrer, Angie Neuenschwander | |

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

worship



September 2 Scripture – Exodus 3:1-6
Sermon – “She Said Apple” – Jeff Rutledge

September 9 Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:1-22
Sermon – “Using the Bible in Time of Temptation” – Dr. Michael Thomson

September 16 Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
Sermon – “Use Your Freedom for the Glory of God” – Pastor Alex

September 23 Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Sermon – “Hairstyles and Gender Distinctions” – Pastor Alex

September 30 Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Sermon – “The Lord’s Supper” – Pastor Erich



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the August Consistory meeting, the Property Committee recommended plans for three projects, including church landscaping, repair of the church bells, and maintenance of the bell tower. Consistory voted to approve the landscaping plans, since the expenditure does not exceed \$15,000.00, however the repair of the church bells and bell tower maintenance expenditure exceeds \$15,000.00 and therefore must be brought before the Congregation at a special congregational meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 11:45am.



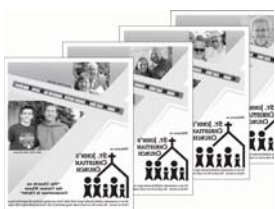
Sponsoring Altar Flowers and Worship Bulletins

Each Sunday people have an opportunity to sponsor either the Altar Flowers or the Worship Bulletins, or you can sponsor both!

Sponsoring either the flowers or bulletins means:

- 1) you cover the \$20 cost of either item, 2) you may list in the bulletin why you are sponsoring either item (in honor or memory of someone), and 3) you can take the flowers home after the 10:30am service.

To sponsor the flowers or bulletins, please contact the church office.



Stephen Ministry

Read Luke 10:25 – 37. In one of Jesus' parables, a priest and a Levite pass by and notice a man who has been robbed and beaten, but they keep going without offering any help. Then along comes a Samaritan, a despised neighbor. This man stops, stoops and takes action in practical ways. He doesn't just throw money at the problem, he gives his time and resources to see that the beaten man is restored to health again. Many people tend to measure their love for God by their commitment to church attendance, Bible study, giving money for ministry, or volunteering at church. While all these things are good, loving our neighbor demands more. To love God with all our heart, soul and mind and strength goes hand in hand with loving our neighbor as ourselves. Give us eyes to see the people around us and to care for their needs, even if it may be inconvenient or difficult. Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Training will begin in November. If you're interested in applying or learning more, attend the informational meeting on 9/16 at 9:15AM.

Youth For Christ

YFC is looking for several volunteers to help out with their middle school ministry at the Outback, Tuesday nights from 6-8:30pm (starting September 18). They want volunteers from St. John's Christian Church so that when unchurched students decide to follow Christ, they can have a natural connection with a local church, where they can connect with other students and help them grow in their faith outside of YFC. Will you consider helping with this middle school ministry? If you're a middle schooler, perhaps you want to consider attending this fun night and bring your friends from school to learn more about Jesus! Adults, there are various ways to get involved, not only helping with games and lessons on Tuesdays, but also occasionally helping with meal preparations, or even food donations. If you're interested in the ministry but can't make it Tuesdays, YFC is also looking for a person to coordinate the meal donors and servers each week. See Pastor Alex if you're interested in learning more about this local ministry.

consistory/committees

August Consistory Meeting Highlights

- **Financial Reports** – Operating Expense Fund is under budget and there is a cash balance to continue business. Operating Income/Expense Fund is negative, but still acceptable and mission report looks good. Motion to approve the financials. Motion to approve, Gloria Lauber, 2nd the motion, Eric Nafziger. Motion Approved.
- **Evangelism Committee** – Gloria Lauber – BBB was a little under this year, with 90 kids, but there was another church that did it at the same time. Prayer pillows were handed out and most families were prayed with. Some of the left-over supplies – crayons, glue sticks, markers and prayer pillows will be given to Operation Christmas Child and to the school. This is a good outreach program that builds relationships and gets families that normally wouldn't come to church, to know that we are here. LOGOS flyers were also handed out.
- **Mission Committee** – Betsy Ducey reported that there will be a Mission Sunday in November and we are hoping some of the college ministries can participate.
- **Property Committee** – Dean Sauder - Bus – Tom Hines has made progress replacing the floor and mounting the seats. When the bus is ready, an inspection will be scheduled for someone to come here, as the bus has expired tags and cannot be driven.
Bells/Tower Maintenance – Bells will cost \$18,000 to repair and Tower maintenance is \$12,000, to be done in the spring of 2019. Both projects total \$30,000. Approval of the Bells and Tower projects, if lumped together, must be by congregational vote since it is more than \$15,000.
Landscaping – Plants Plus gave an estimate of \$12,000 to landscape around the church. There will be 50 items installed, with some of the trees and flowering plants to remain, but many will be removed and replaced. The vinyl edging will be removed and a block edge that sits flush with the ground will be installed. The project can be done in sections and planting can be done at anytime. The landscaping will cost \$11,000 with an additional \$1000 to get a new conduit for the light pole. All 3 projects will be taken to the congregation, and the

Bells/Tower maintenance projects will be presented at a congregational meeting for approval. The funding will come from the Legacy fund. Motion to approve the landscaping and present the bell project at a special meeting. Motion to approve, Betsy Ducey, 2nd to motion, Joyce Kinsman.

- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Erich
 - a) Spiritual Council is up to date with the plans while Pastor Erich is out and Pastor Alex, Kelly Stahl and Elders are ready to respond to whatever is needed. All email and phone messages will be forwarded to Pastor Alex and Kelly. Pastor Erich will be available for texts/calls/ etc. following his hospital stay. Pastor Erich appreciates the prayers and support of the congregation.
 - b) 2018 Discernment Team – The team is trying to recruit more members, ages 18-30 and at this time, they have reading material to review before they officially begin when Pastor Erich returns at the end of September.
 - c) Church Admin. Software - Research is continuing with the software and reports can be made and presented to the Consistory when completed.
 - d) Email – We have moved our domain host to Office 365, which seems to be working better, but with a few issues. It will also give us access to other software. Brendan will help with some of the problems that we are still experiencing. We are not eligible for tax exemption, so there will be a small fee for Pastor Erich's and Pastor Alex's emails each month. We are in the process of looking for a new laptop for Andrew and others to use.
- **Associate Pastor's Report** - Alex Young
 - a) Stephen Ministry – The training course that the group attended was well done with valuable information. Pastor Alex recommended Stephen Ministry training to those in leadership positions, such as elders and deacons. They are recruiting now for Stephen Ministers. Pastor Alex asked for prayers for the program.
 - b) There were 15 youth that attended Rally Sunday and he is excited for the new curriculum and new teachers. Steve Walker would like to step down as the JYF treasurer and Pastor Alex is looking for 2 people to fill the JYF and SYF treasurer positions.

Preschool Committee Report

The St. John's Christian Preschool, located in our facility, was founded in 1989 as an outgrowth of the mission and community service ministries of St. John's Christian Church of Archbold, Ohio. The Preschool offers a traditional pre-kindergarten curriculum focusing on experiential learning, socialization skills, letter sounds and numbers, and creative play (including music, field trips and computers). All of this and more is done while making faith connections with children in everyday preschool events. The school is faithfully led by Sue Mac Donald, Joan Wyse, Missy Warncke, and volunteer substitutes. The Preschool Board met on August 10, 2018 with a large part of the meeting spent reviewing the 2018-2019 budget to propose to the Consistory on August 20, 2018. The enrollment for the 18-19 school year currently stands at 41 students compared to 49 students that were enrolled at the end of the 17-18 school year. Taking into consideration of tuition, registration fees, \$3,000.00 from the Benevolent Fund, and possible congregational donations compared to the proposed expenses for the 18-19 school year, the budget proposed to the Consistory included a deficit of \$8,253.53. The Consistory approved the proposed budget for the 18-19 school year with the goal of working with the Preschool Board to help reduce the deficit. The Preschool Board will be meeting monthly to work to produce sufficient funding for the current and future needs of the preschool program to maintain the quality program. The Preschool Board felt led to bring attention to the financial status of the preschool program to the St. John's congregation. We ask that you keep the Preschool, the teachers, and the board in your prayers as we discern possible solutions. Also, if you feel led to make a donation to the Preschool, please mark the weekly offering envelopes with your donation. We thank you for your blessings!

Parenting Seminar

“Why Can't I Get My Kids to Behave?”

September 29, 9:00 AM - Noon

Pettisville Missionary Church

Registration Fee: \$15 per family before Sept. 23
\$20 day of event

Refreshments and child care provided

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September Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Welcome Home ----- Hosea 14:1-9 | 16 And, For, But ----- Psalm 119:153-176 |
| 2 Unfailing Hope ----- Psalm 119:113-128 | 17 Wisdom From God ----- James 1:1-11 |
| 3 I Am Not My Own ----- Romans 12:1-8 | 18 A Wise Perspective ----- James 1:12-18 |
| 4 Sincere Love ----- Romans 12:9-21 | 19 Lived - Out Wisdom ----- James 1:19-27 |
| 5 What do I Owe? ----- Romans 13:1-7 | 20 Wise Mercy ----- James 2:1-13 |
| 6 The Law of Love ----- Romans 13:8-14 | 21 Wise Walking ----- James 2:14-26 |
| 7 Love in Your Head ----- Romans 14:1-12 | 22 Wise Talking ----- James 3:1-12 |
| 8 Love in Your Actions ----- Romans 14:13-23 | 23 Seeking Peace in a Time of War ----- Psalm 120 |
| 9 Hope in God ----- Psalm 119:129-152 | 24 Heavenly Wisdom ----- James 3:13-18 |
| 10 Love With God's Help ----- Romans 15:1-6 | 25 Realistic Wisdom ----- James 4:1-12 |
| 11 Unmerited Acceptance ----- Romans 15:7-13 | 26 Wise Security ----- James 4:13-17 |
| 12 Turing on the Light ----- Romans 15:14-22 | 27 Foolish Wealth ----- James 5:1-6 |
| 13 A Hope Deferred ----- Romans 15:23-33 | 28 Wise Waiting ----- James 5:7-12 |
| 14 Sending Greetings ----- Romans 16:1-13 | 29 Wise Prayer ----- James 5:13-20 |
| 15 And Another Thing ----- Romans 16:17-27 | 30 Keeping Watch ----- Psalm 121 |

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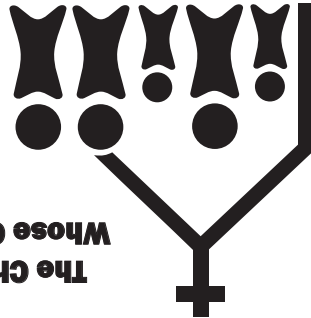
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/7), Ash Wednesday (2/14), Maundy Thursday (3/29),
 Pentecost (5/20), Mid-Summer (7/15), World Wide Communion
 (10/7), First Sunday of Advent (12/2)

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