

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

### Please Pray For:

- The family of Cathy Spiess, who entered into eternal life on April 18th at the age of 64. Pray for her husband, Richard, children Aimee Roth and Kyle Spiess, and parents Jack and Joanne Spotts, and their families.
- The family of Mary Jo Britt, who entered into eternal life on April 14th at the age of 67. Pray for her sister, Toni Neuenschwander and her family.
- The family of Pauline Zimmerman, who entered into eternal life on April 13th at the age of 90. Pray for her daughter, Lynda Schnitkey and her family.
- The family of Jeremy Neuenschwander, who entered into eternal life on March 27th, who would have been 29 on March 30th. Pray for his parents, Chris & Toni, brother, Trevor, and Jeremy's girlfriend, Amanda Bird, and the rest of the family.
- Jon Rupp had heart bypass surgery on April 22nd in Columbus, and all went well.
- Phyllis Miller had shoulder surgery on April 15th and is recovering at home.
- Shiela Short, as she recovers from surgery for a complicated hiatal hernia, she is currently in rehab therapy in Florida.
- Larry Rupp has been diagnosed with cancer, though he was still able to travel to Kajiado Children's Home on April 20th.
- Deb Kauffman had knee replacement surgery on April 1st and is recovering well.
- Velma Overmier was hospitalized and had a procedure done in early April and is now home
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Sue Grieser, as she continues to go through the regimen of treatments for the cancer.
- Aaron & Bri Jenkins welcomed Parker Steven Jenkins into the world on April 5th and all are well – grandparents include Kevin & Angie Neuenschwander.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

**PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army)** (Afghanistan)  
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

**Kohl Collins (Army)** (Ft. Benning, GA)  
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

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Family and Friends

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**Kyle Ducey (Navy)** - (Son of Kelly & Betsy)  
(Stationed at Fort Gordon, GA)

**Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)** (Guam)  
(Son of Keith & Kelli)

**Eric Magg (Coast Guard)** Ketchikan, AK  
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

**AB Shane & Taylor Pitts (Air Force)** Bolling  
AFB, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

**Donny Richardson (Marines)**(Camp Lejeune, NC)  
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)

**David Richardson (Marines)** (Camp Lejeune, NC)  
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)

**Joshua Richardson (Marines)**(Camp Lejeune, NC)  
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)

**Steven Schink (Coast Guard)** (Port Angeles), WA  
(Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)

**AJ Short (Marines)** (Japan)  
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

**PFC Stuckey, Kyle (Army)** Killeen, TX  
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

**Kollin Woolace (Marines)** (Camp Lejeune, NC)  
(Grandson of Larry & Melva)

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.

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd. Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #177

David Lightner, Room #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Josephine Short, Room #112

Paul Sigg, Room #178

Nancy Ries, Room #158

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)

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

Jane Short, Room #208

William & Donna Buehrer, Room #230

Wyse Commons, 500 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

Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

Genesis Health Care, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506

Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

## pastor's letter

It was simply known as "Big Red." It was a big red metal trailer. I became acquainted with big red during a work week at Pilgrim Hills Church Camp (PH) between my junior and senior years of high school. Big red was eight feet wide and ten feet long, with two foot sides. It was primarily used to haul mulch, dirt and gravel. One project involved adding fill dirt to a 40 foot by 100 foot pavilion, so a brick floor could be laid. Big red was easy to load – a front end loader was used for that – but unloading it was the hard part – shovelful by shovelful. The camp didn't have power dump trailers in those days! Through the several summers I was on staff at PH, I must have helped unload hundreds and hundreds of loads by hand from that trailer. It was a great workout, but also very, very exhausting when we did several loads in the course of an afternoon. What made every load bearable was that two people worked side by side to unload each load of dirt or gravel.

A special group of guys often joined in on unloading big red for larger projects – Burt, Don and Larry. Unloading big red with one of these men by my side really sped up the process – it was always a great competition to see who could unload their side of the trailer first! But who ever got done first, then helped finish unloading the other side, with a bit of ribbing given to the slower of the two.

Those times of unloading big red helped create within me a sense of teamwork outside of organized sports, of working side by side, of which unloading big red was just one such chore. Today, Don & Larry remain my friends, even forty years after getting acquainted. Burt was a life-long friend too, up until his death a few years ago. Our Christian friendship has always been a strong blessing, but even more so in recent times of difficulty we've each gone through. Big red helped forge our friendship, and we didn't even know it at the time. Through our times at the back of big red, I came to value certain truths from the Bible:

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 – "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"
- Galatians 6:2 – "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
- Philippians 2:4 – "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Here at SJCC, through our recent focus on mental health, I hope these verses speak to each of us in terms of watching out for one another, of caring for each other, of striving to be compassionate and understanding, of walking side by side with each other. I am very blessed as my friends and I share these Christian qualities. As you read and consider these passages, I'm praying they shape your heart as we live and serve together.

Blessings in Christ,

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## congregational news & thank you's

Dear Church Family,

We would like to "thank you" for your prayers, cards and kind words during the past week. The dinner prepared for us was delicious and we thank anyone who helped in any way. Our mother struggles no more and is at peace. Thank you all again.

The family of Pauline Zimmerman



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you all very much for your heartfelt words of kindness, prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy shown following the passing of Cathy. The support of Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex and each of you during her illness and passing was very much appreciated and of great comfort to our family. We certainly are blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Sincerely,

Richard Spiess, Brad & Aimee Roth & Family,  
& Kyle & Erica Spiess & Family

## preschool corner



Sue MacDonald  
Director/Teacher



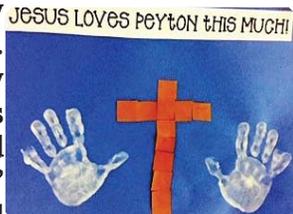
Joan Wyse  
Teacher Assistant

It's so hard to believe that Preschool Graduation is right around the corner! But the weather has warmed up, and we have been able to get out and enjoy the playground during the past few weeks. We continued our "Spring" unit during the first week of April by talking about "Bugs and Butterflies". We learned how many legs bugs have, and talked about many types of bugs. We learned a new word, "symmetry", when we talked about butterflies. We even had several bug and butterfly specimens in our Science Center to look at!



The MWF classes made spin art ladybugs and added black buttons for spots. Those classes also planted their bean sprouts in dirt, and they are growing like crazy with plenty of watering and warmth from

the sun. The younger children planted grass seed in March, and have been carefully tending to their little "lawns". The following 2 weeks were busy with celebrating Palm Sunday and Jesus's Resurrection. The younger children depicted the 3 crosses on the hill with a watercolor/paper plate activity, while the older children used handprints and cut small brown squares to make a cross, showing how much Jesus loves us. We also did some activities with baskets and eggs, and one of my favorites was a doily overlay with watercolor paint.



We did the "Bunny Hokey Pokey" in the gym, and songs such as "Funny Bunny" and "Jesus Died and Rose Again" were favorites. We concluded the month by starting our "Transportation" theme. "St. John's Airport" was a busy place in the Dramatic Play Center, and many children enjoyed building with train tracks and constructing their own "boats" out of pool noodles and floating them in the Sensory Table. Our Bible verse for April was, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8"

## mission corner



### 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

**Save the date for Black Swamp Benefit 2019!**



One day only this year -  
Saturday, June 15, 2019 at  
the Archbold High School!

All proceeds go equally to Sunshine Communities and Mennonite Central Committee - MCC - so join us for a day of fun, fellowship and giving back to two great organizations.

## mission corner cont.

### Habitat for Humanity®

We've just learned that due a recent vacancy in their executive director position, LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity is way behind schedule in starting this summer's home build. That means that they won't have any work for volunteers during the week of June 9th through 14th. Pastor Erich is working on alternative work options for the week, but at this point the week's experience is very up in the air. Further news will be forthcoming.

### **Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission**

May 19th is the next time we'll send a group of folks to lead the evening chapel service and provide the evening meal. Volunteers usually gather at 3pm on Sunday afternoon to car pool to the mission, do final prep for the meal and service, lead the 30 minute service, then serve the meal, and enjoy sitting and eating with the men and women who come to the mission. The group should return to the church between 7:30pm and 8:00pm. Talk with Pastor Erich or Ann Grime if you're interested in helping!

### **Mission Experiences**

- May 17 – TGRM – Chapel and Meal
- June 16-22 – SYF Mission Trip
- September 8 – TGRM – Chapel and Meal
- October 5-12 – Back May Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

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

- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$569.
- Cru, for our gift of \$1700.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$860.
- World Team, for our gift of \$735.
- Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$750.

## mission corner cont.

### **Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:**



Recent emails from some of the missionaries we support offer the following:

- **The Aroles**
  - o They continue to welcome college students from several U.S. schools who are exposed to CRHP's unique approach to sustainable community development, health for all and empowerment.
  - o They have a new partnership with an organization named Swiss Limbs – working to provide mobility for all people as a fundamental human right. This will help expand CRHP's Artificial Limbs Workshop to include upper limb prosthetics.
  - o Was blessed to welcome volunteers from the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association, whose service helped open up a new classroom for the Joyful Learning Preschool.
- **Robert & Jenni McMahan** with Cru at BGSU – pray for fruit to come from a two day Connection Event on May 2nd and 3rd.
- **Matt & Paige Waanders** with Cru at OSU and Columbus State shared that one of the students who went on a spring break trip to Chicago was Abby, a quiet freshman from Baker Hall, a dorm where Paige does ministry. After the trip, Abby shared that she mainly came on the trip because she didn't want to go home for the week. Though she didn't know what to expect or have much desire to be on the trip, God met her in meaningful ways there and she grew significantly. She told Paige, "This past week in Chicago was the first time in a long time where I genuinely felt known and cared for by my peers. I didn't expect God to transform my heart in the ways that he did." The growth that Abby experienced in her relationship with God and in her friendships with other Christians at Ohio State is one of the many reasons why we love getting to lead mission trips like this one.

# ministry happenings

We have seen time and again that getting away from campus and joining together with other Christians in mission is a powerful tool for students' spiritual growth.

- **Jon & Rachel Doriot** with the Pioneers near Chicago – sharing the following prayer requests:

1. For a deepening trust and daily walk with Christ.
2. For God's provision financially for this ministry so we can focus, not on those worries, but on ministry.
3. For disciple-making training opportunities we have in April and May with a few area churches that it would be fruitful and lasting (1 Tim 3:17)
4. For Persons of Peace (Luke 10) who are ready to study God's Word with us or our coworkers. God can use them to multiply his church!

5. For friendships with Muslim individuals and families in and around our community. I was invited to a breakfast event this past Saturday at the mosque nearby. It was a time to come together as a community and to realize that we are all human beings with the same worries and struggles, trying to take care of our families and please God. Do pray, though, that God's Way would be made clear through us and that there will be those who want to look deeper into the Scriptures.

6. For a Christian Iraqi refugee family we have been helping to have their citizenship applications processed quickly.

- **Jason & Becky Suon** with Freedom International in the DR – pray for the blessing of so many of the children who have experienced or are enduring various issues of trauma which causes tantrums, lashing out at others or uncontrollable crying. Pray for strength and calm for the teachers.

# ministry happenings

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## Events/Activities

### Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio

You might have noticed a small white sided playhouse on a trailer in the church parking lot recently – that's a fundraising project of the Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio. Tickets are available from Pastor Erich or through the local HFHFCO web site – <https://habitatfco.org/>

The planning involved in getting the 2019 HFHFCO house build underway is well started. A three bedroom home for a single mom with three children will be built on Zenobia Street in the northwest section of Wauseon. All of the exterior and interior walls for the home will be built the weekend of May 17th-18th, at a church near Dayton, as part of a partnership with Help Build Hope! The local church will provide the funds for the wall materials and will provide 100 volunteers to frame and sheath all of the walls. Then the walls will be transported to Wauseon. Unfortunately, HFHFCO's Construction Manager, Mr. Bob Sauder, passed away in April and the local affiliate board is working to fill that position. In the meantime, work continues on the permit process, lining up excavation and foundation/crawl space work.



### *Third Thursday Luncheons*

On May 16th, Pastor Erich invites senior citizens to gather in the parish hall for a light lunch and time of fellowship. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with a time of welcome and fellowship, with lunch to be served at 11:45am. Following the meal, folks will have opportunity to enjoy a group activity – a game, program, discussion or study topic. Come on out and enjoy some friendly Christian fellowship.

### Men's Ministry

This month, Men's Prayer Breakfast is on May 11 at 7:40AM. This is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing. Consider sharing how the Lord has been encouraging or challenging you lately.

# ministry happenings

cont.

## Christian Education

### Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

**LOGOS:** Our Wednesday evening program for children, has completed another year. The kids have done a great job sharing their talents during worship by playing Chimes and Bells, and singing in the Jr. Choir. Each Wednesday evening, they have enjoyed great food and fellowship during Family Time, and have learned about many stories in the Bible during Bible Study. During recreation time, they played BINGO, made "Why We Love St. John's" posters and played hula hoop games. During this LOGOS year, we have had more than 40 adults helping in the LOGOS program. Thank you to each who has given of your time to make LOGOS the great program it is. See you next September.

**JYF:** We have been busy spending time outside the church walls the last few weeks! We had a night of roller skating with 6 area youth groups, played some dodge ball with the SYF at a school gym, and had another service night visiting our local sunshine homes and warehouse. April is sure to fly by, with our last meeting being April 24. At our last meeting, we explored the Life Planning program our church has (for those moving on to high school), and also looked at some junior high summer camp options. We want to say THANK YOU to the congregation and local families that have made the effort to get your youth here on Wednesdays and supported JYF this year!

**SYF:** Thank you for your support of our youth through the Easter fundraiser! Pastor Alex is excitedly anticipating the summer youth mission trip, which is partially supported by fundraisers such as this. As the school year quickly nears its end, please note these special dates:

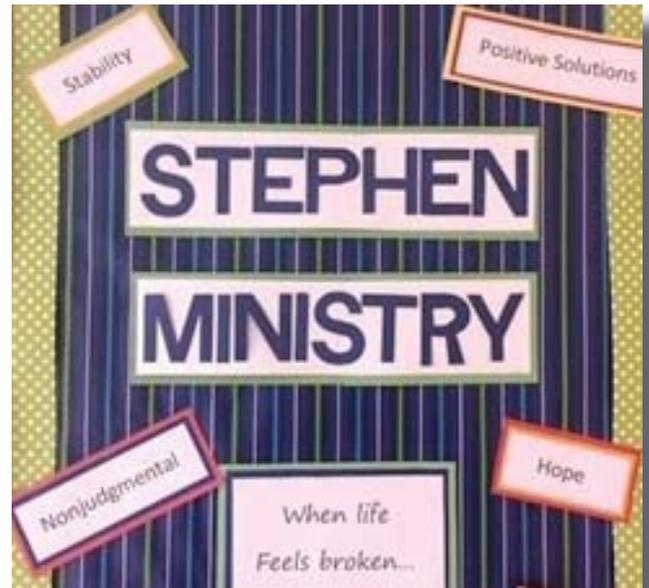
- a. Wednesday, May 8, at 7pm – Life Planning's Senior Recognition Night (seniors are recognized, but all SYF is still invited)
- b. Wednesday, May 22, at 7pm – Final night of SYF
- c. Sunday, May 26, at 9:15am – Youth Breakfast (7th-12th graders)

# ministry happenings

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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Pastor Alex is helping with a Bible study from 7:15-8am at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers.

**Friday Morning Bible Study:** The high school girls are meeting together for breakfast and Bible study every Friday morning. For more information, connect with Leah Miller.



## WHO MAY NEED A STEPHEN MINISTER?

People who are dealing with:

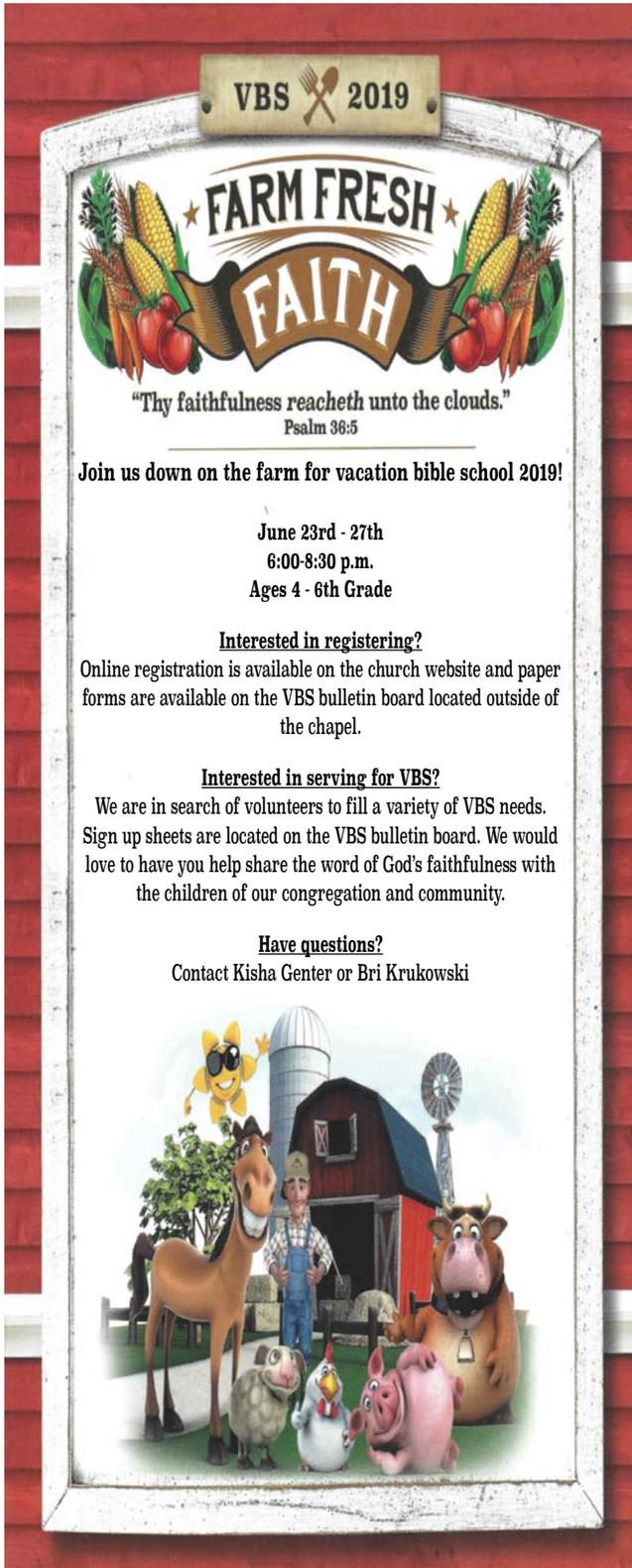
- Illness/ hospitalization
- Chronic illness
- An ill family member
- Family challenges
- Loneliness
- Death or serious loss
- Divorce
- Pregnancy/adoption
- A disability
- Terminal Illness
- Job loss
- Financial setbacks
- Aging and elderly
- Other concerns

If you need help dealing with any of these concerns, contact a Stephen Leader – Pastor Alex, Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

# ministry happenings

VBS cont.

We are in search of volunteers to fill a variety of positions. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the Chapel. Questions?  
See Kisha Genter or Bri Krukowski.



VBS 2019

**FARM FRESH FAITH**

"Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."  
Psalm 36:5

Join us down on the farm for vacation bible school 2019!

June 23rd - 27th  
6:00-8:30 p.m.  
Ages 4 - 6th Grade

**Interested in registering?**  
Online registration is available on the church website and paper forms are available on the VBS bulletin board located outside of the chapel.

**Interested in serving for VBS?**  
We are in search of volunteers to fill a variety of VBS needs. Sign up sheets are located on the VBS bulletin board. We would love to have you help share the word of God's faithfulness with the children of our congregation and community.

**Have questions?**  
Contact Kisha Genter or Bri Krukowski

# ministry happenings

cont.

The CE Team will be hosting an *Appreciation Hour* for all of the volunteers serving in our many Christian Education ministries. Those ministries include: Nursery, Preschool Sunday school, Faith Village, LOGOS, Senior High Sunday school, Confirmation, JYF, SYF, Life Planning, Adult Sunday school classes, Vacation Bible school and Small Group leaders.

Volunteers and adult Sunday school classes are invited to gather in the parish hall at 9:15am on May 5th. Refreshments will be available and the Covenant Players will provide faith based dramas for everyone's enjoyment.

## 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.



## We Need Volunteers!

We are still in need of volunteers! Please check the bulletin board to sign up for 10:30 worship service head usher, ushers, and greeters. A list of duties/responsibilities for ushers and greeters is posted next to each sign up sheet (contact the church office if you would like a printed or digital copy to have).



## Archbold SuperValu (ASV) Receipts Collected:

We still collect ASV receipts and turn them in periodically for our Walk-In Assistance Program. Each request for assistance is handled by our pastors. Turn in your receipts to the church office.

# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Mission-A-Month— Cherry Street &amp; Sparrow's Nest Elder of the Month— Ann Grime</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>1</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 7:00PM SYF	<b>2</b> 9:00AM Mending@ Fairlawn 10:00AM Preschool Grand parent's Day (Tues/Thurs) 2:00PM Preschool Grandparent's Day (Tues/Thurs)	<b>3</b> 10:00AM Pre-school Grandparent's Day (M,W,F) 2:00PM Pre-school Grandparent's Day (M,W,F)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 6:00PM Lynne Christman Recital 7:30PM VBS Meeting	<b>6</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry	<b>7</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Camp. Comm.	<b>8</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM Life Planning Senior Night	<b>9</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brkfst.
<b>12 Mother's Day</b>	<b>13</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry 7:00PM Preschool Graduation 7:30PM Praise Band Reh	<b>14</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Committee	<b>15</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Confirmation Practice 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	<b>16</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn 11:30AM Third Thurs. Lunch 7:00PM Accounting Working Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00AM Confirmation Practice
<b>19 Rite of Confirmation</b> 12:00PM Private Party 3:00PM GRM Chapel & Meal 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	<b>20</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM FISH Board Meeting 7:30PM Consistory	<b>21</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 1:30PM Bingo @ Fairlawn 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:30PM Stephen Ministry 7:00PM Christian Preschool Board	<b>22</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	<b>23</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall)
<b>26 Graduate Recognition Memorial Weekend</b> 9:15AM Youth Breakfast 1:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall)	<b>27 Memorial Day (Office Closed)</b> 8:00AM Private Party (Parish Hall) 6:30PM Stephen Ministry	<b>28</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Min. 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	<b>29</b> 8:30AM Mom's in Prayer 6:30PM Choir Banquet	<b>30</b> 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	<b>31</b> 5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Chris & Toni Neuenschwander
- 2 Marvin & Norma Fish
- 3 Bill Overmier
- 4 Suzette Nafziger
- 5 Dean Buckenmeyer
- 6 Willie & Donna Buehrer, Rich & Jane Lesniak
- 7 Ed & Julie Ruffer
- 8 Craig Grieser, Greg & Deb Weddeman
- 9 Braden Martinez, Missy Warncke, Deb Weddeman
- 10 Michelle Short
- 11 Lynne Christman
- 13 Jack Hurst

- 20 Marissa Beck, Brie Grime, TJ Rice
- 21 Burdell Nofziger
- 22 Tyson Schmitkey
- 23 Silas Whiteman, Elaine Winzeler
- 24 Lucas Lantz, Dean Smith, Bryce Winzeler, Eric & Anna Yoder
- 25 Connie Bostelman, Kent & Shiela Short
- 26 Ryan & Devin Bernath, Bo & Bri Krukowski, Dave & Paige Miller, Mindy Enderle & Gabe Smith
- 27 Tiffany Johnston, Charlene LaFontaine, Richard Spiess
- 28 Kasey Grime, Ollie & Lauren Short
- 29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke

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

# worship

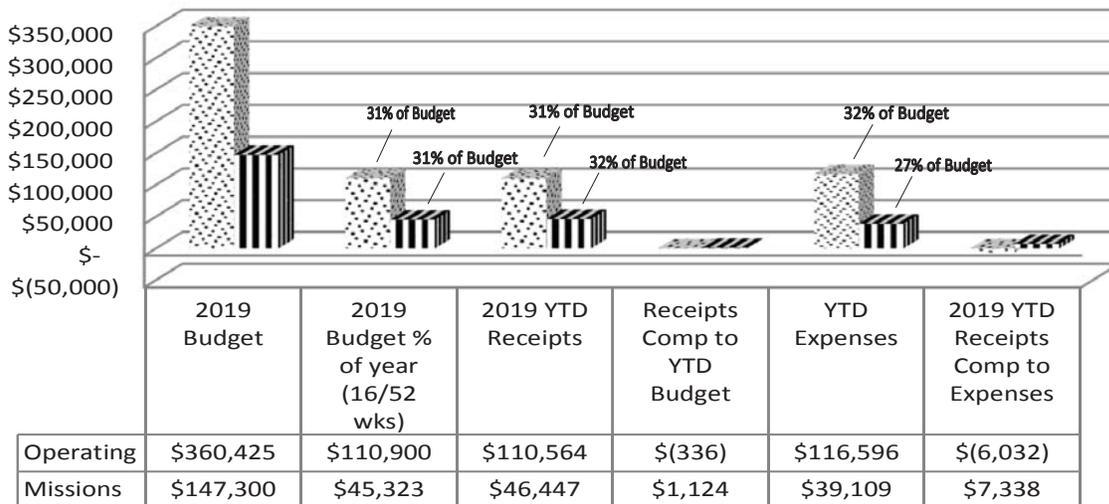
## May Worship Schedule



- May 5th** We will welcome the drama ministry of the Covenant Players at both services of worship. The 10:30 service will feature the Praise Band and the Chancel Choir.
- May 12th** **Mother's Day**  
We will celebrate the blessing of Mother's Day and offer support and encouragement towards the Christian ideals of motherhood.
- May 19th** We will observe the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30 service, which will also include the Chancel Choir.
- May 26th** **Memorial Day Weekend**

# stewardship

2019 Operating & Mission Funds as of April 23



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 22, 2018 - \$700,591.21

# consistory/committees

## Highlights of the March 18 Consistory

•*Budget & Stewardship Committee* – John Graber – Financial Reports – No new items to be noted. Things look good. \$10,000 sent to Cherry Street Mission. EGR Quarterly Investment Review – April 8th, a good quarterly performance, everything has been gained back since last quarter in January. The total received from 2015, was 6.04%. No changes as of now for a future plan. Annual Giving Statements – practice has been to print off giving statements on an annual basis, and half of the reports have not been picked up as of today. John Graber made a motion to only print off those whom want a year end statement, Gloria Lauber 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Motion to approve the Financials Ann Fether, 2nd the motion Brad Roth. Financials approved.

•*Capital Campaign Committee* – Erich Christman Jim Grieser has agreed to serve as the chairperson of this committee. He will begin this position in May. Motion to approve Capital Campaign Committee report, Brad Roth, 2nd motion Greg Walker. Report approved.

•*Discernment Team* – Erich Christman – Committee has worked through worship and has a page full of goals for worship, also have a page full of goals for Christian education. They will be moving through fellowship, down to a few more areas that will require less time. A finished report is hopeful within the next two months. Motion to approve report, Gloria Lauber, 2nd the motion Carrie Wooley. Report approved.

•*Fellowship Committee* – Brad Roth – This Thursday we will be hosting a supper before the Maundy Thursday service. May 26th we are hosting a Senior Breakfast for grades 7-12. Nancy Rupp will be involved, so it should be fun and informative. Nothing planned into the summer months as of now. Sept 22nd, as SJCC is hosting the EA Convocation, we will plan the chicken BBQ that Sunday. Motion to approve this report Brad Roth, Tim Beck 2nd the motion. Report approved.

•*Mission Committee* – Mark Nofziger – Vice Chair from Consistory – Mark is willing and able to handle it alone this year, but next year he will need someone to serve as vice-chair. Disbursements for the month of April – Total Disbursements \$8,500.00 to 23 different mission projects. Committee heard from Rex Stump concerning Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Rex is the director of 7 counties in Ohio. Things are

going well for him, committee gave him \$700 for the ministry. Summer of 2020, possibly in June, planning a mission trip to the DR to see the Suons and Shrocks. Motion to approve the mission report Brad Roth, 2nd the motion John Graber. Report approved. Motion approved.

•*Property Committee* – Scott Short – Creighton Electric will come and fix an outdoor light and hard wire the lights in the storage area off the youth room. The boiler will be looked at to be refurbished in June/July of an estimate of \$10,500. Air conditioner and water line (youth room) will be checked out soon as weather permits. A work night is scheduled for April 16 at 6pm. Ryan Bernath has contacted Hill Asphalt who will re-seal the parking lot for \$4,744. Motion to accept Property report, Scott Short, Mark Nofziger 2nd the motion. Report approved.

*Pastors Report* – Erich Christman – Holy Week Services – Maundy Thursday, 12 men are performing The Last Supper. Good Friday service, 7pm. Easter Sunrise service 7am, 10:30 service will have a drama presented. May 6-8th Basics Conference – Pastor Erich will be out of town at this conference near Cleveland. Help Build Hope – an organization that works with churches to frame walls for Habitat for Humanity and other projects. Pastor Erich is on the board for Habitat for Humanity. On May 16-17 he will be in Englewood Ohio with 100 volunteers to have all the walls framed and sheathed for the habitat home they are building. Motion to approve Pastors report, Judy Sears, Carrie Wooley 2nd the motion. Report approved.

•*Associate Pastors Report* – Alex Young – Prayers over Pastor Erich during this Holy Week and for all of the services. Looking for a female chaperone to go with the SYF group on their mission trip. SYF is going to Athens Ohio to work with Good Works Incorporated. Stephen Ministry training is going well. Gary Frazier came in and spoke, and will touch base on a few more trainings. Grief, depression and suicide have all been topics discussed. Safety plans in place for active church shooters and intruders. More information to be discussed soon.

The Stephens Ministers are praying over people to use this ministry and encourage people to join the program. Motion to approve Assoc. Pastors report, Mark Nofziger, Dean Sauder 2nd the motion. Report approved.

Old Business – Church Safety and Security Plan – In response to the need for churches to have.

Next Meeting – May 20, 2019, Ann Fether will have devotions.

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### **Evangelical Association News**

The 2019 Annual Convocation of the Evangelical Association will be held here at St. John's on September 20-22. The theme of the three day event is "Equip and Empower," drawing upon Ephesians 4:12 – "To equip God's people to do the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

The event includes the following dynamics:

- EA board members arriving on Wednesday evening for a day long board meeting on Thursday
  - Approximately 125 people from the EA will enjoy three keynote presentations, eight to twelve different workshops, times of worship, three meals and fellowship on Friday and Saturday
  - Sunday morning's message will be brought by Pastor Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA  
To make this all happen, it takes a great team effort, so Pastor Erich and Pastor Alex will be reaching out for everyone's help! More details to come!
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### **Three Steps to Assess a Possible Stroke:**

**S** \* Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T** \* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE

**R** \* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

### **New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue!**

Ask the person to 'stick' out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

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### **Update on the Facility Committee**

The membership of the Facility Committee is almost complete, and includes Jeff Rutledge (chairperson), Maggie Enderle, Jeremy Hurst, Rich Lesniak, Mike Meyer, Paige Miller, Eric Nafziger, Doug Rupp, Dean Sauder and Pastor Erich.

The first meeting of the committee is being scheduled, which hopefully will take place by May 10th!

# May Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

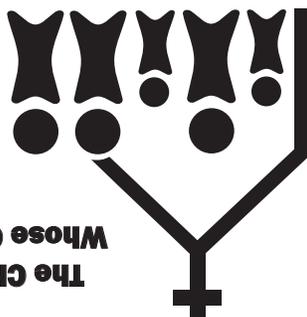
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| 1 All Things To All People ----- 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 | 16 Life For All ----- 1 Corinthians 15:12-34       |
| 2 Learning From The Past ----- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13   | 17 Death Defeated ----- 1 Corinthians 15:35-58     |
| 3 Look Beyond What You See! --1 Corinthians 10:14-22   | 18 Church in Action ----- 1 Corinthians 16:1-24    |
| 4 To Sum It Up... ----- 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1       | 19 Worship the King ----- Psalm 2                  |
| 5 Praise the Lord ----- Psalm 150                      | 20 Not An Average Kids' Talk ----- Jeremiah 1:1-19 |
| 6 Respect One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 11:2-16      | 21 The Root of All Evil ----- Jeremiah 2:1-22      |
| 7 Accept One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34      | 22 Only Kidding? ----- Jeremiah 3:6-4:4            |
| 8 Encourage One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11    | 23 God's Anguish ----- Jeremiah 4:5-31             |
| 9 Relate to One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 12:12-20   | 24 Not Even One ----- Jeremiah 5:1-13              |
| 10 Serve One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 12:21-31a     | 25 There Has To Be Justice ----- Jeremiah 5:14-31  |
| 11 Love One Another ----- 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13   | 26 Fear and Faith ----- Psalm 3                    |
| 12 The Duty of Delight ----- Psalm 1                   | 27 Strangers? ----- Jeremiah 6:1-15                |
| 13 Build One Another Up ----- 1 Corinthians 14:1-25    | 28 I Will Not! ----- Jeremiah 6:16-20              |
| 14 Listen To the Spirit ----- 1 Corinthians 14:26-40   | 29 I Have Been Watching! ----- Jeremiah 7:1-20     |
| 15 The Heart of Worship ----- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11    | 30 Truth Has Perished ----- Jeremiah 7:21-29       |
|  | 31 Jesus Wept ----- Jeremiah 8:18-9:9              |

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 New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (3/6), Maundy Thursday (4/18),  
 Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/14), World Wide Communion  
 (10/6), First Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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