

**Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:**

- Sandy Miller is recovering from surgery on Thursday, for the removal of cancer cells.
- Kelli & Keith Kuntz and family, upon the passing of Kelli's father, Orlan Wichman, who died on Christmas Eve, at the age of 87. His memorial service was yesterday.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from a second surgery on her elbow.
- Emma Hall continues to recover at home from recent hip surgery.
- Audrey Smith remains a resident at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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).
- David Richardson, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (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.

**Today's Worship Servants**

Acolytes	(8:00) Ian Grime	(10:30) Cameron Yoder
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(10:30) Tom & Laura Johnson, Bill & Kathy Bostelman	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman	(January 5) Emily Walker
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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Jocelyn, Allie and Corey Walker

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

December 29, 2019

**Welcome to our Worship of God!  
First Sunday after Christmas Day  
Memorial Sunday**

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Memorial Sunday**

This morning, we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the past year. The Service of Remembrance is a long standing tradition of St. John's and many other churches. The service calls to mind people of our congregation or associated with our congregation who have entered into eternal rest. We pray for everyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend who is not named this morning. Knowing that such remembrances cause us to reflect on family members and friends who died prior to 2019, we pray for the peace of God to fill each person's heart in our time of worship and remembrance. While remembering each person who died, we also remember and pray for the families and friends who are grieving their loss. In our service this year, we remember members of the congregation, people whose memorial service was held here at St. John's or in which one of our pastors participated in the services:

Edgar Sauder – January 15

Doris Hull – February 28

Jeremy Neuenschwander – March 27

Pauline Zimmerman – April 13

Mary Jo Britt – April 14

Cathy Spiess – April 18

Larry Rupp – August 5

Carolyn Walker – August 19

Rose Ann Mann – August 28

Graeme Lauber – September 24

Florence Augustine – October 9

Mary Lou Nemire – October 31

Connie Filipovich – November 1

Irene Short – December 10

Rick Jones – December 14

John 14:1-3 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

*The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 63:7-9 (p. 741)

Prelude

“O How Joyfully”

Call to Worship

†Opening Hymns – #124

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

#125, vs. 1 & 4

“Joy to the World!”

†Fellowship Greetings

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Service of Remembrance for Memorial Sunday

Words of Introduction and Lighting of Memorial Candles

Words of Remembrance

Hymn of Faith #405, verses 1 & 2

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Memorial Prayer

†Sermon Hymn – #68, brown

“There's a Song in the Air”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 956)

Sermon

“A Guiding Hand”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Carol – #131

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #132, v. 4

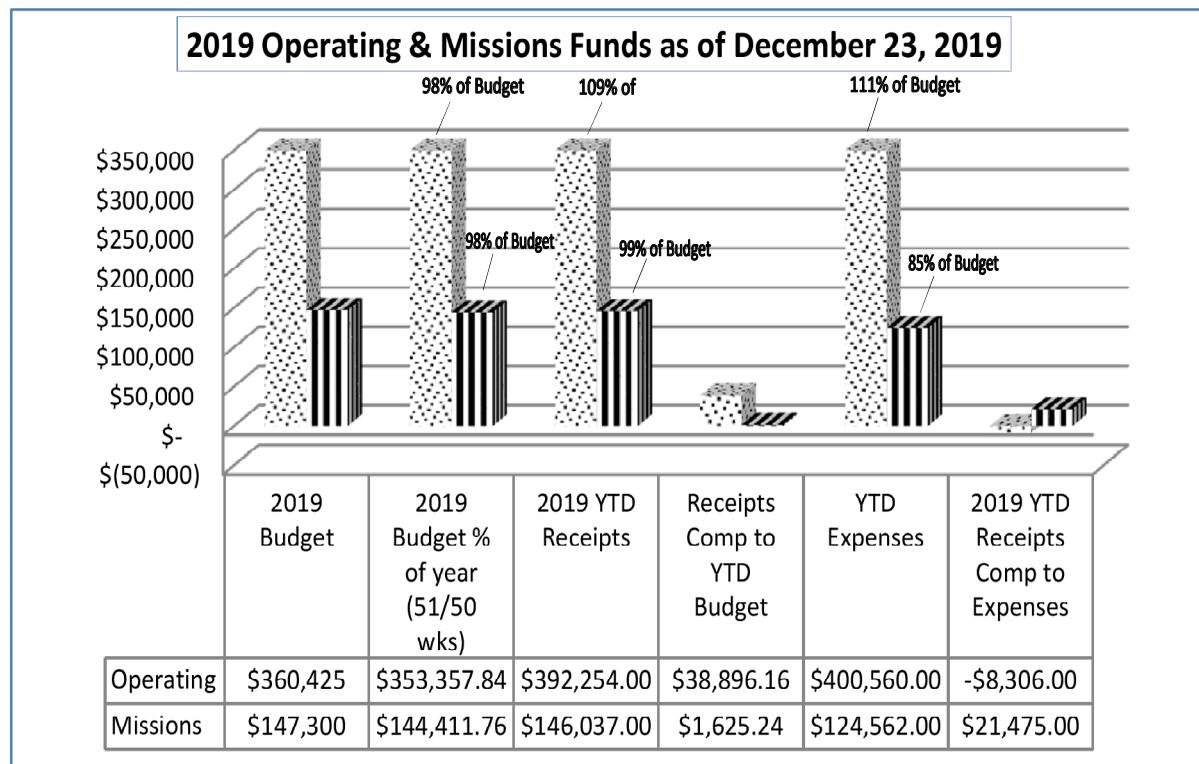
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

†Postlude

## 2020 Community Meals

We're about to commence serving these meals for the 10th year! In 2019, an average of 188 people enjoyed food and fellowship each week. The meals are served on Tuesdays, from 5pm to 6pm. The meals are held at SJCC from January through March and July through September and at Zion Mennonite Church April through June and October through December. That means the meals are coming back to SJCC beginning on January 7th, so once again we are praying for and seeking volunteers to help set up before, serve during and clean up after each meal, as well as serve on one of our meal teams.

Meal teams from SJCC will serve up to 12 meals throughout the year, being responsible to choose the menu, purchase the ingredients (using budgeted funds), prepare the meal, serve the meal, and help clean up from the meal. We need people to help with table set-up (either on Monday afternoon/evening or Tuesday afternoon) and table take-down (Tuesday evenings), as well as sweeping the floor. We rely on a team of 5 to 8 to help with bussing tables, washing dishes, washing pots and pans, and putting everything away. Volunteers can serve however they want – once a month, four times a month, with just the tables, just the serving or just the cleanup. Talk with Pastor Erich if you're interested!



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 23, 2019 - \$760,780.36



## Welcome . . .

### Guests and Visitors

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

### St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year (September through May) begins on January 1st. Starting with the new school year, we will offer three sessions: Tues/Thurs morning and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon. More information is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

### Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

**Children's and Large Print Bulletins** are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

**Congregational Prayer** – In wondrous praise and adoration, O Lord my God, I come before you with a glad and thankful heart! At least, I want to come before you in such manner; but, the vagaries of the world often consume me. The hustle and bustle exhausted me and I missed the peaceful moments of the holy night on which we celebrated Christ's birth. While family and friends gathered, many were missing and their absence tainted the spirit of my holidays. Sustain me, Lord, through the power and promise of your Word. Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah, as I wonder as I wander through this land – may the peace that transcends understanding guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. In his name. Amen.

**St. John's Preschool** will be hosting an Open House for church members next Sunday, January 5, from 12-1pm. The following evening, Monday, January 6, we will hold an Open House for the community from 7-8pm. Stop in and see what we are all about, and please pass this information along to family and friends with young children!

Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:15AM Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village  
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
Mon 11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)  
6:00PM Mission Committee (Fireside Room)  
Tues 9:15AM Bible Study  
Wed **Happy New Year!**  
Office Closed  
Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:15AM Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village  
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:00PM Preschool Open House for St. John's Church  
1:00PM Taking Down Decorations

**Next Sunday – January 5, 2020**

Sermon – “Customizing Faith” by Pastor Erich Christman  
Scripture – 2 Peter 3:1-18

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- December 30 - Information Overload ..... Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
- December 31 - Futility and Fun ..... Ecclesiastes 2:1-16
- January 1 - A Question of Perspective ..... Psalm 90
- January 2 - Letting Go ..... Ecclesiastes 2:17-26
- January 3 - Celebrating the Season ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- January 4 - No God; No Hope ..... Ecclesiastes 3:16-22
- January 5 - Active Faith ..... Psalm 34

***December Mission-A-Month – Crossroad***

**Grief Support Group:**

If you or someone you know is dealing with grief and loss there is support available at Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center. The group meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month at our Bryan office located at 05030 Co. Rd.15 Bryan, OH 43506 at 7:00 p.m. Call 419-445-1552 or 419-636-1713 for more information.