

The Visitor

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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Please Pray For:

- Don Smith, who had surgery July 1st at FCHC.
- Gary Frazier, who is recovering from shoulder surgery on June 25th.
- Edna Rice, who is in Heartland of Wauseon, Room #19, for rehab.
- Bob Overmier, who is recovering from a dislocated shoulder.
- Our elders - John Beck, Betsy Ducey, Jon Lindsay, Paige Miller, Doug Rupp.
- Our deacons/deaconesses - Maggie Enderle, Susie Enderle, Tom Johnson, Keith Kuntz, Chris Ott, Betsy Redd, Jeff Rutledge, Dean Sauder, Ed Wyrick.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safe return home. Church members serving are:



AT3 Ducey, Kyle

(USS Boxer - www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lhd4)
AIMD IMO3, USS Boxer LHD-4
FPO AP 96661-1663

Colt Knipp

(Colt's deployment to Iraq is now completed and he has returned to Ft. Hood, Texas - mailing address unavailable at this time)

Dennis LaPorte (wife Wren)

(Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA)
242 Coronado Ct, Vacaville, CA 95687

Tyson Bostelman

(Tyson has recently returned home from Afghanistan)

457 W Maumee Ave, Napoleon, OH 44345

Please consider sending these church members 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:

LeNore Heer, 01950 Co. Rd. 23, Stryker, 43557

Onnie Knapp, 208 Burke Street, Archbold, 43502

Janice Spiess, 3608 Devon Hill Rd., Toledo, 43606

Gisela Taut, 602 Lincoln Street, Archbold, 43502

Evergreen Manor, 924 Charlie's Way, Montpelier, 43543

Ralph E. Heer, Room #131-B

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

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206

Marilyn Nofziger, Room #144

Bill Short, Room #180

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

Cara Lou Frey, Room #234

Valeria Hornish, Room #227

Donna Mason, Room #237

Esther Rice, Room #235

Alice Rowe, Room #206

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

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

Opal Lauber, Room #412-1

Betty Miller, Room #419

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!

To AJ and Kisha Genter on the birth of their daughter, Ali Renee, who was born on Tuesday, June 15. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21" long. Ali has a sister, Ava.



To Jackie Cartwright and Eric Biddix, who were joined in marriage on June 12.



To Lindy Sauder and Lucas Lantz, who were married here at St. John's on June 26.

CONGREGATIONAL THANK YOU'S

Dear St. John's Church Friends,

I had the nicest surprise for my birthday when so many wonderful birthday cards arrived. There were more than 50 cards. Thank you so very much for remembering me with the card shower. You are dear and special people and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God bless you. Thank you.

Most Sincerely, Alice Rowe

St. Johns Church,

Thank you so much for the gift of the Bible. I really appreciate it and will use it well. Thanks!

Mackenzie Nofziger

PASTOR'S LETTER

A Though from Pastor Erich . . .

It had been a while, fortunately, a good long while since I had become so upset, but June 23rd was the day I was so vividly reminded of the need to live out God's Word in terms of my anger. Many had worked hard, and many had made adjustments in their daily routine, to schedule photography appointments on that Wednesday, and yet it all came crashing down as no camera team arrived at the church. After placing a call to our company rep, I received a call from the area representative, someone I'd never talked to before. They had us on the schedule, but they had forgotten to add the day to their camera team's schedule. And we had less than 45 minutes until the first couple was due to arrive. I didn't want to hear his words of apology, his placating words; all I wanted to hear was that somehow he would have a team here within the hour. Obviously, that wasn't going to happen.

After that phone conversation ended, I vented a bit with Sue, and with some others, and then helped to contact those who were scheduled. As I tried to briefly explain the situation, my anger didn't go away, it lingered. As the evening went by, and the next day came, I remembered some key verses of God's Word that speak to anger: Proverbs 29:11: "A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control." Ephesians 4:31-32: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

After reading and praying, I was finally able to hear the apology in the company representative's words, and I realized it was just a mistake, another human error, and none of us are perfect. Things will work out, and we'll just have to work a bit more to produce the best pictorial directory we can.

More importantly, the situation was a reminder to rely upon God's Word, to seek His counsel, and refrain from being angry. Instead, we are called to be kind and compassionate, and forgiving. May we each learn from everyday lessons of life to depend upon God's grace and wisdom.

Blessings to you!

ERICH

Vacation: Pastor Erich will be out of town on vacation from Sun. afternoon, July 11th thru Wed., July 14th. He will be back in the office Thurs., July 15th. Pastor Adam will be available for pastoral care needs.

MISSION CORNER

Thank You Notes From our Mission Partners and Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarrens), for our gift of \$450.
- AIM (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$457.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$342.
- Cherry Street, for our gift of \$1,102.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$282
- Archbold FISH Food Pantry, for our gift of \$1,125.
- GCM (K. Chase & W. Cribbs), for our gift of \$100.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$50.

Letters from our Mission Partners:

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the CSI Haiti Relief fund. Please know that through your gift, thousands of lives are being changed in Haiti.

Thank you for being a part of this important outreach.

Ronn & Yvette Oren, Missionaries & CSI Staff

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent checks totaling more than \$1,000. In the month of May alone, we saw more than 130 families. Many of these are people who have never been without a way to support their families before. These are our friends, our neighbors, people whom we meet on the street every day. With your help, the pantry offers help to "these newly poor" as well as those who are caught in generational poverty.

Your money may be used to purchase food in bulk quantities from food banks or local retailers at discounted prices. We may also use your donations to help with emergency funding for local families to help with the necessary basics such as medicine, housing or utilities.

Again, thank you so much. May the Lord continue to bless you. In His Service,

Linda Rutledge, FISH Food Pantry Volunteer

Greetings from Mozambique!

We hope all is well with you. We are doing fine here in Southern Africa. Always praising God for His faithfulness and provision in every possible dimension of our lives, and for you, for your love, prayers and support. Thank you very much!

Specific prayer needed are:

- For Tony as he travels and teaches pastors and church leaders at conferences.
- For Tony as he is taking a Seminary course this summer.

- For Leila as she helps teammates who are moving from Mozambique to South Africa, and for her women's ministry and new ministry with a group of Christian psychologists.
- For Leila as she continues working on translating radio dramas for Trans World Radio, and for seminars for missionaries she will be teaching in August.
- For our team as we face a time of huge transition. We sadly said good bye to two families and in December will see another family leave the team. Please pray for all of us during this time of transition, and for God's intervention as we need more workers!
- For Josh and Stephanie, who visited our team in June and are considering to serve as missionaries in Africa, that God will give them guidance as they seek His direction.
- For Tony and Leila, as we prepare for Sondro and Clarissa, a couple from Brazil who will stay with us for two weeks in July, as they are considering Mozambique as a future mission field. Pray for them as they seek God's direction in their lives.

We would love to hear from you anytime. Please feel free (and encouraged) to send us your news and prayer requests as well (see contact information on next page). Many blessings to you all,

Tony and Leila Frank
World Team Missionaries, Mozambique, Africa

Chasing Grace Newsletter . . .

This summer nearly a hundred University of Michigan students have committed their summer to growing in character in the context of missional community, and getting to know God better at our Great Commission Ministries Leadership Training program. Our hope is that they will become men and women who incarnate the type of creative love that is unconditionally bestowed upon them by the God who is, in very nature, Love. Through this training program, they will be serving God and ministering to the city of Ann Arbor.

Melissa and I were married 3 years on June 22nd, and our son, Jaden, has been making us smile for almost 15 months now! Time is precious and passing fast.

Praise and Petition:

Please pray for a dynamic, life-changing summer for our leadership training students. We praise God and thank Him for their summer commitment to knowing Him more.

Please pray that God would give me and my family discernment and lead us through the many financial,

familial and circumstantial decisions we need to make in the coming weeks as we seek more stable housing (we've moved from our apartment where our car was stolen in May). Pray God's blessing and guidance for our family as we continue to seek His voice and leadership.

Thank you for your continued, faithful support of our campus ministry.

Kyle Chase, Great Commission Ministries

July Mission-A-Month – Shepherd's Circle:

Shepherd's Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made unwise choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.

FISH Food Pantry:

The food pantry is in need of plastic bags. Please put them by the white mission box in the Chapel narthex.

Energizing Excursion:

That's a great way to describe the wonder of spending a week with a group of fellow believers in serving with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. Yes, bodies may be physically tired and sore, but the spiritual body is energized and uplifted through Christian fellowship, servanthood, and worship. The next energizing excursion is scheduled for October 16th to 23rd. The trip costs about \$100 per person (for lodging, food and fuel) and only a willing heart and curious mind are necessary - no special skills or knowledge necessary - just a desire to serve and share!

Dominican Republic (DR) Medical/Work Mission Trip:

The DR mission trip is coming up - October 2-9, 2010. There are 21 people planning to go on the trip. We will be collecting items to be sent with trip participants for the medical clinic in the DR. You may bring the following items to the church and place them in the collection box outside the Chapel:

- Children's chewable vitamins
- Tums
- Neosporin ointment
- Toothbrushes
- Anti-fungal ointments

A fund raiser at Mancino's in Archbold on Monday, June 21st raised \$421. Thanks to all who supported this event, and a special thanks to Mancino's for donating a percentage of their profits on June 21st for the trip.

Thank you for your continued prayer support as the participants prepare their hearts for this trip.

MISSION CORNER Cont.

2010 Fall Mission Trips Scheduled:

- Dominican Republic - October 2-9
- Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS - October 16-23

Missionary News and Contact Information:

Raj, Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

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Tony & Leila Frank, World Team

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Tom & Megan Langsdorf, Africa Inland Mission

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Judd & Becky McClarren, ABWE

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e-mail - juddmc@abwe.cc

Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home

web site - www.kajiadochildrenshome.com

Derek & Ashley Rosenberger, Belize

Creation Care Study Program

web site - www.creationcsp.org

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Hero Headquarters:

Registration is well underway for this year's VBS program, but there's still time to sign up. You can call the church office or stop by the Headquarters Corner by the Chapel and register your kids or sign yourself up to be a Helping Hero. The date is July 25th - 29th from 6:00 - 8:30PM. Please note the following dates as they pertain to you and/or your child:

- * **July 18th** during both services at Children's Moment will be a small skit.
- * **July 25th @1PM** will be decorating for the KICK OFF of VBS 2010
- * **Aug 1st** is the full program during the 10:30 worship with VBS fellowship hour after worship.



For VBS questions, contact Nici Wyse 419-445-9761, 6xwyse@embarqmail.com or Elaine Winzeler 419-446-2200, winzeler@rteceexpress.net

SYF Summer - Resonate:

Resonate is the senior high summer program at St. John's. The purpose of Resonate is to resound and echo the scriptures and to resound and echo God in our continual fellowship with one other. Summer vacation does not mean we also take a summer off from God. Resonate intends to produce a resonance of Jesus in your life. Resonate provides a deeper time in the Word of God and prayer throughout the summer. We will be learning to walk with Jesus on a daily basis. Resonate will meet on every other Wednesday night throughout the summer at 7PM. The Resonate dates for July are the 7th and 21st. Contact Pastor Adam if you have questions.

Events/Activities

"Book Bag Bash" hosted by our Evangelism Committee:

The Evangelism Committee is in need of your help as they make plans to host a community wide "Book Bag Bash" on Sunday, August 15th here at St. John's from 2-6PM. This event is an opportunity to assist our area children in need of school supplies while also welcoming families to St. John's Christian Church. We will collect different items each month, from April to August. These supplies will be placed into backpacks and distributed at "The Bash". In addition, there will be lots of fun, with food, live music, inflatables, games, and fellowship.

For the month of July, we ask that contributions of the following items be placed in our bin located near the Chapel:

- Plain pocket folder (no patterns)
- Large glue sticks
- 4 oz. Elmer's white school glue (no gel)

Thank you for your assistance in providing for the needs of God's children in our area communities.

Stitching Sisters:

The Stitching Sisters are on the search . . . Do you have 4-ply yard hidden away in drawers, closets or under your bed? Our yarn supply is becoming limited and our knitters continue to be busy creating hats, scarves, mittens and prayer shawls. If you would like to clean those cubby-holes and rid yourself of yarn, call Nancy Rupp at 419-682-1102 or leave your extras in the nursery across from the church office. The Stitching Sisters THANK YOU as do those little heads and hands who stay warm due to our working together!

Men's Ministry - Dads and Daughters:

Raising a Modern Day Knight is awesome for fathers and sons, but what about fathers and daughters? We are currently gathering material for a series entitled "Dads and Daughters: Building Lasting Relationships" that we hope to offer this fall here at St. John's. "Dads and Daughters" would cover the importance of dad in the life of his daughter, the dangers if he isn't present in her life, and practically, what can a dad do for his daughter. Look for this series in the fall of 2010.

Father / Son Camp Out - Men's Ministry :



On Friday, July 16th all fathers and sons are invited to camp out under the stars for the

Father-Son Camp Out. This will be a time of great fellowship and fun as we camp out, eat good food around a campfire, fish and other great activities. All are encouraged to arrive around 6PM to get tents set up and dinner cooking. The camp out will be held at the home of Joe and AJ Short.

In other Men's Ministry news, we would like to provide men of the church more opportunities for fellowship and friendships, and opportunities to make memories together with friends and family in a Christ-centered environment. Be on the look out for these opportunities: Men's Golf Outing in September; Men's Advent Breakfast; Dads and Daughters Banquet next February; and the Dads and Daughters class next fall. See Pastor Adam if you'd be interested in helping put these events together.

Fellowship Committee - Upcoming Events:

- July 24 Mud Hens Game (7PM in Toledo)
- Aug 6-8 Church Camp Out Weekend
- Sept 26 Chicken BBQ
- Oct 24 Fellowship Meal/Gong Show/Auction

Mud Hen's Game Saturday, July 24:

Saturday, July 24th, is the date set for our annual outing to 5/3 Field in Toledo to watch the Mud Hens play. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board and tickets are \$9 each. An option to ride the church bus to the game is also available for a minimal extra fee to help with the fuel cost - seating is limited to 24 people. Deadline to sign up for tickets is July 9th.

Annual St. John's Camp Out and Outdoor Worship at Harrison Lake State Park:

Mark your calendars for August 6th, 7th and 8th for this event. There are things to do for every lifestyle. Come up for a day or more. Saturday is earmarked for - have fun, relax and fellowship! Go to the parade in Fayette in the morning. Then join in on a yard game, football, bike riding or swimming. Eat ice cream. Share an evening potluck meal (meat, beverage and table service provided). Enjoy vespers before the fireworks. Then on Sunday join us for our outdoor worship service in the beach shelter house. A church picnic lunch will be at noon.

This is a great time to kick back, relax and fellowship after VBS and before the school year starts, as well as the fall programs at St. John's. Hope you can make it! If you have any questions, contact Laura Johnson or Pastor Erich.

July Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional - Copies available in the church office or literature rack)

- 1 What a Gospel! ~~~~~ 1 Peter 1:1-12
- 2 Dare To Be Different ~~~~~ 1 Peter 1:13-21
- 3 Trust and Obey ~~~~~ Exodus 19:1-6, 16-25
- 4 Your God Reigns! ~~~~~ Psalm 93:1-5
- 5 The Everlasting Word ~~~~~ 1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3
- 6 The New Atheism? ~~~~~ 1 Peter 2:4-10
- 7 Making an Impact ~~~~~ 1 Peter 2:11-25
- 8 Serving Relationships ~~~~~ 1 Peter 3:1-7
- 9 Getting Bitter or Better? ~~~~~ 1 Peter 3:8-22
- 10 Take Up Your Cross ~~~~~ Luke 9:21-27
- 11 Before You Run and Hide ~~~~~ Psalm 55:1-22
- 12 Out of This World? ~~~~~ 1 Peter 4:1-11
- 13 Life's Pressure Cooker ~~~~~ 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 14 Follow My Leader ~~~~~ 1 Peter 5:1-14
- 15 Ordeal by Innocence ~~~~~ Genesis 20: 1-18
- 16 Failing Families ~~~~~ Genesis 21:1-21
- 17 The Mercy Mystery ~~~~~ Jude 3-7, 17-25
- 18 The Silent God ~~~~~ Psalm 44:1-26
- 19 Times of Testing ~~~~~ Genesis 22:1-19
- 20 Promise Keeper ~~~~~ Genesis 23:1-20
- 21 Who's Watching Your Life? ~~~~~ Genesis 24:1-14
- 22 His Swift and Abundant Answers ~~~Genesis 24:15-33
- 23 Watch Out! God at Work! ~~~~~Genesis 24:34-67
- 24 Family Likeness ~~~~~ Romans 4:18-25
- 25 Restoration and Blessing ~~~~~ Psalm 128:1-6
- 26 Good Twin, Bad Twin? ~~~~~Genesis 25:1-11, 19-34
- 27 Promise Keeping ~~~~~ Genesis 26:1-25
- 28 Secrets and Lies ~~~~~ Genesis 27:1-29
- 29 Word Power ~~~~~ Genesis 27:30-46
- 30 Stairway to Heaven ~~~~~Genesis 28:10-22
- 31 Priorities ~~~~~ Hebrews 12:4-17

JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Linda Short, Jayson Lindsay
- 2 Dana Habig, Chloe & Karissa Merillat
- 3 Jacob Rupp, Jeff Rutledge, Lucille (Buz) Ziegler
- 4 Kinsey Smith
- 6 Kenny & Sandi Cowell
- 7 Candace Buchop, LeNore Heer, John & Deb Kauffman, Sarah Kinsman, Jim Silcox
- 8 Lou Ann Beck, Ben & Tiffany Johnston
- 9 Emily Hines, Bob Kuntz, Chad Short, Kaitlyn Wyse
- 10 Randi Meyer
- 11 Neil & Nanette Buehrer, Pete & Rachel Grieser, Matt Hines, Steve & Kim Walker, David Stuckey
- 12 Mark Beltz, Lindsay Brader, Mary Hall, David & Nancy Lightner, Tammy Nofziger
- 14 Jean Beck
- 15 Hannah Kern



- 16 Janice Spiess
- 18 Matthew Kinsman, Velma Overmier
- 19 Ed Ruffer, Justin Yoder
- 20 Kaitlyn Beck, Andee Grime, Mary Silcox
- 21 Mike & Sue Henry
- 22 Warren Sauder
- 23 David Augustine
- 24 Kaleab & Alyssa Abebe, Molly Knipp
- 27 Bodi & Annie Kauffman
- 28 Rebecca Grieser, Graeme & Gloria Lauber, Jim & Betsy Redd, Derek & Ashley Rosenberger, Ryan Smith, Jack Stover
- 29 Florence Augustine, Justin Pursel
- 30 Greg & Kim Walker
- 31 Larry Bechstein, Kyle & Kegan Ott, Brent Schnitkey

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

small groups

College Small Group:

Hey College Students! Each Tuesday night this summer we are getting together at 6PM for dinner, fun times of fellowship, games and discussion. After dinner we spend some time watching a "Faith Lessons" DVD from various locations in the Holy Land. We meet each week at Doug and Nancy Rupp's game room. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Adam.

Summer Encounter With God:

Tammy Nofziger and Jan Lindsay lead this Wednesday morning small group from 6:00 - 7:30AM. You will encounter God in His magnificent outdoors while exploring His call and purpose for you. Deepen your spiritual walk as you read and study His words using the "Encounter with God" daily guide published by Scripture Union (available in the literature rack outside the church office). So, lace up your walking shoes and bring your new or worn Bible with a willing spirit to study, fellowship and walk together this summer. This group will meet in the Parlor, then either walk outdoors or inside the church building should there be inclement weather.

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

Tuesday Morning - Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Evening - College Small Group

6:00 - 8:00PM - Rupp's, St. Rt. 2, Stryker

Wednesday Mornings - Summer Encounter with God

(Beginning June 9)

6:00 - 7:30AM - Meet in Parlor, then walk

Wed., July 7 & 21, August 4 - SYF Summer Resonate

7:00 - 8:00PM - Youth Room

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

10:00 - 11:00AM - West Haven, Fairlawn

Sunday Morning - Women's Small Group

9:15-10:15AM - SS Room across from Kindergarten



July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— Shepherd's Circle Elder of the Month— Doug Rupp			1 9:00AM Sewing 7:00PM Mission Comm.	2 Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal	3 Non-Member Wedding
4 Independence Day	5 July 4th Observed OFFICE CLOSED 8:00PM Praise Band Practice	6 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 6:00PM College Small Group	7 6:00AM Summer Encounter w/God Small Grp. 10:30AM AAMA Mtg 7:00PM Resonate	8 7:00PM MAP Committee 7:00PM Preschool Board	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> Sign Up Deadline for Mud Hens Game Tickets </div>	10
11	12 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 7:00PM Dominican Rep. Trip Orientation	13 9:15AM Bible Study 6:00PM College Small Group 7:00PM Property Committee	14 6:00AM Summer Encounter w/God Small Grp. 10:00AM West Haven Bible Study	15	16 5:30PM Evans Holdgrave Wedding Reh. 6:00PM Father/Son Camp Out	17 2:30PM Evans/ Holdgrave Wedding
18 Holy Communion	19 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 6:30PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	20 9:15AM Bible Study 5:30PM Sister Chicks Inc. 6:00PM College Small Group 7:00PM Evangelism Comm.	21 6:00AM Summer Encounter w/God Small Grp. 7:00PM Resonate	22	23	24 7:00PM Mud Hens Game
Bair Lake Bible Camp (Confirmands)						
25 1:00PM VBS Decorating 6:00PM VBS	26 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 6:00PM VBS	27 9:15AM Bible Study 6:00PM College Small Group 6:00PM VBS 7:00PM Evangelism Comm.	28 6:00AM Summer Encounter w/God Small Grp. 10:00AM West Haven Bible Study 6:00PM VBS	29 6:00PM VBS	30	31
Vacation Bible School 6:00PM—8:30PM						

WORSHIP

Worship Listing For Month of July:

Sunday, July 4th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Scriptures – Luke 4:14-29; Galatians 5:13-15

Sermon – “Freedom + Service = Love”

- Featuring a special tribute of our American Independence

Sunday, July 11th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Scripture – 1 Peter 2:11-15

Sermon – “Making An Impact Of Faith”

Sunday, July 18th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Scripture – 1 Peter 4:1-11

Sermon – “Getting Ready”

- Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated
- Featuring a special VBS Children’s Message

Sunday, July 25th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Scripture – Genesis 22:1-19

Sermon – “Put To The Test”

Our August worship calendar features the following special services:

- **August 1st** - The 10:30 worship service will feature our children sharing a VBS Program
- **August 8th** - Outdoor Worship Sunday at Harrison Lake State Park (10:30 worship service)
- **August 22nd** - Rally Sunday

Sanctuary Computer, Sound and Video Systems:

We are moving ever closer to finishing this project, but some of the final details are taking some time to get every thing right. With the new screen and projector in place, we have purchased “Easy Worship” software, a computer package that enables multi-media to be easily incorporated into our worship. Tasks yet to be accomplished include: a system to swing the screen out of view when not in use for a service, installing some electrical outlets in the chancel area, final trim work in the balcony, the installation of two congregational microphones, and final adjustments to the control panel.

Our various worship techs are patiently learning the system; much progress is being made from week to week. Our sound techs include: James Grime, Wayne Lehman, Angie Nofziger and Ed Wyrick. Video techs include: James Grime, Dean Sauder, and Jon Schmidt. Computer techs include: Amy Christman, Brian Roth, and Eric Yoder.

We are always in need of more!

Computer Technicians:

Are you pretty good with a computer and would like to serve the church in a new ministry? With the completion of the sanctuary sound and video system, we are in need of some computer savvy volunteers to operate the EasyWorship software program that displays the scriptures, songs, sermon slides and videos on the sanctuary screen. Please contact Pastor Adam if you are interested.

Evangelism Radio Moments:

The recording is completed and the first ten messages are about to be sent to WMTR Radio! One minute meditations that share God’s truth and invite people into a relationship with Him will be played throughout the month of July. A special word of thanks to James Grime for recording and editing, and to Mike Meyer, Tammy Nofziger and Nancy Rupp for sharing their voices and thoughts for these moments.

CONSISTORY

Highlights from June 21st Consistory Meeting:

- Keith Kuntz shared the month’s Christian Perspectives on Leadership.
- Budget/Stewardship/Investment Committee is looking at some options of investing the Eugene Buehrer Legacy Funds for a higher interest rate. It was suggested to look at money market funds so that we would have the funds readily available and not tied up for too long a period of time.
- Mission Committee - Reported that Pamida would continue to order laundry detergent for us to donate to FISH, as Doug Vajen was doing for us when employed at Pamida. Committee will be printing labels for cap tops, ½ Spanish and ½ English with scripture on them. Committee reviewed the Archbold Ministerial Association’s idea of developing a community meal program. The general consensus of the Mission Committee is that we would like to see St. John’s be involved with and support this community outreach. Disbursements for June are as follows: Tony & Leila Frank \$1,000.00; SYF \$2,000.00; for a total \$3,000.00
- Personnel Committee - reported that the committee needs to do some fact finding before reporting to consistory regarding Preschool Staff. Without knowing about professional development and direct observation reports the committee can’t support, defend or take any other action through evidence for these positions. This fact-finding will be done so they can make a recommendation to Consistory for action at the July meeting.

- Property Committee - New air conditioning unit is being installed in the kitchen, new lighting continues to be worked on for the sanctuary stain glass, trees being cut down in the horseshoe with new lava rock being laid down, the chapel steeple is down with the roof repaired where the steeple was. The roof is being monitored for leaks.
- Spiritual Council - Continuing to work on the nominations process (lay leadership development). The church will stay with the same process for this year. Cheri Kast has requested her membership be transferred. Looking at a mentor training program for married couples that would enable them to serve as mentors for engaged couples.
- Eugene Buehrer Estate Planning Committee - two families have recently looked at the home.
- Farm Operations Committee (Scott Short, Mark Nofziger, Joel Wanemacher, Doug Rupp & Jon Rupp) will be meeting June 24, 2010 as their first meeting.
- Prepared for the Special Congregational Meeting scheduled for June 27th; 11:45AM
- Office Copier Replacement – After much review and discussion, Jeff Rutledge made a motion to purchase the current machine (Ricoh MP300) for \$1,704.00 that the church is currently leasing along with staying with the current service agreement. Keith Kuntz seconded it; motion carried. Funds to pay for the purchase will come from the current funds account.
- Fire Proof Filing Cabinet - a company in Toledo carries used 4 drawer fireproof cabinets between \$300 - \$500. A motion was made by Doug Rupp to give up to \$500.00 to the property committee to research and purchase a file cabinet. John Beck seconded it; motion carried.
- A new person is needed to replace Toni Vajen as an Offering Assistant; a motion was made by Doug Rupp to ask the suggested candidate; Paige Miller seconded it; motion carried.
- Steve Lauber of the Pettisville Friendship Days asked for permission to place a sign on the south side property. Permission granted.
- Next Meeting - July 19, 2010

Special Congregational Meeting:

With a quorum present to conduct the business at our special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 27th, the following motion was made and approved: "To approve and create the new part-time staff position of Director of Christian Education Ministries as presented and recommended by Consistory."

The final tally was 82 in favor, 12 opposed, and 3 abstentions. The Personnel Committee will soon begin the process of publicizing the position and preparing for the interviewing and hiring process. Your prayers are sought that God would lift up the right candidate for this ministry position, and for the Personnel Committee and our church leadership as they seek to fill this role. This is a significant step of faith as we further undergird our ministry of the Gospel of Christ.

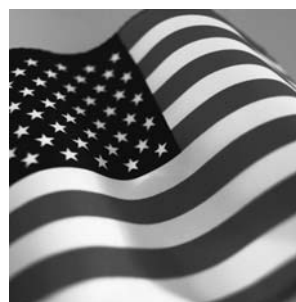
MAP Committee:

The Ministries Assessment and Planning Committee (MAP) is now into their eighteenth meeting, and recently reviewed "Base Solution #1" and "Base Solution #2", with further potential solutions to come! A "base solution" is a proposed floor plan of renovation and/or construction that one or more committee members have brainstormed to address the needs assessment. As the full committee reviews each base solution, further insight is being gained into both the complexity of the task and potential ways to enhance our ministries.

The committee, through each of the gifts and personalities of its members, is holding itself to their charge: "to make an assessment of facility needs based on ministry and operational needs and to propose a plan to address those needs." Mixing creativity, stewardship, practicality, and wisdom into the process creates interesting dialogue and discussion!

Farm Operations Committee:

The newly formed Farm Operations Committee includes five men who have both agricultural and business wisdom and experience to share in guiding our stewardship of the Eugene Buehrer farm. Committee members include Mark Nofziger, Doug Rupp, Jon Rupp, Scott Short and Joel Wanemacher. They have met for an initial meeting, with Jon accepting the role as chairperson. They are now working on action steps to map the farmland and review contract documents to create a rental contract for the next season.



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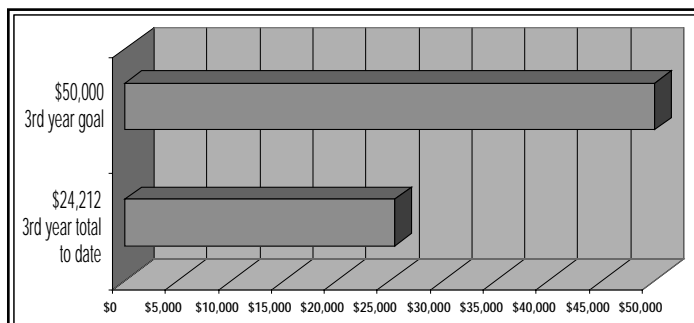
We have been blessed through the legacy of Kenny Schang, who died on January 18 of this year. Kenny had listed St. John's Christian Church as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. We recently received an estate check in the amount of \$20,000. What a tremendous blessing, and what a wonderful legacy for Kenny to give to the Lord. Pastor Erich continues to be in correspondence with Kenny's daughter, Sandy Storrer, and he has expressed gratitude and thanksgiving to her for her father's generosity and testimony of faith. Per our estate policy, \$18,000 has been deposited into the Legacy Fund and \$2,000 has been deposited into the Benevolent Fund for outright support of our missions.

Christian Education Fund:

Many of our Christian Education ministries are funded mostly through our weekly Sunday morning Sunday school offerings. This includes: Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Children's Christmas Program, Junior Church, Mission Band, and Rally Sunday program. It's been an active year and our expenses for Sunday school curriculum, Vacation Bible School supplies and resources, Faith Village curriculum, Christian Education Appreciation Night, and various other expenses have depleted our funds down to the June level of just \$500. Our normal balance has been at the \$2,000 level. Please prayerfully consider supporting our CE ministries by giving to our Sunday school offering.

Capital Fund Drive:

We are nearing the end of the third year of our five year fund drive in an effort to replenish funds used for the 2007 roof project and to collect additional funds for future capital improvements of our church facility.



3rd Year Goal (July 8, 2009 - July 7, 2010) - \$50,000
3rd Year Total (as of April 25, 2010) - \$24,212

2010 Stewardship Report

Totals needed for 2010 Budgets:

Current Fund:	\$ 294,223.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 156,350.00

Actual Information (Rotary & Interest Included)

	Current Fund	Benevolent Fund
4/30/2010 Balance	\$ 1,639.68	\$ 22,731.63
Receipts	\$ 31,717.68	\$ 21,403.82
Expenses	\$ 26,461.24	\$ 25,714.50
5/31/2010 Balance	\$ 6,896.12	\$ 18,420.95
Difference	\$ 5,256.44	\$ (4,310.68)

Year to Date Income/Expenses - Through 5/31/10

	Current Fund	Benevolent Fund
Income	\$ 131,923.80	\$ 87,217.43
Expenses*	\$ 150,366.29	\$ 101,474.26
Difference	\$ (18,442.49)	\$ (14,256.83)

*Current Fund Expenses incl. \$12,000 transferred to Money Market

*Benevolent Fund Expenses incl. \$19,539 distributed from Buehrer Estate

Offering Information

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
5/2/10	301	\$ 6,420.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 761.86
5/9/10	268	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 281.86
5/16/10	332	\$ 4,706.25	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (951.89)
5/23/10	293	\$ 6,101.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 442.86
5/30/10	282	\$ 4,369.89	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (1,288.25)
Total	295	\$ 27,537.14	\$ 28,290.70	\$ (753.56)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
5/2/10	\$ 3,087.14	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 80.41
5/9/10	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (31.73)
5/16/10	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (831.73)
5/23/10	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (617.73)
5/30/10	\$ 2,258.50	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (748.23)
Total	\$ 12,884.64	\$ 15,033.65	\$ (2,149.01)

St. John's Christian Church - 2010 Benevolent Budget

MISSION PROJECTS		2010	2010	2010	YTD	YTD	Mission	Buehrer
As of May 31, 2010		Goals	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Comm	Estate
		A	B	C	D	E	Expenses	Proposed
			Designated Income	Expense	Expended	Not Expended	G	G
Month	Committed							
1	1	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 1,995.00	39.9%		\$25,540.59
	1	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,060.00	106.0%		
3	2 & 8	College Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,138.79		0.0%	\$ 1,138.79	
4	5	Church Camp	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 2,404.00	68.7%		
5	5	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00			0.0%		
6	6	Habitat for Humanity - Mich.	\$ 1,500.00			0.0%		
7	7	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 1,300.00			0.0%		
8		Love Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 70.00		0.0%	\$ 70.00	
9		Walk In Assistance Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 389.68	\$ 669.31	44.6%		
10		St. John's Women's Fellowship	\$ 500.00			0.0%		
		Subtotal	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 1,598.47	\$ 6,128.31		\$ 1,208.79	\$ -
Month	Mission-a-Month							
11	1	PATH Center (Souper Bowl)	\$ 500.00	\$ 431.50	\$ 531.50	106.3%		\$ 100.00
12	2	FISH (Archbold Pantry)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,345.00	\$ 4,845.00	74.5%		\$ 3,500.00
13	3	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 2,155.00	71.8%		\$ 1,000.00
14	4	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.0%		\$ 1,055.00
15	5	* Cherry Street Mission	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 3,330.00	60.5%		\$ 1,500.00
16	5	* Sparrow's Nest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 2,930.00	58.6%		\$ 1,500.00
17	6	Christian Service Int (Soap)	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,110.00	\$ 2,106.00	421.2%	\$ 4.00	
18	7	Shepherd's Circle	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	50.0%		\$ 1,000.00
19	8	* Back Bay Mission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 4,240.00	42.4%		\$ 2,500.00
20	9	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	10.3%		\$ 2,756.00
21	10	Hands of Grace	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	50.0%		\$ 2,756.00
22	11	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00			0.0%		
23	12	* Crossroad	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 2,095.00	52.4%		\$ 1,000.00
		Subtotal	\$ 44,750.00	\$ 11,761.50	\$ 25,912.50		\$ 4.00	\$ 14,155.00
		* also listed on envelopes						
Month	Envelope							
24		Kajiado Children's Home	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 16,275.00	\$ 15,806.00	60.8%	\$ 469.00	
25		Frank, Tony & Leila	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 3,509.50	\$ 4,753.50	35.2%	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 3,000.00
26		Aroles - CRHP	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 3,706.00	41.2%	\$ 525.00	\$ 3,000.00
27		African Inland Missions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 2,663.00	66.6%	\$ -	\$ 500.00
28		PET Project	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 935.00	46.8%		\$ 500.00
29		Grace Community Center	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,270.00	84.7%		\$ 1,000.00
30		McClarren, Judd & Becky	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00	121.0%		
		Subtotal	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 25,568.50	\$ 30,948.50		\$ 2,750.00	\$ 8,000.00
Month	Special							
30	2 & 10	Back Bay Mission Trip	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 3,165.55	316.6%		
31	4	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten Coin	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,191.30	\$ 468.65	33.5%	\$ 722.65	
32	4	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,191.30	\$ 1,191.30	85.1%	\$ -	
33	6	Senior Youth Fellowship Trip	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	33.3%	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00
34	9	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	37.3%		
35	10	Dominican Republic Trip	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	110.0%	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
36	11	FRB - Thank Offering	\$ 500.00	\$ 30.45	\$ 30.45	6.1%		
37	11	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 500.00		\$ 224.33	44.9%		
38	11	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ 30.45	\$ 30.45	6.1%		
39	12	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00			0.0%		
40		Great Comm Min - Wes/Kyle	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 2,440.00	48.8%	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,000.00
41		Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 2,000.00			0.0%		
42		Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00			0.0%		
43		Habitat for Humanity - Fulton	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,025.00	68.3%		\$ 1,000.00
44		Kajiado Spon. Child	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 369.00	24.6%	\$ 316.00	
45		Community Pregnancy Center	\$ 500.00			0.0%		
46		LEGS	\$ 500.00		\$ 231.22	46.2%		
		Subtotal	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 10,200.50	\$ 12,935.95		\$ 3,018.65	\$ 6,000.00
48		Grand Total	\$ 156,350.00	\$ 49,128.97	\$ 75,925.26	48.6%	\$ 6,981.44	\$ 28,155.00
						5 mo. = 42%		

2010 Goal has been met

SUMMARY

49	Designated Income - YTD (Column B, #48)	\$ 49,128.97
50	Benevolent Fund Undesignated Inc. - YTD	\$ 27,651.50
51	NOW Interest Benevolent Income - YTD	\$ 15.39
52	Second Mile Interest Income - YTD	\$ 2,080.00
53	Second Mile Savings Interest Income - YTD	\$ 0.77
54	Eugene Buehrer Estate - Benevolent Tithe	\$ 8,280.80
a	Fairlawn Haven	\$ 10.00
b	Rosenberger	\$ 50.00
55	Total Benevolent Income - YTD	\$ 87,217.43

56	Beginning Balance Bene Fund (1/01/10)	\$ 7,105.19
57	Beginning Balance 2nd Mile Fund (1/1/10)	\$ 3,227.86
58	Beginning Balance Eugene Buehrer Estate Tithe	\$ 25,540.59
59	Total Overall Income - YTD (#55, #56, #57, #58)	\$ 123,091.07

60	Total Expenses - YTD (Column C, #48)	\$ 75,925.26
a	Fairlawn Haven	\$ 10.00
b	Buehrer Estate Expenses	\$ 25,539.00
61	Total Benevolent Expenses - YTD	\$ 101,474.26

62	Balance of Bene Funds on Hand (#59-#61)	\$ 21,616.81
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63	Designated Funds Not Expended (Column D, #48)	\$ 6,981.44
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64	Funds for Mission Committee to Expend	\$ 14,635.37
a	Total available excluding Buehrer Estate (# 64 - (#58 - #60b))	\$ 14,633.78

Note: Line 12, column F: \$1000 cash + \$1500(approx.) for detergent

Mission Trailer	\$6,000.00
Available	\$4.59

