

# The Visitor

## prayer concerns

### Please Pray For:

- David and Nancy Lightner, as they live with David's dementia.
- Ralph H. Heer, who is in FCHC following a fall in his home on September 30th.
- Ann Grime and family, upon the loss of her father, Lomer vonSeggern, on September 17th.
- Richard and Cathy Spiess, as Richard continues to care for Cathy who lives with Frontal Temporal Dementia.
- Ricky Cruz, son of Maria Cruz, who is in Parkview Nursing Home, 328 W. Vine St., Edgerton, OH 43517.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

#### Tyson Bostelman (U.S. Army)

As he returns home from being discharged

#### Kyle Ducey (U.S. Navy)

10175 Park Meadows Dr., #5-326  
Lone Tree, CO 80124

#### 1 Lt. Jared R. Kuntz - wife Maria (U.S. Army)

Jared is stationed in Kuwait  
Maria & their daughter, Silvette:  
627 UN Lauman, Fort Sill, OK 73503

#### Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Wife, Wren and daughter, Lorelei  
107 Nebraska St, Travis AFB, CA 94535-1235

#### RCT Lesniak, Jacob D - (Marines)

Twentynine Palms, California

#### Steven Schink - wife Ashley (U.S. Coast Guard)

170 Nautical Dr, Apt 5, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Please consider sending these people cards letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

### Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:

Cara Lou Frey, Glenn Park Care Facility, Defiance  
(mailing add: 201 N. Defiance St., Archbold)  
LeNore Heer, 01950 Co. Rd. 23, Stryker, 43557

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

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206

Valeria Hornish, Room #174A

Eileen Meller, Room #133

Marilyn Nofziger, Room #144

Esther Rice, Room #116

Sadonna Spiess, Special Care Unit Room #405B

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

Lois Heer, Room #238

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Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Country Living of Hillsdale, 1133 N. Lake Pleasant Rd.,  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Donna Mason, Room #3

The Lutheran Home, 1036 Perry St., Napoleon, 43545

Florence Augustine, Room #221

## congregational news

**Dedication** – On Sunday, September 8th in the 10:30 service of worship, we celebrated the dedication



of the three young children of Greg (Bo) and Brianna (Bri) Krukowski; Emma Noel, Ethan Daniel and Eyan Scott. All three were born in Bryan, Emma on 12/28/07, Ethan on 6/20/11 and Eyan on 6/18/13. Grandparents are Scott and Michelle Badman, and Stan and Sue Krukowski; great-grandparents are Bill and Dolly Shaffer, and Charles and Rebecca McDaniel.



The love offering received to thank Chris Jennings for the blessings of leadership and ministry he offered during the sabbatical time, as well as to assist him in his pursuit of pastoral education, came to a total of \$2421. A tremendous gift of love to Chris!

## congregational thank you's

Thank you for my scholarship to Miracle Camp. I had fun learning about God and making new friends.

Love, Rayne Kinsman



Dear St. John's Church,

Thank you for paying for my amazing week at Bair Lake Bible Camp! I learned so much and had a ton of fun! Thanks so much!

Sincerely, Leah Hall



Dear Church Family,

We want to thank all of you for extending to us such a warm 50th anniversary congratulations through cards and personal comments. Your thoughtfulness has wonderfully overwhelmed us and we are experiencing first-hand that St. Johns is a church family that cares. May God richly bless everyone for the kindness shown to us as we seek ways to return that love through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Bill & Judy Barnhart

## pastor's letter

### Thoughts from Pastor Adam . . .

Dear Friends,

The Major League Baseball playoffs are among us. And for those cities and fans of teams in the playoffs it can be a very exciting time. I've witnessed this firsthand. Back in 2004 we were living in Boston when the Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918. This was a major accomplishment because there was believed to be a "curse" upon the Red Sox preventing them from winning. One of the main rallying cries of the fan base was "Reverse the Curse!" And indeed, the curse was reversed and they won in dramatic fashion.

Do you ever want to cry out "Reverse the Curse?" We read from way back in Genesis that because of the Fall, there is now a curse upon the land and ground. We are under a curse because of our sin. Work is more difficult. Relationships are more taxing and challenging than they are supposed to be. Peace has been replaced with hatred and violence. Storms, earthquakes, floods do large amounts of damage physically and materially. And worst of all, we have been separated from our Lord and kicked out of the Garden.

I was visiting with a friend in a nursing home last week that was feeling the affects of the Curse. They said something that shocked me at first: "Now that I'm here the next place I'll graduate to is the funeral home." I responded by saying, "You'll actually be graduating to heaven next." We then looked up some scriptures from Revelation where John was recording his vision of heaven. We read Revelation 22:1-6 and specifically focused on verse 3, "No longer will there be any curse." Heaven is where the curse is gone. Heaven is where life will not contain any pain or hurts. Heaven is where Jesus reigns and we'll be able to see him clearly.

Paul in Galatians 3:12 says, "Christ redeemed us from the curse." Jesus, by his work on the cross and resurrection from the dead, reversed the curse! Jesus makes all things new. Jesus allows us to win something far greater than the World Series, and we win eternity. As Christ followers we are invited each and every day to take part in reversing the curse. May you take comfort in being on the team where the curse is reversed.

Blessings, *ADAM*



## preschool corner

### 2013-2014 School Year:

Preschool classes have gotten off to a flying start! We have been blessed with an enrollment of 57 children! Thank you for all of your Giving Tree donations and prayers!! We have received a generous donation of cds (thank you Mr. Ducey!), so we are all set for the year with those, but we are still collecting the following:

- \*Used greeting cards
- \*Miscellaneous wooden puzzle pieces
- \*Cardboard egg cartons
- \*Electronics for our children to 'fix'

The month of September was spent learning about classroom rules, manners, self concept ('Me') and families. We talked about how each of us is uniquely special to God, and how we may all look different on the outside, but how each of us has a heart on the inside. We talked about feelings - what causes them and how those feelings may show on our faces. The MWF class examined their eye color, hair color and skin color, then did a full-sized body tracing / painting activity.

We charted the size of each of our families, and discovered that most of us have families of 4, but some have families of 3, 5, 6 and even 7! We learned that there are many types of families, but that each is held together with a special glue called 'love'!

Books we read this month included, Hugs and Kisses by Christopher Loupy, Families are Different by Nina Pellegrini, Are You My Mother? (activity with props for the TTh classes) by P.D. Eastman and Pass the Cheese, Please.



AJ (above) painting his traced, full body image in the Mon-Wed-Fri morning class. Klaire (left) finger painting in the Tuesday-Thursday morning preschool class.

## congregational thank you's

cont.

Thank you for supporting me with my education (college scholarship). The money will be used towards books and other school expenses. Thanks again. God Bless!

Charlie Nofziger



The St. John's Family,

The Hall family would like to thank everyone who brought us a meal (or organized them), sent us a card, or offered a prayer on our behalf when Mary injured her knee. We appreciate all of your efforts.

Thank You!!

Vond, Mary, Leah, Brayden & Emma



St. John's Church Family,

I want to say thank you to the scholarship committee for the scholarship. It will be very helpful in paying for college.

Michael Walker



Many thanks to all of you for the kind thoughts, prayers, wonderful meals, and the many cards during the past 3 months. Also thank you to Pastors Adam and Erich for their comforting visits. What a wonderful church family!

God's blessings to all  
Don & Charlene LaFountaine



St. Our John's Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant sent in memory of our dad and grandfather. From food and cards to kind words, visits and prayers, your love and support of our family at this time is so deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Erich for your visit, prayers and care of our family at the hospital. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a love and caring church family. God bless you all.

In Christ,  
Dale & Ann Grime & Families

## mission corner

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

- African Inland Mission (Tom & Megan L), for our gift of \$234.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$579.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$479.
- Church World Service, for our gift of \$15.

- Crossroad, for our gift of \$42.
- Defiance YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$1,030.
- GCM (Matt Pardi), for our gift of \$10.
- Pioneers (Jon & Rachel Doriot), for our gift of \$215.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$35.

### Letters From Our Mission Partners:

Many thanks to those who helped make the Colony Meadows winterization project a success. Quality Glass repaired windows in at least nine homes. Wyse Plumbing and Heating donated and installed programmable thermostats and furnace filters. Seven homes got water efficient shower heads. Twelve homes got energy efficient light bulbs. Many, many doors and windows were caulked. One resident got her bathroom sink installed where there was none and the hole in her floor sealed. Seventeen volunteers from St. John's, Zion, St. Peter's, FISH and Colony Meadows participated. Our community is a great place to live because you love your neighbors. Thanks.

Barbara Budde, FISH Pantry



Greetings,

We are on the road visiting 5 satellite schools this week to encourage, teach and congratulate pastors and students for achievements they're making and treat a few administrative issues.

### Please pray:

1. That we in fact will encourage them.
2. We'll have the strength and energy to engage them and teach well. We're teaching in Portuguese and many times with translation into the local language of the area of the school.
3. Safety on the road as we'll be covering about 1,200 kilometers in our 20 year old car that's been on Mozambican roads for at least 5 years.
4. The flow of words in the English language to get out an overdue newsletter.

### We're thankful for:

1. A successful week of intensive training at the end of July with 7 of the pastors completing the study course.
2. Two seminars in the month of Aug. in which Leila and I participated and another 5 seminars of our colleagues.
3. Leila holding up under the African sun when she spoke to around 500 at a women's conference morning and mid-afternoon, (it was open air with no microphone).
4. Those of you who are faithfully praying for us and supporting us!

Tony & Leila

## mission corner cont.

### Letters from Our Mission Partners (cont.):

In essence, although it is a slow journey, we are still on the road to Ethiopia. We're hoping to leave for the capital city, Addis Ababa, sometime in early 2014, after the arrival of our 3rd grandchild. Initially we plan to do language study in Addis for about 6 months. While there, we anticipate working with the country's first family medicine residency program as well as spending some time with friends at Myung Sung Christian Hospital and Medical School. (This is a mission outreach of a South Korean church; it has developed into a large facility with a church, a clinic program and a brand new Christian medical school. Volunteers from South Korea, the US, Canada and Europe assist the Ethiopian medical staff.)



After we have become somewhat familiar with rudimentary Amharic, we'll move on to Soddo which is about 6 hours southwest of Addis. You can be introduced to the hospital and its mission at [www.soddo.org](http://www.soddo.org). It's truly an amazing oasis of Christian compassion! Judd anticipates helping with maintenance needs on "campus" as well as working with farmers in the area. There is an agricultural school within hiking distance of the hospital. Becky plans to join a couple other family physicians who are also transitioning to Soddo. There is a new medical school in Soddo which will soon begin to send students to the hospital to train. Ultimately we hope to help create a family medicine residency program to help serve the needs of the region. There is already a general surgery residency program in place; this is a joint venture between Myung Sung and Soddo Christian and is affiliated with PAACS, the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons.

Our next several months will be a whirlwind of activity. Primary prayer needs include:

1. The ability to prayerfully prioritize and keep 1st things 1st
2. Housing (Sorting and storage of Fulton County belongings, provision of a place in Addis Ababa and wisdom and funds for a home in Soddo)
3. Smooth transition from the St. Luke's/UTMC residency program, including timely provision of a compassionate family physician to replace Becky

4. Completion of needed training prior to our departure

5. The opportunity, ability and courage to effectively articulate Christ's love as we prepare to move on

6. Physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and stamina for us and our family as we attempt to do all that needs done.

Thank you so much for walking with us! Your partnership is a huge encouragement, not only to us but also to all who serve at Soddo and Myung Sung. We're looking forward to God's next chapters in Ethiopia and would be happy to share in person prior to our departure.

Blessings,  
Judd & Becky McClarren

### October Mission-A-Month - Operation Christmas Child:

Operation Christmas Child is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and the word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. In October, we will be collecting items to be included in shoe boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church so these boxes can be delivered to area drop-off locations in time for the Christmas holiday season. If you choose to pack your own shoe box, please do not seal it - just place a rubber band around the box and use a label from one of the envelopes on the table in the sanctuary narthex to signify on the box if it is for a boy or girl and place it in or near the white mission box outside the chapel. Or you can just purchase items to be included in boxes that will be packed later. Some suggestions for shoe box items are listed below:

Toys - small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

School Supplies - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items - toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other - Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note - In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**Do Not Include -** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Monetary donations may also be given to help purchase items to fill shoe boxes and the supplies needed to pack them, and the expenses to ship/deliver the boxes (cost is \$7 per shoe box). Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or included in your weekly offering envelopes earmarked "OCC" or October M-A-M.

**Back Bay Mission Trip – October 19 - 26, 2013 - All Are Welcome!:**

Trip participants will enjoy sharing in the grace of Christ as we fellowship with one another, meet people who live on the gulf coast and work to offer them hope



and stability. It truly is a week of building faith, exploring relationship with God and hands on activities of love. And we do some

home construction, too. There is always a mix of first time participants and several who have been there more than three or four times. Home construction is the norm, which could be any phase of home repair or construction, with opportunities to serve in a homeless day shelter, soup kitchen and food pantry available. Group devotions are included in each morning schedule and meal times provide time for group reflections. Learning's from a summer internship have opened up consideration of: enjoying a trolley tour of Biloxi for a few hours late one afternoon, visiting the local visitor center to learn about the gulf coast and hurricane Katrina, enjoying some barbecue and seafood restaurants, and learning more about the ministry of Back Bay Mission. Bus transportation to, from and during the week, six nights of lodging, meals from Sunday dinner through Friday lunch, work camp supplies (charged by Back Bay Mission) and necessary supplies cost each person \$185 for this experience. The expense should not prevent anyone from going – arrangements can be made to cover the cost from various, confidential sources. Sign-Up sheet is posted – please prayerfully consider!

**Thank Offering:**

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up in the sanctuary narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next couple 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.



**Missionary News and Contact Information:**

Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

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Judd & Becky McClarren

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# ministry happenings

## Christian Education

### Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

September was a good month for Senior Youth Fellowship. We finished up our series on "Thirsty" and began a new one focusing on reasons for our faith. October looks like it'll be another great month highlighted by a night of apple picking on the 9th. Here's a look at the upcoming schedule: October 2nd - Is the Bible Reliable?; October 9th at 6:45PM - Apple Picking with Life Planning; October 16th - Senior Sharing; October 23rd - Dealing with Depression; October 30th - FallFest.

### Life Planning - Senior High Youth Mentoring Program:

This month we'll be picking apples on Wednesday, October 9th. We'll be meeting at the church at 6:45PM and plan on being back to the church by 8:30. Those apples will then be used to make cider and brought to the church for a fund raiser.

### LOGOS Ministry:

October LOGOS Wednesday evening youth program theme schedule is as follows:

- October 2nd - Farm Night
- October 9th - Pajama Night
- October 16th - Around the World Night
- October 23rd - Teddy Bear Night
- October 30th - Fall Harvest Party Night

### Miracles in John - Adult Sunday School Class:

Join us for a 3-week class on the 7 miracles in John's gospel. These miracles are signs that point us to Jesus and each one tells a different story. Pastor Adam will be leading this class which will run on October 6th, 13th and 20th.

## Events / Activities

### October Prayer Focus:

In 2013 we are focusing a little deeper on our prayer lives. Prayer can often seem daunting and overwhelming. So each month a different "type" or form of prayer is offered. The hope is that maybe you would find one that you connect with a little better and easier than others. The prayer focus for October is Conversational Prayer. Conversational Prayer is when we talk naturally and unself-consciously to God in a group prayer time with others. For many of us, we can become self-conscious when asked to pray with others. "Do I pray well enough?" "What if I say something silly?" "I'm not sure what to pray." These are questions and thoughts we wrestle with. In Conversational prayer, we seek to get past these doubts and just converse with God.

Conversational prayer begins with at least 2 people praying about a specific topic. Each person takes turns offering a sentence or two about the topic and then allows someone else to pray. We listen to the prayers of each other and are directed by the Spirit of God in offering these prayers. The group can move on to another topic as the Spirit leads. Conversational prayer is a simple way of talking to God without pretense or flowery speech. This can be a great way to encourage the body of Christ.

### How to Practice This:

- When you get done speaking with someone about concerns, suggest that the two of you pray together a sentence.
- Invite your children to take turns praying a sentence. You can suggest the topics.
- When praying with others, listen to their prayers. What is God saying to you through them?
- Each Tuesday from 12-1PM there is a time of conversational prayer held in the chapel. All are invited to attend and offer a sentence. We hope to expand and offer more times of conversational prayer for the church.

For more information on Conversational Prayer, see Pastor Adam. Information on Conversational Prayer is adapted from Spiritual Disciplines Handbook by Adele Calhoun c. 2005, InterVarsity Press.

### Prayer Quote:

"We tend to think of prayer as something we do in order to produce the results we believe are needed or, rather, to get God to produce the results. As a result, our prayer tends to be a shopping list of things to be accomplished, an attempt to manipulate the symptoms of our lives without really entering into a deep, vital, transforming relationship with God." - Robert Mulholland

### Fellowship Committee:

Hats off to our Fellowship Committee for providing yet another fantastic meal on Sunday, September 29th. The annual Chicken BBQ was another great fellowship event - many people were served delicious food, even homemade apple crisp! The Fellowship Committee's efforts and dedication are a true blessing in the life ministry of our congregation!

Next on the agenda for the Fellowship Committee is our annual Gong Show and Silent Auction on Sunday, October 27th. The evening begins with a meal at 5PM, awesome talent acts begin at 6PM, and throughout the evening you will have opportunities to bid on great and unique handmade and/or purchased items. A fun night awaits all who attend, and proceeds will be divided equally between St. John's Christian Preschool and our annual Book Bag Bash.

## College / Grad School / Military Prayer Calendar

Day of Month	Name	Address	City	St	Zip	School	Year
1	Bechstein, Tyler	Apt 348 10294 42nd Ave	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ	Jr.
2	Buckenmeyer, Alicia	948 Huntwood Lane	Charlottesville	VA	22901	University of Virginia	Grad Sch
3	Buckenmeyer, Eric	47 E Green Dr	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University	So.
4	Christman, Amy	Malone University Box #975 2600 Cleveland Ave NW	Canton	OH	44709	Malone University	Jr.
5	Christman, Ryan	418 Clara Ave. Apt. 4	St. Louis	MO	63112	Washington U.	Grad Sch
6	Ducey, Morgan	244 King Ave	Columbus	OH	43201	Ohio State Univ	Sr.
7	Garza, Grace	417 N. Pointe Dr	Archbold	OH	43502	NWSSC	Fr.
8	Gobrogge, Alyssa					Heidelberg University	Jr.
9	Jennings, Chris	Bluffton University	Bluffton	OH	45817	Bluffton University	Sr.
10	Jennings, Tyler	Bluffton University	Bluffton	OH	45817	Bluffton University	Jr.
11	Lehman, Jenny					Wittenberg University	Fr.
12	Lindsay, Jayson	2374 Victor St	Cincinnati	OH	45219	Univ of Cincinnati	Sr.
13	Lindsay, Jennifer	Ashland University	Ashland	OH	44805	Ashland University	Jr.
14	Mann, Alyssa	Indiana Wesleyan Univ	Marion	In	46953	Indiana Wesleyan	Sr.
15	McCandless, Morgan	Lyden House Room #4013 251 Madison Ave.	Youngstown	OH	44502	Youngstown State Univ	Fr.
16	Neuenschwander, Trevor	Unit 2559 402 W. College Ave	Ada	OH	45810	Ohio Northern Univ	Jr.
17	Nofziger, Charlie	Student Mailbox 75 1247 E Siena Heights Dr	Adrian	MI	49221	Siena Heights University	Jr.
18	Nofziger, Delaney	541 Ann Ave.	Wauseon	OH	43567	NWSSC	Fr.
19	Nofziger, Mackenzie	319 S. Mercer Rd., Apt. 140	Bowling Green	OH	43402	Bowling Green State Univ	Sr.
20	Nofziger, Vicki	1592 Co Rd 16	Wauseon	OH	43567	NWSSC	Jr
21	Rice, Dinah	10020 Residence Dr #226	Allendale	MI	49401	Grand Valley State Univ	Fr.
22	Sears, Heather	58 E. Daniel St.	Champaign	IL	61820	University of Illinois	Sr.
23	Short, Olley	25515 Co Rd E	Archbold	OH	43502	Univ of NW Ohio	So.
24	Smith, Kinsey	98 West Green Drive	Athens	OH	45701	Ohio University	Fr.
25	Walker, Collin / Corey	1101 N Byrne Rd	Toledo	OH	43607	Univ of Toledo	Sr.
26	Walker, Michael	1700 S Main St	Goshen	IN	46526	Goshen College	Fr.
27	Winzeler, Bryce	4850 A Hollingbourne Dr	Columbus	OH	43214		Law School
28	Ducey, Kyle	10175 Park Meadows Dr. #5-326	Lone Tree	CO	80124		
28	RCT Lesniak, Jacob D						
29	Mr & Mrs Dennis LaPorte	107 Nebraska St	Travis AFB	CA	94535		
29	Tyson L Bostelman	To be discharged by the end of Sept, 2013	Fort Sill	CO			
30	1 Lt Jared Kuntz & Maria	627 UN Lauman	Fort Sill	OK	73503		
31	Mr & Mrs Steven R Schink	Apt 5 170 Nautical Dr	Sturgeon Bay	WI	54234		

# ministry happenings

Events / Activities (cont.) cont.

## Point of Grace in Concert December 15th:

With their signature chill-inducing harmonies, anthemic choruses and powerful lyrics that poignantly capture life's simple yet vital messages, the presence of Point of Grace and their touching musical delivery will set the tone for a heartfelt and joy-filled family Christmas.

Tickets will range from \$20 to \$30 for the concert. In addition there will be a nominal cost for transportation via the new church bus, as well as for a pre-concert meal at a Van Wert area restaurant.

Sign-up on the bulletin board as quickly as possible so we can reserve the right number of tickets!



Point of Grace - The two-time Grammy nominees have sold more than 6.5 million albums and earned 24 consecutive No. 1 singles! They've won 10 prestigious Dove Awards, including Country Recorded Song of the Year in 2008 for "How You Live" and Country Recorded Song of the Year in 2009 for "I Wish."

## Prayer Times/Ministries:

The apostle Paul encourages the early Christian churches to pray, as evidenced in these verses from just two of his letters:

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Pastors Adam and Erich invite people to join them for weekly times of prayer: from noon to 1PM or from 6PM to 7PM on Tuesdays. One or both of our pastors will be in the chapel for these two hours of prayer. These times allow us to lift our prayers to God on behalf of our church ministries, the physical and spiritual concerns of our congregation, and the needs of our nation and world.

Erich has begun a study and prayer fellowship small group. Participants will study scriptures on prayer, read some books on prayer, and will spend time in prayer together. The group meets from 6:15 to

7:15 Wednesday evenings in Erich's office. Adults are welcome to join in anytime – come each Wednesday, once or twice a month – just come!

## Clothing Swap:

On November 9th we will be having our first St. John's clothing swap in the Parish Hall for children's clothing items 0-18 years of age. This is how it works . . . bring any clothing item that your child does not wear or does not need any more and pick out something they will use or need. It's that simple, and here are some helpful ideas for this event. Look in your closets for anything your child has out grown, or just doesn't wear; these items would be perfect for the swap. If you are a bargain shopper, any item you find would be welcomed, especially winter coats, pants, mittens, hats, etc. Blankets are a great item, too. Any sporting gear or eye glass frames are good to bring. We want this to meet the needs of our community so no toys, jewelry, costumes, etc. Since we will be having this around the holidays, Christmas dresses and boys dress clothes would be awesome. What ever is left over will be given to a charity, so pray for what that charity should be. Finally if you are not interested in donating clothes, you could donate a finger food. There is nothing better then shopping and eating!! Happy Swapping!!

This swap will be open for EVERYONE! The swap is meant to be used to meet a need, and for fun and fellowship. The public will be invited to this event.

## Stitching Sisters:

Congratulations St. John's Stitching Sisters. With the combination of your talents and caring spirit, we were able to send 37 hats and 20 scarves to the Kajiado Children's Home. Don't fear there are many scarves left to be able to supply our normal area outlets this winter. Please keep working so we can fill many more tubs. Thank the Lord and you for your talents and all your hard work.

There is still time for anyone who would like to join our mission. Just contact Carol De Vries at 419-445-8311.

## CCR - Christ Centered Reading:

Do you know about AR Book Finder? At [www.arbookfinder.com](http://www.arbookfinder.com), you can complete an advanced search to find the best books to fit your children's skill level and interests. Under "Additional Criteria," search "Religion" under "All Topics."

ADULTS – Are you looking for Christian book reviews and recommendations, too? Contact Jenna Storrer, our CE Director, with topics and genres you are interested in, and she will help you find titles and print reviews in future newsletters and Visitor's!



# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>8:00AM Worship</b> <b>9:15AM Sunday School</b> <b>9:15AM Faith Village</b> <b>9:15AM Confirmation</b> <b>10:30AM Worship</b>	<b>Mission-A-Month—</b> <b>Operation Christmas Child</b> <b>Elder of the Month—</b> <b>Ed Ruffer</b>	<b>1</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 5:00PM Comm. Meal (Zion) 6:00PM Prayer Time	<b>2</b> 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells/Chimes/Skills 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7:15PM Mission Comm.	<b>4</b> 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Holy Communion</b> 9:15AM Miracles In John Adult SS Class 6:00PM Seekers Small Group	<b>7 Columbus Day</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:15PM Staff Meeting 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	<b>8</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:00PM Comm. Meal (Zion) 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-Ball 6:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 6:30PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Preschool Board 7:00PM Property Comm.	<b>9</b> 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 5:50PM LOGOS 6:15PM Prayer Small Group 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells/Chimes/Skills 7:00PM Life Planning / SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	<b>12</b> 10AM-2PM Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
<b>13</b> 9:15AM Miracles In John Adult SS Class 10:40AM Junior Church 11:00AM Pastor Adam Leads Worship at Fairlawn 6:00PM Seekers Small Group	<b>14</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:15PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	<b>15</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Comm. Meal (Zion) 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-Ball 6:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 7:00PM Budget & Stewardship 7:00PM Cub Scouts /P. Hall	<b>16</b> 6:15AM Rule of Life Men's Group 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:15PM Prayer Small Group 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells/Chimes/Skills 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	<b>19</b> 8AM-1PM Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)  <b>Depart for Back Bay MT</b>
<b>20 Gideon Sunday</b> 9:15AM Miracles In John Adult SS Class 10:30AM Bells/Chimes Play	<b>21</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:15PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC 7:30PM Consistory	<b>22</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 1:30PM Bingo at Fairlawn 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 4:00PM FCCLA Set Up 5:00PM Comm. Meal (Zion) 6:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-Ball	<b>23</b> 8:00AM FCCLA 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM West Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS 6:15PM Prayer Small Group 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	<b>26</b> <b>Return from Back Bay MT</b>
<b>27</b> 9:15AM Fellowship Hour Program 5:00PM Gong Show/ Silent Auction	<b>28</b> 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Couples Small Group 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	<b>29</b> 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 5:00PM Comm. Meal (Zion) 5:30PM 2nd Grade B-Ball 6:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel)	<b>30</b> 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS 6:15PM Prayer Small Group 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Junior Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b>		

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Wally Dehnbostel<br>2 Kyle Ducey, Zander Johnston, Nan Neill, Kane Overmier, Louise Short<br>3 Evelyn Buckenmeyer, Pat Wyse, Emily Walker<br>4 Bud Beck, Erich Christman, Mike Henry, Carrie Wanemacher<br>5 Brianna Krukowski<br>6 Devin Beltz<br>7 Roger & Sandy Miller, Warren & Cindy Sauder<br>8 Susie Enderle, Jo Short, Steve Walker<br>9 Sue Henry<br>10 Jack Spotts<br>11 Gary & Teresa Mann, Olley Short<br>12 Vond & Mary Hall<br>14 Brooke Hines<br>15 Barb Sigg<br>16 Katrina Gobrogge, Todd Nafziger, Gwenyth Whiteman | 17 Sierra Blankenship, Keith & Kim Kern<br>19 Tim & Jamie Beck, Emma Nafziger, Myrl Zimmerman<br>20 Ron & Karen Rice, Jane Short, Jon Schmidt<br>21 Stan Ruffer, Greg Weddelman<br>22 Carrie Yoder<br>23 Ben Buehrer, Pete Grieser, Bailey Grieser, Vicki Nofziger, Phyllis Swietzer<br>24 Tim Beck, Todd & Jill Nafziger, Tyler Rupp<br>25 Jenny Beck, Adison Kinsman<br>26 Dan Martinez, Justin & Carrie Yoder<br>27 Aprile Jennings, Dinah Rice<br>28 A.J. & Kisha Genter, Mary Ellen Johnson<br>29 Kyle Beck, Tom & Laura Johnson, Tim Kleck<br>30 Cathy Spiess, Jan Lindsay<br>31 Adam Kinsman<br>✨ Please let us know if we do NOT have your special day correct! Thank you. |
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## worship

### October Worship:

Oct 6..... World Communion Sunday (We will celebrate the sacrament by journeying out of our pews at both services, as well as serving communion to those of our congregation who live in a care facility or are home bound.)

Chancel Choir Anthem – “People of God”  
Scriptures: Rev. 15:3-4, Ephesians 2:1-10  
Sermon – “Free Gift?” - Pastor Erich

Oct 13.... Stewardship Sunday (Exploring our Tithes and Gifts to God)

Chancel Choir Anthem – “Hallelujah, Our God Reigns”  
Scriptures: Ps. 24, Prov. 3:5-10, 2 Cor. 9:6-11  
Sermon – “First Fruits” - Pastor Erich

Oct 20.... The first of a six week exploration of prayer, based on the prayers of the Apostle Paul as written about in Ray Pritchard’s book, “Beyond All You Could Ask or Think.”

Hand Bell and Hand Chime Choirs  
Scriptures – Ps. 86:1-5, Philippians 1:9-11  
Sermon – “Don’t Settle for Second Best” - Pastor Adam

Oct 27..... Chancel Choir – “God is Our Refuge”  
Testimony – Mackenzie Nofziger, sharing of her time with Campus Crusade

Scriptures: James 5:15-16, Col. 1:9-14  
Sermon – “How to Pray with Power” - Pastor Erich

### Sermon in Music:

December 8th – Deb Schnitkey, our Director of Music Ministry, is already praying about and considering music for this special annual Sunday of celebration music. We are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists who are willing to share their gifts in this Advent service of celebration in song!

### Nursery Care – 10:30 Worship:

Our CE Director, Jenna Storrer, and Tara Meyer are beginning to put together the 2014 Nursery Care schedule. If you would be interested in helping care for our young children during the 10:30 worship service, please contact Jenna ([jstorrer1@gmail.com](mailto:jstorrer1@gmail.com)) or Tara ([tara.meyer14@gmail.com](mailto:tara.meyer14@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## consistory

### Nomination Process:

The Spiritual Council has entered into the annual nomination process of seeking leaders of the

congregation to serve as officers of Consistory. The Spiritual Council will be intentionally praying for God’s discernment of nominees, and everyone of the congregation is asked to be praying for Spirit led discernment. And in your own times of prayer, if you are led to consider volunteering for such a leadership role in the ministry of St. John’s, please speak with one of our Spiritual Council members - Norma Fish, Jan Lindsay, Todd Nafziger, Ed Ruffer, Jon Rupp, Brent Winzeler, Jeff Rutledge, Pastors Erich and Adam.

## small groups

### Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John’s:

Twice a Month Sunday Evenings - Seekers

6:00 - 7:00PM - Wyrick’s, 504 N. Defiance St.

Wednesday Mornings - Moms in Prayer

8:30 - 9:30AM - Upstairs Sunday School Room

2nd & 4th Monday of Month - Couples Small Group

6:30 - 8:30PM - Youth Room

Monday Evenings - Sister Chicks INC

7:00 - 8:30PM - Nancy Rupp’s, St. Rt. 2, Stryker

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoons - High School Guys

3:30 - 4:30PM - Youth Room

Wednesday Evenings Prayer Small Group

6:15 - 7:15PM - Pastor Erich’s Office

Third Wednesday of Month - Men’s Rule of Life Group

6:15 - 7:15AM - Home Restaurant, N. Defiance St.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

9:00 - 10:00AM - West Haven, Fairlawn

Friday Mornings - High School Girls

6:45 - 7:45AM - Youth Room

## stewardship

### Online Giving:

Online giving continues to be available through our church web site. Please contact Sue in the office to be assigned and OLG number if you are interested in taking advantage of this service. Several members of our congregation currently utilize this service and have found it to be easy and convenient. You don’t need to be a Farmers & Merchants State Bank customer, nor are there any additional fees related to utilizing the online giving portal. Giving online will save you the cost of check writing and can provide you with an easier way to budget your tithes and offerings. If you have questions, or if you don’t have access to a computer but would like to take advantage of this new online giving feature, feel free to contact the church office for further assistance.

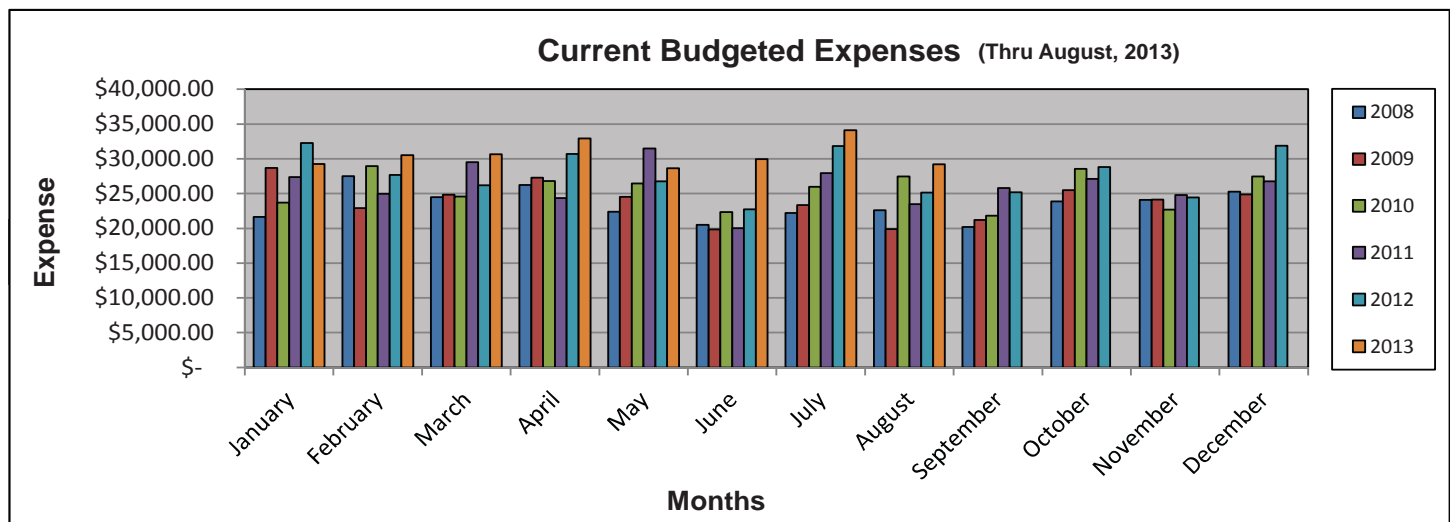
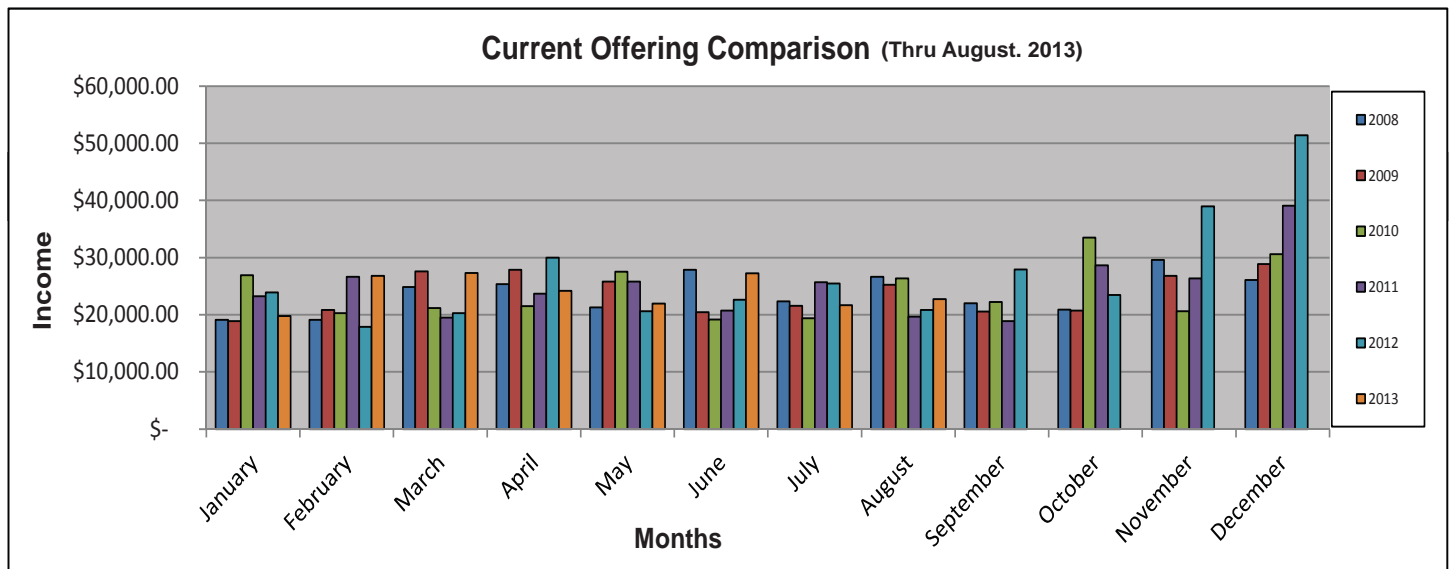
**2013 Year To Date Finances:**

	Jan-Aug, '08	Jan-Aug, '09	Jan-Aug, '10	Jan-Aug, '11	Jan-Aug, '12	Jan-Aug, '13
Income	206,336	207,490	203,727	201,662	197,992	211,537
Expenses	203,763	210,413	231,187	209,191	223,036	245,161
Difference	2,573	(2,923)	(27,460)	(7,529)	(25,044)	(33,624)

The Consistory, our congregational group of officers and leaders, wishes to draw people’s attention to the rather large deficit looming in our Current Fund. It is a fact that such a deficit has existed over the past number of years, but each year the faithfulness of the congregation has enabled any deficit to be wiped out by the end of the year. Of greater concern this year is that the deficit is much higher than in past years, in part resulting from the expense of the pastor’s sabbatical, as well as other factors.

A scripture to consider comes from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

May everyone be led by God’s Spirit in the stewardship support of our congregational ministries. Everyone is asked to be in prayer, that we not only continue to seek God’s will, but also do the Lord’s will, in this and in all matters of our ministries.



# October Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

1 Never Alone -----	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	17 A Man of Integrity -----	Genesis 39:1-23
2 Confronting the Lies -----	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	18 Forgotten Again -----	Genesis 40:1-23
3 My Brother's Keeper -----	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5	19 God First -----	Genesis 41:1-16
4 God-Interruptions -----	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	20 Frail -----	Psalms 39:1-13
5 Prepare to be Different -----	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	21 For Such a Time as This -----	Genesis 41:17-45
6 A to Z of Godly Living -----	Psalms 37:1-40	22 Reconciliation -----	Genesis 42:1-24
7 Living in Death's Shadow ---	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	23 Man of Sorrows -----	Genesis 42:25-38
8 The End Is Near! -----	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	24 Trusting God -----	Genesis 43:1-34
9 Beautiful People -----	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	25 Making U-turns -----	Genesis 44:1-34
10 Stand By Me -----	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	26 The Power of Forgiveness -----	Genesis 45:1-28
11 Shaken Not Stirred -----	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	27 Waiting Patiently? -----	Psalms 40:1-17
12 The Privilege of Prayer -----	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	28 Places of Blessing -----	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
13 A Cry From the Heart -----	Psalms 38:1-22	29 Deep Breath . . . -----	Genesis 47:1-12
14 Tough Love -----	2 Thessalonians 3:6-18	30 Giving It Back -----	Genesis 47:13-31
15 Unhappy Families -----	Genesis 37:1-11	31 (Un)Natural Selection -----	Genesis 48:1-22
16 Uprooted -----	Genesis 37:12-36		

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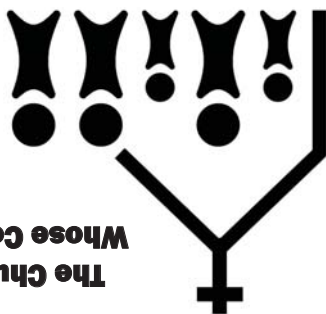
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 Sunday School 9:15AM

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Holy Communion:

New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (2/13), Maundy Thursday (3/28),  
 Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/21), 1st Sunday in October (10/6),  
 1st Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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