

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

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Please Pray For:

- Wally Dehnbostel, who is at Fairlawn (Room #171B) recovering from a stroke.
- Gretchen Heer and family, upon the passing of Ralph H. Heer into his eternal home with Jesus on April 13th.
- Maybelle Knoop, who had knee replacement surgery on April 3rd.
- Kathryn and John Graber, as Kathryn has been diagnosed with bladder cancer, and they continue the process of researching treatment options.
- Lois Keith, who is recovering from a hairline fracture in her leg.
- Richard and Cathy Spiess, as Richard continues to care for Cathy who lives with Frontal Temporal Dementia.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety. Serving from our church are:

Kyle Ducey (Navy)

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Lone Tree, CO 80124

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

Jared, Maria & Silvette:
627 UN Lauman, Fort Sill, OK 73503

Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Dennis is stationed in Afghanistan
Wife, Wren & daughter, Lorelei
107 Nebraska St, Travis AFB, CA 94535-1235

Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

LOC #1355 MCCES, Box 788253
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Braden Martinez (Army)

Braden is based in Texas for now and will be
deployed to Kuwait & Afghanistan soon
Wife, Brittany
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Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan
590 Rhonert Park Expy. W. #350
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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)

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

Florence Augustine, Room #120

Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206

LeNore Heer, Room #160

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

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

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

Myrl & Pauline Zimmerman, Room #220

congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS to Will and Kylie Kreuz, on the birth of their son, William Thomas Kreuz II on April 15th in Perrysburg, Ohio. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20-1/2" long. William's grandparents include Tim and Dawn Smith.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lucas and Lindy Lantz on the birth of their daughter, Kenley Sue Lantz on April 24th. Kenley weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20" long. Kenley has two big sisters, Kylie and Kali, and her grandparents include Dean and Darlene Sauder.



pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

I share on a topic in this issue that cannot be fully expressed in this column, but I lay some ground work for future lessons, for contemplation, for conversation. Let's consider the topic of "once saved, always saved." It's a teaching regarding eternal salvation in regards to the belief that once a person is saved in Christ, you are saved no matter how you may behave. Such an issue seems to revolve around security and assurance, as people want to be at peace with God in understanding their own eternal salvation, as well as the eternal salvation of others.

I was recently challenged to consider John 10:27-28, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." This lesson from Jesus certainly brings validity to "once saved, always saved" as followers of Jesus Christ will never perish. John 3:16 assures us that we won't perish if we believe in God's Son.

Yet I was left to consider the avowed atheist who regularly writes of his atheism in letters to the editor of a local newspaper. Though he now has no belief in a god, he used to be a Christian pastor serving in a church setting. His unbelief causes me to wonder about his former belief, and spurs me on to be ever more diligent in growing in my knowledge and wisdom of the Lord.

We are engaged in a sermon series of 2 Timothy, reminding us to fan into flame the gift of God within us, that gift being sincere faith through the power of the Spirit of God. The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:18, "... (we) are being transformed into the Lord's likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." "Ever-increasing glory is a gradual process by which the Holy Spirit works in believers to move them toward Christlikeness." (Fred Butler)

"Fanning into flame," "a gradual process," "being transformed" – I like these phrases. Eternal salvation is a matter of the heart, a heart of belief that engages in growth towards being evermore Christ like. I've just reviewed a listing of 74 bible verses in reference to "once saved, always saved" and Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:13 were listed – "but the one who endures to the end will be saved." God knows people desire comfort and assurance, as the Lord's Spirit worked through Peter to write in 2 Peter 1:10: "... be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall." What things? Spend some time reading 2 Peter 1:5-9. In belief of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, let us each fan into flame our faith, that we would know God more, that our hearts will continue in a gradual transforming process of love and devotion. More to come... ERICH

preschool corner

Is spring finally here to stay? We hope so!! Many of our April activities centered on the changes outside and the renewal we feel when we think about Christ's resurrection.

At the beginning of April we welcomed some visitors as we learned about "Community Helpers". Some classes enjoyed a visit from an Archbold firefighter who brought an ambulance. We got to go inside and learn about some really cool equipment! Other classes learned that Community Helpers aren't always human! An officer from the Wauseon Police Dept. brought in her K-9 partner. He even had his own badge and bullet-proof vest! Did you know that police dogs are REALLY HUGE?? We learned that jobs are not gender-specific, and that there are lots of different "helpers" in our community.

During Holy Week, we acted out Palm Sunday with a wooden donkey and palm leaves, then told the story of the crucifixion and resurrection with 'Resurrection Eggs', a great visual/tangible activity which brings the story alive for the children. The children made some beautiful melted crayon crosses (hanging on the east doors), crosses on a hill—made with oil pastels, hanging near the Parish Hall doors, as well as collage and scrap paper eggs.

The last two weeks of the month we celebrated spring! Fork-print tulips, toilet paper roll flower prints, umbrellas with 'rain', kites and butterflies are adorning our walls and the hallways. We learned about the body parts of an insect, life cycle of the frog and butterfly, and read some great books such as Leaping Frogs by Melvin Berger and Rainy City Rainbow by Anne Sibley O'Brien. We took walks and looked for signs of spring (and saw some really neat road construction going on!). Backwards/Inside Out Day was a highlight and enjoyed by all (see images below)! Happy Spring!!! (finally!!)



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Bo and Aiden

congregational thank you's

Many, Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and messages you have sent.

John & Kathryn Graber



Dear St. John's Family and Friends,

Being wrapped in the love and care of our church family and friends is priceless.

Your prayers, cards, hugs and kind words were so appreciated during Jackie's illness and following her death. It is a blessing to be part of such a loving church family.

In Christian love,
Dale & Ann Grime & family



Thank you for all your thoughtfulness and support for our daughter Kristina. Praise God her tumors on her liver have shrunk. They're going to continue watching them. Please continue to pray for her. May God bless you all.

Ken & Shirley Nafziger



I would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards and prayers for my stay in the hospital and home therapy. Thank you again.

Maybell Knoop



St. John's,

THANK YOU so much for the College Scholarship! It is truly a blessing to me and will be incredibly useful in my education! I consider it a huge blessing to have grown up in this church and have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship!

Again, thanks so much,
Kinsey Smith



Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be so useful to purchase books and supplies. I appreciate all of the prayers and support.

Thanks,
Delaney Nofziger



To Everyone at St. John's,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I'm sure many of you already know what a blessing some extra money toward expenses is when income is sparse. I thought I'd let you know how grateful I am for your gift and how much it is appreciated.

Thanks once more,
Eric Buckenmeyer

St. John's Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent illness. A special thank you to the LOGOS Kitchen Crew for the plant. I feel very blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Jean Stamm

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Altlink (Tom & Megan L.), for our gift of \$211.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$470.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$125.
- Great Commission Ministries (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$150.
- Habitat for Humanity (Fulton County) for our gift of \$500.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- New Life International (Rauschenbergers), for our gift of \$65.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$325.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$100.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$1,265.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome on Sunday, March 30th. The joy of the Lord is evident in your worship, in your love for each other and in your concern for the global church. As you seek to live out the "Great Commission" you are a reflection of Christ.

In His Love,
Judd & Becky McClarren



Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP):

A cooperative internship program is being established between CRHP and St. John's Christian Church. Through the January 2013 delegation that went to visit with Dr. Shobha Arole and Ravi Arole, initial plans were put together. Just over a year later, the Mission Committee is assisting in sending Amy Christman, Morgan Ducey and Abby Oberla for internships this summer. Abby is a friend of Morgan's, with both of them graduating this month from Ohio State University with a degree in nursing. The three of them will leave for CRHP during the third week of June. Amy and Abby will return to the states in late July, and Morgan will return in late August. Morgan and Abby will spend time working in the Jamkhed Hospital and participate in the mobile health team ministry. Amy will be learning from the Arole's as part of her education towards her educational ministries degree, as well as for her interest in the mission field.

mission corner cont.

May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street Mission Ministries / Sparrow's Nest:

Since 1947 Cherry Street Mission Ministries has served homeless and low-income individuals in the Toledo area. The doors are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other vital services including literacy and vocational training, resource networking and job readiness assistance. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

The Men's Division is able to serve 110 men each night, providing them with food, clothing, shelter, daily chapel services and weekly medical attention, as well as information and referrals to agencies that provide a wide range of services.

The Sparrow's Nest is Cherry Street Mission's Women's Division, which provides safe emergency shelter for women. The Sparrow's Nest reopened in January 2005, with expanded sleeping and dining areas for 52 women per night.

Cherry Street serves men and women every day to help meet their most basic need of eating a balanced meal. Cherry Street gratefully accepts financial donations and gift-in-kind donations (anything donated that is not cash). More information about this Mission-A-Month can be found online at www.cherrystreetmission.org.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with "May M-A-M (mission-a-month)" or by dropping off donated items in the white box across from the chapel.

Kajiado Children's Home – Sept. 19 – 29, 2014:

Join Larry Rupp and people from supporting churches from several states on this ten day trip of exploration! The trip will cost about \$3,000, \$2,000 of which is airfare. The group will either leave from Detroit or JFK. It would be a blessing to have one or more people from St. John's participate in this trip as we continue to build and support our partnership with the children's home in Kenya. Be in prayer about this experience, and people interested may talk with either Erich or Adam.

Burger Bash, Sunday, May 18:

Help support a community-wide mission project and enjoy a burger, too! From 11AM-1PM stop by Rauhley Park Pavilion and enjoy a picnic with burgers by Brookview for a free-will donation. The annual gathering celebrates the completion of another year of cattle raising in this community. Because of the

efforts of many donations and volunteers, this project generates over \$25,000 each year. Our community profits go to a designated project in Africa through the Foods Resource Bank. Together, we make it happen!

2014 Mission Trips/Opportunities – Annual Dates:

June 8-13 – LaPorte Cty. Habitat for Humanity
June 15-20 – SYF Trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin
September 14 – Chapel & Meal at TGRM
September 19 -24 – Kajiado Children's Home, Africa
October 11-18 – Back Bay Mission
November 16 – Chapel & Meal at TGRM

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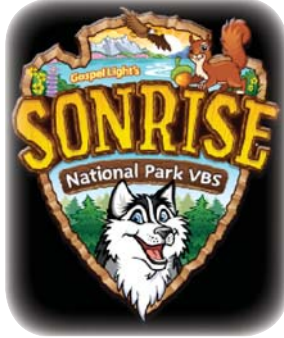


ministry happenings

Christian Education

2014 Vacation Bible School – SonRise National Park – Point Your Kids to Jesus!:

It's going to be a cool, cool summer for our children and youth, learning to trust in Jesus! At this year's Vacation Bible School, SonRise National Park, children and youth will explore the most important survival skill of all: Depending on the promises of Jesus!



When is VBS? The evenings of Sunday, July 20th – Thursday, July 24th from 6:00PM-8:30PM.

How can I get involved? If you want to be involved, there are plenty of roles and opportunities to fill for people of all gifts and talents. You can serve as the Park Ranger or Group Guide, or you can be part of the Busy Beaver Lodge (crafts team), Glacier Bay (games/activities team), Picnic Patch (snacks team), Nursery, or Registration Table. Check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board next to the Chapel!

How do I register my children? Be looking for registration forms in May!

What ages do my children need to be to participate in VBS? Children four years old thru children who just completed the 6th grade during the 2013-2014 school year are eligible to participate in Vacation Bible School here at SJCC.

Who do I contact if I would like more information? You can contact VBS Director Lynne Christman, VBS Assistant Director Stacy Rutledge, or Jenna Storrer (jennastorrer1@gmail.com).

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

The JYF completed their meeting activities for this school year on April 30th as they shared an evening with our SYF ministry and heard from Victor and Mary Juarez of Never Let Go Ministries. Mr. & Mrs. Juarez shared their emotional journey of losing their son to drugs and alcohol.

The JYF also hosted an All Church Movie night on Saturday, May 3rd, showing "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" and served pizza, chips and pop. Special thanks to Mike and Katie Whiteman, Bruce Wooley and Steve Walker for providing great leadership for our junior high youth ministry program.

LOGOS Ministry:

Our LOGOS Wednesday evening youth program finished up for this school year on April 30th with a LOGOS Celebration Night theme. A heartfelt thanks to all volunteers whose weekly efforts touched the lives of many youth in a positive, spiritual way.

There will be a LOGOS Staff Potluck Dinner held on Wednesday, May 7th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Set up crew, cooks, table parents, teachers, and helpers are all invited to join in this evening of fellowship as we celebrate another blessed year for our Wednesday evening youth ministry program.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

May is the last month of SYF before school lets out. We're finishing with a bang! May's calendar: May 7th – Relationships; May 14th – Life Planning / SYF Remix; May 21st – Lasting Faith; May 28th – Final SYF / Senior Awards and Food Fight.

SYF Mission Trip:

The SYF Mission Trip is scheduled for the week of June 15th-20th. The 2014 mission trip will be to Kenosha, Wisconsin with Group's Week of Hope. We have partnered with Group Week of Hope for three other trips (2010 – Indianapolis; 2011 – Bay City; 2013 - Cincinnati). Mission trip applications are available in the youth room. There is a mission trip meeting on Sunday evening May 4 at 7PM in the Chapel. This meeting is for youth and parents to hear details, fill out forms and to ask questions.

Life Planning - Senior High Youth Mentoring Program:

The next Life Planning time will be on Wednesday, May 14th at 6PM out at Short's pond. We'll be wrapping up the year, allowing time to celebrate our seniors and also looking ahead to being intentional with our summers.

High School / College Graduates Information Needed:

We will be honoring all high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 1st and would like to include information in our bulletin that Sunday as recognition of their accomplishments. In an effort to make sure we have all graduates' information, we are asking for the following for any graduate from September, 2013 thru August, 2014: date of graduation, institution receiving diploma/degree from (including degree field of study), parents' names, future plans, and if graduate will be in either worship Sunday, June 1st. Please e-mail (office@stjohnsarchbold.org), call (419-446-2545) or drop off information in the church office by Sunday, May 27th.

May 2014



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	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— Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest Elder of the Month— Norma Fish					
	4 Presentation Sunday 10:50AM Junior Church 7:00PM SYF Mission Trip Mtg.	5 11:15AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting	6 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:00PM Community Meal 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	7 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 6:00PM Alpha Course 6:00PM LOGOS Staff Potluck 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. 8:30PM Men's Chorus Reh.	8 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 7:15PM Mission Comm.	9 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	10 9AM Private Party in Parish Hall / Kitchen
	11 Happy Mother's Day	12 11:15AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 6:40PM Couples Small Group	13 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:00PM Community Meal 6:30PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Preschool Brd. Mtg. 7:00PM Property Comm.	14 8:30AM FCCLA 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 6:00PM Life Planning End of Year Celebration 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	15 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn	16 6:45AM HS Girls Small Group	17
	18 Rite of Confirmation 12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen) 3:00PM Leave for TGRM Chapel and Meal 6:00PM Seekers Small Group	19 11:15AM Staff Meeting 3:15PM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	20 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Preschool Graduation 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	21 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	22 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	27 9:15AM Bible Study 10:00AM TKG Training Session (Office Closed) 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:00PM Community Meal	28 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	29 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn	30	31	

ministry happenings

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Events / Activities

Prayer Times/Ministries:

A weekly prayer time, to which any and all are invited, continues to be held each Tuesday at noon in the chapel. Prayers are lifted up for the people, ministry and leadership of SJCC.

Men's Ministry - Men's Breakfast:

On Wednesday morning, May 21st, men from St. John's are invited to come and enjoy breakfast at the Home Restaurant from 6:15-7:15AM. We will meet in one of the back rooms, spend some time in good conversation, scripture reading and discussion before closing in prayer. This Men's Breakfast happens each month on the 3rd Wednesday. Contact Pastor Adam if you have questions.

Mending At Fairlawn:

St. John's is scheduled to provide volunteers to mend residents' clothes, bedding, etc. during the month of May. Each Thursday from 9AM to noon, anyone is welcome to come to the Fairlawn activities room and enjoy serving God through this ministry.

Summer Months - Monthly Fellowship Potlucks:

Beginning on Sunday, June 15th, we're going to be having some informal times of fellowship after our 10:30 service of worship. Anyone and everyone is invited to bring a potluck item to share as we spend time together as a church family over lunch. Coffee,

water, and table service will be provided. This potluck fellowship time will also be offered on Sunday, July 13th and Sunday, August 17th.

Membership Orientation:

SJCC offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about the beliefs, ministries and history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. We hope to offer an orientation session in June - either on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Adam or Sue Grieser know if you would be interested in attending.

Ryan & Friends:

As a busy Christian comedian performing throughout the United States and Canada, Ryan receives over 500 performance invitations and accepts 150 of these annually. Whether it's his laugh-crazed family show or his dynamic corporate gigs, there are two things his audiences have come to expect: a flawlessly clean show and sidesplitting comedy!

He's been around, too. You may have seen him in the Cincinnati Inquirer, on the History Channel, or performing on a cruise ship. Ryan also hosts a 'Ryan & Friends' cable TV show with the sixth season renewed into 2014.

Ryan & Friends will be at SJCC on Sunday, July 27th at 6:30PM. There is no ticket purchase necessary for this event, however a free will offering will be taken. Mark your calendars for this evening of family fun and entertainment!

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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- 1 Valeria Hornish, Chris & Toni Neuenschwander
 - 2 Marvin & Norma Fish
 - 3 Sam Just, Bill Overmier
 - 4 Suzette Nafziger
 - 5 Dean Buckenmeyer
 - 6 Willie & Donna Buehrer, Rich & Jane Lesniak
 - 7 Ed & Julie Ruffer
 - 8 Craig Grieser, Greg & Deb Weddelman
 - 9 Braden Martinez, Missy Warncke, Deb Weddelman
 - 10 Michelle Short
 - 11 Lynne Christman, Laura Rini
 - 13 Adam Just
 - 15 Bette Calvert
 - 16 Lori Rohrs
 - 18 Gary Mann, Judy Sears
 - 19 Bill & Judy Overmier, Tyler & Traci Rupp, Coral Melms, Tyler Wyse
 - 20 Marissa Beck, TJ Rice
 - 21 Burdell Nofziger
 - 22 Tyson Schnitkey
 - 23 Metia Blankenship, Dottie Nofziger, Don Smith, Silas Whiteman, Elaine Winzeler
 - 24 Dean Smith, Bryce Winzeler, Eric & Anna Yoder
 - 25 Connie Bostelman, Lorelie LaPorte, Kent & Shiela Short
 - 26 Rachel Brader, Bo & Bri Krukowski, Dave & Paige Miller, Gabe & Mindy Smith
 - 27 Tiffany Johnston, Charlene LaFountaine, Richard Spiess
 - 28 Kasey Grime
 - 29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke
 - 30 Nanette Buehrer
 - 31 Gary Frazier

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

summer small groups

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

Weekly College Small Group - Day & Time TBD

3rd Wed. Morning of Month - Men's Ministry Breakfast

6:15 - 7:15AM - The Home Restaurant, Archbold

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoons Prayer Time

12:00 - 1:00PM - Chapel

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

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

College Small Group:

As summer is quickly approaching, we are preparing for this year's college small group. The college small group is a time designed to allow college students and post-high school young adults to get together for a weekly time of fun, fellowship and food. The group typically has met on Tuesday evening's beginning in late May or early June, but that always depends on who will be attending this summer. If you are interested please be sure to contact Pastor Adam.

worship

May Worship:

May 4....Presentation Sunday – our six 8th grade confirmands (Sara Greek, Hannah Grieser, Leah Hall, Adam Kinsman, Kendal Pursel, Caleb Wooley) will be leading both services of worship. Their personal testimonies offer insight into their faith in Christ – a blessed time of ministry as we worship the Lord in joy! We will also be offering appreciation to our Christian Education volunteers! The Junior Choir will sing “It's Incredible” at the 10:30 service.

May 11 ..Mother's Day

Sermon Series – 2 Timothy

(10:30) Men's Chorus – “Lift Up Your Voice, Alleluia”

Scriptures – John 3:16-17, 2 Timothy 1:18-28

Sermon – “Unashamed!” – Pastor Erich

May 18...Confirmation Sunday

Sermon Series – 2 Timothy

(10:30) Chancel Choir – “We Bow Down”

Scriptures – Psalm 62:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Sermon – “Unchained!” – Pastor Erich

May 25 ..Sermon Series – 2 Timothy

(10:30) Chancel Choir – “To God Be the Glory”

Scriptures – Ps. 51:10-12, 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Sermon – “A Pure Heart” – Pastor Erich”

consistory

Capital Campaign:

Action at the congregational meeting on April 13 saw approval given to enter into a capital campaign to raise \$4.5 million towards an eventual building project. Results of the vote were 128 yes votes and 32 no votes, which was an 81% approval. At their April 21st meeting, the Consistory began the process of forming a Capital Campaign Committee, and once formed, the committee will begin to coordinate all fund raising efforts towards this monumental goal.

Everyone is asked to be praying for the Lord's guidance in forming the committee, God's design for raising the funds, and the unity of the congregation as we begin this next phase of being engaged in ministry as we address facility needs and issues.

Historically, the congregation engaged in such a process and campaign from 1947 (when the Consistory began the initial discussion of addressing facility issues) to 1970 (when the mortgage from the last part of the facility construction was burned). We continue to seek God's direction in our faithful work of ministry in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ!

From discussions prior to the congregational meeting, please be aware of the following information:

1. The Legacy Fund was established by the congregation in 2000. The Legacy Fund is comprised of donations, special gifts and estate gifts to be used specifically for capital projects and major physical improvements.
2. When the congregation raised funds to replace the roof in 2007, a five year capital fund drive was entered into, from July 2007 through July 2012. The goal was to raise \$275,000 to cover the cost of the roof and to have funds for future capital projects. Total funds raised through July, 2012 was \$172,794.31. The roof was paid off, to the total of \$116,889 and the funds over that amount were deposited into the Legacy Fund. The donations given to the five year capital fund drive were deposited into the Legacy Fund for accounting purposes. The congregation was informed through announcements and the Visitor that the drive had concluded in July, 2012.
3. Some people continued to give to the capital fund drive and those funds continued to be designated for the Legacy Fund.
4. Some people have regularly been giving to the Legacy Fund over the years.

As of the April 13th congregational meeting, the following accounting of donations will be used, pending any future direction from the Capital Campaign Committee once it is in place:

1. All donations marked "roof" or "Legacy Fund" or "Capital Campaign" will be deposited into the Legacy Fund Capital Campaign account.
2. The intent is to keep accurate recording of all Capital Campaign donations, keeping a running total through the years.

Beginning with the June issue of The Visitor newsletter, a monthly report of the Capital Campaign account will be shared.

Silent Auction of Unused Items:

A recent cleaning of storage areas around the church building has revealed a varied collection of items that are no longer needed for any of our ministries or the upkeep of our building. As done at least once several years ago, these items will be placed in the parish hall to allow people to view and offer a silent bid on any of them. A sampling of items includes: quilt racks and sewing items, wooden chairs, framed pictures, drum set, crib, cabinet, tables, etc. No item having any significant historical value will be included in the auction.

Due to the nature of our building usage each week, items will be available for viewing per dates and times noted below:

Tuesday, June 24 Items placed in parish hall following the community meal

Wednesday, June 25 8:00AM to 9:00PM – items available for viewing

Thursday, June 26 8:00AM to 9:00PM – items available for viewing

Friday, June 27 8:00AM to 9:00PM – items available for viewing

Saturday, June 2 9:00AM to 5:00PM – items available for viewing

Monday, June 30 10:00AM – bids will be opened and highest bidders on each item will be notified

Tuesday, July 1 all items must be picked up by noon

Silent written bids can be submitted either by e-mail or turned into the church office during this time. Each item will be awarded to the person with the highest bid on that individual item.

Bids will be opened Monday, June 30, at 10AM, with notification to highest bidders as soon as possible. People will need to make arrangements to have items picked up by noon on Tuesday, July 1. Items not taken through the silent auction will either be donated to a local ministry or recycled/discarded.

Custodial Position:

The Personnel Committee will be accepting resumés of people interested in the 12.5 hour per

week position. Those interested in a job description may contact the church office. Resumés may be sent to the church office or to Laura Johnson, Personnel Committee chairperson. We are thankful that Chris Jennings is filling this position until someone is hired.

The Scholarship Committee awarded the following scholarships in March:

- Eric Buckenmeyer – Ohio University, \$750 College Scholarship, History
- Amy Christman – Malone University, \$1000 Springer Scholarship for Christian Education
- Jennifer Lindsay – Ashland University, \$750 College Scholarship, Social Work & Religion
- Morgan McCandless – Youngstown State University, \$750 College Scholarship, Dental Hygiene
- Delaney Nofziger – Aquinas College, \$750 College Scholarship, Conductive Education
- Dinah Rice – Grand Valley State University, \$750 College Scholarship, Psychology/Sociology
- Ashley Short – Ohio State University, \$150 College Scholarship, \$600 Nursing Scholarship
- Kinsey Smith – Ohio University, \$750 College Scholarship
- Michael Walker – Bluffton University, \$750 College Scholarship, English & Education

St. John's Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....	Jeff Rutledge
Congregation Vice-President	Ed Ruffer
Congregation Secretary.....	Betsy Redd
Elders	Norma Fish, Kim Hines, Jan Lindsay, Jim Redd, Ed Ruffer, Jon Rupp
Deacons/Deaconesses	Ann Fether, Jim Grieser, Tom Hines, Mike Meyer, Scott Short, Brad Roth, Greg Walker, Bruce Wooley, Justin Yoder
Church Treasurer.....	Roger Miller
Custodians.....	Dean Buckenmeyer, Julie Ruffer
Security Person	Richard Spiess
Christian Preschool Staff	Sue MacDonald, Joan Burkholder
Administrative Assistant	Sue Grieser
Director of Music Ministry	Deb Schnitkey
Director of Christian Education	Jenna Storrer
Associate Pastor	Rev. Adam Just
Pastor.....	Rev. Erich Christman

notable moments...

In the Beginning . . . Notable Moments in St. John's History:

DEDICATION SERVICE OF ST. JOHN'S
EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
July 7, 1957

"For the fourth time in the hundred and five years of its history our congregation meets today for a solemn and holy service of dedication. As you enter this beautiful House of Worship you see the results of years of planning, of prayer and sacrifice. With joyful, grateful hearts we dedicate this Church to the glory of God and the service of mankind."

Our new church is of a modified gothic design with simple straight uplifting lines. The Indiana stone gives a note of natural beauty as well as providing an element of permanence and strength. The tower leads our eyes upward. From footer to top of the cross is one hundred feet. Housed in the tower is a peal of three bells made of eighty percent pure virgin copper which summon the faithful to worship. Inscribed on the bells is a Cross - 1957 - and the words: "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."

The organ was custom built, designed and voiced especially for our church by the Pels Organ Co. of The Netherlands, then dismantled and shipped to Archbold. It totals 1221 pipes in all. The furniture was crafted by the Sauder Manufacturing Company. The glass used in the windows is imported from Europe and designed by the Conrad Pickel Studio, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Hymns sung at the Dedication: Faith of Our Fathers; Our God, Our Help in Ages Past; All Hail the Power of Jesus Name; Holy, Holy, Holy; O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us, Now Thank We All Our God; Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty; The Church's One Foundation

Seating Capacity - 550

Parking for Cars - 140

Total Building Cost - \$300,000

Hours of Donated Labor - Thousands

Pastor: N. B. Wierwill

Organist: Mrs. Clyde (Esther) Rice

Chancel Choir Director: Donn Hornish

Cherub Choir Director: Mrs. Herbert (Lucille) Buehrer

Elders: Arthur Fish, Alfred Kutzli, Orville Pursel,
Clayton Schelling, John Schott, Owen Sigg

Deacons: Earl Bourquin, Richard Heer, Harold Meyer,
Loyal Nofziger, Milton Rice, Webb Rowe,
Vern Ruffer, David Springer

community news

Fulton County Senior Center:

Serve your community. Earn extra money. Have a flexible schedule. Apply to be a paid substitute meal driver for the Fulton County Senior Center in Wauseon, Ohio. In this position, you would deliver weekday meals in a conscientious manner to Fulton County residents, check on recipients and report problems; and be a defensive driver with provided vehicle. Must have the ability to lift and carry sixty pounds, have a valid operator's license with a good driving record and good communication skills. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. Substitutes serve on an on-call, as needed basis. Shift lasts from approximately 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, Fulton County Senior Center is seeking volunteers to drive seniors to medical appointments, teach a skill to a senior or assist in other ways between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Sheri Rychener at 419-337-9299.

2014 Black Swamp Benefit:

The planning has begun and the excitement is building as preparations continue for the 2014 Black Swamp Benefit June 20 and 21. The 2nd Annual BSB Jam, a Christian music concert hosting three artists; Jason Gray, Mikeschair and Audio Adrenaline, will be held in the Fulton County Fairgrounds grandstands on Friday, June 20th. Tickets are available at www.itickets.com, St. John's Christian Church office and North Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon.

A home and garden area will be located in Spangler Arena. This is exciting in that there will be comforters, a pottery wheel turning, baked goods, homemade noodles, trail bologna, and cheese sales all under the same roof.

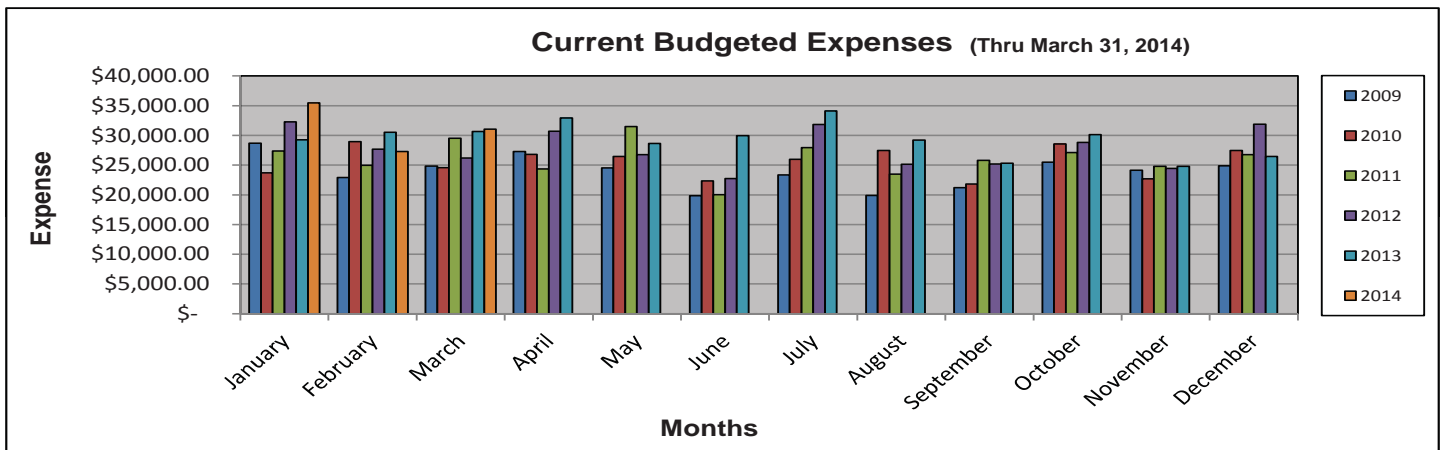
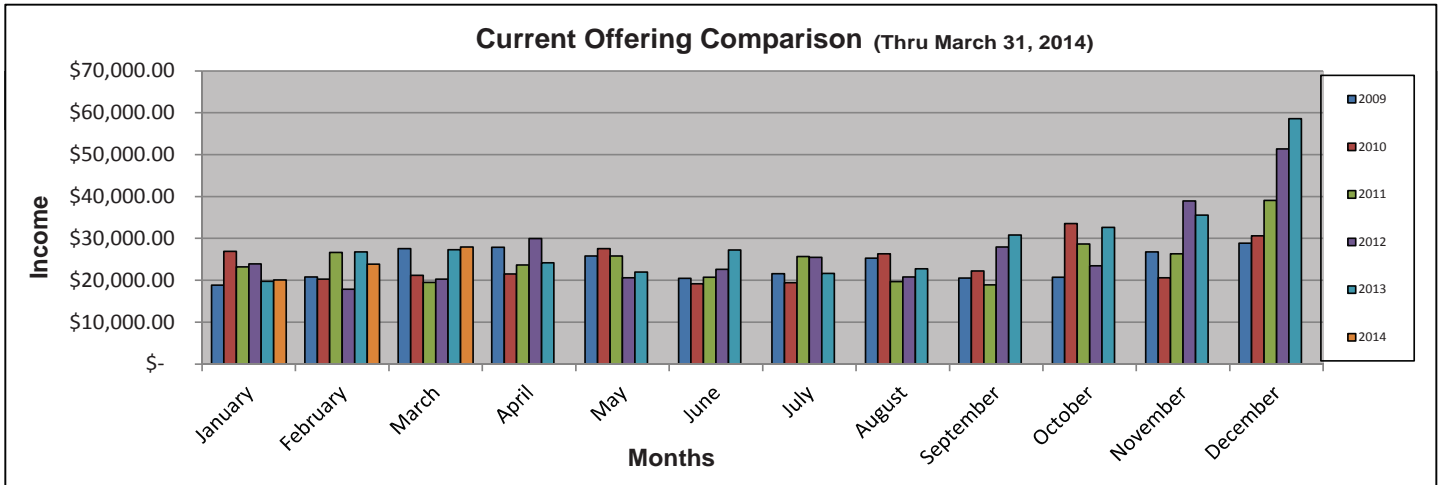
The feature quilt for 2014 is beautiful and you can view it at www.blackswampbenefit.org. It will also be on display here at St. John's on Sunday, May 11th.

Brochures on this benefit are available in the literature rack outside the church office.

Active Parenting:

The Fulton County Health Department is offering the Active Parenting Now In 3 program at the Health Department on May 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30-8:30PM. Active Parenting is an evidence based program that uses video and discussion to teach new parenting skills. This is an opportunity for parents of 5 to 12 year olds to add new skills in communication and discipline techniques to what they may already be using. If questions, contact Deb Weirauch at the Health Department Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30AM to 4:30PM at 419-337-0915, ext. 126.

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Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
3/23/14	258	\$ 4,839.05	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (1,575.30)
3/30/14	281	\$ 6,777.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 362.65
4/6/14	277	\$ 7,614.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 1,199.65
4/13/14	294	\$ 5,625.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (789.35)
4/20/14	473	\$ 6,141.25	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (273.10)
Avg / Total	317	\$ 30,996.30	\$ 32,071.75	\$ (1,075.45)

As of April 21, 2014	Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals	\$ 99,448.34	\$ 112,064.12	\$ (12,615.78)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
3/23/14	\$ 3,064.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (68.70)
3/30/14	\$ 2,474.51	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (658.19)
4/6/14	\$ 2,581.33	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (551.37)
4/13/14	\$ 2,074.94	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (1,057.76)
4/20/14	\$ 3,241.25	\$ 3,132.70	\$ 108.55
Total	\$ 13,436.03	\$ 15,663.50	\$ (2,227.47)

May Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 The Servant of the Lord ----- Isaiah 42:1-9 | 16 Wait and See ----- Acts 19:1-22 |
| 2 Handicapped Messenger ----- Isaiah 42:10-25 | 17 Offer Freedom ----- Acts 19:23-41 |
| 3 Surprising Mercy ----- Isaiah 43:1-13 | 18 The Good Life ----- Psalm 67:1-7 |
| 4 Praise In Real Time ----- Psalm 65:1-13 | 19 Dead, Now Alive ----- Romans 6:1-14 |
| 5 History Remade ----- Isaiah 43:14-28 | 20 Who's the Boss of You? ----- Romans 6:15-23 |
| 6 Now For The Good News ----- Isaiah 44:1-88 | 21 Free To Live ----- Romans 7:1-6 |
| 7 The Punch Line ----- Isaiah 44:9-23 | 22 The Struggle ----- Romans 7:7-25 |
| 8 Is This the God I Knew? ----- Isaiah 44:24-28 | 23 The Spirit of Sonship ----- Romans 8:1-17 |
| 9 Who's Calling the Shots? ----- Isaiah 45:1-8 | 24 No Separation ----- Romans 8:18-39 |
| 10 Step Back to View ----- Isaiah 45:9-25 | 25 Tender Power ----- Psalm 68:1-35 |
| 11 Awesome! ----- Psalm 66:1-20 | 26 You'll Lose It All ----- Micah 1:1-2:5 |
| 12 All About Jesus ----- Acts 17:1-15 | 27 Drinks All Around ----- Micah 2:6-3:12 |
| 13 Weep ----- Acts 17:16-34 | 28 Ruins Restored ----- Micah 4:1-13 |
| 14 Give It Time ----- Acts 18:1-17 | 29 From Where? ----- Micah 5:1-15 |
| 15 Be Totally His ----- Acts 18:18-28 | 30 Do Your Own Thing ----- Micah 6:1-16 |
| | 31 Don't Trust Anyone! ----- Micah 7:1-20 |

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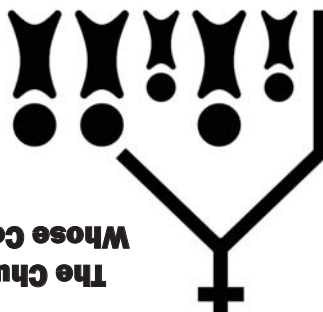
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/5), Ash Wednesday (3/5), Maundy Thursday (4/17),
 Pentecost (6/8), Mid-Summer (7/20), 1st Sunday in October (10/5),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/30)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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