

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

July 1, 2014 Volume 60, Number 7

Please Pray For:

- Dale VonDeylen, who had surgery on June 29th to repair a torn quad muscle.
- Doris Rupp, who is recovering from a fractured wrist as a result of a fall.
- Maria Cruz, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous mass on one of her kidneys.
- Mary Hall, who is home recovering from hip replacement surgery on June 19th in Columbus.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who had a successful back procedure on June 10th to alleviate severe pain.
- Toby Walker, who had outpatient surgery on June 10th for a chipped bone in his elbow.
- Anna Yoder, upon the death of her grandmother, Ruth Costamier, on June 8th.
- David Heer, whose mother, LeNore Heer, passed away on June 2nd.
- JoAnn Short and family, upon the death of her father, Waldo Aeschliman on June 1st from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
- McKenna Knipp, daughter of Wade and Whitney Knipp, who continues to recover from heart surgery (Facebook Pg - [Updates on McKenna Nicole](#)).
- Annie Foote, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and will have surgery on July 22nd.
- Vern Ruffer, who is in the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Joan Sommer, who is in the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Thelma Bartley, who is now home and continues to recover from surgery.
- April Jennings, as she receives chemo treatments for chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- Irene Short, who is in rehab at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab Center, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, with plans to move to Fulton Manor in Wauseon.
- Cara Lou Frey, who is under Hospice care at Glenn Park Care Facility in Defiance.
- Wally Dehnbostel, who is at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehabilitation Center recovering from a stroke.
- Kathryn Graber, who is undergoing radiation and chemo treatments for bladder cancer.
- Richard and Cathy Spiess, as Richard cares 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 (Army)

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

Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Wife, Wren & daughter, Lorelei
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Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

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

Braden is stationed in Kuwait - address below:
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Wife, Brittany & daughters Madison & Claire
610 E. South St., Bryan, OH 43506

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan
590 Rhonert Park Expy. W. #350
Rhonert Park, CA 94928

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

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 Jenell Yaichner and Tyler Cobb, who were married on June 7 in Liberty Center. Jenell's parents include Greg and Deb Weddelman.



pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

Some of my earliest childhood memories come from living on a farm in Southeastern Ohio in the 1960's, of enjoying picnic lunches with my mother and siblings on one of the little knolls up behind the house. On those warm summer days, nestled in the meadow grass, we'd lay back and stare up at the blue sky, watching the clouds roll by and listening to the birds in the nearby trees. At a good distance from the nearest road, it was a natural setting, filled with peace, simplicity and rest. What a joy those times of relaxation were, still captured in my memory.

In the ever-changing, busy nature of my life today, I like to mentally transport myself back to that grassy knoll. To close my eyes, lay back and remember the warmth, the grass, the sun and sky, the sights and sounds – it's a peaceful place where I contemplate and discern, praying for God's direction.

Do you have such a memory, a place you can visualize that brings peace and tranquility? When the pressures of daily life mount, when anxiety seems to be rising, when you don't have time for some extended down time – can you recall a favorite weekend get away spot? A nearby park? An annual summer vacation destination? Can you mentally place yourself in the middle of that special place, the special memory, and spend some time quieting down? And when you're thinking of that place and remembering memories of being there, can you recall scripture that speaks to you?

I often think of John 14:27 when Jesus was seeking to comfort his disciples as he shares with them of the coming presence of the Holy Spirit, after he is no longer going to be with them. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

May you find some rest, experiencing the peace of Christ, letting scripture speak to your heart and soul. In these summer months, enjoying time outdoors amidst the wonders and beauty of God's creation, may you discover relaxation, refreshment, restoration, and most of all, peace.

Blessings in Christ,

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congregational news

cont.

CONGRATULATIONS to Derek and Ashley Rosenberger, upon the birth of their son, Nehemiah John Rosenberger, on May 16th in St. Paul, Minnesota. Nehemiah weighed 8 lbs. and was 20" long. Nehemiah has a 2 year old brother, Isaac, and his grandparents include John and Mary Beck.



CONGRATULATIONS to Benjamin and Blair Bucklew, who were baptized on May 28th at a private pond in Wauseon, Ohio. Their parents are Benjamin and Breanna.



congregational thank you's

Dear St. John's Family and Friends,

Thank you for all the prayers, support and cards during Ralph's passing. To all who helped with the funeral meal – it was wonderful. A special thank you to Pastors Erich and Adam for their many visits and prayers during Ralph's illness and passing.

The Ralph Heer Family



I want to thank you for the all cards, prayers, and well wishes I received during my recovery of a broken ankle. Special thanks to Dale and Sharon Von Deylen for the use of the crutches, and Marg and Pat Leupp and Sue Roth for the use of the wheelchair. They were instrumental to my recovery. God's blessings to all.

Mary Beck

Dear Friends of St. John's Christian Church,

Cindy and I would like to express our "heart-felt" gratitude to St. John's Christian Church for the use of your church fellowship hall on June 8th for our 36 Years of Ministry Celebration with the Defiance Area Youth For Christ. Cindy and I have wonderful memories of ministering to hundreds of Archbold junior and senior high students through our Youth for Christ Basketball Outreach that took place in your church fellowship hall.

Whether it was in the Fireside Meeting Room, the Chapel, or in the church gym, we had many life changing conversations with many young people that led to numbers of young people finding eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

With hearts filled with love and gratitude, we thank you for your prayers, your provision and your partnership over these past 36 years. St John's Christian Church continues to be a great light and example of God's love in our community. May God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Rick & Cindy Jones



Dear Congregation of St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for the lovely arrangement that you sent our family in memory of Mom. We appreciate all you did for us during this time. The lunch you provided was great.

The Family of LeNore Heer



Thank you so much for the planter with fresh flowers! What a blessing to belong to such a caring community of believers! We are so appreciative.

Scott, JoAnn, Olley & Meridith Short

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarens), for our gift of \$500.
- Altlink (Tom & Megan L.), for our gift of \$1,040.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$285.
- Defiance Area YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$15.
- Great Commission Ministries, for our gift of \$15.
- Pioneers (Doriots), for our gift of \$70.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$75.
- World Team (Tony & Leila F.), for our gift of \$500.

Ryan Volkman:

As of the end of May, Ryan Volkman is now serving at a church near San Angelo, Texas. He had a blessed four years of cross-cultural mission work and he and Stanka look forward to their new call to ministry. Financial support for Ryan is no longer necessary, so people are encouraged to shift support to one or more of our other missionaries.

Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) – Summer Interns:

Abby, Amy and Morgan arrived safely in Jamkhed, India on June 21st, following thirty hours of travel. Their first two weeks have been ones of introductions and exploring the comprehensive ministry of the Aroles. Abby and Morgan, recently receiving their RN degrees, will be spending their days in the project's hospital, while Amy has entered into the workings of administration and education. The three are enjoying conversing with Dr. Shobha Arole, daughter of the CRHP founders, Dr. Raj and Dr. Maybelle Arole.

International Christian School, Bangkok, Thailand – Mackenzie Nofziger:

Mackenzie has partnered with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) for a two year commitment of teaching at the school. She will work there with other teachers from TEAM as well as a variety of organizations represented at the school. Thailand is located in Southeast Asia and is about 95 percent Buddhist and 4 percent Muslim. The country is less than one percent Christian, making it a much needed mission field. Many people in this country have yet to hear about the awesome and saving love of Jesus. The school serves many local Thai families, making it a wonderful ministry opportunity for Mackenzie to share her faith both inside and outside of the classroom. As a teacher at the school, she will receive a stipend to cover much of her ministry costs, but not everything. Mackenzie needs to raise about \$700 per month for the next two years (to donate, go team.org/give, enter Mackenzie Nofziger in the "Search for Missionary" window and follow the prompts). Mackenzie writes, "As believers, Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). There are a few ways we can make disciples of all nations: go, give, and pray. I have the opportunity to go to Thailand, but I am in need of partners willing to give and to pray. Together, we will minister to the people of Thailand. Your financial support is not simply monetary, but your partnership enables me to minister and be a blessing to those who don't know Jesus."

The Mission Committee has allocated \$2,000 for support of Mackenzie, a missionary from our very own congregation! As of June 29th, Mackenzie has raised nearly 83% of her support, so she is feeling blessed with God's provision. Please be praying for her time of preparation and training prior to her departure to Thailand on July 18th.

2014 / 2015 Mission Trips / Opportunities:

September 14 – Chapel & Meal at TGRM

October 11-18 – Back Bay Mission

November 16 – Chapel & Meal at TGRM

January 3-10, 2015 – Dominican Rep. Mission Trip

mission corner cont.

July Mission-A-Month - Shepherd Circle

Shepherd 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 bad 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.

October 11-18, 2014 – Back Bay Mission (BBM):

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
Micah 6:8

Why travel the 15 to 18 hours to Biloxi, Mississippi? At its root, it's not about work or service or lending a helping hand, for it's more about compassion and education. Much has been learned from partnering with Back Bay Mission, a faithful witness for social justice, responding with heartfelt compassion to the needs of the poor. From emergency assistance to providing a home, the Mission lightens the load and makes life easier for the most marginalized, no matter how dire, hopeless or lost.

BBM has helped educate many participants from SJCC, preparing people to serve in our local community with knowledge and compassion. Interested in being challenged – spiritually, mentally and physically? Then this mission experience is for you!

People may arrange their own transportation or climb aboard the church bus that will depart from Archbold late afternoon on the 11th. After traveling through the night, arrival in Biloxi will be early enough to enjoy worship on the beach, exploring the city and prepping for the week. People of all ages and all abilities have shared in this experience. Cost of the experience is \$185 per person, which covers transportation, lodging, food and work camp supplies. See further info on the church bulletin board – right next to the sign up sheet!

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) of Fulton County:

HFH will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, July 10 at 7PM at The Open Door of Delta, 104 Monroe Street. Child care will be provided during the meeting, and details on how to apply or qualify for a HFH home will be presented. You may also call 419-335-7000 for more information.

Missionary News and Contact Information:

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agape family life house

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Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand

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ministry happenings

Christian Education

2014 Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 20-24:

This year at VBS the participants will be spreading a little “Son Shine” at the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio by putting together care packages filled with drinks and snacks for the families who are staying away from home while their children receive medical care. We are looking for the following items for these packages: bottled water, flavor packets for bottled water, prepackaged snack size food items, packs of gum, mints, etc. All items need to fit inside a paper lunch bag, and can be put in the box marked “Ronald McDonald House Service Project” outside the chapel.

Also note there is a VBS Staff meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 10th at 7PM in the chapel (this is a change from the previously scheduled staff meeting date of July 9th).

Resonate – Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Our summer program on Wednesday evenings for SYF will meet this month on July 9, 16, & 30. All youth entering grades 9-12 this fall are welcome to join us in the Youth Room at 7PM on these dates.

June 15-20 SYF Mission Trip, Kenosha, Wisconsin – Theme “Repair”:

A group of 21 youth and 5 leaders departed the church parking lot at 10AM on Sunday, June 15th, and headed to Kenosha, Wisconsin on the church bus for 5 days of mission activities. They were split into four crews for the week: Crew 1 went to Water’s Edge - a rehab center for dementia and Alzheimer’s patients, Crew 2 went to Harmony Kenosha - an assisted living facility, Crew 3 went to Eastern Seal - an adult day care center, and Crew 4 went to the YMCA - working with kids. A time of sharing about this amazing experience for these youth and adult leaders will be given in Sunday worship in the near future.



KENOSHA, 2014



REPAIR
“Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; BE STRONG and do it.”
Ezra 10:4



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, July 16th, 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.

Summer Months – Monthly Fellowship Potlucks:

We continue with our monthly fellowship potluck meals, and July’s potluck is scheduled for Sunday, July

13th in the Parish Hall after our 10:30 worship service. 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, August 17th.

SJCC Course 101 :

Orientation Sessions about St. John’s Christian Church will be held at 9:15AM on the following Sunday mornings - July 13, 20 and 27. These sessions are an opportunity to explore the beliefs, history, mission and ministry of the congregation. Attending these sessions is a part of the process in becoming a member of the church, though people can attend in order to learn and not necessarily join the membership at this time. People interested in this course are asked to let the church office know so we can have materials and the proper size room ready!

ministry happenings

Adriel Benefit Auction: cont.

The Northwest Ohio Adriel Auxiliary Board would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to all who worked on the Adriel Auxiliary quilt. The quilt is finished and will be donated to the annual benefit auction. Upcoming dates to remember for Adriel activities are: Thursday, July 17 - Northwest Ohio Adriel Ice Cream Social at Ruyhley park in Archbold from 5-7PM, and Saturday, October 18 - Adriel Benefit Auction in West Liberty, Ohio.

Church Camp Out Fri., July 25 - Sun., July 27:

The weekend theme "Here Is God" will draw from the following scriptures - Matthew 28:20; Psalms 77:1-20; Acts 1:8,9 and Romans 11:1-24.

(All times listed below are flexible and approximate except for check-in / check-out.)

Friday – 3:00PM Check-in for Camp Sites
8:00PM Evening Gathering and Vespers

Saturday – 9:00AM Pancake Breakfast
1– 3PM Activities and games, nature hike and nature bingo
3:30PM Ice Cream Treat
6:00PM Evening Potluck Meal (Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and beverages provided – free will donation)
8:00PM Evening Vespers

Sunday – 10:30AM Worship (Each camping unit, either individually or cooperatively, is asked to prepare a piece for worship - music, devotional story, poem, prayer or anything of your choosing)
11:30AM Potluck Left-over Meal
1:00PM Check-out Time for Camp Sites

Faith and Sexuality Conference – July 25-27 @ North Clinton Mennonite Church:

A Gay Son's Journey to God – A Couple's Journey to Find Hope - Dr. Christopher Yuan and Leon & Angela Yuan

Pastor Erich attended two workshops led by Dr. Christopher Yuan while on sabbatical at the Moody Bible Institute's Pastor's Conference. Dr. Yuan provided great biblical insight and personal knowledge on the issue of homosexuality, as well as addressing how Christians should respond to homosexuality and the LGBT community. Erich had been working to have Dr. Yuan offer a conference at SJCC when he learned that Dr. Yuan and his parents will be holding a

conference at North Clinton. Erich encourages people to attend so as to gain insight and perspective on this issue. Conference attendees will explore several facets of the issue, including how we minister to those affected by homosexuality. Seven sessions will be offered over the course of Friday and Saturday:

Friday 7-7:45PM – Christopher's Testimony
8-8:45PM – Leon & Angela's Story
Saturday 9-9:45AM – Biblical Interpretation
10-10:45AM – Redeeming Biblical Singleness
11-11:45AM – Nature or Nurture
11:45AM-12:30AM – Questions & Answers
7-8:30PM – A Christian Response to Homosexuality: Questions & Answers

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!

1 John 3:18 5K Run / Walk and Kids Fun Run:

This event will be held on Saturday, August 2nd beginning at 9AM here at St. John's. A fun time is planned for ALL. Entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, and all proceeds will benefit the FISH Food Pantry and the Friendship House, both located here in Archbold. Volunteers will be needed for Race Day, so see Rachel Kinsman or Matt Hines if interested in helping. Also needed: Race Day refreshments - bottled water, cookies, bananas - a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Book Bag Bash - Sunday, August 3rd:

Preparations are underway as we plan for our annual Book Bag Bash. We currently have a good supply of book bags, but we are low on other supplies. We are in need of pencils, notebooks, binders, boxes of crayons, boxes of colored pencils, erasers, dry erase markers, bottles of glue and boxes of Kleenex. While no donation will go unappreciated, the committee

is planning on having a shopping day as the Bash approaches so ideally we are looking for monetary donations so we can create book bags filled with similar items. We are also in need of volunteers to man the various stations, help take book bag recipients around to the various stations, to monitor play on the inflatables, to help serve food and assist with clean up. Please see Tim Beck or call the church office if you are available to help the day of the Book Bag Bash. Thank you for supporting this important community ministry.

Blue Lake Charters & Tours:

Branson-Ozark Jamboree is the title for a week trip sponsored by Blue Lake Charters and Tours from Monday, October 20 to Saturday, October 25. Detailed trip information including cost is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to contact Marilyn Buehrer (419-822-4776) if questions or interested in attending.

Awareness and Mental Illness:

Having recently participated in a basic education program hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Pastor Erich is interested in gathering together and meeting with people of the congregation who have education and/or life experience regarding mental illness issues. That could include educators, counselors, parents of children and adolescents with mental illness, caregivers of adults with mental illness, or people interested in sharing and learning. The intent would be to create a team of support, an advocacy group, or a team of caregivers with the goal of providing care and ministry to children, adolescents and adults as we strive to love one another in all aspects of life. Erich's done some basic brainstorming of possible avenues of ministry, and would appreciate hearing knowledge and ideas from anyone interested. Please call, text or e-mail him when you get a chance.

<h1>July 2014</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday Sch. 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— Shepherd Circle Elder of the Month— Jan Lindsay	1 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 12:00PM Silent Auction Items Picked up by noon 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:15PM Mission Comm.	2	3	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5
6	7 11:15AM Staff Meeting	8 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Property Comm.	9 9:00AM West Haven Bible Study 7:00PM Resonate—SYF	10 7:00PM VBS Staff Mtg. 7:15PM Mission Comm.	11 4:00PM Non-Memb. Wedding (Chapel) (Back up site in case of inclement weather)	12
13 9:15AM SJCC Course 101 11:45AM All Church Potluck	14 11:15AM Staff Meeting	15 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	16 6:15AM Men's Breakfast 7:00PM Resonate—SYF	17	18	19
20 Holy Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
Vacation Bible School (4 year olds thru 6th Grade) 6PM—8:30PM, July 20 thru 24					Church Camp Out Weekend Harrison Lake State Park	
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27 Church Camp Out Weekend Harrison Lake State Park 9:15AM SJCC Course 101 6:30PM Ryan & Friends (Christian Ventriloquist)	28 11:15AM Staff Meeting	29 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time (Chapel) 8:30PM Praise Band Reh.	30 7:00PM Resonate—SYF	31		



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jayson Lindsay
- 2 Richard & Nan Neill
- 3 Jacob Rupp, Jeff Rutledge, Buzz Ziegler
- 4 Kinsey Smith
- 6 Kenny & Sandi Cowell
- 7 John & Deb Kauffman, Sarah Kinsman, Jim Silcox
- 8 Lou Ann Beck, Ben & Tiffany Johnston
- 9 Emily Hines, Bob Kuntz, Chad Short, Kaitlyn Wyse
- 11 Neil & Nanette Buehrer, Pete & Rachel Grieser, Matt Hines, Steve & Kim Walker, David Stuckey
- 12 Mark Beltz, Mary Hall, Nathan Just, David & Nancy Lightner, Tammy Nofziger
- 14 Jean Beck
- 15 Hannah Kern
- 17 Ryan & Jill Holdgreve, Eric Nafziger
- 18 Matthew Kinsman
- 19 Velma Overmier, Ed Ruffer, Justin Yoder
- 20 Kaitlyn Beck, Andee Grime, Mary Silcox
- 21 Mike & Sue Henry, Andrew & Lori Rohrs
- 22 Warren Sauder
- 23 David Augustine
- 24 Molly Knipp
- 27 Callie Rohrs
- 28 Becca Grieser, Graeme & Gloria Lauber, Jim & Betsy Redd, Ryan Smith, Jack Stover
- 29 Florence Augustine, Justin Pursel
- 30 Greg & Kim Walker
- 31 Larry Bechstein, Ryan Holdgreve, Brent Schnitkey

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

consistory

May 19th Consistory Meeting Highlights:

- Budget and Stewardship Committee – Tom Hines reported on the meeting with Child’s Investment and answered questions about the consistory’s investment strategy. More meetings are yet to take place to discuss investments.
- Personnel Committee – Ron Rice has agreed to join the committee.
- Christian Preschool Board– Ann Fether reported that enrollment for fall is down a bit. End of year wrap up is taking place as well as planning for next year.
- Property Committee – Scott Short presented a bid for sidewalk repair from JG Construction for \$11,104. They are able to do the work in the next couple weeks. Approval for repair was given last month. He reported on a quote to re-light the gym for \$1,375 to come from the miscellaneous line item in the property committee budget. He also noted an estimate to re-light the sanctuary for \$4,300-\$5,000, which the committee is only considering at this point.
- Spiritual Council – Pastor Erich presented a recommendation to offer a summer internship to Jennifer Lindsay, for 20 hrs per week, for 8 weeks, June 15-Aug. 15, \$1,000 stipend plus expenses to be paid out of the benevolent fund in the youth ministry. Jim Redd made the motion to approve the recommendation, Mike Meyer seconded, motion carried. Spiritual Council continues its membership conversation. Pastor Erich asked to hold a communion serving orientation for consistory members.

- Pastor Erich led a discussion of the proposed Consistory/Committee Reorganization questions and concerns. Further discussion at June’s meeting.
- Scott Short moved that funds from the Silent Auction be designated to the sidewalk repair. Ed Ruffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.

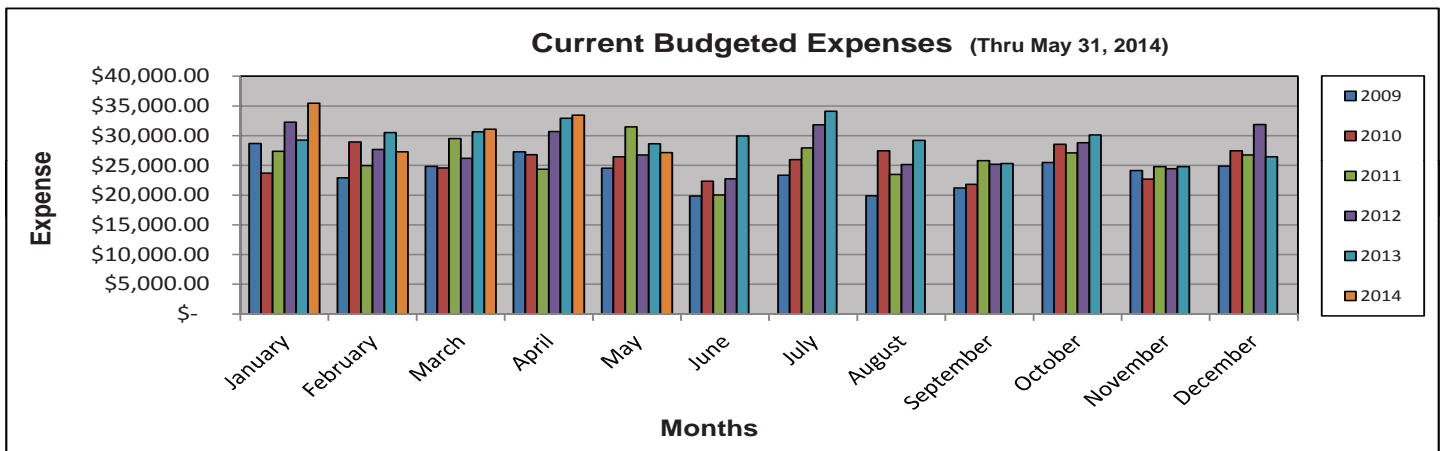
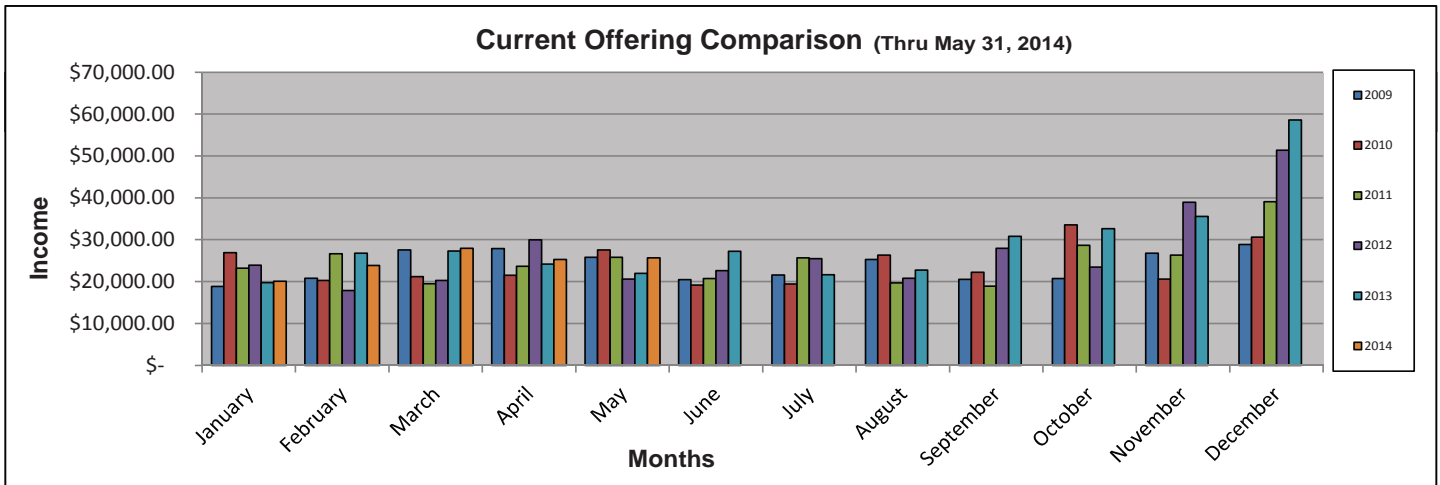
Capital Campaign Committee:

The following people have agreed to serve on this committee: John Beck, Susie Enderle, Ann Fether, Keith Kern, Joyce Kinsman, Jim Redd, Brad Roth, Doug Rupp, Jeff Rutledge, Jean Stamm, Karen Walker and Brent Winzeler. The committee will soon have their first meeting as they begin their work of carrying out their responsibility – to oversee all means and efforts of raising funds and keeping the congregation informed on the progress of the capital campaign.

Summer Internship:

This summer Jennifer Lindsay will be serving SJCC as a youth ministry intern. Jen has already helped as a leader on the SYF mission trip and will continue to focus on the areas of junior high, senior high, college and small groups. Jen is heading into her senior year at Ashland University with a dual major in religion and social work.

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Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
6/1/14	311	\$ 8,112.61	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 1,698.26
6/8/14	286	\$ 5,903.46	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (510.89)
6/15/14	276	\$ 5,818.10	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (596.25)
6/22/14	229	\$ 4,673.12	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (1,741.23)
Avg / Total	276	\$ 24,507.29	\$ 25,657.40	\$ (1,150.11)
As of June 20, 2014		Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 154,033.69	\$ 168,631.31	\$ (14,597.62)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
6/1/14	\$ 2,867.39	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (265.31)
6/8/14	\$ 2,323.19	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (809.51)
6/15/14	\$ 1,748.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (1,384.70)
6/22/14	\$ 2,241.16	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (891.54)
Total	\$ 9,179.74	\$ 12,530.80	\$ (3,351.06)

As indicated above, our current fund balance is running at a deficit of more than \$14,597.62 as of June 20th. Please prayerfully discern further support of the financial realities of our Christian ministries.

St. John's Christian Church - 2014 Benevolent Budget Report

	As of May 31, 2014	2014 Goals	2014 YTD Inc	2014 YTD Exp
1	Beg Bal Bene/2nd Mile Funds		\$ 2,665.21	
2	Benevolent Fund Undesignated		\$ 24,482.75	
3	Farm/Interest/2nd Mile Income		\$ 4,032.81	
4	Non-Budgeted Projects		\$ 6,602.57	\$ 2,718.41
5	Agape Family Life House	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 280.00
6	Altlink (formerly AIM)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
7	Aroles - CRHP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,399.00	\$ 2,399.00
8	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten Coin	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 870.04	\$ 229.79
9	Back Bay Mission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,315.81	\$ 1,315.81
10	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 870.04	\$ 870.04
11	Back Bay Mission Trip	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,583.00	\$ 2,944.43
12	Cherry Street Mission	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,261.91	\$ 2,261.91
13	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 35.76
14	Church Camp	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,715.00
15	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
16	Clean Up Kits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 1,155.00
17	College Scholarship	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 853.43	\$ 6,000.00
18	Community Meals	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 593.56	\$ 2,142.19
19	Crossroad	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 467.32	\$ 467.32
20	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
21	Doriot, Jon & Rachel (Pioneers)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 525.00
22	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
23	FISH (Archbold Pantry)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,178.61	\$ 5,197.57
24	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 656.25	\$ 656.25
25	Frank, Tony & Leila	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 1,765.00
26	FRB - Thank Offering	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
27	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,445.47	\$ 3,945.47
28	Great Comm Min - Kyle/Matt	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 1,495.00
29	Habitat for Humanity - Fulton	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
30	Habitat for Humanity - Mich.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
31	Hands of Grace	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
32	Kajiado Children's Home	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,248.21	\$ 756.86
33	Kajiado Spon. Child	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 399.00
34	Love Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
35	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
36	PET Project	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
37	Rauschenbergers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 565.00
38	Shepherd's Circle	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
39	Sparrow's Nest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 765.28	\$ 765.28
40	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
41	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
42	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00
43	SYF - 2014 Mission Trip	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 2,250.00
44	SYF - 2015 Mission Trip Deposit	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -
45	The Outback	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
46	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
47	Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
48	Volkman, Ryan & Stanka	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
49	Walk In Assistance Program	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 273.23	\$ 320.96
50	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 2,470.00
51	Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
52	Grand Total	\$ 162,900.00	\$ 63,190.50	\$ 50,007.05

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July Worship:

- July 6.....Special Music – Andrew Rohrs, trumpet
Scriptures – Ps. 100, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sermon – “Shining Your Faith” – Pastor Erich
- July 13...Special Music –
Jacob Gobrogge & Meghan Rogers
Scriptures – Psalm 118:15-16, Acts 11:19-30
Sermon – “Evidence Left in Passing” – Pastor Adam
- July 20....Sacrament of Holy Communion
Special Music – Ed Ruffer, trombone
Scriptures – 1 John 5:11-13, John 15:1-8
Sermon – “Connected to the Vine” – Pastor Adam
- July 27...Special Music – Mike Meyer
(10:30) Chancel Choir – “To God Be the Glory”
Scriptures & Sermon – VBS Theme

summer small groups

- Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John’s:**
- 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
- Tuesday Evening College Small Group
7:00 - 8:00PM - Youth Room
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study
9:00 - 10:00AM - West Haven, Fairlawn

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 devotion, fun and fellowship. This group will gather on Tuesday evenings at 7PM (location may vary) and will be led by Jen Lindsay (Cell Phone 419- 591-9197).

housekeeping

Medical Equipment Available for Use:

We have several items here at the church that are available for use: wheelchairs, walkers (no wheels) crutches, canes, support bar, shower chair. These are available for short or long term use; just contact Sue in the church office.

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 10AM to 1PM. 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 8AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. For more information, call Sheri Rychener at 419-337-9299.

St. John’s Christian Church Leadership:

- Congregation President.....Jeff Rutledge
- Congregation Vice-President Ed Ruffer
- Congregation Secretary.....Betsy Redd
- EldersNorma 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
- CustodianDean Buckenmeyer
- Security Person Richard Spiess
- Christian Preschool Staff Sue MacDonald,
Joan Burkholder
- Administrative Assistant..... Sue Grieser
- Director of Music MinistryDeb Schmitkey
- Director of Christian Education..... Jenna Storrer
- Associate Pastor Rev. Adam Just
- Pastor.....Rev. Erich Christman

July Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

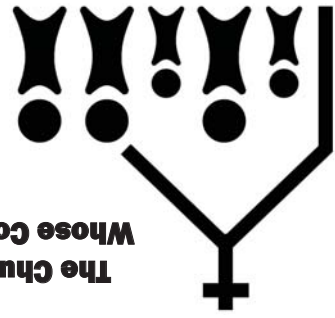
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| 1 "Don't Just Stand There" ----- Exodus 14:1-18 | 16 Risk of Responsibility ----- Exodus 22:1-15 |
| 2 Primeval Chaos Revisted! ----- Exodus 14:19-31 | 17 Direct Application ----- Exodus 22:16-31 |
| 3 I Will Sing Unto the Lord ----- Exodus 15:1-18 | 18 Equal Rights ----- Exodus 23:1-19 |
| 4 I'll Never Doubt Again! ----- Exodus 15:19-27 | 19 Just Enough ----- Exodus 23:20-33 |
| 5 I'm Starving! ----- Exodus 16:1-16 | 20 Uncertain? ----- Psalm 76:1-12 |
| 6 Forget Me Not ----- Psalm 74:1-23 | 21 Spread the Load ----- Exodus 24:1-18 |
| 7 Give Us Our Daily Bread! ----- Exodus 16:17-26 | 22 Redefining Family ----- Romans 9:1-18 |
| 8 Back to Square One? ----- Exodus 17:1-16 | 23 Come One, Come All ----- Romans 9:19-29 |
| 9 Home Truths ----- Exodus 18:1-27 | 24 Better Out Than In ----- Romans 9:30 - 10:21 |
| 10 Beyond Mediation ----- Exodus 19:1-25 | 25 The Remnant and The Rest ----- Romans 11:1-10 |
| 11 Ground Rules for Life ----- Exodus 20:1-17 | 26 Roots and Branches ----- Romans 11:11-24 |
| 12 Awestruck ----- Exodus 20:18-26 | 27 Discombobulated ----- Psalm 77:1-20 |
| 13 The Righteous Judge ----- Psalm 75:1-10 | 28 Divine Mystery ----- Romans 11:25-36 |
| 14 Integrity ----- Exodus 21:1-11 | 29 In View of God's Mercy ----- Romans 12:1-8 |
| 15 Fair Trade Fines ----- Exodus 21:12-27 | 30 Let's Stay Together ----- Romans 12:9-21 |
| | 31 Good Citizenship ----- Romans 13:1-7 |

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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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