

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Kreighton Sims, one of our 8th graders, whose father, Greg Sims, has been diagnosed with cancer.
 - Thelma Bartley, who is at her daughter's home in Maumee, receiving home health care, physical and speech therapy.
 - Roger and Kay Merillat's granddaughter, Chloe Merillat, who has finished proton treatments and has begun chemo treatments in Toledo.
 - April Jennings, who is undergoing treatments for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
 - Mary Jo Britt, who is recovering from a stroke.
 - Robert Kuntz, who is in rehab at Fulton Manor.
 - Dale VonDeylen, who continues to endure through a lengthy knee surgery healing process.
 - Annie Foote, receiving chemo every three weeks through December 16th, then an additional 48 weeks of a trial chemo.
 - 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)

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

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army)

Wife, Maria & children, Silvette & Elias:
3857 B Moss Circle, Fort Sill, OK 73503

Dennis LaPorte (Air Force)

Wife, Wren & daughters, Jillian & Lorelei
107 Nebraska St., Travis AFB, CA 94535-1235

Lesniak, Jacob LCpl (Marines)

LOC #1355 MCCES, Box 788253
Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8253

Martinez, Braden (Army) - Afghanistan

304th En Co, 19th En Bn, APO, AE 09354
Wife, Brittany & daughters Madison & Claire
610 E. South St, Bryan, OH 43506

Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

Wife, Ashley & son Brennan
150 Dewey Avenue, Groton, CT 06340

Koltin Zimmerman (Army)

(Left for Basic Training on October 28th)
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

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.

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

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Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:

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

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

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 #505

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

congregational news

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan and Devin Bernath on the birth of their twins, Jebb Dennis (left) and Jera Joy, on October 17th at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jebb weighed 4 lbs., 10 oz. and Jera weighed 4 lbs., 8 oz. Both Jebb and Jera continue to improve and should be home soon. They have a 4 year old brother, Jace.



CONGRATULATIONS to Chad Kern and Teresa Baker, who were married in our Chapel on Saturday, October 25th.



congregational thank you's

My Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for the genuine love and concern that was shown to me and my family before and during the loss of Joan. It has been so important to me. I have moved to an Assisted Living home in Angola, Indiana (701 Harcourt Rd., Apt. 142C, Angola, IN 46703). Will try to stop in on a trip back home!

May God Bless You All!
Clyde Sommer

pastor's letter

Thoughts from Pastor Erich . . .

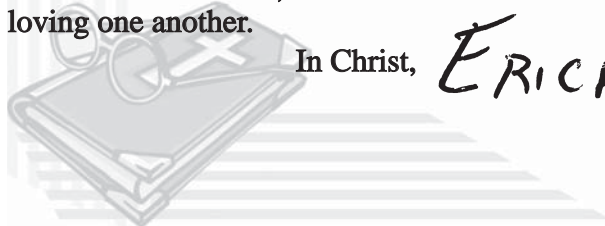
In September's newsletter article, I encouraged everyone "To Know God More." How are you doing with that? That's a question I ask myself, too. I've tried to spend more time each day in the scriptures, beyond reading my daily devotional and preparing for sermons, and I've realized once again how distracted I can be in my reading. So many tasks, so many thoughts, so many wishes intrude! But we are called to press on (Philippians 3:14)! Reading God's Word is vital to our individual spiritual souls and vital in the life of our congregational community. As we know God more through His Word, we gain further knowledge into spiritual unity, brotherly and sisterly love, and how to serve the Lord together. We can gain the knowledge, but we always must strive to put our knowledge into practice. Involvement in the church gives us this kind of practice.

The community meals are an example of such practice. Each Tuesday, two or three people set up the parish hall, transforming the empty space into a large cafeteria. Then there are a dozen or so folks who come each week (taking a week off here and there) who make sure the kitchen and cafeteria is all set, who clear the tables, wash the dishes, wash the pots and pans and take care of trash and leftovers. Then there is the tear down crew – a handful of people who take the chairs and tables down each week. This is just the SJCC folks – add to the mix a crew of volunteers from other churches or area organizations – the servants are varied, but united.

Such a ministry provides opportunity to practice love – to experience the gifts, quirkiness, and personal habits of others, which prompts understanding and even forgiveness when differences may result in disagreements.

In this month of November, as we highlight the blessing of thanksgiving, I am thankful for the church. You, the people, who help us all practice love – to rely upon the truth of scripture in guiding our interactions through love and prayer. May our diversity as unique individuals be shaped and molded by the grace and love of Jesus Christ, who calls us to serve humbly, loving one another.

In Christ, **ERICH**



preschool corner

October was a busy month in the preschool! We talked about our 5 senses, and experienced many tactile activities. If you take a look at the small bulletin board near the north preschool door, you will be able to see the words we used to describe different textures. Around the middle of the month, we took our first field trip to the Archbold Fire Station. The children had a great time trying on mini turnout gear, touring the fire station and getting to play inside the ambulance! We also learned how they get those big ladders down from the sides of the fire truck! We learned many important things about staying safe in a fire, such as crawling under the smoke, 'stop, drop & roll' if our clothes catch on fire, dialing 911, and choosing a special meeting spot. The firefighters also asked us to remind our parents to check the batteries in our smoke detectors at home. We would like to offer a special 'Thank you!' to those parents who drove for our field trip.



During the last 2 weeks of the month, we enjoyed many Halloween related activities. We made scary ghosts and pumpkins. We got to try on lots of fun costumes and pretend to 'trick or treat' in our classroom. Our Halloween parties were held on October 30th and 31st.

We are still collecting the following:

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

Check out the Fish Bowl outside the preschool room next time you are headed to the Dollar Tree or Dollar General.

Thank you so much for all of your donations!!!!

Labels for Education:

By clipping and saving the UPC's and beverage caps/sauce caps from participating products and placing them in the designated container on the coat rack in the chapel narthex, our preschool staff can redeem them and earn FREE educational merchandise.

To find a list of participating products, go to www.labelsforeducation.com. Thank you for your help!

congregational thank you's

cont.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and meals prepared for us while I was recuperating from my broken leg. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Jean Stamm

mission corner

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarrens), for our gift of \$705.
- Altlink (Tom & Megan L.), for our gift of \$175.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1,218.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$1,460.
- Church World Service, for our gift of \$715.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$85.
- Defiance YFC (The Outback), for our gift of \$75.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- New Life International (The Rauschenbergers), for our gift of \$500.
- Pioneers (The Dorjots), for our gift of \$90.
- World Team (The Franks), for our gift of \$2,410.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to PET. Rest assured it will be put to good use.

Together, Mel (West) and Gary (Moreau) are successfully leading our efforts to assist the world's less fortunate, and your donation strongly supports our endeavors.

Sincerely,
Jim Wall, President



Dear St. John's,

Thank you for your financial support of World Team's missionary family. With so many things clamoring for your attention and resources, we realize you purposefully chose to help meet our ministry needs above other giving opportunities. Words can not adequately express our deep gratitude for your ministry of giving to Tony and Leila Frank for the sake of the Gospel.

Sincerest Thanks,
Susan Best, Dir. of Resources



Dear St. John's,

Thank you for hosting a shrimp boil on Saturday, October 18th. Craig and I had a wonderful time and we truly appreciate everything that the people of St. John's have done to support the work of Back Bay Mission.

Grace & Peace,
Chris Marlin-Warfield, Church Relations Assoc.

Dear Friends,

Your recent work camp at Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many. We trust that whenever you reflect on your time with us, it will summon a smile. It surely does for those you helped! Your loving acts of kindness and service restore a breath of hope for many in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

All of us at Back Bay Mission extend our deepest gratitude for your support of our mission. We thank you for sharing your active faith among us, and we ask that you keep our ministry, staff and clients in your thoughts and prayers.

Gratefully,

Craig Steenkamp, Wil & Hulen Brown



November Mission-A-Month - Christmas Cheer:

Christmas Cheer is again gearing up to help those in need in Fulton County for Christmas. They are expecting to serve about 700 pre-registered families who will come from all over the county to the Junior Fair Building at the Wauseon fairgrounds in early December. If you will help, we'll again fill our store with soups, cereals, canned fruits and vegetable. They hope to also stock bath towels, hygiene products, warm blankets and detergents. Christmas Cheer is all about dignity, so volunteers sort, count and stock all the goods so participants can shop with points in each section of their store for what they most need.

Christmas Cheer buys in case lots locally and almost always at cost. Your contribution will be critical to their success.

When: Everything needs to be at the Jr. Fair Building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon on Monday, December 8th between 10AM and 4PM or Tuesday, December 9th by 11AM.

Volunteers: Sign up to work the week of December 8 thru 11. To obtain further information, please call Christmas Cheer phone coordinator, Judy, at 419-822-9760.

Checks to: St. John's Christian Church or mail to Fulton County Christmas Cheer, 16449 State Route 2, Wauseon, Ohio 43567. (helpful now but also welcome year round)

Monetary donations may also be given for Christmas Cheer. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or included in your weekly offering envelopes earmarked "Christmas Cheer" or November M-A-M. **Reminder:** Cars in good mechanical shape are greatly needed year round. Consider donating your car to Christmas Cheer when you are ready to make an upgrade. Call Cecily Rohrs at 419-267-5502.

mission corner cont.

Back Bay Mission Trip – February 7-14, 2015:

Though a group just returned from Biloxi two weeks prior to this issue of the Visitor going to print, it's time to make plans for the next trip, as we must turn in final reservations sixty days prior to our arrival. So, the sign-up sheet is posted as we look for 12 to 15 willing servants to join in a week of fellowship and service.

February's trip will feature **NEW TRAVEL PLANS!** We will take two days to travel to Biloxi and two days to return home. The plan is to depart mid-morning on Saturday, February 7th, drive two-thirds of the way, stay the night somewhere, then finish the trip on Sunday, arriving in plenty of time to settle in the mission house prior to Sunday evenings orientation session with Back Bay staff. We will enjoy 4 ½ days of home construction – either new or remodeling – and plenty of time to relax in the evenings, rest some tired muscles and get to know each other as the days go by. We will leave Biloxi mid-afternoon on Friday, drive approximately one-third of the way home, stay somewhere overnight, and then finish the trip on Saturday.

Cost of the trip will be \$200, which includes \$75 for lodging at Back Bay's mission house, \$50 for construction supplies, and the remainder will cover fuel and transportation costs, meals, and lodging on the trip. But don't let the cost prevent you from considering – there are always some benefactors who are willing to offer anonymous assistance for people interested in participating in such a week.

Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand:



Mackenzie shares in her October newsletter: This past month has been one of God's provision. He has begun to provide a supportive church family. I have found a church that I regularly attend and am involved with through teaching Sunday school and attending a life group. I have found

community in that life group where many nations are represented. Living in the city also hasn't been the most enjoyable. I miss seeing God's creation in nature. But God has been reminding me that nature isn't his only creation and isn't even his most special

part. I have been learning to find joy and beauty in the creation of his people. I love the diversity of the city, my life group, and my students. I am thankful that I can still experience and find joy in God's creation, even if it isn't the same as I had before I came here.

In my last newsletter I had mentioned one of my students who doesn't necessarily come from a Christian background. This student surprised me the other day. This past Wednesday and Friday for devotions I have been reading the story of Esther to my students. I reminded them of how Queen Esther had courage to confront the King because she knew God was with her. When you have devotions with 5th graders you don't always know how much sinks in or if they are even listening. This student surprised me by asking where the story of Esther was in the bible because she wanted to read it at home. I found joy in that small moment knowing that God is working. It may not have been a big moment, but it was awesome to see that this student wanted to learn more on her own. I am not an expert at devotions or storytelling, but God works through the lives of ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

Prayer Requests:

- That God would continue to work in my students so that they may better know him.
- I will be giving a chapel talk this coming Tuesday. Pray that I would communicate clearly and that God will open the hearts of the students.
- For a ministry opportunity that I will soon be starting - more to come on that later.

Missionary News and Contact Information:

Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

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Judd & Becky McClarren, Ethiopia

Awaiting word on their departure/arrival

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Brian & Jamie Rauschenberger, Haiti

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Mackenzie Nofziger - Bangkok, Thailand

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ministry happenings

Christian Education

LOGOS - Wednesday Evening Youth Program:

Themes for the month of November include: Nov. 5 - Hungry & Homeless Night, Nov. 12th - Flashlight Night, Nov. 19th - Thanksgiving Night, Nov. 26th - NO LOGOS. Our LOGOS program is open to children ages 4 years old through 12th grade.

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

JYF is currently going through the Essential Jesus devotional series. On Saturday, November 15th from 6-9PM, the JYF will provide a Child Care Night. This is open to all families with ties to the congregation. JYF will provide an evening of child care for ages nursery- 5th grade, along with pizza.

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

We had a good time in October finishing up our series on Truth and the distractions that we face in life. November looks like it'll be another great month. Here's a sneak peek at the upcoming schedule: November 5th – Persecuted Church; November 12th – Life Planning Night and SYF Remix; November 19th – Senior Sharing; November 26th – NO SYF.

Senior High Sunday School Class:

We would like to encourage the attendance of our senior high Sunday school class. This month we'll spend a couple weeks focusing on the secrets of praying well, and then we'll be talking about family life the last few weeks of November.

Life Planning:

We'll be packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the chapel on Wednesday, November 12th at 7PM. Mentors and youth will pack boxes with purchased items from funds donated in October.

Events/Activities

Upcoming Fellowship Committee Events:

Veteran's Breakfast -
Sunday, November 9th @ 9:15AM

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner -
Thursday, December 18th @ 5:30PM

Please sign up for both of these events on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Attention Ladies - Women of Faith Revival Tour:

It's not too late to sign up for this live simulcast event on Friday, November 7 (6-8PM) and 8 (8AM-3:30PM). Be ready to transform your soul, awaken your spirit and revive your faith. Registration can be done online or in the church office. Tickets are available up to the day of the event; those purchased after October 31st will not include Sat. lunch.

Men's Ministry - Men's Breakfast:

On Wednesday morning, November 19th, men from St. John's are invited to come and enjoy breakfast at the Home Restaurant from 6:15-7:15AM. We meet in one of the back meeting 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.

November Adult Sunday School Class: Prayer:

Is it possible that our prayers go unanswered because we are praying out of a sense of obligation or maybe for the wrong things? Are our prayers supposed to be a list of things we want, or are they really intended to be an ongoing dialogue with God about the things He wants? Maybe if we align our prayers with God's mission, we would see God answer our prayers in supernatural ways that we could never imagine. Sign up on the bulletin board for this 3-week small group prayer experience (limited to 12 participants) led by Pastor Adam that begins November 16th.

A Congregational Invitation – Memorial Service and Luncheon in Memory of Beth Sigg:

A memorial service in memory of Beth Sigg will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service of worship on Sunday, November 16th. Beth entered into eternal life on September 3rd, 2014. Beth's husband, David, son of Paul and Barb Sigg, invites the congregation to stay for this short memorial service in celebration of Beth's life. David and Beth were married in St. John's sanctuary on December 24, 1992, and having grown up at St. John's, David and his parents desire to celebrate her life in their home church. Following the memorial service, everyone will be invited to a luncheon served in the parish hall.

ministry happenings

cont.

Gong Show / Silent Auction Follow Up:

Another fun-filled night of amateur comedy, fellowship, food and silent auction bidding was enjoyed by all who attended the Gong Show and Silent Auction on Sunday, October 26th. Over \$1,400 was raised from the evening's activities, which was donated to our Preschool. Below are some fun pictures from the evening (thanks Sara Just!!). Special thanks to all who donated items for the Silent Auction, all who practiced (?) long hours perfecting their acts for the show, to our esteemed judges (Chris Baden, Josh Grime and Scott Short), and an extra special thanks to the Fellowship Committee, who does a fantastic job of organizing and hosting this annual event.



November 2014

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation	Mission-A-Month— Christmas Cheer Elder of the Month— Jim Redd	4 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 5:00PM Community Meal	5 8:30PM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS 6:00PM Alpha Course 6:30PM JYF 6:30PM Bells /Chimes Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	6 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 3:30PM 4th Grade B-Ball Practice 7:15PM Mission Comm.	7 5PM Doors open for WOF 6—8PM Women of Faith Simulcast	1 DST ends (turn clocks back 1 hr.) 11AM—3PM Clothing Swap
2 Daylight Savings Begins	3 11:15AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 3rd Grade B-Ball Practice 7:00PM Capital Campaign Committee 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	4 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 5:00PM Community Meal	5 8:30PM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS 6:00PM Alpha Course 6:30PM JYF 6:30PM Bells /Chimes Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	6 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 3:30PM 4th Grade B-Ball Practice 7:15PM Mission Comm.	7 5PM Doors open for WOF 6—8PM Women of Faith Simulcast	8 7AM Doors open for WOF 8AM—3:30PM Women of Faith Simulcast	
9 9:00AM Veteran's Breakfast 10:30AM Bells / Chimes Play 6:00PM Seekers Small Grp.	10 11:15AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 3rd Grade B-Ball Practice 6:30PM Couples Sm. Grp. 7:00PM Investment Comm. 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	11 Veteran's Day 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 1:30PM Bingo at Fairlawn 5:00PM Community Meal 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Evangelism Comm. 7:00PM Personnel Comm. 7:00PM Property Comm.	12 8:30PM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM West Haven B. Sty. 5:50PM LOGOS 6:00PM Alpha Course 6:30PM JYF 6:30PM Junior Choir Reh. 7:00PM Life Planning / SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	13 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 3:30PM 4th Grade B-Ball Practice 6:00PM Cub Scouts District Mtg.	14 9:00AM Depart For Blue Gate Dinner Theater 4:30PM 3rd Grade B-Ball Practice	15 8AM-1PM Music Teachers Festival 6-9PM JYF Child Care Night	
16 9:15AM SS Class Prayer 10:50AM Junior Church 11:45AM Memorial Service For Beth Sigg 1:00PM Luncheon—Sigg 3:00PM Leave for TGRM Chapel and Meal	17 11:15AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 3rd Grade B-Ball Practice 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC 7:30PM Consistory	18 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 4:00PM CE Team 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Evangelism Comm.	19 8:30PM Moms In Prayer 6:15PM Men's Breakfast 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:30PM Junior Choir Reh. 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	20 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 4-9PM Sunshine Children's Home Dinner	21 9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn 4-9PM Sunshine Children's Home Dinner	22 3:30PM Wedding - Alice Leu & Jon Leatherman	
23 9:15AM SS Class Prayer 11:45AM Advent Decorating 6:00PM Seekers Small Grp.	24 9:00AM Girl Scouts Mtg. (Parish Hall) 11:15AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM 3rd Grade B-Ball Practice 6:30PM Couples Sm. Grp. 7:00PM Sister Chicks INC	25 9:00AM Girls Scouts Mtg. (Parish Hall) 9:15AM Bible Study 12:00PM Prayer Time 5:00PM Community Meal 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	26 9:00AM Girl Scouts Mtg. (Parish Hall) 9:00AM West Haven Bible Study	27 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed) 9:00AM Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)	28 9:00AM Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)	29	
30 Holy Communion 9:15AM SS Class Prayer							

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kali Lantz
 - 2 Jan Martinez, Caleb Wooley
 - 3 Susan & Brad Enderle, Dustin Nofziger, Mackenzie Nofziger, Gary Sears, Joel Wanemacher
 - 4 Dustin Buckenmeyer, Margaret Leupp, Kay Merillat, Cale Short, Len Stamm
 - 5 Judy Grime, Dave Walker
 - 6 Tim Grieser, Jill Holdgreve, Alec & Ames Genter
 - 7 Jim & Renee Liechty, Michael & Sarah Overmier, Ashley Schink
 - 8 Dennis LaPorte
 - 9 Mary Augustine, Cody Ruffer, Nancy Storrer, Sharon VonDeylen
 - 10 Laurie Flint
 - 11 Norm Fether, Phil Spiess
 - 12 Kelsey Grieser
 - 13 Marilyn Buehrer, Bob Cowell, Gabrielle Nafziger, Clay Nafziger, Andy Redd, Linda Rutledge
 - 14 Nancy Rupp, Dean & Lisa Smith
 - 16 Kelly & Betsy Ducey, Lindy Lantz
 - 17 Mert & Sue Kinsman
 - 19 Ben Brader, Doris Hull
 - 22 Emma Hall, Kathy Layton, David & Renee Lovejoy, Luci Meyer, Curt Stamm
 - 23 John Graber, Mike Meyer
 - 24 Chris Jennings, Laura Johnson, Jesse Meyer, Lisa Smith
 - 25 Lynda Schnitkey
 - 26 Carol DeVries, Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Casen Short
 - 27 Graeme Lauber, Andrew Rohrs, Collin Walker, Corbin Walker, Michael Walker
 - 28 Kent Short
 - 30 Lynne Stuckey
- ☼ Please let us know if we do NOT have your special day correct! Thank you.

small groups

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings - Seekers Small Group

6:00 - 8:00PM - Keith & Kelli Kuntz's,
733 W. Leggett St., Wauseon

2nd & 4th Monday Evenings - 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 Small Group

3:30 - 4:30PM - Youth Room (Begins Nov. 18th)

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

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

Wednesday Mornings - Mom's In Prayer

8:30 - 9:30AM - Upstairs SS Classroom

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

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

High School Guys Small Group:

Hey guys, we're starting up our small group on Tuesdays after school again beginning November 18th. Contact Pastor Adam if questions.

worship

November Worship:

November and December Sermon Series – the pastors will be preaching on the meaning of The Apostles' Creed, starting with November 2nd's focus on "I believe in God, the Father Almighty." Our Advent worship, both morning and evening services, will focus on the attributes of Jesus contained in the creed.

November 2nd, 9th and 16th will include expressions of thanksgiving as we build towards sharing our "Symbols of Thanksgiving" with the Lord on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd.

November 30th marks the First Sunday of this year's Season of Advent! We'll celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we prepare once again to celebrate the coming of Christ.

Following worship on Sunday, November 23rd, we are looking for 12 to 15 folks to help decorate the sanctuary and hallway for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Your help would be much appreciated!

consistory

Capital Campaign Committee:

Plans are being formed as the committee has met three times so far, focusing in on getting started with education and awareness of the campaign as approved by the congregation in April. The committee has been working on issues of clarity – striving to make sure the congregation has a clear understanding of the purpose, vision and efforts of this long awaited capital campaign. They are working to have information to the congregation prior to the end of the year, maybe even by the end of November.

Phone Tree Message System:

The church staff relies on the automated Phone Tree System to share news with the congregation, and as you know, we use it frequently! Over the years, we occasionally hear that the message didn't go through to certain households. When answering the phone, we've heard that all someone might hear is, "Phone Tree" and then there was no further message. We are assessing Phone Tree system updates, as well as other systems, and it would be helpful to hear from folks who are having difficulty receiving phone tree messages – please share concerns with Sue in the church office.

stewardship

Offering Information:

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
10/5/14	285	\$ 6,601.26	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 186.91
10/12/14	224	\$ 6,466.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ 51.65
10/19/14	320	\$ 5,221.13	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (1,193.22)
10/26/14	308	\$ 5,345.00	\$ 6,414.35	\$ (1,069.35)
Avg / Total	284	\$ 23,633.39	\$ 25,657.40	\$ (2,024.01)
As of October 20, 2014		Total Income	Total Expenses	Difference
YTD Totals		\$ 269,452.64	\$ 280,435.60	\$ (10,982.96)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
10/5/14	\$ 2,245.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (887.70)
10/12/14	\$ 2,257.05	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (875.65)
10/19/14	\$ 3,478.00	\$ 3,132.70	\$ 345.30
10/26/14	\$ 2,156.31	\$ 3,132.70	\$ (976.39)
Total	\$ 10,136.36	\$ 12,530.80	\$ (2,394.44)

housekeeping

Altar Flowers and Sunday Bulletins:

To honor a loved one's special day (i.e. birthday, wedding anniversary) or the memory of a loved one, we offer sponsorship of our altar flowers and Sunday bulletins. When flowers are sponsored, you may take the two arrangements from the altar the day of sponsorship after our 10:30 service of worship. Sponsorship of flowers (\$20) are not recorded as tax deductions. Bulletin sponsorships (\$20) are tax deductible and will be recorded on your annual giving statement provided in January. With either sponsorship, a note is placed in the Sunday bulletin as you wish (i.e. Altar flowers are given by Joe and Sara Smith in honor of their daughter, Katelyn's 16th birthday. Bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Sam Jones by his children and grandchildren.)

Please contact the church office (419-446-2545 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org) to check on dates available. Regular office hours are 8AM - 5PM Monday thru Friday (office closed Monday's from 11:15AM - 11:45AM for weekly staff meetings).

As indicated above, our current fund balance is running at a deficit of \$12,829.25 as of August 18th. Please prayerfully discern further support of the financial realities of our Christian ministries.

November Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Sense Of Direction ----- 1 Corinthians 7:25-40 | 16 Ready To Praise ----- Psalm 92:1-15 |
| 2 The Gift Of Years ----- Psalm 90:1-17 | 17 Face To Face With God ----- Exodus 33:7-11 |
| 3 Shine! ----- Isaiah 60:1-14 | 18 Time For Intimacy ----- Exodus 33:12-23 |
| 4 Hard Promises ----- Isaiah 61:1-11 | 19 Time For A New Beginning ----- Exodus 34:1-14 |
| 5 God Steps In ----- Isaiah 63:1-14 | 20 Ready For The Radiance ----- Exodus 34:29-35 |
| 6 Anguish! ----- Isaiah 64:1-16 | 21 Ready To Work ----- Exodus 35:30-36:7 |
| 7 The Best Is Yet To Be ----- Isaiah 65:1-7, 17-25 | 22 Finally Ready ----- Exodus 40:1-16, 24-38 |
| 8 Worship Matters ----- Isaiah 66:1-16 | 23 Fundamentals Of Faith ----- Psalm 93:1-5 |
| 9 No Safer Place ----- Psalm 91:1-16 | 24 Pass It On ----- Colossians 1:1-14 |
| 10 Ready To Contribute ----- Exodus 25:1-22 | 25 The Real Thing ----- Colossians 1:15-23 |
| 11 Ready To Get Creative ----- Exodus 31:1-11 | 26 Secret Knowledge ----- Colossians 1:24-2:5 |
| 12 Ready To Rest ----- Exodus 31:12-18 | 27 The Wise Man Built . . . ----- Colossians 2:6-15 |
| 13 Tired Of Waiting ----- Exodus 32:1-14 | 28 Who's The Boss? ----- Colossians 2:16-23 |
| 14 Time For An Explanation ----- Exodus 32:15-24 | 29 You Are What You Wear ----- Colossians 3:1-11 |
| 15 Time To Put Things Right ----- Exodus 32:25-33:6 | 30 The Lord Is My . . . ----- Psalm 94:1-23 |

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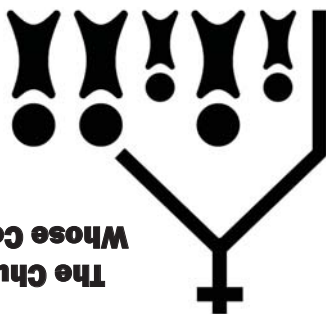
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/5), Ash Wednesday (3/5), Maundy Thursday (4/17),
 Pentecost (6/8), Mid-Summer (7/20), 1st Sunday in October (10/5),
 1st Sunday of Advent (11/30)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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