

The Visitor

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

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prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Gloria Lauber and family, upon the death of Graeme on September 24th at the age of 78. Graeme had been in treatment for cancer and entered into hospice care a few days before his passing.
- Alice Tedrow is feeling much better these days after recovering from a recent fall.
- Susanne Spiess as she is in rehab at Fairlawn following a fall.
- Audrey Smith as she is in hospice care at home.
- Sue Grieser has completed the cancer treatments and praising the Lord for her healing.
- Mike Henry as someone has come forward to donate a kidney, so we thank the Lord for his provision and we pray for Mike to be received into the kidney transplant system at the University of Toledo Medical Center, and we pray for the health of the donor.

- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army) (Alaska)
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

Kohl Collins (Army) (Ft. Benning, GA)
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

Kyle Ducey (Navy) (Fort Gordon, GA)
(Son of Kelly & Betsy)

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army) (Washington D.C.)
(Son of Keith & Kelli)

Eric Magg (Coast Guard) (Ketchikan, AK)
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

AB Shane & Taylor Pitts (Air Force) (Bolling AFB, DC) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

David Richardson (Marines) (Camp Lejeune, NC) (Son of Shannon & Yesi)

Joshua Richardson (Marines) (Camp Lejeune, NC) (Son of Shannon & Yesi)

Steven Schink (Coast Guard) (Port Angeles, WA) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)

AJ Short (Marines) (Japan)
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

PFC Stuckey, Kyle (Army) (Killeen, TX)
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

Kollin Woolace (Marines) (Jacksonville, NC)
(Grandson of Larry & Melva)



Please consider sending cards to these people 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.

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd. Archbold, 43502
Florence Augustine, Room #177
David Lightner, Room #138
Esther Rice, Room #116
Josephine Short, Room #112
Paul Sigg, Room #178
Nancy Ries, Room #158

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Jane Short, Room #208
William & Donna Buehrer, Room #230
Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Room #228

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold,
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545
Irene Short, Room #100

SKLD, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506
Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

pastor's letter

How to Tell Your Testimony Without Being Boring

With REVIVE Ohio quickly approaching at the end of this month, I want to focus our attention on evangelism. This summer I read from Sam Chan's book, *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*. Did you know that one of our most important tools in evangelism is our testimony? Yet Sam shared that many Christians don't know how to share their testimonies. At least, they don't know how to share their testimonies in a way that would be interesting or meaningful for others to hear. I, for one, am guilty of this. But perhaps I'm not alone?

Sam wrote that many Christians, if asked to share their testimony, might share something like this: "I was born in a Christian home, to Christian parents, who raised me in the church, and from as early as I can remember (...or when it clicked in high school...or in college...) I believed that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that he has saved me from all of my sins." If we're honest, we'll admit this is a boring testimony.

If I just offended you, please keep reading. This is, after all, probably how I would normally put my testimony into words as well. First, let me explain what I'm NOT saying. I'm not saying that if you grew up in the church and have been a Christian all your life, then you are somehow inferior to someone who was radically converted from a life of blatant sin later in life. If that's not it, then what am I saying? I'm saying, at least trying to say, what Sam has written: that we need to be equipped to share our testimonies in more meaningful ways.

Sam encourages us to share our testimonies as we would other stories, with an introduction, body, and conclusion. In the introduction, we share who we are, what drives us, and what our deepest longing is; this culminates in our mission in life. Sam shares that as an Asian, he is a high achiever, which drove him to work hard in school and get good grades. He got into a top med school, with the goal of being a doctor (which is a high achiever's dream). As a doctor, people would want to hear his stories at parties, and bankers would want to call him and offer him loans.

In the body of the testimony, we share the downside of what drives us, the cost, the consequences, the toll. For Sam, the high achiever, there were always more mountains to climb. He was never satisfied with what he had accomplished. There were always more trophies to win. And he found out that he really needed these trophies. He needed more and more proof of how good he was. Because as most high achievers really are, Sam was actually quite insecure. Another toll Sam faced as a high achiever, is that he remembered his failures more than his successes. He remembered the one X-Ray that showed his failure as a doctor.

As a bridge between the body and conclusion, Sam shares the time in high school when he read Romans and understood for the first time that Jesus is perfect for us, so that we don't have to be, so that God can love us right now, as we are. In the conclusion of his testimony, Sam talks about facing the decision to continue in full-time medicine or pursue full-time ministry. As a high achiever, he would have been bound to continue in medicine. But with the freedom he found in Christ, he was able to make a different choice, something that would cost him prestige, but something he wanted to do. He also shares about the difference his friends have noticed in him: how he used to be an insecure jerk, and in his insecurity, he would dominate dinner party conversations, and drive aggressively. But with the security he has in Christ, he can be calm behind the steering wheel, and doesn't have to get in the last word, or the longest story, or the best joke.

Sam could tell his testimony two ways. He could say: "I was born to Christian parents and have always been a Christian." Or he could share his testimony as a story, talking about his identity, his struggles, and how he met God in a meaningful way, a life changing way, a way that brought new peace and deep joy to his life. As a Christian, which testimony is more encouraging to hear? If you were not a Christian, which testimony would be more meaningful for you to hear?

Even if you're not planning to participate in REVIVE Ohio at all, take time to write out your story according to Sam's model. If you'd like more information, consider listening to his 10 minute talk on YouTube: "Sam Chan - Everyday Evangelism - How to Share Your Story" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfXnVkpmsyI>). And if you're willing, I'd love for you to share your testimony story with me. I'm praying for you as you reflect on these things and fashion your testimony according to this model!

Grace and Peace,



congregational news & thank you's

Never are we more aware of how much friends and our church family mean than at a time of bereavement. Whether you were a part of the celebration service, the kind hands who made the luncheon, sent a card or gift, we will remember the day with warmth and gratitude. Your thoughtfulness meant so much!

The Family of Larry Rupp

Thank you to St. John's Christian Church family for your prayers, cards and listening as we adjust to the passing of Gary's mom, Rose Ann (Rashley) Mann.

Gary & Teresa Mann

St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much to the members of your congregation who spent their Saturday volunteering at Crossroad! All of your hard work is so greatly appreciated. Also, a big "Thank You" for the balls, journals and K'Nex toys you brought with you. Our kids will put them to good use! You are such a wonderful group to work with.

Thank you & God Bless,
Kinzie & Andrea

Thank you to everyone who has sent me cards and remembers and prays for me.

Bernice Rice

preschool corner

Although the weather says, "summer", it seems like fall is in full swing since school has started!

Our first week of school was spent getting to know our classroom, our rules, our class prayer, our September Bible verse and our friends' names.

Our second week of school was spent focusing on "God Loves Me/I am Special". We talked about how God made each of us different, with special talents and abilities, and how he takes care of us and loves each one of us. During this week, the children brought in the "homework" we had assigned at Orientation. The younger class brought in paper bags containing 3-5 items that describe them, and we started talking about those at Circle Time. Children in the older class completed a poster with a parent's help, titled "All About..." They listed favorite foods, color, etc., and drew pictures depicting their family, greatest wish, favorite place, and what they want to be when they grow up. We shared these at Circle Time, and it was so fun to hear about things we have in common with our classmates, and things that are unique about us.

The third week of the month was spent talking about "Creation". We kept it simple with the younger children, talking about things/people God created and that he took a "nap" and rested on the 7th day. The children made a mobile to hang up at home, with numbers and descriptions of what God created on each day. The older children got more in depth with numbers 1-7 and beginning to identify them, and also gained a better understanding of what God created each day. Their art project depicted each day, with objects and pictures, so they can retell the story.

We have a brand new donation board up in the hallway near the preschool room! Look for the bright red apples in the tree. If you are led or able, please take an apple, purchase the item written on it, and return it in the blue plastic box by our cubbies We are SO grateful for these items, which help us provide a variety of activities to the children. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!! They are greatly appreciated!!

-Sue MacDonald & Joan Wyse

mission corner

October Mission-A-Month Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. In October, we will be collecting items to be included in plastic boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church so these boxes can be delivered to area drop-off locations in time for the Christmas holiday season. If you want to pack your own box, please pick up a plastic box here at the church and use a label from one of the envelopes on the table in the sanctuary narthex to signify on the box if it is for a boy or girl. Place your packed plastic box in or near the white mission box outside the chapel. Or you can just purchase items to be included in boxes that will be packed later. Some suggestions for shoe box items are listed below (or go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/):

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

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

Hygiene Items - toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, etc.

Other - Small Bibles, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

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

You can pick up boxes outside the chapel. Please bring boxes back by October 27. Please do NOT include food, stuffed animals, or toothpaste, as these items are not allowed to be sent. Donations would be greatly appreciated! We are trying to raise \$2500 to send 200 boxes.

Get Acquainted Luncheon – Sunday, October 20th, 12:00pm

New to St. John's Christian Church? Want to find out more about this church and congregation? Been coming for a while and interested in membership orientation classes? Pastor Erich invites you to a luncheon following the 10:30am service on October 20th. We'll enjoy a simple meal and table fellowship and get to know one another. Please let him know if you will attend – email at pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org or call/text – 419-551-0401.

Equipped to Respond and Serve

If you were asked a question like this – “You’ve been nominated to serve on the mission committee, would you be willing to serve?” What might be your response – willingness, panic, doubt, refusal? Lay volunteers are vital in the life and ministry of the Christian Church! Be equipped to perceive where best you might serve! Be an Isaiah, who responded to God’s call in Isaiah 6:8 – “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”” Whether it be serving on a committee, serving as an officer of Consistory, teaching or sharing the gift of hospitality, we encourage everyone to participate in “Equipped to Respond and Serve!” Sessions will be held on three Sunday mornings in October (13th, 20th 27th), from 9:15 to 10:15 in the parish hall.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Crossroad, for our gift of \$125 and donations from Work Day.
- Reliant (Chase & Pardi), for our gift of \$250.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$740.
- Cherry Street, for our gift of \$565.
- Altlink (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$10.

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen the depth of their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others.

Upcoming mission experiences:

- October 5-12 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- November 17 – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel Service and Meal
- February 9-15, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- June 13-20, 2020 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip
- June 14-19, 2020 – Summer Mission Trip, LaPorte County, Indiana

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DR Mission Trip – June 13-20, 2020

St. John's supports two missionary families serving with Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock. The home church of the Suon's and the Schrock's is Pettisville Missionary Church (PMC). St. John's and PMC are partnering for a mission trip in June.

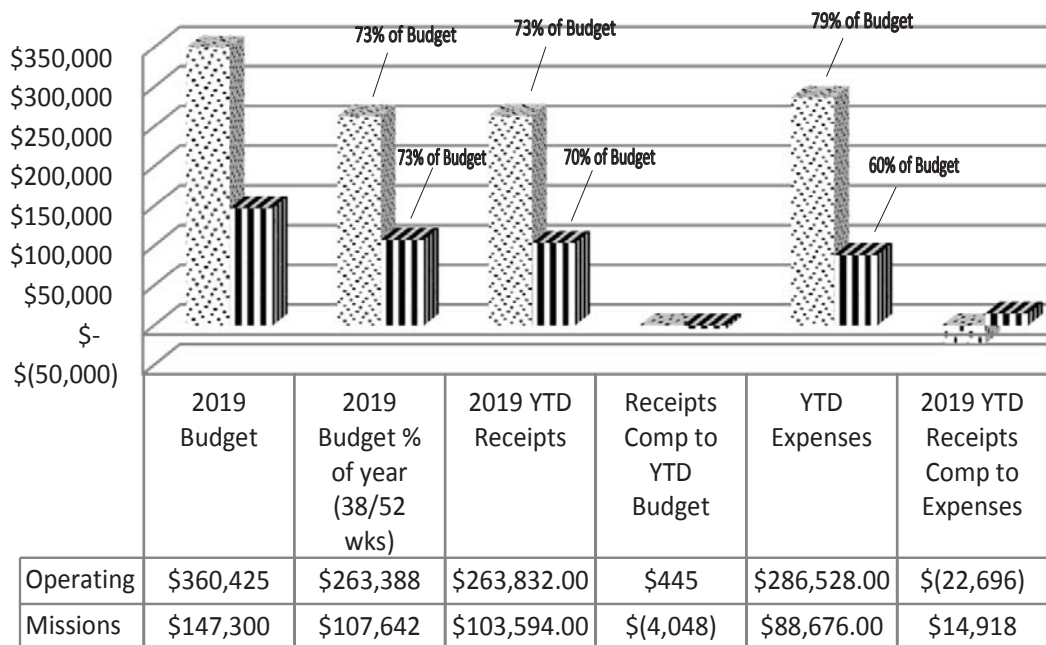
PMC is sending their youth and youth leaders, and SJCC is sending youth and adults interested in this cross-cultural experience. Freedom runs a Christian school in the DR with 300 students in preschool through sixth grade. Trip participants will have the opportunity to work with the children in their summer program, as well as work on ongoing construction of the school.

Ryan Christman is heading up this experience, with the involvement of the Mission Committee. Further information to come soon!

Thank Offering Containers

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

2019 Operating & Mission Funds as of September 23



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 23, 2019 - \$736,410.20

ministry happenings

ReviveOhio: Fulton County

ReviveOhio: Fulton County is an extended outreach set to take place October 25-31. To date, over 20 churches throughout the county are involved in preparing for this outreach event. Pastor Erich is working with Archbold Evangelical Church to be a one of the events noon time locations. Following training sessions in the mornings and afternoons, teams will hit the streets to talk and pray with others, showing the same love and compassion Jesus showed when He walked the streets of Judea. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this spirit-led time!

ReviveOhio: Fulton County – Come & See Night #2

Learn more about ReviveOhio: Fulton County at the second Come & See Night on October 13 from 6:30-8:30pm at North Clinton Mennonite Church (County Road F, Wauseon). This evening will include community worship, teaching and sharing the vision of what is to come when the Church of Fulton County embraces unity, hunger and humility! “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” —1 Corinthians 1:10

Walk Thru the Bible – Old Testament – November 1st and 2nd

Experience an event that unveils God’s Word as you’ve never known it before. As you walk through the Old Testament, you’ll realize that the Bible is coming to life and your knowledge of its people, places, and themes is rapidly increasing. In just a few short hours, you’ll see the big picture of God’s Story and how it fits together. Like many others, you may walk away saying, “I never understood the Bible like this before!”

Most of all, you’ll develop a deeper connection with the God who wants you to know Him and will never stop pursuing your heart. The more you understand His story, the more you’ll realize it’s your story too. And the more you realize it’s your story, the more His words will change your life.

- Experience the story of the Bible in a way that makes God’s Word come alive.
- Learn 77 hand signs designed to help you understand the big picture of the Old Testament.
- See beyond the facts of the Bible and spark a passion for God’s Word in your life.
- This live event will be a highly engaging, dynamic and memorable event!

Where: St. John’s Christian Church – in the sanctuary

When: Friday evening, November 1 – 7 to 9 PM, Saturday morning – November 2 – 9 AM to Noon

Sign-Up: Sign-up on the bulletin board

Cost: \$10 fee covers workbook, refreshments and partial event cost

ADVENT???? You must be kidding! Autumn has just arrived and you want me to think Christmas? Halloween ideas are on display and before you can shake your finger, holiday items will swarm the shelves. Each year I look forward to the Advent Devotional. I hope you anticipate these writings as much as I do.

I am asking YOU to consider contributing one of the readings...you do NOT need to be a great writer, simply provide a one page message (250 to 350 words) that comes from your heart. The words may be your own, or may be some quotes from the Bible or some other publication... just let the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts.

Now, I know everyone does not feel comfortable sharing thoughts in a written manner...and I certainly understand! I need about 26 authors!!!! If you choose to participate, more information regarding specifics will be forthcoming!!

Please contact Nancy Rupp if you can help with this project. Phone number is 419-572-9885 (cell), or email Nrupp47@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION OR CONSIDERATION! I will say, “Thank you, in advance!

ministry happenings

Events/ Activities:

LOGOS

Our Wednesday evening program for children, began on Wednesday, September 18. We have had fun time celebrating "Pepperoni Pizza Night" by eating pepperoni pizza, of course! We ended our Family Time portion of the night by listening and watching the Mercy Me music video "Flawless". We talked about how we are all "flawless" in God's sight because of what Jesus did on the cross. We had approximately forty preschool through fifth graders, and over twenty adults actively participating in a family time meal, recreation time, and bible study. It was great to have all of the kids back in the church after having the summer off. If you have not been in our church building on a Wednesday evening, please feel free to stop in and check out all that is going on. Maybe you'll even be moved by the Spirit to join in on the fun! We can still use more adult helpers. See Kim M. Walker if you'd like to help.

JYF

We are excited for another season of JYF! Join us for a meal at 5:50 on Wednesday evenings, or show up at 6:45 for a time of devotion, games, sharing, laughter and getting to know our community.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Alex and Eliot Nofziger co-lead a Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 7:15-8:00AM, at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers. This semester we're looking together at the life of Jesus, the man we call "friend of sinners" and "Lord of lords." Who is Jesus to you?

Life Planning

We had an "Amazing" kickoff to start the new year! We gathered for a potluck supper, fellowship and a little twist from the show the "Amazing Race" life planning style. Between bubble blowing, corn hole and ladder golf tossing, skittle tasting, puzzle teaser, and a "detour" along the way, everyone had a fun time. Our mentor and youth team to complete the journey first, even won a grand prize trip to Dairy Queen! It was a beautiful night and it was nice to get the Life Planning season off and running! Next Life Planning gathering will be on Oct. 9th.

ministry happenings

SYF

Senior Youth Fellowship is a fun place for high school students to connect with each other and with God. Lately we've been talking about our emotions and how we connect with God (and how God connects with us) when we're anxious, angry, and sad.

Friday Morning Small Group

The high school girls are meeting together for small group every Friday morning. For more information, contact Jenny Young.

Third Thursday Luncheons

October's lunch and fellowship will be on October 17th. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with a time of welcome and fellowship, with lunch to be served at 11:45am. Following the meal, folks will have opportunity to enjoy a group activity – a game, program, discussion or study topic. Come on out and enjoy some friendly Christian fellowship.

Men's Ministry

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast and fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Our meeting time for October is Saturday, the 12th at 7:40AM.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"If you think you've blown God's plan for your life, rest in this... You, my beautiful friend, are not that powerful!" Sometimes, however, our lives get out of whack. Life gets complicated. Life gets muddy. We aren't even certain how to put life back into balance. In Jeremiah 29:11 we read: "I know what I'm doing, I have it all planned out – plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." Maybe God's plan includes a Stephen Minister to help you sort out those puzzle pieces that just aren't fitting together. Or... maybe God is calling you to reach out and bless someone who is feeling inadequate, lonely, sad, ashamed, overwhelmed... If you need more information about Stephen Ministry's goals of bringing hope and healing, ask one of the Stephen Leaders: Pastor Alex, Gary Frazier, Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

consistory/committees

Church Treasurer

With the pending retirement of Roger Miller as the church treasurer, the Personnel Committee is beginning the process of searching for the next treasurer of the church. The following job description has been a proved by the Consistory:

Church Treasurer Job Description (August 6, 2019)

The church treasurer is responsible for management of the church's tithes, offerings and finances, including the duties associated with the collection, recording, management, investment, and spending of the church's money.

Position Description

The church treasurer will work with the Consistory to manage the church's finances and attend to general bookkeeping, payroll, and tax responsibilities.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities of a Church Treasurer

1. Oversees the collection, sorting, recording and deposit of offerings, donations and other income each week, with assistance from the Ushers, Administrative Assistant and Offering Assistants.
2. In conjunction with the Administrative Assistant, issues receipts for large donations.
3. Keeps detailed records of all financial transactions.
4. Payroll – manages payroll of church employees, ensuring accurate and timely processing of payroll, remittance and filing of taxes, preparation of tax forms (i.e. W-2's, 1099's), and health insurance online compliance forms with the government.
5. Assists the Personnel Committee with pre-hire forms – such as I-9's and W-4's
6. Provides church ledger to the Administrative Assistant, who will reconcile church bank statements with the church's ledger.
7. Works with the Budget and Stewardship Committee to invest large donations to supplement the church's trust.
8. Assists in tracking investments and delivers quarterly earnings statement to the church's board.
9. Presents a quarterly statement on the church's finances to church members and donors.
10. Participates in any financial audits.
11. Inspires confidence from the congregation and the staff as to his or her integrity and ability.
12. Attends meetings with the church executive staff to go over finances and stay aware of any upcoming expenses, events, or changes to the church's operation.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. Must have strong general competencies with bookkeeping, financial auditing, investing, accounting, and processing.
2. Must be very well organized and have an exceptional attention to detail.
3. Must be trustworthy and honest in all dealings.
4. Must be committed to the mission and goals of the church.
5. Must be familiar with the tax code as governs religious and non-profit entities.
6. Must be willing to research and learn more about effective financial practices, accounting, bookkeeping and filing taxes.
7. Must be able to work well with church staff, volunteers, committee members, and the church's leadership.
8. Must be comfortable being supervised in a close capacity.
9. Must be committed to the confidentiality of all donations and financial information.
10. Must be familiar with Microsoft Excel and with Quick Books.

Education and Experience

1. Preferably will have a bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, or business.
2. Must have experience as a CPA, treasurer of a company or organization, or finance management.

Anyone interested in this position may contact Laura Johnson, Personnel Committee chairperson. lajohnson57@gmail.com or 419-304-4083

Leadership Development

The Spiritual Council is asking everyone to be praying for the people of this congregation that Jesus has equipped to serve and be leaders. The Spiritual Council is praying for discernment and wisdom, asking God to help guide them to men and women He has equipped to lead St. John's.

There is also an awareness that many leaders might not believe they are fully equipped to accept a leadership nomination, so the Spiritual Council will be offering some leadership development classes in the near future..

How many leadership positions are there in SJCC? Currently, the following positions are filled in the ministry of SJCC:

- Officers – 2 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Elders – 6 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Deacons/Deaconesses – 9 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Accompanists/Worship Leaders/Song Leaders/Children's Message Leaders/Techs/Band – 21
- Committee Members – 62 (with some serving on multiple committees)
- Ministry Teachers/Leaders/Servants – over 70 (many serve in multiple capacities)
- That's a total of 170 leadership positions! Wow!

What are the basic qualifications of being a leader in SJCC ministries? A quick list includes:

1. Engage in daily devotions, daily prayer and be active in the ministries of the congregation
2. Be representative of the congregation
3. Willingness to volunteer time towards meetings and activities
4. Openness to share in discussions and decision making in committee meetings
5. Enthusiasm and commitment in participating in the committee's work

Evangelical Association (EA) Convocation

The September 20-22 EA Convocation has come and gone! There were 119 participants, workshop leaders and display presenters in attendance. Pastor Erich wants to thank everyone who helped throughout the four day event – the people of SJCC were so hospitable! The keynote speakers delivered faithful teaching lessons, further equipping and empowering all who were present. The members of the EA became familiar with SJCC and how we engage in ministry. The workshops were varied and well attended. The times of food and fellowship were well received!

To make the event accessible, we kept everything on the first floor, so that meant we cleared out the nursery, preschool room and women's Sunday school room to make room for workshops. There were 20 display tables set up in the nursery, parlor and gym, too. The convocation closed with Sunday morning worship and the chicken BBQ – what a blessing it was to have such a full sanctuary and gym!

Winter Snow Removal

The Property Committee has contracted for the clearing of the parking lots and spreading of salt as needed.

We are looking for people willing to help clear the sidewalks upon each snow fall – weekdays and weekends. We need people to clean the sidewalks prior to 8am Monday thru Friday, and as snow fall during the day, as well as people to clean the sidewalks prior to 7:30am on Sunday mornings. If you could help, please contact Scott Short, Tim Beck or the church office.

October 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation | | 1 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 2:00PM Pictorial Photos 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM SYF Leaders' Meeting 7:00PM Capital Campaign 2:00PM Pictorial Photos | 2 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 2:00PM Pictorial Photos 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF | 3 7:00PM Mission Committee | 4 | 5 Back Bay Mission Trip |
| 6 | 7 Columbus Day | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Back Bay Mission Trip - Biloxi, MS—October 5 thru 12 | | | | | | |
| 6:30PM Revive Ohio Prayer— Crossroads | 11:00AM Staff Meeting | 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 1:30PM Bingo at Fairlawn 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Min. 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Committee | 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF (Fall Fest) 6:00PM Facility Committee 7:00PM Life Pl./SYF Remix | | | 7:40AM Men's Breakfast |
| 13 Chancel Choir 6:00PM Seekers - Short's Pond 6:30PM Couples Small Group 6:30PM Revive Ohio –Come & See | 14 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Budget & Stewardship Com. 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision | 15 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) | 16 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Jr. Choir 6:30PM Revive Ohio Prayer—Crossroads | 21 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory | 22 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Mini. 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM CE Team 7:00PM Evangelism Com. | 23 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 24 | 25 Revive Ohio Fulton County | 26 Wedding |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Mission-A-Month— Oper. Christ-mas Child | |
| Revive Ohio Fulton County | | | | 7:00AM Adult Mental Health Training | | |
| 6:00PM Seeker's - Short's Pond | 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision | 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) | 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. | | | |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Wally Dehnbostel | 19 Tim & Jamie Beck, Emma Nafziger |
| 2 Kyle Ducey, Zander Johnston, Nan Neill, Kane Overmier, Louise Short | 20 Ron & Karen Rice, Jane Short |
| 3 Emily Walker | 21 Stan Ruffer, Greg Weddelman |
| 4 Bud Beck, Erich Christman, Mike Henry | 22 Justin Yoder |
| 5 Brianna Krukowski | 23 Ben Buehrer, Vicki Nofziger, Phyllis Swietzer |
| 6 Devin Beltz | 24 Tim Beck, Todd & Jill Nafziger, Tyler Rupp |
| 7 Roger & Sandy Miller, Warren & Cindy Sauder | 25 Jenny Grieser, Adison Kinsman |
| 8 Susie Enderle, Jo Short, Steve Walker | 26 Dan Martinez, Harrison Rohrs, Justin & Carrie Yoder |
| 9 Sue Henry | 27 Dinah Rice |
| 10 Jack Spotts | 28 A.J. & Kisha Genter, Mary Ellen Johnson |
| 11 Gary & Teresa Mann | 29 Tom & Laura Johnson, Tim Kleck |
| 12 Vond & Mary Hall | 30 Jan Lindsay |
| 14 Brooke Hines | 31 Adam Kinsman |
| 15 Barb Sigg | |
| 16 Todd Nafziger | |
| 17 Jebb Bernath, Jera Bernath, Keith & Kim Kern | |

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October Worship Schedule

- October 6 World Communion Sunday
Scriptures – Psalm 67, 1 Peter 4:12-19
Sermon Theme – Revival
Sermon – “Respond by Being Holy” – Pastor Alex
10:30am – Chancel Choir – “If We Truly Believe”
- October 13 Scriptures – 1 Chronicles 16:23-31, Matthew 10
Sermon – “Do Not Fear”
- October 20 Gideon Sunday – Speaker is Jon Rupp
Scriptures – John 3:16-17, John 17
Sermon – “Harmony”
10:30am – Junior Choir – “Psalm 19”
- October 27 Reformation Sunday
Scriptures – Psalm 119:65-72, Luke 11:1-13
Sermon – “Is It Really That Simple?”
10:30am – Chancel Choir – “O Church Arise”



Scheduled Special Events

- Siberian Solstice is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing an exciting contemporary set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group “TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA” (TSO). The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. “SIBERIAN SOLSTICE” has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform approximately 90 minutes. They present the program “An Angel’s Gift” with music, song and light show! Siberian Solstice will perform their Christmas concert on Sunday, December 8th at 7:00pm.
- The Mark Trammel Gospel Quartet will perform at SJCC on Sunday, March 1st at 6:00pm.

October Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Happy Birthday!-----Numbers 9:1-14 | 16 The Big Day-----Leviticus 16:1-22 |
| 2 Immanuel -----Numbers 9:15-23 | 17 Be Holy, Be Loving ----- Leviticus 19:1-18 |
| 3 Mann vs. Meat-----Numbers 11:1-15 | 18 Come on and Celebrate ----- Leviticus 23:1-14 |
| 4 No Intercessor ----- Numbers 11:16-35 | 19 Pressing the Reset Button----- Leviticus 25:8-17 |
| 5 Sibling Rivalry -----Numbers 12:1-16 | 20 Loving Provision -----Psalm 23 |
| 6 The King's Desire-----Psalm 21 | 21 You are Family----- 2 Timothy 1:1-7 |
| 7 Forget God; Fear Men -----Numbers 13:1-3,17-33 | 22 Ashamed?-----2 Timothy 1:8-18 |
| 8 Living by Sight Not Faith-----Numbers 14:1-25 | 23 Gospel Work is Hard Work-----2 Timothy 2:1-13 |
| 9 Regret or Repentance? -----Numbers 14:26-45 | 24 Teach, Avoid, Correct -----2 Timothy 2:14-26 |
| 10 A Rock and a Hard Place-----Numbers 20:1-13 | 25 Dark Days Ahead-----2 Timothy 3:1-9 |
| 11 Faithful But Flawed-----Numbers 20:14-29 | 26 All-Sufficient Scripture ----- 2 Timothy 3:10-17 |
| 12 Highs and Lows-----Numbers 21:1-9 | 27 Fling Wide the Gates!----- Psalm 24 |
| 13 The Ultimate Sacrifice-----Psalm 22 | 28 Preach the Word ----- 2 Timothy 4:1-8 |
| 14 Drawing Near to God-----Leviticus 1:1-17 | 29 Safely, Home at Last -----2 Timothy 4:9-22 |
| 15 A La Carte ----- Leviticus 11:1-12,41-45 | 30 Go for Godliness-----Titus 1:1-4 |
| | 31 Sound Doctrine-----Titus 1:5-16 |

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 New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (3/6), Maundy Thursday (4/18),
 Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/14), World Wide Communion
 (10/6), First Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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