

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Sharon VonDeylen spent a few days at the hospital in Fort Wayne, and came home on 4/21.
 - Susie Spiess continues recovering at Rupp Rehab, and celebrated her 95th birthday on 4/22.
 - Jon Rupp and family, upon the death of Jon's father, James Rupp, on 4/11, at the age of 85.
 - Dan Light's mother, Artie Light, died on 3/26 at the age of 98, services were held on 4/4.
 - Beverly Beaverson is now a resident at Fulton Suites in Wauseon.
 - Hayden Stamm, grandson of Lenny & Jean, is having no more symptoms of the coronavirus!
 - Dale VonDeylen continues through his chemo treatments for kidney cancer.
 - Sandy Miller continues through her chemo treatments
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

PFC Brendan Bostelman (Army) (Fort Campbell, KY) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy Bostelman)

AB Kali Collins (Airforce) (Lackland, TX)
(Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

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

Kyle Ducey (Navy) (Suffolk, VA)
(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)
(Albuquerque, NM) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

David Richardson, (Marines) (Okinawa, Japan) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).

Joshua Richardson, (Marines) (MCBH, Kaneohe, Hawaii) (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 Kyle Stuckey (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
David Lightner, Room #138
Esther Rice, Room #137A
Josephine Short, Room #112
Jane Short, Room #176
Nancy Ries, Room #158 - (Memory Care Unit)

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

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor/Suites, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
Velma Overmier, Room #505-1
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Joanne Spotts, Room #113
Beverly Beaverson

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

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, OH 43545
Audrey Smith

pastoral prayer - Sunday, April 26

“How suitable, how necessary it is that this plague and pestilence, which seems horrible and deadly, searches out the justice of each and every one and examines the mind of the human race; whether the [healthy] care for the sick, whether relatives dutifully love kinsmen as they should...whether physicians do not desert the afflicted.”

-Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 3rd Century AD

Lord God, Cyprian saw how the coronavirus of his day tested each person, revealing each person's heart. In the day of testing, would they forsake family, for the sake of self? Would they forsake the sick, for the sake of their own health? Would doctors abandon their patients, to preserve their own lives?

Today, O Lord, we pray especially for all those serving in healthcare capacities:

- 1. We pray first, that their faith might rest in you. Even as personal risk in serving others abounds, may their faith always put before them the eternal security they have in Christ, and so grant them a peace that passes worldly understanding.*
- 2. Second, we pray that their faith in you might fuel their continued sacrificial service. Encourage them that they might not flee their posts, but continue their service in love for those who are in need.*
- 3. Third, we pray for their physical health. In your great mercy, O Lord, spare them from illness, especially the coronavirus.*
- 4. Fourth, we pray for their families. May they also have faith which rests in you, peace in Christ which passes understanding, a love which fuels sacrifice, and the sweet gift of good health.*
- 5. Fifth, we pray for their patients. Grant treatments to be successful and patients to regain health and wellbeing. Grant also that thankful hearts might be led to you, the giver and sustainer of all life. Grant that those who perish might first hear the gospel, and grant them faith to believe so that in the life to come they will be resurrected unto eternal life.*

6. Sixth, we pray for their fellow citizens. May we all, O Lord, do our part, in both prayer and cautious living, to slow the spread of sickness, and thereby serve and help protect those serving in healthcare.

7. Seventh, we pray for the researchers working to find a cure. O Lord, grant them success in their work that many lives might be spared.

O Lord, as we unite our hearts in prayer, we find rest in your present and eternal care. We praise you, Lord Jesus, Author of Life and Author of our Salvation. May all glory, honor, and praise be yours, forever and ever, amen.

Requested Prayer:

· Jon and Deb Rupp's daughter, Tiffany Johnston (medical field) and family (especially peace of mind for Tiffany's 2 sons)

Updated FYI – For Your Information:

- All church activities at St. John's Christian Church remain suspended until further action by the Consistory; with the exception being staff functions and funerals.
- The Consistory met on April 20th and they will meet again on May 4th as they strive to lead the congregation through these times and continue to conduct the business of the church.
- The Spiritual Council met on April 27th to discuss future ramifications that the Covid-19 pandemic may have on worship and ministry.
- The east accessible entrance of the church building will be unlocked by 8am Monday through Friday, and will be open until Richard Spiess locks up at night. This allows access by staff and anyone who needs to drop something off in the office or for FISH food collections, etc.
- The church office will be open from 8am until noon, Monday through Thursday.
- Pastor Alex and Kelly Stahl are working from their homes through May 1st.
- Pastor Erich maintains office hours Monday through Thursday, mornings and afternoons.
- Please know that during the Covid-19 health situation, under the Stay at Home restrictions, Pastor Alex continues to work from home. With Pastor Alex and Jenny expecting the birth of their second child in early May, we are striving to limit Pastor Alex's exposure to the virus, so I will be leading and teaching in our worship services for the near future. I ask you to continue to uphold Alex and Jenny in prayer as their time draws ever closer.
- Communicating with full-time staff:
 - o Calling the church office – 419-446-2545 – in the mornings, or calling and leaving a voice message for one of the three
 - o Pastor Erich – 419-551-0401, pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org
 - o Pastor Alex – 330-206-8762, pastoralex@stjohnsarchbold.org
 - o Kelly – office@stjohnsarchbold.org

congregational news

Prayer Announcement

We invite you to share your prayer requests with our pastors, so that our whole congregation can unite in praying for one another (preferred communication: call or e-mail Pastor Alex). In addition to any requests you share, this week we're specifically seeking requests for medical personnel. Feel free to simply send along the names of those you know in the medical field, or to send along specific requests for these individuals, or general requests for all medical personnel. Requests will be gathered through the week and posted on our website and e-mailed out on Saturday.

Additionally, in place of our weekly congregational prayers, we will now be providing daily prayers for our church family to unite in. These prayers will be posted on our church website daily and will be e-mailed out on Saturday. May God's grace and peace be with you!

Custodial Work

Our custodial team – Dean and Tony – have been diligently working throughout the building. They are deep cleaning the areas of the church – such as cleaning and sanitizing all of the tables and chairs and washing down the walls in the gym.

Kern's Carpet Care has come in and cleaned all of the carpets, pew upholstery and the upholstered furniture.

mission corner

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

Upcoming mission experiences:

- June 10-18, 2020 – Hope for Kajiado, Kenya
- June 14-19, 2020 – Summer Mission Trip, LaPorte County, Indiana
- October 25-31, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- CRU (McMahon) for our gift of \$165.
 - Crossroad, for our gift of \$40.
 - Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$375.
 - Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$160.
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The next dates for TGRM are:

Sep 13

Nov 17 – BASIC Sunday School Class



May Mission-A-Month

Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principles in 1947, and remains a Biblically-based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. For some, it's the first night they've slept safely in a very long time.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. They care more about who a person is, rather than what a person has become.

Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. Cherry Street gratefully accepts financial donations and gift-in-kind donations (anything donated that is not cash). More information about this Mission-A-Month can be found online at www.cherrystreetmission.org.

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

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ministry happenings

Christian Education



Vacation Bible School

Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski are teaming up once again to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS ... "To Mars and Beyond".
Dates for this year's VBS experience are
June 7th-11th.

Stephen Ministry

Why Does St. John's Have a Stephen Ministry Program?

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:11

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15

"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12

"There is no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength.

I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you." Isaiah 41:10

Messaging System and Software

One Call Now is the messaging system that we are now using for congregational communication. Whereas the former Phone Tree system was accessible only through Kelly's office computer, One Call Now can be accessed by Kelly, Alex and Erich, from their phones or computers.

We are striving to get everyone's accurate and preferred communication information in the system. This will be critical as we strive to be in communication with everyone. To that end, please be aware of the following:

- We would like to have the following information in the system for each household/person – for anyone who has an email and/or phone that wants to receive messages:
 - o First and Last Name
 - o Home Phone
 - o Mobile Phone
 - o Email
- We want to know your preferences on how you want to receive messages:
 - o Only by voice (phone call) – and which phone number you want used
 - o Only by text – and which phone number you want used
 - o Only be email – and which email you want used
 - o By voice and email
 - o By text and email
- Our staff will mark your preferences for voice and email – Each Person has to opt in for text message – Each Person must text the word “Alert” to 22300
- One of our staff may be calling you for the above information



New Church Management Software - BREEZE

Hopefully by the time you read this article, we'll have subscribed to a software management system that will greatly enhance many of our administrative tasks. As we transition from the old system to the new, we are looking to gather more information from everyone! We'll be working diligently to gather information over the course of the next month.

worship

While we anxiously await the Sunday when we can gather in the sanctuary for congregational worship once again, please be aware of the following worship services:

- Two weekly bulletins are being posted on our church website – stjohnsarchbold.org – one for the Pause for Praise service and one for the Facebook service. The bulletins include song lyrics, prayer concerns, devotional readings, and our new weekly congregational prayers.
- Pause for Praise – 8:30am Sunday mornings on WMTR 96.1 – these services are being recorded new each week, whereas Pause for Praise used to air the previous weeks service. Music in these services will be from past services at SJCC.
- Facebook Streaming – being aired at 10:30am Sunday mornings.

Our on-line worship services continue to progress each week. We now have a laptop with a quality video card and video mixing software installed, a quality camera, and a new external microphone. Each video session has brought further knowledge and experience! The core team – Andrew Rohrs, Lynne Christman, James Grime, Sarah Nafziger, Jocelyn Walker and Pastor Erich have appreciated people's willingness to bear with us as we strive to provide a joyous and faithful time of worship.

Scriptures and Sermon Titles for May:

- May 3 – Hebrews 13:15, Matthew 25:1-13; “The Kingdom of Heaven”
- May 10 – Colossians 3:15-15, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; “Maintaining a Christian Home”
- May 17 – Psalm 95:6-7, Matthew 6:5-13; “Prayer: The 5 W's”
- May 24 – Philippians 2:9-11, Matthew 6:28-34; “Setting Priorities”





MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Chris & Toni Neuenschwander | 20 Marissa Beck, Brie Grime, TJ Rice |
| 2 Marvin & Norma Fish | 21 Burdell Nofziger |
| 3 Bill Overmier | 22 Tyson Schnitkey |
| 4 Suzette Nafziger | 23 Elaine Winzeler |
| 5 Dean Buckenmeyer | 24 Lucas Lantz, Dean Smith, Bryce
Winzeler, Eric & Anna Yoder |
| 6 Willie & Donna Buehrer, Rich & Jane
Lesniak | 25 Connie Bostelman, Kent & Shiela
Short |
| 7 Ed & Julie Ruffer | 26 Ryan & Devin Bernath, Bo & Bri
Krukowski, Dave & Paige Miller,
Mindy Enderle & Gabe Smith |
| 8 Craig Grieser, Greg & Deb Weddelman | 27 Tiffany Johnston, Charlene
LaFontaine, Richard Spiess |
| 9 Braden Martinez, Missy Warncke, Deb
Weddelman | 28 Kasey Grime |
| 11 Lynne Christman | 29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke |
| 13 Jack Hurst | 31 Gary Frazier |
| 15 Tyler Hurst | |
| 16 Lori Rohrs | |
| 18 Gary Mann, Judy Sears | |
| 19 Bill & Judy Overmier, Tyler & Traci Rupp,
Coral Melms, Tyler Wyse | |

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

stewardship

As always, God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good. God's faithfulness is the foundation of our worship and devotion to Him. God calls us and teaches us to be faithful to Him. The past faithful stewardship of the congregation has put SJCC in a strong financial position to weather these days of pandemic and stay at home orders.

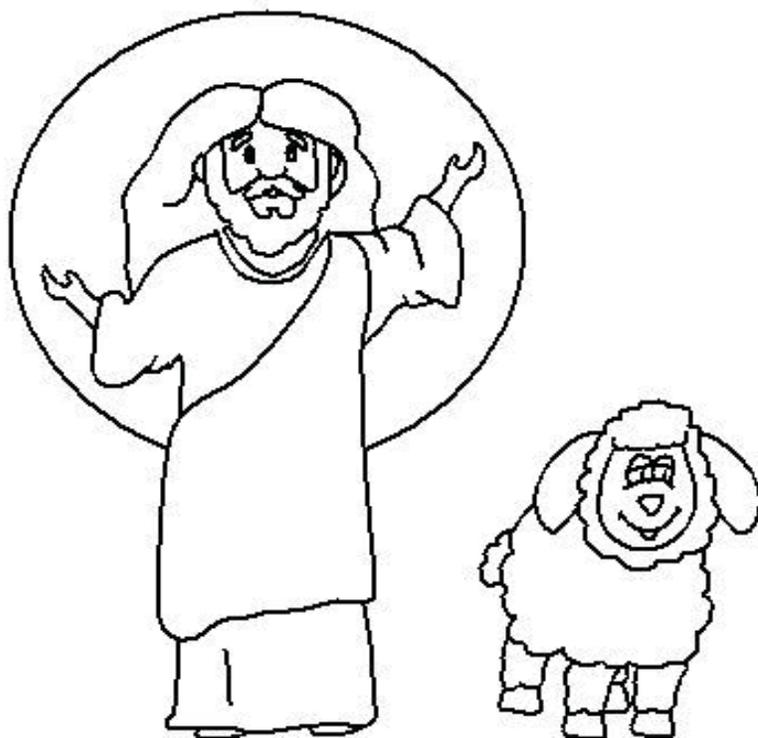
People have been dropping off their offering envelopes and checks, as well as people have been mailing them in. Our stewardship resources are healthy at the moment, Praise the Lord! And while offerings have been coming in, it is true that they are lower than normal. We want to continue to support the ministries of the church, which includes all of our mission partners and their ministries.

As each of us cope with possible changes in our household income, either changes that have occurred already or that may occur in the near future, let us trust that God will provide for us individually and as a congregation. May we each give to the work of the Lord as we are able.

Psalm 23 Word Search

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People from the New Testament

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Andrew

Aquila

Barnabas

Barsabas

Bartholomew

Cornelius

Elizabeth

James

Jesus

John

John the Baptist

Joseph

Judas

Lazarus

Luke

Lydia

Mark

Martha

Mary

Matthew

Matthias

Paul

Peter

Philip

Priscilla

Silas

Simon

Stephen

Tabitha

Thaddaeus

Thomas

Timothy

Zacchaeus

Zebedee

May Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

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| 1 But If Not.....-----Daniel 3 | 16 This is Your Wake-Up Call----- Revelation 3:1-13 |
| 2 Who is in Charge? -----Daniel 4:1-18 | 17 The Enemy Within -----Psalm 53 |
| 3 Pardon, Purity, Presence -----Psalm 51 | 18 Lost That Lovin' Feeling -----Revelation 3:14-22 |
| 4 Humbling the Proud -----Daniel 4:19-37 | 19 Come On Up -----Revelation 4 |
| 5 Knowing is Not Enough -----Daniel 5 | 20 One Life to Live-----Revelation 5 |
| 6 Committed or Complacent -----Daniel 6 | 21 Where You Gonna Run To? -----Revelation 6 |
| 7 History's Secret ----- Daniel 7:1-14 | 22 The Calm Before the Storm-----Revelation 7 |
| 8 The End is Nigh - Or is It? ----- Daniel 7:15-28 | 23 When Silence Isn't Golden-----Revelation 8 |
| 9 Pray Like a Prophet ----- Daniel 9:1-19 | 24 The Journey of Prayer-----Psalm 54 |
| 10 True or False-----Psalm 52 | 25 What's Missing? -----Psalm 50 |
| 11 Are We Nearly There Yet? ----- Daniel 9:20-27 | 26 First Day at Work-----2 Kings 2:1-18 |
| 12 The Heavenly Vision----- Revelation 1 | 27 More Than Enough -----2 Kings 4:1-7 |
| 13 You've Got Mail----- Revelation 2:1-11 | 28 Afraid to Hope -----2 Kings 4:8-37 |
| 14 Take Back the Throne----- Revelation 2:12-17 | 29 Wisdom in Unexpected Places-----2 Kings 5:1-14 |
| 15 Hold On! -----Revelation 2:18-29 | 30 God's Generosity-----2 Kings 5:15-27 |
| | 31 Battle Scars-----Galatians 5:16-26 |

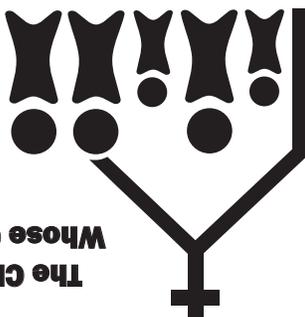
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/5), Ash Wednesday (2/26), Maundy Thursday (4/9),
 Pentecost (5/31), Mid-Summer (7/12), World Wide Communion
 (10/4), First Sunday of Advent (11/29)

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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