

The Visitor

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

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Prayer Corner

Please pray for...

- ◆ Brendan Bostelman, as he was recently deployed to Iraq, while his wife, Malitia, remains at home in Kentucky.
- ◆ Ben Buehrer, who sustained critical injuries during a motorcycle accident and was hospitalized longer than expected after surgery on 6/23 to stabilize several of his ribs.
- ◆ Teresa Mann, who is recovering from successful knee surgery on 6/22.
- ◆ Jay Pursel and family, upon the death of his father, Rich, on 6/14.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud & Tootie, who was experiencing pain due to the return of cancer.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who is now in long-term healthcare, as nerve recovery in his legs will take many months to heal. He is now at Heartland, ProMedica Flower Hospital skilled nursing and rehabilitation located at 5360 Harroun Road, Sylvania, OH, 43560.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, Roger & Kay's granddaughter, who is awaiting another biopsy as recent scans have revealed something.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, as an MRI revealed a small non-cancerous cyst in the pineal gland. Eric & Anna learned a great deal of information from a pediatric neurologist specialist regarding the cause for the headaches Finn is experiencing, and at the present time they will continue to monitor the cyst with no further action needed at this time.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who began 45 days of radiation treatments on 6/3.
- ◆ Pray for comfort for those who are grieving the recent loss of a loved one.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army National Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)

- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ AB Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

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David Lightner, Room #138
Josephine Short, Room #405
Wayne Spiess, Room #133

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Donna Buehrer, Room #210

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

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave. Wauseon, 43567
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
Velma Overmier, Room #501-1
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Beverly Beaverson, Suite #605

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

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Audrey Smith, Room #403



Pastor's Column

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Our mission statement, discerned and adopted in 2006, continues to be a guiding force in our congregation and ministries. As Hebrews 12:2 teaches us, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." Keeping our congregational eyes on Jesus includes the living out of Paul's instruction in Ephesians 4:11-13: "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

I believe the past year has revealed the need for us to work towards greater unity as a congregation, believing and serving together through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I want us all to be engaging in works of service for the building up of the body of Christ. Such works of service will include:

- ◆ Search Process – the congregation can support the work of the twelve people on the search committee by committing to praying on a daily basis for their discernment, and praying for God to reveal the person He wants in the position.
- ◆ We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on July 18th, a time for everyone to remember the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf, and a time of recommitment of faith to our Lord.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will be held July 18th through 22nd and the week provides plenty of opportunities for works of service – inviting children you know to attend, and bringing them each evening; volunteering with any of the leadership aspects of the week; supporting the outreach of the week in prayer; and donating supplies and snack items.
- ◆ Book Bag Bash – this annual event of supplying children with needed school supplies will be held on August 8th, requiring the congregation to once again donate funds towards the purchase of book bags and supplies.
- ◆ Confirmation Sunday will be held on August 22nd and everyone can be in prayer for the youth who will be confirmed that morning, as well as be in attendance or connected in to encourage and support them in their faith relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ◆ September 12th – a special day is being planned as a day of worship and fellowship! The day will feature an outdoor service of worship, a very special Sunday school hour program, a congregational meal (chicken BBQ!), and activities and games for all ages. It will be a day of reconnecting and restarting. Works of service in the coming months will abound for this day – be watching for ways to serve, and be thinking of ways to enhance the day!
- ◆ I am involved in several threads of discussion regarding outreach in our communities and neighborhoods and I see the coming year as a huge opportunity for works of service in the life of SJCC. These discussions are taking place with the Consistory, Evangelism Committee, Mission Committee, Area Schools, and the Archbold Area Ministerial Association. I am awaiting further revelation from God as these times of discussion and discernment unfold.

In Christian Service,

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News and Thank You's

Dear SJCC,

On June 4, Jenny and the girls and I moved into our new home in Northern Virginia (our new address is 4709 Pinecrest Ct., Montclair, VA 22025). We've seen God's provision in many ways through this process, including having our very first offer accepted, and being the only offer upon the house we purchased in the midst of a very competitive market. We also were able to get the house inspected prior to closing, which is rarely even an option for a competitive offer. Anyway, these are just three of dozens of examples of how we've seen God pave the way for us to be here. Some of the biggest examples we've seen are in the love and service of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Several from St. John's helped move our things into storage...and then later moved them again onto our moving truck...putting in numerous hours working in the heat of summer and sometimes even in the rain. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Upon our arrival to Virginia, our new church family sent along a moving team as well, and helped us unload the moving truck and even helped set up our bed frames. Besides the help with moving, several from St. John's sent along caring cards with encouragement and prayers, and some were also generous in showering us with kind gifts. Others took time to see us off and say farewell. We are grateful for all these expressions of love and support, and we are grateful for you, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christian Love, Alex and Jenny

St. John's Church:

Thank you for the support over the years, the generous money gift, and for the beautiful petunias! I have enjoyed my time teaching the preschoolers here at St. John's. There are many treasured memories I will hold dear to my heart. It has been my pleasure to have served in this way.

Thanks again, Joan Wyse

SJCC :

Thank you all for the scholarship in the amount of \$600. It will be used to purchase books for my class this summer along with next semester. The St. John's community has been so supportive and encouraging throughout my college journey. Thank you for the continued support, prayers, and love.

Leah Miller

Dear SJCC:

Thank you so much for paying for me to go to Little Eden Camp this year! It was such a blessing to go and I had an absolutely amazing time there! Below is a list of some fun things I did at camp:

- ◆ Polar Bearing every day
- ◆ B.O.B. Time
- ◆ Lake Michigan (always a win)
- ◆ Gold Rush
- ◆ Paddle Boating, sailing, and swimming
- ◆ Listening to songs with my cabin (Let It Go, Baby, and Who Let the Dogs Out)
- ◆ Worship and rotations
- ◆ Food (of course!)
- ◆ Spending time with my cabin
- ◆ (The big one!) Spending alone time with God!

Thank you so much for giving me the scholarship to go to Little Eden Camp this year!

Sincerely, Joshua Reeb

Ministry Happenings

GIF Gals

The June outing was another successful gathering at Sullivan's restaurant in Wauseon. It was a beautiful evening for getting together with friends for the evening meal. The Gals were excited about the news of our upcoming outing to Berne, Indiana on July 12th. There will be a homemade meal at an Amish home (luncheon). We will also have an opportunity to explore the homeowner's grocery store and furniture store. We will be chauffeured to Berne in the church bus, leaving at 10:00 a.m. and returning around 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$23 (meal plus gas). If you have any questions, you can contact Carol DeVries at 419-445-8311. Come join us and have a wonderful day with St. John's GIF Gals!

Upcoming Outings:

- ◆ Thursday, August 12th - Lunch and shop visits in Grand Rapids, Ohio.
- ◆ Sunday, September 12th - Antique presentation by Nancy Rupp.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 19th - Supper in Bryan, Ohio.

Summer Sunday School Ministries for Children – Preschool through Sixth Grade

Between David & Crissi Stuckey and Lynne Christman, activities will be held from 9:15am to 10:15am in the gym for Pre-K through 6th grade during the month of July.

Administrative Assistant – Jocelyn Walker

Jocelyn has returned from maternity leave and will be staffing the office on Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you once again to the many volunteers who continue to help with office coverage in Jocelyn's absence. It is such a blessing!



Vacation Bible School

VBS is only a few days away! Please make sure to register online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org or at the church. Also, check out our bulletin board for a list of supplies that still need to be donated. We are so excited to take you to Mars and Beyond July 18-22!

Kisha and Bri

Consistory

Search Committee for the Pastor of Music and Worship

- ◆ Chairperson – Eric Nafziger
- ◆ Consistory Liaison – David Stuckey
- ◆ Committee Members – Chris Baden, Sue Buehrer, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Kim Kern, Emma Nafziger, Avery Roth, Cayla Swisher, Jocelyn Walker, Pastor Erich

The committee will hold their first meeting on July 14th and then will work to keep the congregation informed of their process and progress.

Consistory Minutes – June, 2021 Meeting

St. Johns Christian Church, Consistory Meeting Minute Highlights

Special Meeting, June 7, 2021

- ◆ Part-Time Maintenance Position – still seeking an individual to fill this contracted position, with one viable possibility being worked on at the present time.
- ◆ Search Committee – Pastor of Music and Worship – we are grateful that Eric Nafziger has agreed to serve as the chairperson, and the calls to the list of potential committee members is on-going.
- ◆ South Property – a local realtor, on behalf of an interested party, had contacted the church regarding the purchase of 1 acre of the south property, with 150 feet of frontage, next to the Dairy Queen property. After several meetings of discussion and further research as to property values and purposes of the property, the Consistory moved to not offer to sell the property in question.
- ◆ Dairy Queen Interest – it came to light, from the owner of the Dairy Queen checking village records, that Dairy Queen had been mowing a 19' x 229' piece of property that is actually owned by the church. The owner of Dairy Queen is interested in purchasing that piece of ground in order to expand the parking lot on the north side of the Dairy Queen. Consistory approved selling this parcel if an agreement can be reached.
- ◆ One Sunday Morning Service of Worship – members of the church and members of the Consistory have suggested moving to one service, either for the summer or year round, but following discussion, the Consistory approved staying with the current two service schedule.

Monthly Meeting, June 21, 2021

- ◆ When calling a pastor to serve SJCC, a loan for the down payment on a home – the Consistory approved the motion to offer up to a \$15,000 interest free loan to be used for the purchase of a home that will be repaid at the end of the call agreement or sale of the house.
- ◆ When calling a pastor to serve SJCC, moving expenses – the Consistory moved to pay for pastoral moving expenses, not to exceed \$5,000.
- ◆ Consistory will consider forming a task force to identify potential uses of the south property.

Stewardship Report

2021 Year to Date Stewardship Report

As of June 23, 2021

2021 Budget	2021 YTD Budget (25/52) Weeks	2021 YTD Receipts	2021 YTD Expenses	2021 YTD (+ / -)
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Operating Fund	\$ 441,312	\$ 212,169	\$ 164,777	\$ 159,705	\$ 5,072
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Mission Fund	\$ 116,800	\$ 56,154	\$ 93,243	\$ 83,329	\$ 9,914
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Mission Corner

July Mission-A-Month Shepherd's Circle

Shepherd's 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.



“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” - Matthew 25:45

Plastic Grocery Bags

Residents of the Fairlawn community continue to need plastic bags for their mat-making project. So bring your bags in and set them in the blue tub under the coatrack across from the chapel.

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are needed to help put vinyl siding on this new house build in Columbus Grove. Plans are to have a crew of volunteers side the house on July 23rd and 24th. Crew can meet at the church at 7:30am on Friday and either carpool or take the church bus,. We will return home that evening, with the same schedule for Saturday. Interested people can talk with Kelly Ducey.

Mission Thank You's

Dear GHG Friends:

The 2020 CORN PROJECT, in which you participated in, is complete. The harvest was not a great one, but with your generosity we are celebrating a successful project so that many mission projects can be completed around the world.

Thank you for your support of \$2,725 which, when added to all other inputs, allowed us to send \$7,313 to GHG from this year's growing project. One hundred and thirty-three people were given the hope of sustainable food security. Thank you for your faithful support!

Growing Hope Globally continues to alleviate world hunger through the immediate differences they make in participants lives. There are also long-term impacts of many of the programs. One program that started out empowering women in Kenya, West Pokot as part of their agricultural and business efforts reduced domestic violence. Previously, poverty and an inability to make ends meet were the source of many fights between spouses. Once the women developed their businesses and were able to afford more things for the family, respect was earned from the male spouse. Married couples were not fighting about money which led to calmer, more enjoyable relationships.

We thank you for your continued support as we continue to grow lasting solutions to hunger.

In Christ,
Sue & Rusty Goebel, Project Managers

Dear SJCC:

Throughout the past year, the community has been very generous with canned good donations and financial support. We were again honored to be part of Everence's online Giving Tuesday event this year. All of the contributions to the Archbold Fish Pantry helps us to better serve those in need in our community.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, for many years, has graciously allowed the Archbold Fish Pantry to be housed, rent and utility payment free. The bank has used a portion for storage and shared the space with us. We are grateful for their support of our ministry and for allowing us to share this space. Recently, the bank and the Archbold Fish Pantry agreed on a fair price to purchase the building. We believe owning the building outright will ensure that our ministry continues for many years to come.

In the past year, through special donations, a new heating and cooling system was installed for the comfort of those coming into the pantry on cold winter days and steamy summer days. To ensure the continued success of the Archbold Fish Pantry, please consider a donation toward the purchase of the building and to make additional improvements.

As we continue to serve our community, we appreciate your continued support.

Archbold Fish Pantry

SJCC:

Through your prayers and gifts workers are being sent and reaping a harvest for Christ by sharing the hope and salvation of our Lord with the unreached people of the world. Thanks you for your partnership in sharing the gospel to the world.

Till all nations hear,
Tammy Butler
World Team USA

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Mission Thank You's (cont.)

Dear St. John's Christian Church:

Thank you for the wonderful gift of \$1,030.
You can see we are putting the donation to good
use as we continue with our building project.

Blessings to you all!
The Friendship House

Pastor Erich and St. John's,

I just want to say thank you! The increase
in your giving over the last couple of years have
been so helpful as our support has fluctuated and
our family has grown. I am deeply honored that St.
John's has chosen to run with me to reach this gen-
eration with the Gospel. Real students have real,
vibrant relationships with Jesus because of you. St.
Johns has been so generous over the last several
years, and for that Robert and I regularly stop and
give thanks to God.

Joyfully in Christ,
Jenni McMahan

Additional Thank You's From...

- ◆ Cherry Street Mission for our gift of \$1,422.50.
- ◆ Vince Ferry (CRU) - for a 1 time gift of \$500.00
to help start his ministry at New Mexico State
University.



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July Worship Schedule

The Worship Schedule for the month of July:

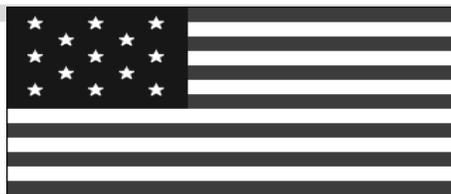
- July 4 Scriptures – Psalm 48:9-14, Mark 6:1-13, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Sermon – “Carrying Only a Staff”
- July 11 Preaching – From Crossroad Child & Family Services – Kyle Zanker, Chief Development
 Office and Liz Bergren, Development Director
 Scriptures – Psalm 105:1-7, Romans 8:38-39
 Sermon – “Neither the Past, the Present, nor the Future”
- July 18 Scriptures – Psalm 89:1-8, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, Ephesians 2:11-12
 Sermon – “Like Sheep Without a Shepherd”
 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- July 25 Scriptures – Psalm 14, John 6:1-21, Ephesians 3:14-21
 Sermon – “All the Fullness of God”
 Special Music – Norm Fether
 (10:30) Reception of New Members

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule: 8:00AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month: Shepherd's Circle Elder of the Month:			1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Office Closed	6 9:15AM Bible Study	7	8	9	10 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
11	12 6:30PM SM Peer Supervision	13 9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM Property Committee	14	15	16	17
18 7:00PM VBS	19 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM VBS 7:30PM Consistory	20 9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM VBS	21 7:00PM VBS	22 7:00PM VBS	23	24
25	26	27 9:15AM Bible Study	28 9:00AM Bible Study @ West Haven 7:30PM Chancel Choir	29	30	31

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

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| 1 Jayson Lindsay | 15 Jennifer Grime, Hannah Kern |
| 3 Jacob Rupp, Jeff Rutledge | 17 Eric Nafziger, Jill & Ryan Holdgreve |
| 4 Kinsey Smith, Angie & Kevin Neuenschwander | 18 Shirley Fowler, Matthew Kinsman |
| 5 Ollie MacDonald | 19 Claire Bowers, Leah Miller, Velma Overmier, Ed Ruffer, Carrie Yoder |
| 6 Miranda Bzovi, Sandy & Kenny Cowell | 20 Kaitlyn Beck, Andee Grime, Mary Jane Silcox, Pam & Scott Reeb, Kris & Brian Short |
| 7 Sarah Kinsman, Brian Short, Deb & John Kauffman | 21 Lori & Andrew Rohrs, Miranda & Colin Bzovi |
| 8 Tiffany & Ben Johnston | 22 Warren Sauder, Judy & Gary Salisbury |
| 9 Emily Hines, Robert Kuntz, Chad Short, Katie Wyse | 23 David Augustine |
| 10 Joel Foote, Courtney Stuckey | 27 Callie Rohrs |
| 11 Matt Hines, Elias Kuntz, David Stuckey, Neil & Nanette Buehrer, Rachel & Pete Grieser, Kim & Steve Walker, Cayla & Adam Swisher | 28 Becca Grieser, Ryan Smith, Jack Stover, Jenna & Shawn Stuckey |
| 12 Mark Beltz, Mary Hall, Lainey Holdgreve, Tammy Nofziger, Nancy & Dave Lightner | 29 Jeremy Hurst, Justin Pursel, Donny Richardson |
| 13 Brandon Cover | 30 Kim & Greg Walker |
| 14 Marilyn Baron, Bev Beaverson, Jean Beck | 31 Larry Bechstein, Ryan Holdgreve, Brent Schnitkey |

July 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 pick up a copy in the church office. Suggested donation is \$6.

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| 1 God Shall Overcome.....Acts 11:19-30 | 16 Sifter.....Judges 7:1-14 |
| 2 Enough Faith.....Acts 12: 1-19a | 17 Headliner.....Judges 7:15-24a |
| 3 The Church Invincible.....Acts 12:19b-25 | 18 Not Getting What We Ask For.....Psalm 109 |
| 4 Unfailing love.....Psalm 107 | 19 Idolater.....Judges 8:22-35 |
| 5 Love's Longing.....Song of Songs 1:1-2:7 | 20 Believer.....Judges 13 |
| 6 Looking For You.....Song of Songs 2:8-3:11 | 21 Bruiser.....Judges 14 |
| 7 A Sacred Love.....Song of Songs 4:1-5:1 | 22 Avenger.....Judges 15 |
| 8 The Course of True Love.....Song of Songs 5:2-6:3 | 23 Betrayer.....Judges 16:1-22 |
| 9 Who is the Fairest?.....Song of Songs 6:4-7:7a | 24 Destroyer.....Judges 16:23-31 |
| 10 Come Away, My Beloved.....Song of Songs 7:7b-8:14 | 25 Pointing To Jesus.....Psalm 110 |
| 11 Worship and War.....Psalm 108 | 26 The Sensible Option.....Ruth 1:1-18 |
| 12 Storyteller.....Judges 2:6-23 | 27 Enter The Hero.....Ruth 1:19-2:13 |
| 13 Resolver.....Judges 4 | 28 Hope On The HorizonRuth 2:14-23 |
| 14 Doubter.....Judges 6:1-24 | 29 Trust And Obey.....Ruth 3 |
| 15 Contender.....Judges 6:25-40 | 30 A Crowd of Witnesses.....Ruth 4:1-12 |
| | 31 Happy Ever After.....Ruth 4:13-22 |

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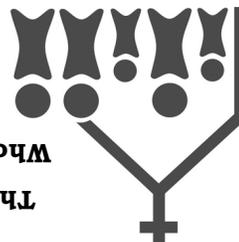
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Holy Communion:
New Year (1/3), Ash Wednesday (2/17), Maundy Thursday (4/1), Pentecost (5/23), Mid-Summer (7/18), World Wide Communion (10/3), First Sunday of Advent (11/28)

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Whose Cornerstone is Christ**

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