



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ Gary & Judy Sears, as Gary has been diagnosed with cancer, so they are going through many appointments and tests, and ask for prayers to make the right decisions regarding treatment.
- ◆ Jeremy Hurst and family, upon the passing of his father, Michael, whose funeral service was held on 4/29.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who we've prayed for in the past, and is now in need of further prayer. A recent scan showed changes to a questionable spot in her back. Pray for her and her parents, Keith & Jawn, as they evaluate options and have decisions to make.
- ◆ Pastor Ryan, Stanka, Daniel and Filip Volkman in this time of transition for their family, as Stanka and their sons remain in Texas until the end of the school year, and as Ryan prepares to begin as our Pastor of Music and Worship on 5/2.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who has continued to have periodic episodes of passing out and continues to be in treatment.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud and Tootie, as he struggles through various health issues, and has not been doing well recently.
- ◆ Devin Beltz, who suffered some broken ribs in a four-wheeler accident.
- ◆ M. N., who arrived in India and is settling in for her two-year stint in missions.
- ◆ Jenna Stuckey, who is recovering from a C. diff infection.
- ◆ Kohl Collins, grandson of Nan Neill, who completed his full military obligation with the Army and is now discharged. Praise God and thank you for your service, Kohl!
- ◆ Teresa Mann, as she recovers from out-patient knee surgery on 4/4.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to recuperate from foot and finger joint surgery.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, as his second foot surgery has been postponed until his left foot grows stronger; and he's dealing with complications from previous radiation treatments.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shane Pitts, Deployed, Qatar (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)
- ◆ 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:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Dean Beck, Room #154A
Josephine Short, Room #405
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Audrey Smith, Room #403
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Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St, Bryan 43506
Mike Meyer, Room #130

PASTOR'S COLUMN

From John's vision in Revelation 5:11-12 –
 “Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’”

In a loud voice they sang...can you imagine the vibrant sound from the sheer number of voices singing together? John had to have been overwhelmed with joy and inspiration as he heard this mass choir of angels singing unto the Lord!

The imagery of this passage came to mind as I stood in worship on April 10th and joined the congregation in singing praise to the Lord. As the praise team began to lead us in singing “Forever,” the wonderful full sound of the congregation singing sounded amazing and inspiring. I was immediately uplifted as I lent my voice to the congregational choir. There certainly were not 10,000 times 10,000 voices, but the greater attendance in that service made a wonderful sound unto the Lord!

I was also reminded of that old familiar church signboard message:

“C H C H”
 What’s missing?
 “U R”

Even a non-musical voice such as mine can sound okay when joining in a choir of a few hundred voices! What a blessing to have a fuller house of worship! Then came Easter Sunday and the sound of the hymns was so pleasing to the ear – I can only imagine the glory of the Lord as he heard our voices joined in worship and song in his honor.

Those two special Sundays, and some conversations I've had before and since, give me hope for the future of the strength and vitality of the congregation. With Pastor Ryan coming on board as our Pastor of Music and Worship, as he immerses himself in the planning and coordinating of inspiring worship, I wholeheartedly believe the Lord will continue in His blessing of our congregation's ministry.

Now I renew my efforts for two of our vital ministries: Vacation Bible School and Youth Ministry. We've had no one volunteer yet to coordinate our VBS program, so I've started to check out some options, utilizing my Christian Education background to work up a great program of activities for our annual week of VBS. I know all will work out.

The bigger challenge is securing gifted and experienced leadership for our youth ministries. I've put out several feelers over the past nine months seeking to find one or two people to invigorate our youth ministries, as well as coordinate some type of young adult ministry. Please join me in prayer over this endeavor, and if you have any suggestions, I'd be grateful to hear them.

Some event and scheduling news:

In my time away from April 19-23, I enjoyed time with my wife and three of my sisters, visiting with my sister, Sarah, in Minnesota. While we were there to assist with home repair and sorting through things, the family time together was very precious.

I begin a year-long Evangelical Association Pastors Cohort on May 2nd. It is a Zoom gathering of six to eight pastors who are actively pastoring churches that have a long and rich history. The focus of the cohort will be on developing a collegial relationship with other EA pastors across the country with a focus on church renewal and revitalization.

May 2nd-4th I will be in Cleveland at Parkside Church for their Basics Conference, a time for pastors to worship and be enriched. I look forward to attending several interesting sessions.

May 6th & 7th I will enjoy two days with Lynne, Ryan and Amy as we celebrate Ryan's upcoming wedding and marriage!

May 21st is the day of Ryan and Keira's wedding, and it's an honor to be officiating their wedding ceremony! I'll be enjoying some days off before and after the wedding, to prepare and enjoy!

In Christian Service,

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S



Congratulations to Dean and Jane Buckenmeyer, who were married in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 8th!



Four of our youth participated in Archbold High School's production of *Beauty and the Beast* over Palm Sunday weekend. Pictured from left-to-right are Raegan Rutledge (The Enchantress, Villager, Spoon), Molly Rutledge (Villager, Wolf, Rug), Joshua Reeb (Beast), and Tyler Wyse (LeFou). Many in the congregation attended the musical and enjoyed watching these four perform together on stage!

Grandey/Christman Wedding

Ryan Christman and Keira Grandey will be married in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. All from our church are invited to watch the live stream of the ceremony, which can be found on the church's YouTube page or by going to <https://youtu.be/jP0GikdJV5s>.

Please continue to be in prayer for the couple as they go through their final weeks of wedding planning and preparation!

April 10th Congregational Meeting Call of Pastor Ryan Volkman:

Our time of worship on April 10th was blessed with a fuller attendance in the sanctuary, providing for a full sounding time of singing and worship! What glory was sung unto the Lord that morning!

As a blessed result of the work of the Search Committee and the Consistory, the congregational meeting was called to consider the pastoral call of Pastor Ryan Volkman to be our Pastor of Music and Worship. The results of the meeting certainly approved the call, with 165 affirmative votes and 4 negative votes.

Pastor Ryan will officially start on staff on May 2nd. Once the school year ends in Texas, his wife, Stanka, and their two sons, Daniel and Filip, will join Pastor Ryan in their home on Hockman Road, located in Defiance County.

Let's keep the Volkman family in our prayers as they go through this time of transition, and as Pastor Ryan begins his ministry amongst us.

A special word of thanks to the members of the Search Committee who saw this ministry of prayer and discernment through: Eric Nafziger (Chair), David Stuckey (Consistory Liaison), Chris Baden, Sue Buehrer, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Kim Kern, Emma Nafziger, Avery Roth, Cayla Swisher and Jocelyn Walker.

To our Life Planning Team:

Thank you for providing breakfast and our time of fellowship on Easter morning! The decorations were so festive and the meal was delicious! Your hard work in preparing that time together did not go unnoticed.

In Christian Love,
Your St. John's Family

Hello St. John's Christian Church,

As I write these notes, I am thankful for mailings I get from the church. Last week cards from a group of people that each have signed their names. A few new names there and the ladies I used to be with when I was still there.

Bernice Rice

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

God Winks - Devotional Writers Still Needed!

We are slowly but surely making headway on the devotional booklet of God Winks – or situations where, in hindsight, we realize God was in control the entire time. Stories will not be associated with the writers' names, allowing writers to publish anonymously if desired. Additionally, if you are not a writer but would still like to share your story, we'll be happy to transcribe it for you!

If you're interested in contributing to the booklet, please contact Carol DeVries (419-445-8311) or Jocelyn Walker (419-575-4218/office@stjohnsarchbold.org).



Life Planning

The Life Planning group had their annual “work around the church” night last month. With the direction of Pastor Erich, the group helped clean out the storage barn. They moved stone and equipment, and made “piles” for the dumpster and burning. It was great watching everyone pitch in to get the job done. Now the building is ready for Help Build Hope on May 14th. They also organized and served the Easter breakfast. We had a great turn out and served around 150 people. A huge thanks to all the youth and adults for helping. Our next meeting will be Senior Night on May 11th.



Senior High Sunday School

May begins a 5-week series of studies from Francis Chan called “Greater Than.” Francis walks us through his own difficult childhood to help us understand God is greater than any pain, sin, or hardship that we might encounter. God is greater than an obstacle standing in your way! Any and all Senior High youth are invited to join us!



Third Thursday Luncheons – For Senior Citizens and Any and All!

The next luncheon and program are scheduled for May 19th at 11:30 a.m., starting with lunch and the program to follow.



GIF Gals

On May 29th, our group will be meeting at the home of Maxine Martin at 121 Quail Run at 5:00 p.m. The home is on the south side of the street. Pizza and drinks will be served for our supper and a free will donation is asked to cover the cost of the meal.

There will also be a guest speaker, Ruth Reynard, whose husband, Andy, is the pastor at Fayette Nazarene Church. Ruth has an amazing story to tell of her life.

Ruth was born to missionary parents in Northern Ireland in the midst of troubled times. Ruth will be telling us how she and her family survived those frightening times, as well as the interesting story of how she and Andy met.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board under the “Ministry Events” section. Make a date to be part of this informational and fun evening!



Youth Breakfast and Senior Recognition – May 22 at 9:15 a.m.

The Fellowship Committee is preparing to serve a breakfast for all of our 7th through 12th grade youth! As part of the breakfast, we'll honor our graduating seniors and pray over each of their futures. A short and enjoyable program will be shared to wrap up this special time of breakfast and celebration.

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Bible Study Opportunity for Busy Adults!

Calling any and all adults who want to be part of a group Bible Study but don't have the time or means to attend a regular in-person setting! Jocelyn has created a St. John's Bible Study Facebook Group, where adults in our church community can virtually interact and discuss topics such as parenting and families; mental health issues like coping with depression, anxiety, and stress; and much more!

Using RightNow Media, we'll begin on May 9th with a four-week study titled "Crazy-Making: Why We Keep Doing What We Don't Want to Do" by Trueface. Everyone's struggle is different. For you, it might look like criticizing, substance abuse, over-working, impure thinking or actions, people-pleasing, or hundreds of others. Jesus has given all of us a way out of these crazy-making cycles, and it has nothing to do with white-knuckling our way to freedom. Join us in this four-week study as we explore where these patterns come from, why we keep repeating them, and how to stop the crazy and live in the freedom Jesus makes possible.



You can access the Facebook group by scanning the QR code pictured, or by going to www.facebook.com/groups/sjccsocialscoop/

CONSISTORY

Highlights from the April 18, 2022 Consistory Meeting Minutes

1. 2022 Consistory Organizational Items – David Stuckey volunteered to be the vice-chair of the Budget and Stewardship Committee, with Betsy Redd agreeing to chair the committee for two years.
2. Consistory and Congregational Meetings
 - A. Consistory Voting Procedures were reviewed after a study of Robert's Rules of Order, with unanimous votes, yes/no votes and abstentions noted in the meeting minutes.
 - B. April 10 Congregational Meeting Items – quorum was 168 (47 at meeting after 8am service, 121 at meeting after 10:30am service). Official vote was 165 yes votes and 4 no votes.
3. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget & Stewardship – Betsy Redd – Things seem to be status quo. Market appears to be stabilizing. On electric bill, there was a \$1200 credit and issues with billing in '21, and there were also changes to the billing cycle, which made the '22 to '21 comparison look off, but has been corrected.
 - B. Building Committee – Ryan Christman – Held first meeting 4/11/22. All members were present, reviewed the facility committee packet to make sure all were on the same page with the concept and plans, focus going forward is on finding an architect. Next meeting is on 5/9/22.
 - C. Fellowship Committee – Steve Walker – Palm Sunday fellowship hour with Ryan Volkman (approx. 85 people attended) went well. Easter Sunday breakfast was hosted by Life Planning (approx. 150 people attended). Upcoming activity – Youth breakfast/Senior Recognition (5/22/22).
 - D. Mission Committee – Crissi Stuckey – working to organize an event with New Horizon's in Wauseon. Tom and Megan L. will be here on July 9-10, 2022. Hoping to have a Sunday school hour event with them, as well as sharing during worship.
 - E. Search Committee – David Stuckey – follow up points regarding Pastor Ryan Volkman's call to be the Pastor of Music and Worship – loan for a down payment on a home loan and coverage of moving expenses were discussed. Motion was approved to offer Pastor Ryan moving expenses up to \$5000, with a vote of 11 to 2.

CONSISTORY (CONT.)

- F. Spiritual Council – Erich Christman – Nomination process is under review and discussion, with hopes to offer further education to the congregation in the near future. The discussion of a review of church membership is focused on offering a positive contact with members of the church. Approximately 220 members were present on either 4/10 or 4/17. The Carillon System is not functioning at the present time and assessments as to why are being undertaken.
- G. Property Committee – Bruce Wooley – with Craig Grieser deciding not to mow the church lawn any longer, the committee checked with two people in the congregation who had mowing services and learned that neither was interested. Brock Nafziger has been contracted with to care for the lawns for the coming season.
4. Pastor’s Report – Erich Christman
- A. Community Meals – a key benefit of the community meals is the fellowship. Volunteer request communications are sent weekly or bi-weekly to participating meal teams and discussed at AAMA meetings. Question being asked is whether SJCC can cover more meals this year in order to keep the ministry going. Other options to consider are offering meals less often or ending the ministry. Further discussion to take place.
- B. Storage Building Cleanout – Life Planning began the clean out and did a great job! Some folks of the church are working on getting rid of items that are not recyclable. Bruce found a company that can wipe hard drives and recycle electronics.
- C. Youth Ministry Leadership – now that the Pastor of Music and Worship position is filled, the focus will be on Youth Ministry leadership.
5. New Business
- A. Suggestion was made to include an insert with both music and words for praise band songs.
- B. Erich is working on including “Passing the Peace” in worship once again.
- C. Positive comments on the furniture in the parlor. More furniture is coming.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of April 25, 2022:

2022 Budget	2022 YTD Budget (17/52) Weeks	2022 YTD Receipts	2022 YTD Expenses	2022 YTD (+ / -)
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Operating Fund	\$ 397,244.00	\$ 129,868	\$ 110,702	\$ 88,662	\$ 22,040
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Mission Fund	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 49,038	\$ 99,635	\$ 79,751	\$ 19,884
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2022 Stewardship Awareness

The current stewardship report provides a snapshot of our current financial health, which is a result of both the Lord’s faithfulness and the stewardship faithfulness of the congregation.

The church leadership wants to make sure everyone is aware that our expenses will soon be affected by the compensation package offered to Pastor Ryan Volkman in calling him to be our Pastor of Music and Worship.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Day of Prayer - May 5, 2022

A service will be held on Thursday, May 5th at Ruyhley Park in Archbold at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we intercede for our nation in prayer. In the event of rain, the location for this service will be moved to Archbold Middle School.



Burger Bash – Sunday, May 15, Ruyhley Park, Archbold

The Community's Burger Bash is returning to Archbold's Ruyhley Park on Sunday, May 15th, serving from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.. Please stop in to enjoy a burger and make the world a better place.

The free-will donations will fund two critical projects in Haiti. Local cattle feeders have an on-going relationship (and a board seat) with Growing Hope Globally, the international organization that not only sends money to areas in need, but knowledgeable people to work and walk beside community members. The Haiti project aims to improve agricultural practices to create healthier crops and animals for a brighter tomorrow.

Please join us to help fund this effort for our struggling neighbors to the south!



Man Cave Ministry - Men's Night & Dinner with David Blanton

David Blanton is Executive Producer and host of Realtree Outdoors as well as overseeing the production of the best-selling deer hunting DVDs of all time, Monster Bucks. While David has earned a reputation throughout the hunting industry as someone who knows the ins and outs of filming and harvesting big game across North America, he is most passionate about his journey, through victories and defeats, to develop a closer walk with God and how God continues to use the platform of hunting as a stage to allow him to speak to outdoorsmen across the country. Join Man Cave Ministry at 5:30PM for a meal followed by David's talk on Sunday, May 15th at Pettisville Missionary Church (19055 County Rd. D). The event and meal are free; however, tickets must be reserved by going to Eventbrite.com.

MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals 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.

Throughout the month of May, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these ministries by checking line item 3 on your weekly offering envelope or with a memo of "M-A-M."

MISSION CORNER

Help Build Hope: Wall Framing Event – May 14th

The Mission Committee has approved partnering with a ministry named Help Build Hope. Help Build Hope coordinates one day events in framing walls for a new home. And it's a three way partnership – St. John's Christian Church, Help Build Hope, and Habitat for Humanity, Fulton County, Ohio (who are building the home these walls are designed for).

We are looking to have 80 to 120 volunteers in the church parking lot Saturday morning, May 14th. Volunteers can include families, groups, individuals, couples, children (5+), youth and adults, from the congregation and from the community. All levels of ability are welcome to participate – hammering and carrying the materials and completed walls will be the general work.

Volunteers will be able to sign-up online at www.helpbuildhope.com/stjohnncc or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera.

The morning schedule will tentatively be:

- ◆ 7:30am - Light Continental Breakfast
- ◆ 8:00am - Morning Worship
- ◆ 8:15am - Instructions: A time to explain what we will be doing for the day, with instructions for basic wall building and the goals for the day. Also who will be receiving the home and how it will change their lives.
- ◆ 8:30am - Build Time: 15 building stations, with 5 to 8 people at each station.
- ◆ 11:30am - Completed walls will be stood up and screwed together
- ◆ 12:00pm - Dedication Service, including signing the walls with markers
- ◆ 12:15pm - Walls will be disassembled and carried into the storage building

Sign up now!



Summer Mission Trip: June 25 – July 1

The plan is to drive up Monday morning to spend five days serving with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity as they build a few homes this year. The work projects for the week will include installing exterior doors and windows, and installing trim and vinyl siding. The group will work until lunchtime on Friday and then return back to Archbold. A home has been rented for the week, through Airbnb, and we have limited bed spaces at the moment. If anyone has interest in sharing in the week, please let Pastor Erich know so he can line up the correct number of beds! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board as well. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Erich.

MISSION THANK YOU'S AND UPDATES

Hi Pastor Erich & St. John's,

I saw your gift come in as part of your annual pledge and I just wanted to say thank you. I feel so grateful for you and the saints in Archbold. Your presence in my life is a reminder of God's generosity, not just through financial provision, but also through the friendship of believers. You are part of a truly special community.

Grace and Peace to you!
 Kyle Chase
 Reliant

Hello!

We wanted to say thank you for the love and support. Your gifts and help recently, and for years, has been an incredible blessing to our family and mission.

Here is a video update below. God has done some great things. Your prayers made a difference. Thanks for all you do!

<https://youtu.be/PJmXCL5bY5o>

Matt & MaryLynn Pardi
 H20 Church
 Reliant

MISSION THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

Dear Friends,

Your recent work camp time spent at the Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many! Undoubtedly, there was a good impact on both our client's lives as well as yours. We trust whenever you reflect on that time, it will summon a smile. You aligned with an helped support its vision to "do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God."

You are always a joy to have down here. Thank you so much for coming back and we hope to see you again soon.

Gratefully,
Craig & the Back Bay Mission Team



Dear St. John's Friends,

We couldn't do what we do without your prayers and financial support. Everyone deserves a warm place to sleep and a roof over their heads. Your dollars provide "hope" for a better future for those who have no hope. Thank you for all you do for Shepherd Circle.

Nancy Rupp, Treasurer



Additional Mission Thank You's from...

- ◆ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$235.00
- ◆ Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$120.00
- ◆ Sparrow's Nest, for our gift of \$120.00
- ◆ Vincent Ferry, CRU, for our gift of \$1000.00
- ◆ Hannah Barnhart, CRU, for our gift of \$1000.00
- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU, for our gift of \$1200.00
- ◆ Jennifer MacMahan, CRU, for our gifts of \$1100.00
- ◆ M.N., EFCA, for our gift of \$1080.00
- ◆ Tony & Leila Frank, for our gift of \$1090.00
- ◆ Friendship House, for our gift of \$325.00
- ◆ Nicha Pimthong, InterVarsity, for our gift of \$1000.00
- ◆ David Hench, Reliant, for our gift of \$1000.00
- ◆ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi, Reliant, for our gift of \$1000.00
- ◆ Youth for Christ, for our gift of \$100.00

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- May 1 MAM – Cherry Street Mission
 Scriptures – Psalm 30, Acts 9:1-9
 Sermon – “Conversion”
 10:30am Service – Praise Team
- May 8 Mother’s Day
 Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 13, Proverbs
 31:10-31
 Sermon – “Mother: Called Blessed”
- May 15 10:30am – Rite of Confirmation
 Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, John
 13:1-17
 Sermon – “The Call to Commitment”
 10:30am Service – Praise Team
- May 22 Senior Recognition
 Scriptures – Psalm 67, John 14:23-31
 Sermon – “Loving Obedience”
 Second Offering
- May 29 Memorial Weekend
 Scriptures – Psalm 97, John 17:20-26
 Sermon – “Jesus Prays”

Passing the Peace

The Consistory has discussed reintroducing the worship practice of “passing the peace,” that time in worship when we greet people, often with a handshake or a hug, as we pass the peace of Christ to one another. As a result, in the near future, “Passing the Peace of Christ” will be included in our the order of worship at each of our worship services. It is recognized that greeting one another and sharing a few moments of fellowship is a blessed time of our congregational worship. It is also recognized that not everyone might welcome a handshake or a hug. The hope is to have everyone be understanding and aware of personal preferences.

One way to share the preference to shake hands is to hold out your hand to the person you are greeting. One way to share the preference to not shake hands is to raise one of your lower arms to the opposite shoulder. Personal preferences can also simply be verbalized to one another and over time we’ll learn each other’s preferences.

Pastor Erich will offer this information during worship over the next few Sundays.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 1 Janet Franks, Chris & Toni Neuenschwander | 19 Tyler Wyse, Bill & Judy Overmier |
| 2 Collin Bzovi, Amy Cover | 20 Brie Grime |
| 3 Bill Overmier | 21 Burdell Nofziger |
| 4 Suzette Nafziger | 23 Elaine Winzeler |
| 5 Dean Buckenmeyer | 24 Dean Smith, Chris Stockman, Mark Stockman, Bryce Winzeler, Eric & Anna Yoder |
| 7 Ed & Julie Ruffer | 25 Connie Bostelman, Kent & Shiela Short |
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| 11 Lynne Christman | 28 Kasey Grime |
| 13 Jack Hurst | 29 Ian Grime, Tony & Missy Warncke |
| 15 Tyler Hurst | 31 Gary Frazier, Kenny & Mandy Walker |
| 16 Lori Rohrs | |
| 18 Gary Mann, Judy Sears | |

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11a Parish Hall Reserved 4p Gym Reserved 7p Piano Recital	2 Pastor Ryan's 1st Day! 4p Gym Reserved 5:30p Gym Reserved	3 9:15a Bible Study 5p Community Meal 6:45p Fellowship Committee 7p Mission Committee	4 8:30a Moms in Prayer	5 6:30p Nat. Day of Prayer 7p Gym Reserved	6 5p Gym Reserved 6p Gym Reserved	7
8 Mother's Day	9 4p Gym Reserved 6p Building Committee	10 9:15a Bible Study 5p Community Meal 7p Property Committee	11 8:30a Moms in Prayer 6p Confirmation Photos/Practice 7p Life Planning	12 6:30p Evangelism Committee 7p Gym Reserved	13 Help Build Hope Cut Day 6p Gym Reserved	14 7:30a Help Build Hope Event! 7:40a Men's Prayer Breakfast
15 3p TGRM Meal & Chapel	16 4p Gym Reserved 6:15p Spiritual Council 7:30p Consistory	17 9:15a Bible Study 5p Community Meal	18 8:30a Moms in Prayer	19 11:30a Senior Luncheon 4p Gym Reserved 6p Girl Scouts 7p Gym Reserved	20 6p Christman Wedding Rehearsal	21 4:30p Grandey/Christman Wedding
22 9:15a Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition	23 4p Gym Reserved	24 9:15a Bible Study 5p Community Meal	25 8:30a Moms in Prayer	26 5:30p Chapel Reserved Lindsay/Kast Rehearsal 7p Gym Reserved	27 4:30p Lindsay/Kast Wedding	28
29 3p Gym Reserved	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 4p Gym Reserved	31 9:15a Bible Study 5p Community Meal		Sundays: 8AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 9:15AM FV, SS, Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	MAM: Cherry Street Mission Elder of the Month: Norm Fether	



*Easter Sunday
in the Sanctuary*

MAY DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 A Shower of Blessings----- Psalm 144 | 16 Making Truth Ugly----- Romans 14:10-18 |
| 2 It's Not Fair!----- Romans 9:6-18 | 17 Distinctives that Divide----- Romans 14:19-23 |
| 3 Don't Blame Me! -----Romans 9:19-29 | 18 Unreserved Acceptance ----- Romans 15:1-7 |
| 4 Hot or Cold -----Romans 9:30-10:13 | 19 No Accident of History-----Romans 15:8-13 |
| 5 Deaf, Dim or Disobedient?----- Romans 10:14-21 | 20 By Word and Deed----- Romans 15:14-22 |
| 6 Amazing Grace-----Romans 11:1-10 | 21 The Full Measure----- Romans 15:23-33 |
| 7 Off the Radar?----- Romans 11:11-24 | 22 Praise Him!----- Psalm 147 |
| 8 Great Is the Lord!----- Psalm 145 | 23 In and Through Community ----- Romans 16:1-16 |
| 9 The End of the Matter----- Romans 11:25-36 | 24 Wise About What's Good----- Romans 16:17-27 |
| 10 True and Proper Worship----- Romans 12:1-8 | 25 Approaching God-----Exodus 28:1-30 |
| 11 Without Mask -----Romans 12:9-21 | 26 Holy, Holy, Holy ----- Exodus 28:31-43 |
| 12 The Gift of Government ----- Romans 13:1-7 | 27 Pleasing Sacrifice-----Exodus 29:1-46 |
| 13 Clothed with Jesus-----Romans 13:8-14 | 28 God of the Details -----Exodus 30:1-21 |
| 14 A Divided House ----- Romans 14:1-9 | 29 A Praising People ----- Psalm 148 |
| 15 Trusting My Whole Life----- Psalm 146 | 30 Anointed to Serve ----- Exodus 30:22-38 |
| | 31 Made Me-----Exodus 31:1-18 |

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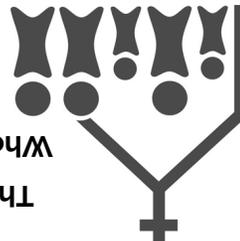
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Holy Communion:

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