

The Visitor

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

March 1, 2010 Volume 56, Number 3

Please Pray For:

- All our students - Philippians 4:13!
- Elaine Winzeler, who is home recovering from gall bladder surgery on Monday, February 15.
- Renee Liechty, who had outpatient surgery on Wed., Feb. 10th.
- Edna Rice, who is home after a brief stay in the Archbold Hospital.
- Irene Short, who is home after a brief stay in the Archbold Hospital.
- Trevor Neuenschwander, as he continues treatment.
- Carrie Wanemacher, who is recovering from mono.
- Sandy Frazier, who continues to recover from a broken leg.
- Tyler Jennings, who continues to recover from injuries sustained in a car accident.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safe return home. Church members serving are:



AT3 Ducey, Kyle

(USS Boxer Blogspot - 13thmeu.blogspot.com)
AIMD IMO3, USS Boxer LDH-4
FPO AP 96661-1663

Colt Knipp (wife Heather)

(Colt is currently serving in Iraq)
SpC Knipp Colt, Bco 615th Asb1
Acb1cd Unit #6009
APO AE 09378

Dennis LaPorte (wife Wren)

(Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA)
242 Coronado Ct, Vacaville, CA 95687

Tyson Bostelman

(Tyson is currently serving in Afghanistan)
Bco, 2-12 In
Korengal Outpost
APO EE 09354

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

Home Bound/Care Facility Residents:

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

LeNore Heer, 01950 Co. Rd. 23, Stryker, 43557
Onnie Knapp, 208 Burke Street, Archbold, 43502
Janice Spiess, 3608 Devon Hill Rd., Toledo, 43606
Gisela Taut, 602 Lincoln Street, Archbold, 43502

Evergreen Manor, 924 Charlie's Way, Montpelier, 43543
Ralph E. Heer, Room #131-B

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Mary Jo Britt, Fairlawn Heights Room #206
Marilyn Nofziger, Room #144
Bill Short, Room #180

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Cara Lou Frey, Room #234
Donna Mason, Room #237
Esther Rice, Room #235
Alice Rowe, Room #230
Jane Short, Room #208
Pauline Short, Room #205

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567
Opal Lauber, Room #412
Betty Miller, Room #220-1

CONGREGATIONAL THANK YOU'S

I want to thank our church family and Pastor Erich for the many prayers and visits. Gary and I have also enjoyed all the cards and meals sent to our home. May God Bless each one of you. I hope to be back soon.

Sandy Frazier

St. John's Church,

The kindness and sympathy shown to us during this time of sorrow in the loss of Kenny Schang will always be remembered. We also want to thank Pastors Erich and Adam for their cares and concern.

The Gary Storrer Family & Valetta Liddle

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



On Sunday, February 28th, we will celebrate the baptism of Klaire Renae Kern at our 10:30 service of worship. Klaire was born on December 27th. Klaire's parents are Keith and Kim, and she has two big brothers, Kade and Krayton.

Klaire's grandparents include St. John's members Bill and Kathy Bostelman.

PASTOR'S LETTER

From the Desk of Pastor Erich . . .

At a recent committee meeting, the opening devotions focused on the simple thought of "To Listen." Some of the thoughts shared included, "Listen to God. Listen to all. Refuse to interrupt, just listen. There is a reason God gave us two ears and one mouth, we need to listen more than we talk." At least that's what I was able to write down as the person shared.

As I heard these statements I was once again amazed at how God always knows what we need to hear. Yes, the challenge to listen is great for all of us to remember, but on that particular evening these words meant so much more to me personally. I had spent a couple of hours that afternoon struggling to communicate with someone who has challenged my faith and my wisdom. As time went by, I found myself struggling to listen as my mind worked to correct, contradict, and support my own beliefs. It wasn't a very productive couple of hours.

Then I was blessed to experience the reminder of the devotional thoughts. I was reminded to slow down, listen intently to what's being said and seek to understand before I think about responding. The lesson was excellent, and it's just one more example of how we are in ministry together. I know I am a pastoral shepherd and guide of the congregation, yet once more I am aware of how people of our congregation bless me with wisdom, with love, and with Christian lessons of life. It's a blessing to be in ministry with you.

"To Listen" is a good reminder to each of us as we journey through this Season of Lent. Readings 66-70 of the J100 focused in on the prayer of Jesus. So many times our prayers consist of our talking to God. Too often we say a quick prayer for the meal, because we are hungry; or we say a quick prayer at night and then hop into bed. I know I need to stretch out my prayer time, to sit with no words being said or thought, but to sit or lie or stand, and simply listen. I did the other night, when God spoke to me through the devotional words of another person. May we each be blessed by listening to each other, and to the Lord.

Blessings,

ERICH

MISSION CORNER

Thank You Notes From our Mission Partners and Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarrens), for our gift of \$210.
- AIM (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$102.
- CHRP (Aroles) Mission, for our gift of \$1,000.
- Cherry Street, for our gift of \$2,528.
- Church World Service, for our gift of \$510.
- CSI Ministries, for our gift of \$2,305.
- GCM (K. Chase & W. Cribbs), for our gift of \$150.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$25.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$60.

Letters from our Mission Partners:

St. John's Christian Church "Body",

It's wonderful how our community steps up to tend to a hurting portion "of ourselves". Your continued support of this ministry is vital, and deeply appreciated. Thank you so much.

May you know joy as you continue to serve.

Shalom,
Lori Bontrager
For the Friendship House



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or an act of caring . . . all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Shepherd's Circle thanks you for both your financial support and for touching lives.

Nancy Rupp
Treasurer

March Mission-A-Month – Friendship House

The Friendship House is an Archbold area ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two story home, located near downtown Archbold, is set up to house one or two family units at a time. The home provides shelter for individuals and families until they are able to become self-sufficient. The home is almost always occupied and has been a tremendous help to numerous residents. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association, and is coordinated by a volunteer board - of which Martin Schmidt and Erich Christman are members.

The main need of the Friendship House at this point is further financial support for operating this homeless shelter in our local area. This month we are placing extra emphasis on supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

Souper Bowl of Caring!

Sunday, February 7th, was our Souper Bowl of Caring, where we collected money in soup kettles after each worship service. A total of \$196.50 was collected and given to the PATH Center in Defiance.



Why A Mission Trip?:

Responding to this question are some participants of various mission trips:

- "Of course there is the desire to share God's love with others and to follow Christ's command to serve, but added to my faith reasons is that I like to use my hands in doing something I don't do everyday, or very often at all!"
- "It's wonderful to spend a week with people from our congregation, getting to know them on a very personal level, learning to trust them with my own thoughts and stories."
- "I've learned, by helping others, that I am so blessed in my own life - family, home, food, clothing, work, church, etc., and I feel challenged to find time to give more. I also think I'm setting a good example for my children, and I look forward to a time when they can go with me."
- "It's a blessing to meet the homeowners and even the neighbors of the people we are helping. I am blessed beyond measure with their kindness and thanksgiving, and I'm so glad I can use my God-given talents and energies to love others."
- "When I worked at a soup kitchen and met people who live on the street, it moved me to tears. I am so blessed back here at home."
- "I have found that by going away from home, I can concentrate my time - I'm not torn back and forth about getting a couple of hours on an evening, or giving up a Saturday morning to help locally, but it's easier to schedule a week, go away, and enjoy fellowship with other volunteers and serve in any way the team needs me."

DR Medical / Work Mission Trip:

The Dominican Republic medical / work mission trip is only nine months away. Have you always wanted to go on a mission trip but never have? Has it been awhile since you attended a mission trip? Now is the time to start planning on going to the Dominican Republic on October 2-9, 2010. The trip will be a medical and work trip. Requirements for the trip include a passport and an open heart to serve others. If you have any questions about the trip, contact Sandi or Kenny Cowell. More details and a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

2010 Mission Trips Scheduled:

- Michigan City, IN - June 13-18
- SYF Mission Trip - June 13-18
- Dominican Republic - October 2-9
- Back Bay Mission - October 16-23

Missionary News and Contact Information:

Raj, Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

web site - www.jamkhed.org

Wes Cribbs, Great Commission Ministries

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Kyle Chase, Great Commission Ministries

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e-mail - Kyle.Chase@gcmweb.org

Tony & Leila Frank, World Team

web site - www.worldteam.org

e-mail - tony.frank@worldteam.org

Tom & Megan Langsdorf, Africa Inland Mission

web site - tmlangsdorf.blogspot.com

e-mail - tmlangsdorf@msn.com

Judd & Becky McClarren, ABWE

web site - www.abwe.org

e-mail - juddmc@abwe.cc

Larry & Linda Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home

web site - www.kajiadochildrenshome.com

Derek & Ashley Rosenberger, Belize

Creation Care Study Program

web site - www.creationcsp.org

St. John's Christian Church Leadership:

Congregation President.....Jim Redd
Congregation Vice-President.....John Beck
Congregation Secretary.....Steve Walker
Elders.....John Beck, Betsy Ducey, Jon Lindsay
.....Paige Miller, Doug Rupp, Doug Vajen
Deacons/DeaconessesMaggie Enderle,
..Susie Enderle, Keith Kuntz, Tom Johnson, Chris Ott,
.....Betsy Redd, Jeff Rutledge, Dean Sauder, Ed Wyrick
Church TreasurerRoger Miller
CustodiansMarsh and Judi Hunt
Security Person.....Richard Spiess
Christian Preschool Staff.....Linda Yaney,
.....Joan Burkholder, Toni Vajen
Administrative AssistantSue Grieser
Director of Music Ministry.....Lynn Lehman
Associate Pastor.....Rev. Adam Just
PastorRev. Erich Christman

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Christian Education

LOGOS - Spring Schedule & Themes:

March 3	Outer Space Night
March 10	March Madness
March 17	St. Patrick's Night
March 24	Spring!
March 31	Holy Week – No LOGOS
April 7	Resurrection
April 14	Closing Night – Carnival Night

St. John's Christian Preschool:

The Christian Preschool Board would like to compile a list of volunteers who would be willing to fill in as a substitute teacher. Substitute teachers are needed on a very infrequent basis, such as to fill in when one of our staff is ill, away on a personal leave day, or away at a training seminar. Sometimes there is a week's notice, sometimes substitutes might be called the day before. Monday, Wednesday and Friday hours would be from 8:00AM to 3:45PM, with a break between 11:30 (once all children have been picked up) and 12:30 (when the afternoon session starts), and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00AM to 11:45AM.

There are some great perks to this role - lots of hugs, plenty of laughter with the children, extended Christmas vacation, and even summers off! Anyone interested is asked to contact the church office and leave their name and contact information, and then contact will be made with those volunteers.

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship):

A note to JYF parents and youth - please check your e-mail for the 2010 JYF calendar. Note that the JYF will be rehearsing on February 24 and March 3 for a JYF hand bell performance at the 10:30 worship service on March 7. There are a lot of special events coming up, so please check your e-mail, or your youth may request a copy from one of the JYF advisors (Matt & Kim Hines; Rod & Joyce Kinsman) or from the church office.

If you haven't done so yet, please turn in your health forms. A lot of fun things are in the works and we encourage any 6th, 7th or 8th grader to attend our JYF gatherings on Wednesday evenings.

SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship):

Senior Youth Fellowship is having a great time having fun, learning and growing in their faith this winter. In February, we focused on some of the parables of Jesus and how they apply to our lives today. We

looked at the parables of the Farmer Scattering Seed, the Prodigal Son and some of Jesus' miracles. Many enjoyed a great time at the Winter Retreat. SYF will be traveling to Indianapolis for a summer mission trip on June 13th-18th. Applications are available and need to be turned in by March 10th.

Scheduled topics and activities for March are: Mar. 3 - Tear It Off; Mar. 10th - Life Planning; Mar. 17th - The Dead Church; Mar. 20th - Winter Retreat; Mar. 24th - Wired; March 28th - April 4th - Holy Week activities and Spring Break; March 10th - Mission Trip Applications Due. Contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Thank You:

The Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) would like to thank the congregation for all of their support throughout the year including the SuperBowl Sub Sale. All of your help, support and prayers are greatly appreciated!

Sunday Morning & Wednesday Evening Adult Education Opportunities:

We are working to put together a schedule of educational opportunities for adults to benefit from and to enjoy. A list of topics currently being worked on include:

- Just Walk Across the Room (An evangelism series)
- Being Good Stewards (Estate and Legal Planning)
- Computer Skills
- Crown Financial Ministries (Christian financial planning)
- Marriage Enrichment
- Bible Basics (Bible exploration series)
- End of Life Issues

Are there other topics you would like to see included? Please share any input with Pastor Erich.

Events/Activities

E100 - Discovery Series:

The twentieth week of the J100 series falls during the week of March 22nd, which will mark the conclusion of The Essential Jesus Bible reading program we've enjoyed since early November. We hope you have been encouraged and blessed through these 100 essential passages of scripture that have focused on the prophecies, life and lessons of Jesus, our Lord.

With the J100 ending, as a congregation, we will return to the Discovery Series Bible reading program. A new Discovery study guide will be available for the months of April, May and June. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those who would



like to receive this Discovery study guide. Scripture readings will be included in weekly worship bulletins and in the April issue of The Visitor.

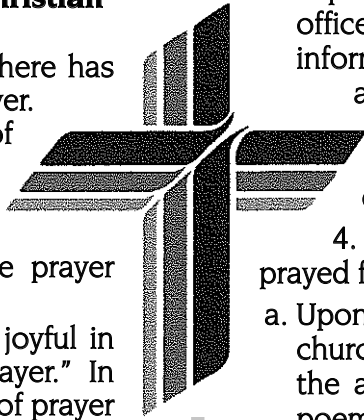
Prayer Team Ministry - St. John's Christian Church:

Over the course of the past year there has been an intentional focus on prayer. Monthly articles in each issue of the Visitor described methods and resources concerning prayer. We want to promote a continual renewing sense of purpose in undergirding the prayer ministry of St. John's Christian Church.

Paul, in Romans 12:12 writes, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." In faithfulness, we include multiple times of prayer in each of our services of worship. In faithfulness, we encourage daily times of prayer. In faithfulness, one of our congregation's ministries has been the Prayer Chain, which is a group of Christian brothers and sisters that have a desire to spend time in prayer, praying for the needs of others. The prayer chain is also a communication system that shares prayer concerns with the members of the prayer chain in order to solicit their prayers.

With a renewed desire and a blessed hope to further deepen our ministry of prayer, we are asking each person to consider becoming a part of our Prayer Team - a new name for our prayer ministry. The following information is shared as a way of further introduction to our Prayer Team Ministry:

1. How do you get the prayer team to pray for someone?
 - a. Anyone wishing to share a prayer concern with the prayer team may call the church office and share the details of the prayer request. The church staff will then share that information with the prayer team.
2. How are members of the prayer team contacted?
 - a. The church staff will contact the members of the prayer team in two ways:
 - i. By e-mail - a group e-mail will be sent out to those prayer team members who have indicated this is their preferred way of contact.
 - ii. By phone tree - a call will be sent out to those prayer team members who have indicated this is their preferred way of contact.
 - b. Once the prayer team e-mail or phone tree call has gone out from the office, individual members may call others who opt not to be contacted by e-mail or phone tree.



3. How long do members of the prayer team keep praying for a particular prayer concern?
 - a. A monthly update of everyone the prayer team is praying for will be sent out from the church office. This update will include summary information about each prayer concern, as well as whether the situation has been resolved. Once each prayer concern has reached resolution, then the concern will be deleted from the prayer list.
4. Will people know that they are being prayed for by the prayer team?
 - a. Upon receiving the initial prayer request, the church office staff will contact Judy Grime with the address of the person. Judy will send a poem, signed by all members of the team, to each individual placed on the team.
5. How can members of the prayer team continue with their prayer ministry when they might spend their winters in the south?
 - a. Members of the prayer team will inform the church office staff of winter mailing addresses and e-mail addresses in order for them to receive updates and prayer concerns. The church staff will coordinate these biannual contact changes.

Ready to join the Prayer Team? Have more questions? Contact one of the pastors!

"O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief."
Psalm 143:1

Good Friday Reflection - Chapel:

On Good Friday, April 2nd, the Chapel of the Cross will be open from 6AM until the Good Friday service in the evening at 7PM (being held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church this year). The Chapel will be set up in a way for you to experience and reflect upon the events of Jesus' journey to the cross. You will be directed past each stained glass window depicting the events of and leading to the cross. All are invited to spend time in the Chapel.

Regional Evangelical Association Gathering:

The Evangelical Association is holding their 3rd annual regional gathering on Saturday, April 24th in Bluffton, IN. This is the regional event St. John's hosted last year, and this year's event will be encouraging times of worship and feature the EA's new national minister, Jim Barnes. Pastor's Erich and Adam will be leading workshops on growing in our faith. Stay tuned for more details.

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship Mission-A-Month— Friendship House	1 Essential Jesus Wk 17 9:00AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Praise Band Pr. 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Sister Chicks, Inc.	2 8:30AM Moms in Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Small Group 5:00PM YFC Basketball	3 6:00AM Men's Frat. Yr. 3 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Jr. Choir Practice 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	4 5:00PM YFC Basketball 7:00PM Mission Comm.	5 6:45AM Breakfast Club	6 8:00AM Cub Scouts
7 9:15AM Fellowship Hour 11:30AM Preschool Open House (members) 11:45AM Cantata Practice 2:30PM MAP Town Hall Meeting	8 Essential Jesus Wk 18 9:00AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Praise Band Pr. 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Sister Chicks, Inc.	9 8:30AM Moms in Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 5:00PM YFC Basketball 6:00PM Preschool Open House (others) 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Property Comm.	10 6:00AM Men's Frat. Yr. 3 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Jr. Choir Practice 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM Life Planning 7:30PM Chancel Choir	11 5:00PM YFC Basketball	12 6:45AM Breakfast Club	13 8:00AM Cub Scouts <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour</div>
14 11:45AM Cantata Practice 6:00PM Seekers Sm. Grp. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Daylight Savings Time Begins</div>	15 Essential Jesus Wk 19 9:00AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Praise Band Pr. 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Sister Chicks, Inc.	16 8:30AM Moms in Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp.	17 6:00AM Men's Frat. Yr. 3 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Jr. Choir Practice 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	18	19 6:45AM Breakfast Club	20
21 10:50AM Junior Church/ Mission Band 11:45AM Cantata Practice	22 Essential Jesus Wk 20 9:00AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Praise Band Pr. 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Sister Chicks, Inc.	23 8:30AM Moms in Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp. 7:00PM Evangelism Mtg.	24 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Bells/Chimes Pract. 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Fairlawn Auction</div>	26 6:45AM Breakfast Club	27
28 Palm Sunday	29 9:00AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Praise Band Pr. 7:00PM Sister Chicks, Inc.	30 8:30AM Moms in Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Sm. Grp.	31 5:50PM LOGOS 6:30PM JYF 7:00PM Cantata Practice 7:00PM SYF	April 1 Maundy Thursday 5:00PM Church Potluck 7:00PM Maundy Thurs. Service 8:00PM Chancel Choir	April 2 Good Friday 7:00PM Comm. Service at St. Martin's Lutheran	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|---|
| 1 Camden Warncke
2 Sara Klinger, Cameron Yoder
3 Dencil Miller, Cindy Sauder, Rosemarie Schmidt, Cody Westfall
4 Denny & Lois Hornish, Mark Petersen, Mary Jo Britt
5 Roger & Kay Merillat, Brent & Lynda Schnitkey, Justin Beck
6 Keith & Nici Wyse
7 Jeff Nofziger, Aimee Roth
8 Brad Enderle, Meredith Short
10 Ann Grime, Becki Meyer
11 Julie Buehrer, Lindsay Ruffer, Coltin Short
13 Bud & Tootie Beck, Kenny Cowell, Bryson Martinez
14 Mitchell Hogrefe, Jennifer Lehman
16 Rachel Kinsman, Ron Rice, Wendi Wilson
17 Raegan Rutledge | 18 Molly Rutledge
19 Ben & Sue Buehrer, Jeremy & Sara Kinsman
20 Terri Woolace
21 Jenna Storrer, Lena Yedica
22 Sandy Frazier, Jenell Yaichner
23 Sue Grieser, Brent Winzeler
24 Brian Meyer
26 Jacob Nofziger, Esther Rice
27 Jon Rupp
28 John Beck, Jamie Beck, Jodi Beltz, Neil & Sara Klinger, Lisa Wulff
29 Cagnee Grime, Joan Sommer
30 Dorothy Miller, Mark Nofziger, Jeremy Neuenschwander, Dean & Lou Ann Beck
31 Brayden Hall, Denny LaPorte, Jeff & Cathy Nofziger |
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- Please let us know if we do NOT have your special day correct! Thank you. 🌟

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Cont.

Fellowship Committee - Upcoming Events:

- March 7 Fellowship Hour (9:15-10:15AM)
- April 1 Maundy Thursday Potluck (5:00PM)
- May 2 Pork BBQ (serving begins at 11:15AM)
- May 16 Fellowship Hour - Meet & Greet the
Confirmants & Their Families
(9:15-10:15AM) Hosted by Parlor Class
- July 24 Mud Hens Game (7PM in Toledo)
- Aug 6-8 Church Camp Out Weekend

Fellowship Committee would like to thank all those who attend our events. They appreciate all your help, support, and kind words.

March Fellowship Hour Program - March 7, 9:15AM to 10:15AM:

Darlene Rohrer-Meck, from Ten Thousand Villages, will be the guest presenter during our monthly fellowship hour in March. She will display various items from the store, share stories behind the art pieces, and speak about the "Fair-Trade" system they support.

Men's Ministry - Raising a Modern Day Knight:

Are you a father that has a son? If so, then join us in April for a 6-week Sunday school series called "Raising a Modern Day Knight" or RMDK for short. This group is for dad's who want to grow their relationship with their son. Learn how to communicate what authentic manhood is, put together an overall fatherhood game plan, create special manhood ceremonies and help your son as he embarks upon this great adventure of manhood. We'll be meeting each Sunday from April 11th - May 16th. You can sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Pastor Adam or Bruce Wooley if you are interested. You may also visit www.RMDK.com for details.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

Monday Mornings - Mother's Journey

8:30-9:30AM in the Fireside Room

Monday Evenings (2nd & 4th) - Couples Small Group

6:30-7:30PM in the Youth Room

Monday Evenings - Sister Chicks, Inc.

7:00-8:45PM at Nancy Rupp's, Stryker

Tuesday Mornings - Moms In Touch

8:30-9:30AM in an Upstairs SS Room

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15-10:15AM in the Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoon - High School Guys Bible Study

3:30-4:30PM in the Youth Room

Wednesday Morning - Men's Fraternity Yr. 3

6-7:30AM in Fireside Room

Friday Mornings - The Breakfast Club (HS Girls)

6:45-7:45AM in the Youth Room

Sunday Morning - Women's Small Group

9:15-10:15AM in SS Room across from Kindergarten

Sunday Evenings - Seeker's Small Group

6:00-7:30PM at Ed & Dianne Wyrick's, Archbold

worship

Worship Listing For Month of February:

Sunday, March 7th - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Third Sunday in Lent

Scriptures - Exodus 3:14-15, Revelation 1:1-20

Sermon - "The Emergent Church" - Pastor Erich

(10:30) JYF Hand Bells - "Lenten Meditation"

(10:30) Chancel Choir - "Ain't Dat Good News"

Sunday, March 14th - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Fourth Sunday In Lent

Scriptures - Ps. 57:7-11; Acts 1:1-11; 1 Thes.4:13-5:11

Sermon - "If I Die Before I Wake" - Pastor Erich

(10:30) Chancel Choir - "Jesus"

Sunday, March 21st - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Junior Church / Mission Band @ 10:50AM

Scriptures - Psalm 27:1-6; Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 9:18-27

Sermon - "The Jesus Challenge" - Pastor Erich

(10:30) Junior Choir - "God Is On Our Side"

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28th - 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Palm Processional

(10:30) Chancel Choir - "Hosanna"

Maundy Thursday, April 1st - 7:00PM

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Cantata - "His Last Days"

Note: All-Church Potluck - 5:00PM in Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 2nd - 7:00PM

Community Service at St. Martin's Lutheran Church

Hosted by Archbold Area Ministerial Association

Note: Soup Supper - 6:00PM at St. Martin's

Easter Sunday, April 4th - HE IS RISEN!!

7:00AM Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

8:00AM Easter Breakfast (Parish Hall)

8:45AM Easter Egg Hunt (Outside or Chapel)

9:15AM Sunday School (Classrooms)

10:30AM Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30AM Chancel Choir -

"Rejoice, All People on Earth Rejoice"



CONSISTORY

Highlights from Jan. 25th Consistory Meeting:

Potluck Meal at 6PM prior to meeting being called to order. Leadership Development Discussion.

Approval of Minutes for 12/21/09 & 1/3/10.

Consistory Assignments - Various committee chairs and other Consistory duties determined.

Financial Reports - Susie Enderle - No new updates since Annual Meeting.

MAP Committee - Jeff Rutledge; Town Hall Meetings scheduled for Feb 23 at 7PM, Feb 28 at 2:30PM and March 7 at 2:30PM.

Mission Committee - Erich Christman; Committee set a goal of March 31st to have benevolent portion of Eugene Buehrer Estate funds disbursed.

Property Committee - Chris Ott; Ash tree removal update, kitchen mats ordered and south entrance tile bill not received yet.

Old Business:

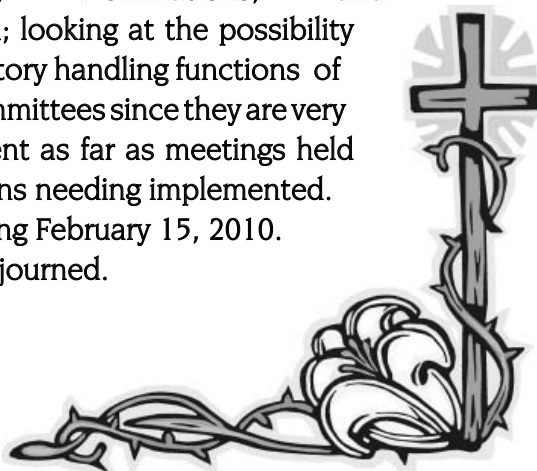
- Review/Evaluate 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting - approved moving the meeting to the second Sunday of January since 3rd Sunday is Martin Luther King Day weekend.
- Eugene Buehrer Estate Planning Committee met on Jan. 11th and is working on a plan towards selling the two home sites (see flyer on following page).

New Business:

- Audit of church financial records kept by Roger Miller, Treasurer conducted by Brent Winzeler, Ann Grime, Roger Miller and Doug Rupp.
- Discussed looking at the structure of some of the committees of the church, including Investment, Memorial, Nominations, and Personnel; looking at the possibility of Consistory handling functions of these committees since they are very intermittent as far as meetings held and actions needing implemented.

Next meeting February 15, 2010.

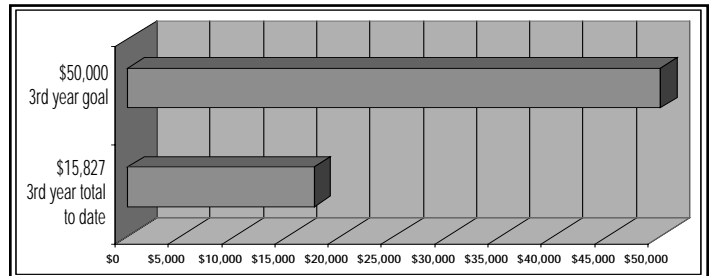
Meeting adjourned.



STEWARDSHIP

Capital Fund Drive:

We are in the third year of our five year fund drive in an effort to replenish funds used for the 2007 roof project and to collect additional funds for future capital improvements of our church facility.



3rd Year Goal (July 8, 2009 - July 7, 2010) - \$50,000
3rd Year Total (as of February 21, 2010) - \$15,827

2010 Stewardship Report

Totals needed for 2010 Budgets:

Current Fund:	\$ 294,223.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 156,350.00

Actual Information (Rotary & Interest Included)

	Current Fund	Benevolent Fund
12/31/2009 Balance	\$ 25,338.61	\$ 32,645.78
Receipts	\$ 28,045.58	\$ 13,298.07
Expenses	\$ 24,928.63	\$ 6,990.33
1/31/2010 Balance	\$ 28,455.56	\$ 38,953.52
Difference	\$ 3,116.95	\$ 6,307.74

Year to Date Income/Expenses - Through 1/31/10

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Offering Information

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
1/17/10	224	\$ 4,537.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (1,121.14)
1/24/10	319	\$ 5,214.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (444.14)
1/31/10	272	\$ 6,052.25	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 394.11
2/7/10	309	\$ 6,731.01	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 1,072.87
2/14/10	288	\$ 5,188.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (470.14)
Total	282	\$ 27,722.26	\$ 28,290.70	\$ (568.44)

	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
1/17/10	\$ 3,398.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 391.27
1/24/10	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 43.27
1/31/10	\$ 3,132.65	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 125.92
2/7/10	\$ 17,791.50	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 14,784.77
2/14/10	\$ 2,719.90	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (286.83)
Total	\$ 30,092.05	\$ 15,033.65	\$ 15,058.40

Properties for Sale

Real Estate Parcel #1: Located at 02777 County Road 25, southeast of Stryker, Springfield Township, Williams County; Two-story brick homestead on 2 +/- acres, with large barn and several outbuildings.



Real Estate Parcel #2: Located at T828 County Road 25 (across the road from Parcel #1), Ridgeville Township, Henry County; Two-story bungalow style house on 2.5 +/- acres, with large barn.



Open for inspection on March 6th, 10 am to noon; March 13th, 10 am to noon.

Owner: St. John's Christian Church, from the estate of Eugene Buehrer; contact church office for further information - 419-446-2545; office@stjohnsarchbold.org.

Owner reserves the right to counter offer any offer.

Offers to purchase either or both of the above described parcels of real estate will be received on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at

HOUSEKEEPING

Hearing Assistance Loop:

The new Hearing Assistance Loop is installed and functioning. People with hearing aids that include a "t" switch can set their hearing aid to that position and make use of this new loop. We want to hear from people about this system, so if you notice a difference, or not, please let us (Erich, Adam or Sue) know. Thanks!

Essential Jesus (J100) Scriptures

(From Essential Jesus Bible Guide)

Week 17 (Feb. 28-March 6) The Resurrection of Jesus

- 81 Resurrection Thriller ----- Matthew 26:1-20
- 82 Gospel Power ----- Mark 16:1-20
- 83 The Third Disciple ----- Luke 24:1-49
- 84 Follow Me! ----- John 20:1-21:25
- 85 Fact and Hope ----- 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Week 18 (March 7-13) The Early Church of Jesus

- 86 A Vision for the Emergent Church --Revelation 1:1-20
- 87 Unfaithful or Faithful? ----- Revelation 2:1-11
- 88 Hold On – Until I Come ----- Revelation 2:12-29
- 89 The Dead Church ----- Revelation 3:1-13
- 90 Lukewarm for God ----- Revelation 3:14-22

Week 19 (March 14-20) The Second Coming of Jesus

- 91 The Greatest Sequel of All Time ----- Acts 1:1-11
- 92 If I Should Die Before I Wake . . . ----- 1 Thes. 4:13-5:11
- 93 Don't Be Alarmed ----- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 94 Waiting for . . . ? ----- 2 Peter 3:1-18
- 95 Only the Beginning ----- Revelation 21:1-22:21

Week 20 (March 21-27) Who Is Jesus . . . To You?

- 96 The Rich Do-Gooder ----- Matthew 19:16-30
- 97 The Bottom Line ----- John 3:1-21
- 98 No More Shame ----- John 4:1-42
- 99 Angry Young Man ----- Acts 9:1-19
- 100 The Essential Jesus Challenge ----- Luke 9:18-27

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

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



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