

The Visitor

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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Please Pray For:

- Lynn Lehman and Joel Wanemacher and their families, upon the death of their father, Howard Wanemacher, on August 28th.
- Mary Jo Britt, who is home after a brief stay at FCHC with pneumonia.
- Warren Sauder, who is home after a brief stay in Toledo Hospital.
- The family of Victor Miller, who died Aug. 11th.
- The family of Janice Spiess, who died Aug. 11th.
- Judd and Becky McClarren, as they continue to recover from burns suffered in a kitchen accident.
- Pastor Dave Voll, as he undergoes treatment for prostate cancer (address: St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449).
- Linda Rupp, who is recovering from a successful second surgery for breast cancer.
- Edna Rice, who is in rehab at Fairlawn.
- All our students - Proverbs 16:20!
- Our elders - John Beck, Betsy Ducey, Jon Lindsay, Paige Miller, Doug Rupp.
- Our deacons/deaconesses - Maggie Enderle, Susie Enderle, Tom Johnson, Keith Kuntz, Chris Ott, Betsy Redd, Jeff Rutledge, Dean Sauder, Ed Wyrick.
- 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 - www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lhd4)
AIMD IMO3, USS Boxer LHD-4
FPO AP 96661-1663

Colt Knipp

(Fort Hood, Texas)

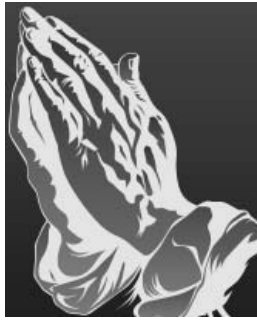
Dennis LaPorte (wife Wren)

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

Tyson Bostelman

(Fort Carson, Colorado)

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
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

(Mailing address: 201 N. Defiance St., Archbold)

Valeria Hornish, Room #227

Donna Mason, Room #237

Esther Rice, Room #235

Alice Rowe, Room #206

Jane Short, Room #208

Pauline Short, Room #205

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567

Opal Lauber, Room #412-1

Betty Miller, Room #419

Pastor Erich:

As you read this issue of the Visitor, Pastor Erich will either be undergoing surgery or have already had surgery. Scheduled for 8:30AM on September 1st, the surgery is a form of microscopic minimally invasive cervical work designed to repair/replace two damaged discs and remove bone spurs from the C 4-5-6 vertebrae of the cervical portion of the upper spine. This should remove pressure from some pinched nerves that have left his left arm and shoulder numb and in pain for the past several weeks. He will be on home rest for at least two weeks, and then further recovery time determined as he progresses. He will be taking it easy for at least the next six weeks as the vertebrae and nerves heal.

Erich is thankful for all of the prayers, concerns expressed, and assistance and encouragement offered. Praise the Lord for Christian love and support.

Erich is also thankful for Pastor Adam, Sue Grieser, the elders of our congregation and leaders of our ministries who have willingly offered to cover the aspects of ministry as he recovers.

PASTOR'S LETTER

A Thought from Pastor Erich . . .

Please contemplate the following verses that seem to reflect the journey of my thoughts the past couple of months as I have endured various strained emotions and physical feelings. I have developed a deeper awareness and appreciation of those of this congregation I have talked with who have dealt with physical and emotional pain that has often been much more severe and has lasted much longer than what I have experienced. I share these words of scripture as an insight into how I have poured out my sorrow and frustration to the Lord and how I have sought to find relief. May these words of biblical knowledge and wisdom direct you along the paths of God's grace and comfort.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning." Psalm 130:5-6

Nights have been long, with hours of restless sleep, and I wait for the morning, in frustration I grow weary of stinging sensations, yet I put my hope that each day will bring healing.

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?" Psalm 13:1-2

My enemy? A pinched nerve that sends stabbing pain coursing up and down my left arm, constantly reminding me of my aging and faulty physical body. Why God, why me? All I did was enjoy white water rafting with my family; why has the pain lasted so long? What should I be learning from this experience; why can't I find relief this time, like I have in the past? Why me? Hmmm. Once again I am aware that I am no one special, I must deal with pain like many others, if not all others. Yet I have learned to appreciate the moments of quiet rest, free from any movement, that eases any sensations and I find relief. Patience, patience, perseverance, continuing to pray, continuing to hope, remaining ever faithful.

"...there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me." 2 Corinthians 12:7

How often I have wondered what "thorn" Paul was talking about! A reminder that everyone experiences such thorns, and we can use the situation to develop our faith and our character; to question our outlook on life, to work towards remaining humble and relying upon the Lord.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Don't give up, don't turn away, but remain faithful, take heart, trust in the Lord.

"Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life." Jude 1:21

This bout of physical pain is so miniscule compared to the affects of sin in my life, and I am reminded to keep myself fixed upon God's love. As the coming weeks bring relief, I trust God and I focus upon God's relief of my sin, continuing to wait upon the Lord's mercy as I live for Christ, expecting relief from the burdens of this earthly life through the joy of eternal salvation.

May God's power of healing be with you, in whatever shape or form you need and desire in your life, and may His Holy Word bring comfort, peace and spiritual growth, as it has me! Praise God!

ERICH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Our congratulations and prayers go to Austin and Lindsay (Brader) Pierson, who were married in Dayton, Ohio, on August 7th, with Pastor Erich officiating. Lindsay is the daughter of Jon and Lorinda Brader.

Our congratulations and prayers go to Kyle and Alicia (Fether) Jackson, who were married in our sanctuary on August 14th. Alicia is the daughter of Norm and Ann Fether.

We apologize for not including the first wedding anniversary of Dale and Laurie Flint in our August issue. Our records have been corrected, and we offer our congratulations to Dale and Laurie who were married on August 22, 2009.

CONGREGATIONAL THANK YOU'S

The family of Victor W. Miller would like to express our sincerest thank you to the members of St. John's Christian Church for their expressions of sympathy on the loss of our father and grandfather.

Thank you to the Spiritual Council and members of St. John's for the planter, and to the Memorial Meal Committee for providing refreshments and snacks during fellowship with our family and friends following the service. A special thank you to Pastors Erich and Adam for the beautiful funeral service and the message of hope in Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered by our family.

David L. Miller and family
Jon A. Miller and family

Spiritual Council and Congregation of St. John's Christian Church,

Our family would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in our time of loss.

The Janice Spiess Family

I would like to thank my wonderful church family for the many cards and well wishes I received for my 95th birthday!

Veronica Rupp

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for sponsoring us to go to Miracle Camp this year. We learned so much and made new friends. It was an unforgettable experience.

Morgan McCandless & Justin Lesniak

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for paying for me to go to Bair Lake Bible Camp (BLBC), and for providing my transportation. I learned a lot at BLBC. Also, thank you Pastor Erich and Lynne for visiting us at camp. THANKS AGAIN!

Bailey Grieser

To St. John's,

Thank you for giving money so I could go to Miracle Camp. I had a great time! When I was there I did the blob and went SO HIGH, and a lot of other things like singing songs, acting out stories, and reading the Bible, and we learned about God and Jesus when I was doing all of those things. One more time, I want to thank you for giving money for me!!

Andee Grime

MISSION CORNER

Thank You Notes From our Mission Partners and Friends:

- ABWE (The McClarrrens), for our gift of \$310.
- AIM (The Langsdorfs), for our gift of \$302.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$342.
- CHRP (Aroles), for our gift of \$4,452.65.
- Cherry Street, for our gift of \$339.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$87.
- Grace Community Center, for our gift of \$207.
- GCM (Kyle Chase), for our gift of \$60.
- Hands of Grace, for our gift of \$500.
- Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission, for our gift of \$520.

Letters from our Mission Partners:

When we do good things for others, we do good things for God. Your financial gift is always a blessing!

Shepherd Circle, Nancy Rupp, Treasurer

A great big THANK YOU to all who showed up at the FISH Pantry in Archbold one warm August morning to unload a trailer full of food, and especially to the two young men who showed back up in the afternoon to help unload a second trailer load!

David & Nancy Lightner, FISH Pantry

Dear St. John's,

Once again, we thank you from the depths of our hurting/hopeful hearts for your wonderful support of this ministry. May your joy abound!

Kindly,
Lori Bontrager for The Friendship House

Thank you for working in extreme heat to get the Fulton County Habitat for Humanity home in Wauseon under roof. Cases of Gatorade and water were needed to keep everyone safe and hydrated, but nobody threw in the towel and went home. What a testimony to meeting the needs of others! Members from St. John's and three partner families worked together for 3 days to get the mission from behind schedule to on schedule. Habitat would like to thank the following people who worked: Brad Enderle, Ryan, Amy and Lynne Christman, Rollie Nafziger, Kelly, Betsy and Morgan Ducey, Greg and Kim Walker, Scott Short, Linda Heer, John Beck, Dave Miller, Dave Walker, Tom and Laura Johnson, Bill Metz and Josh Yoder. Habitat would also like to thank Louise Short and Paige Miller for providing food to keep the workers nourished (Louise – the fresh peaches and ice cream were incredible!!) Your support for this ministry is greatly appreciated. You are fantastic!!

MISSION CORNER Cont.

September Mission-A-Month – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM):

TGRM is our Mission-A-Month for September. For 54 years now, TGRM has been feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the needy, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone that God sends their way. Many thousands have been served, saved, and spiritually and physically nurtured by TGRM in their hour of need. They rely on the generosity of congregations such as ours who support TGRM faithfully to allow them to help many people who would otherwise go hungry, suffer from the lack of shelter, and be without the hope that the Gospel offers through their ministry. Your gifts are both needed and appreciated by TGRM. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry through your weekly offerings.

Thank Offering:

Thank Offering containers are now available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please take one home and throw your loose change into the container (contact the church office if you would like a container delivered to you). This special offering will be collected at the end of November and divided equally between The Foods Resource Bank and The Sparrow's Nest.

Blanket Sunday - September 19th:

For more than 60 years, congregations across the U.S. have been responding to Jesus' call to be neighbors to those in need, in partnership with Church World Service. When disaster strikes, people often need blankets—and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

Contributions on Blanket Sunday mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster. They also help families struggling against grinding poverty as they seek to develop viable, sustainable communities and livelihoods.

At its heart, Blanket Sunday means YOU. Through your contributions, you can make a world of difference for people in need:

- \$25 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by an earthquake or other disaster.
- \$100 can enable three women to receive a microcredit loan, a sound investment in them and their family's future.

- \$200 can provide a struggling farm family with a draft animal to significantly increase their food production and carry their produce to market.
- \$250 can provide a sewing machine to a young mother who needs to support her family.

Your support of Blanket Sunday makes all this possible and so much more! Please prayerfully consider your donation.

Mission Sunday - October 10th:

Our annual observance of Mission Sunday, when we highlight a few of our mission partners by having guest speakers come to share with us, will be observed on the second Sunday of October. We'll be celebrating the faithfulness of the congregation in supporting our benevolent ministries of the church (see the Benevolent Giving Report later in this issue of The Visitor). We are hoping to have a representative of one of our local ministries we support share with us at both services of worship, and also during our fellowship hour program from 9:15-10:15AM.

Faith & A Family Restored, Thanks to You! - Another Cherry Street Mission Story:

Court-ordered to Cherry Street by Lucas County Family Drug Court to help her maintain her newfound sobriety—and with her three children in foster care—Elyse arrived at our Sparrow's Nest in early 2009 kicking and screaming.

"I was a brat when I came," admits Elyse, who began drinking at age 15 and quickly moved on to abusing drugs. "I felt my problems were everyone else's fault. I didn't talk to anyone at the Nest for weeks. I broke curfew. I just assumed that nobody cared."

But then Cherry Street case manager Molly Klima learned more about Elyse after attending a meeting of her Drug Court treatment team. About the abuse she and her children had suffered at the hands of the children's father. About Elyse's older son, who has bipolar disorder, ADHD, and post-traumatic-stress disorder. About her younger son, who also has PTSD, as well as autism. About the misery and guilt Elyse felt, knowing what her substance abuse had done to all three of her kids.

After Molly apologized to Elyse for not knowing all the facts of her family life situation, she put Bible Study by Elyse's itinerary. Elyse recalls, smiling at the memory, "I said 'I'm not doing this.' "

So Molly put meetings with Cherry Street chaplain Tracy Brown on Elyse's itinerary instead. That led to a renewal of her faith last December.

"I think God knew that I needed it to happen the way it did: like, *Whoosh*, everything's serene and

peaceful; God's go my back."

When Elyse was finally ready to leave Cherry Street in February 2010, she was offered two apartments. She got down on her knees and told the Lord she'd take the one He wanted her to, reflecting a change in attitude that would have been impossible for her to imagine when she entered the Nest kicking and screaming a year earlier. Today, she has been alcohol and drug free for 18 months, and living independently for six. This summer, she and her children were reunited.

"When I think about the stuff that I've done and the things I was using, I should be dead," Elyse stresses. "Instead, life is good."

Back Bay Mission Experience:

Offering a vast program of services to those living in poverty, Back Bay Mission continues to be a lighthouse of hope and healing. One such program is their work camp ministry in which volunteers help repair and construct housing in and around Biloxi.

St. John's will conduct another excursion to the gulf coast from October 16th to 23rd, 2010. The trip costs about \$100 per person (for lodging, food and fuel) and only a willing heart and helping hands are necessary - no special skills or knowledge needed - just a desire to serve and share! Talk with one of the people pictured below about their past experience, and prayerfully consider sharing in this week long experience.



Feb, 2010 Back Bay Mission Trip Participants

Dominican Republic (DR) Medical/Work Mission Trip:

The DR trip is only 5 weeks away - October 2-9, 2010. There are now 23 people going. We are still collecting items for the trip. You may bring the

following items to the church and place them in the collection box outside the Chapel:

- Children's chewable vitamins
- Tums
- Toothbrushes
- Neosporin ointment
- Anti-fungal ointments

There will also be a fundraising event on Monday, September 13th at Mancino's; they will donate 10% of the total sales for the day to the DR trip.

Please consider dining at Mancino's on September 13th, and thank you for your continued prayer support as the participants prepare their hearts for this trip.

Mission Trips Scheduled:

- Dominican Republic - October 2-9
- Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS - October 16-23
- Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS - Feb. 19-26, 2011

Missionary News and Contact Information:

Raj, Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

web site - www.jamkhed.org

Wes Cribbs, Great Commission Ministries

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e-mail - wescribbs@gmail.com

Kyle Chase, Great Commission Ministries

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Tony & Leila Frank, World Team

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Tom & Megan Langsdorf, Africa Inland Mission

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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

Ryan Volkman, LCMS World Missions

web site - <http://ryanandslovakia.wordpress.com/>

e-mail - ryan.volkman@lcms.org



MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Christian Education

LOGOS - Set to begin on Wed., Sept. 15th:

We are expecting a wonderful year of Christian fellowship and nurture in our mid-week congregational ministry program! The weekly LOGOS meal begins at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall, and is open to all 4 year old through 12th grade children and youth. All ministries normally end at 8:00PM each evening. All the details about LOGOS are available below the LOGOS bulletin board located just outside the Chapel:

- Please pick up a Parent's Handbook
- Please pick up an Evening Theme schedule
- Register your child(ren) and/or youth by filling out the 2010/2011 LOGOS Roster Form
- Sign up to assist in one of the volunteer roles

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF):

Are you ready for some fun...well if you are a 6th, 7th or 8th grader, please come prepared to have some FUN!! JYF will be kicking off their season on September 15, 2010 at 6:30PM following LOGOS. JYF will run from approximately 6:30PM to 8:00PM every Wednesday evening. Plans are under way for an exciting year. The amazing walk, minute to win it, GAGA ball, bowling, Christmas parade, scavenger hunt, mystery dinner and the list goes on. So please come on September 15th to hear more about the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Kim or Matt Hines (419-445-2403).

Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF):

Senior Youth Fellowship began a few weeks ago and we are geared up for another great year of fellowship, fun and growth with Jesus. Youth face an uphill battle in living for Jesus on a daily basis at school, home and activities. We'll be going through a series called "Inked" in September, which talks about living with the attributes of Jesus, like love, service, humility, unity and compassion. Upcoming SYF dates are: Sept. 1st - Facebook Jesus; Sept. 8th - No SYF because of Fair Week; Sept. 15th - Life Planning and SYF Remix; Sept. 22nd - Inked I; Sept. 29th - Inked II; Oct. 6th - Inked III. SYF begins at 7PM and usually ends between 8:15-8:30.

Also, each Wednesday night youth are invited to come to our study sessions from 5-6PM. We will be doing our best to help each other with all homework subjects. We know a lot of youth need help with math

classes. The computer lab will also be open for youth to work on papers. Then beginning on Sept. 15th, LOGOS dinners will start at 6PM. Please contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Life Planning:

Another FUN and sure to be ENTERTAINING Life Planning year will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 7PM. All youth and mentors are encouraged to come and participate in a special time of sharing God's love and faith, and growing with one another. We look forward to seeing everyone on Sept 15th at 7PM. Please contact Mike or Rachel Kinsman at 419-572-0602 if you have any questions.

Events/Activities

Book Bag Bash!

The following is the testimony Lynne Roth shared in worship following the August 15th Book Bag Bash: At the last minute, Brian and I volunteered to help with the Book Bag Bash



and I am so glad that we did. I guess I expected to hand out a few bags during our assigned shift and then we would go home. But what I experienced was nothing but a huge blessing from God. To my surprise, there were people lined up on the front steps of the church by 1:30 for the 2:00 event. Then, by 2:10PM, yes, just 10 minutes into the scheduled event, the last of the 75 book bags was given away! Then came the big dilemma...The BOOK BAG BASH was scheduled to last until 6:00 that evening...what were we going to do for the next three hours and fifty minutes without any BOOK BAGS?

With a steady stream of people walking through our doors expecting to receive a book bag, we began taking names and phone numbers letting them know that we still wanted to provide them with a bag. Several of us started brainstorming what to do, and soon three people were sent off to Defiance to buy 80 more book bags, complete with supplies. Pastor Erich even handed over his credit card, because I think he sensed there was no stopping the determination to respond to the overwhelming need.

All of our guests were invited to the back parking lot where we had a live Christian band playing, inflatable games for the kids, yard games to enjoy, and, of course, food...popcorn, hotdogs, chips and cookies. They were also encouraged to check out various displays which provided them with an idea

of what St John's had to offer in regards to youth programs, small groups, and Sunday school classes. The volunteers enjoyed serving food, talking with our guests, overseeing the games, listening to the music, and simply enjoying what God was doing that day. It was a great family event!

It took awhile, but the shoppers did return with a PACKED van. In a short time, the supplies were distributed in each of the bags and they were handed out to those who were still enjoying the event's activities. However, we soon found that we were still 31 bags short – so, expecting less than 75, we ended up needing 186 bags! We had \$1,695 of income prior to the event, and the bags and supplies that were purchased Sunday afternoon totaled over \$1,100 alone. In total, the expenses for the event came to over \$2,800 - \$1,100 more than was available. Erich said he'd be talking to Consistory Monday night, but he wasn't too sure what they'd be thinking.

Here is the awesome part...By Monday afternoon, someone brought in those 31 additional bags that were needed; and unsolicited donations by Tuesday morning totaled \$1,600. If you are doing the math, by Tuesday morning, we actually had more income than expenses! When Erich provided this information to me this week, I yet again felt very thankful to be part of such a wonderful and giving church family! It was also another example of how God provides!

Erich shared that one person's perspective on the real lesson of the day comes from Philippians 4:19 - "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." What a tremendous faith experience we encountered, with God certainly meeting the need, but even more of a blessing was the opportunity we had to share his love and talk with his people - people of our community. Everyone who had signed up for a bag was contacted this past week - reassuring people that our word was good. God really enabled us to come through. My reflection: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalms 136:1

Thank you for your prayers and support for this event - I am anxious to see what God has planned for the 2nd Annual Book Bag Bash Event!

Sojourners Picnic:

A picnic will be held on Thursday, September 23rd beginning at 11:30AM at Short's pond. There will be grilled burgers by Paul Short, and all food will be provided. A free will offering will be taken. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

Men's Ministry - Men's Fraternity:

The Men's Fraternity Sunday school class will

be starting on September 12th at 9AM in the upstairs class room. The class is entitled "The Great Adventure" and explores a man and his world beyond the everyday. The class puts the roof on the house of masculinity and creates a vision for a man's future and destiny. This study will help men rediscover some of the adventure in life through a greater understanding of who they are. Men will uncover the uniqueness they have as a man and discover a satisfying life focus. The class will run for 11-weeks and conclude on November 21st. The cost is \$20 to cover materials.

Men's Ministry - Golf Outing:

Come out and play 18 holes with us on Saturday morning, October 9th, at 9AM. We'll be playing the course at Riverside Greens in Stryker. Following the round we'll come back to the church for a chili lunch. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.



Men's Ministry - Dads and Daughters:

Raising a Modern Day Knight was an awesome experience for fathers and sons, but what about fathers and daughters? We are currently gathering material for a series entitled "Dads and Daughters: Building Lasting Relationships." This will be offered during January of 2011 with the class culminating in a "Dads and Daughters Dessert" around Valentine's Day. "Dads and Daughters" would cover the importance of dad in the life of his daughter, the dangers if he isn't present in her life, and practically what can a dad do for his daughter.

Fellowship Committee - Upcoming Events:

Plan on attending the annual "Come Home To God Sunday" Chicken BBQ on September 26th. Why not invite a neighbor, family member or friend along! Serving will begin at 11:15AM, carry outs are available, and a free will offering will be collected.

On Sunday, October 24th, another fun-filled evening of entertainment, food, fellowship and a silent auction is planned.. The evening will begin at 5PM with a meal of pizza, pop, chips and popcorn, followed by a Gong Show featuring some of St. John's finest talent, with the finale being a silent auction, with proceeds divided between Cherry Street Mission and Sparrow's Nest. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for Gong Show acts and Silent Auction items, which can be hand-made or purchased. Contact Deb Kauffman for auction information or Beth Wanemacher for show questions. Why not get your "Gong Show act together" and come join the fun?!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| <p>1 Adam & Sara Just
 2 Krayton Kern
 3 Jon & Lorinda Brader, Steve Knipp, Brent & Elaine Winzeler
 5 Colin Lehman, Kelsey Wyse, Karsen Pursel
 6 Robert DeVries, Brianna Nofziger
 7 Scott Short, Kyla Sigafoose
 8 Aaron & Lindsay Gerken, Gloria Lauber, Darlene Sauder, Toby Walker
 9 Alex Metz, Barb Stover
 10 Avery Roth, Evynn Roth, Tim & Dawn Smith, Bill & Jenny Yocum
 11 Kenny & Shirley Nafziger, Jeff & Tana Sauder, Wayne & Susie Spiess
 12 Tristan Flory, Jr. & Arlene Grime, Jay & Karla Pursel, Bernice Rice
 13 Gretchen Heer, Shirley Nafziger, Audrey Smith
 14 Bill Bostelman, Josie Grieser, Linda Hayes, Roger Miller
 15 Bob Overmier, Ed & Dianne Wyrick</p> | <p>16 Phil Buehrer, Stan Buehrer, Willie Buehrer, Wayne & Lynn Lehman, Angie Nofziger, Toni Vajen
 17 David Lightner, Ashley Short
 18 Larry & Kathy Bechstein, Kade Kern, Kevin Meyers, Sue Ruffer
 20 Deb Beaverson, Kelly Ducey, Rayne Kinsman, Dencel & Phyllis Miller, Ethan Warncke
 21 Ralph & Gretchen Heer, Kim Kern, Sadonna Spiess, Melva Woolace
 22 Kathy Bostelman, Rachael Grieser
 23 Jeffery Baatz
 24 Jacob Layton
 25 Lorinda Brader, Kelli Kuntz, Tara Meyer, Keith Wyse
 26 Roger Merillat
 27 Alicia Jackson, Roxanne Heer, Jordyn Pursel, Brad & Aimee Roth, Steve & Ashley Schink
 29 Desiree Piercefield, Bill & Jane Short
 30 Rodney & Joyce Kinsman, Rebecca Smith, Richard & Cathy Spiess, Curt & Kay Stamm</p> |
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☼ Please let us know if we do NOT have your special day correct! Thank you.

September 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— Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Elder of the Month— Betsy Ducey		1 5:00PM SYF Study Session 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Practice	2 9:00AM Sewing 7:00PM Mission Comm.	3	4
5	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	7 8:30AM Moms In Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Staff Meeting 3:30PM HS Guys Small Gr. 2:15PM Worship Planning	8 10:00AM West Haven Bible Study 5:00PM SYF Study Session 7:30PM Chancel Choir Practice	9	10 6:45AM Breakfast Club	11
12 TGRM Chapel & Dinner—SYF 9:00AM Men's Fraternity 9:15AM Fellowship Hour Program	13 9:30AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 7:00PM Sister Chicks Inc. First Day of Preschool	14 8:30AM Moms In Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Small Gr. 6:30PM Alpha Course 6:30PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Property Comm.	15 5:00PM SYF Study Session 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Junior Choir 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM SYF Remix 7:30PM Chancel Choir Pr.	16	17 6:45AM Breakfast Club	18 12:00PM Seniors Gath. @ Central Menn. Church
19 Blanket Sunday 9:00AM Men's Fraternity 10:50AM Junior Church/ Mission Band 1:00PM Private Party in Parish Hall 6:00PM Women's Small Group	20 9:30AM Mother's Journey 10:30AM Staff Meeting 2:15PM Worship Planning 6:30PM Spiritual Council 7:00PM Sister Chicks Inc. 7:30PM Consistory	21 8:30AM Moms In Touch 9:15AM Bible Study 3:30PM HS Guys Small Gr. 6:30PM Alpha Course 6:30PM Cub Scouts	22 10:00AM West Haven Bible Study 5:00PM SYF Study Session 5:50PM LOGOS Meal 6:30PM JYF 6:50PM Junior Choir 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Pr.	23 11:30PM Sojourner's Picnic @ Short's Pond	24 6:45AM Breakfast Club	25
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MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Lay Leadership Development Program: Cont.

Following much discussion over the past several months, the Spiritual Council is introducing a new Lay Leadership Development Program for the benefit and blessing of our congregation. The purpose of this program is to intentionally equip people to serve in the various leadership roles of our congregation: President, Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, and Committee Chairperson. The following information is shared to begin introducing this program to the congregation.

Every member of the congregation is eligible to participate in the leadership development program, in order to be considered for future nomination to one of these elected offices. We will also continue to educate and inform the congregation about the responsibilities and expectations of the various leadership roles, including the truth that it is an honor to serve in the leadership of a Christian congregation.

The first term of this program will be offered sometime this fall, with the following key topics addressed in the six sessions of the program: Bible Basics and Beyond the Basics, Biblical Perspectives of Leadership, History and Theology of St. John's Christian Church, Duties and Responsibilities of each office.

The Consistory and congregation may suggest names of people to participate in the leadership development program; and people may volunteer to participate in the program. The Spiritual Council will talk with participants who have completed the leadership development program, with both parties assessing giftedness towards leadership in the church.

The High Calling of a Church Leader:

1 Timothy 3:1-13 offers insight in to the biblical aspects of Christian leadership. The Spiritual Council is in the process of discerning people to nominate for the 2011 ballot of Congregational and Consistory leadership. They welcome input and discernment from people of the congregation in this process. Paul, in his instructions to Timothy, calls such leadership "a noble task" and he outlines key attributes of Christian character for those serving as overseers (elders) and deacons. In part, Christians desiring to be leaders or who are nominated to be leaders are to:

- be above reproach
- be temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
- not given to drunkenness,
- not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
- manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect
- keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a

clear conscience

- be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

Besides discerning future Christian leaders, let us be thankful for the noble leaders of today, our elders, deacons, deaconesses, congregational president and secretary. They serve with these attributes in mind, and are serving nobly in their respective roles.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups for Women:

We have several small groups starting up this fall for women of all ages to join. Moms In Touch currently meets every Tuesday morning from 8:30-9:30AM in an upstairs classroom. Moms In Touch is a small group that promotes praying for children and schools. The national mission statement for Moms In Touch is to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray. For more information on Moms In Touch, contact Lynne Christman (419-267-5610).

Mother's Journey will meet every Monday morning beginning Sept. 13th from 9:30-11:00AM in the Fireside Room. They will be studying the book titled *Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible*. A women's small group is also meeting the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month beginning Sept. 19th from 6-7PM in the Parlor. They will also be using this book as a study guide. Carrie Wooley is the contact for either of these two small groups (419-267-5217).

A women's small group that meets during the Sunday School hour in an upstairs classroom, will be using the book titled *The New Eve*. In this book, author Robert Lewis lets 21st century women know that Christian womanhood is not about being a "Biblical Barbie." Contact Michelle Short (419-446-2687) for more information.

Alpha Course:

What is the meaning of life? Who is Jesus? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? This fall St. John's is offering the Alpha Course. The Alpha Course is a 11-week small group that seeks to answer these questions beginning on Tuesday, September 14th from 6:30-8:30PM. The Alpha Course is for everyone, whether you are young or old in your faith, or if you're not sure about God or the church at all. Each evening includes a meal, DVD lesson addressing these questions, and a small group discussion about the DVD. This is a great opportunity to invite friends into a small, safe, and friendly church environment. Contact Pastor Adam if you have questions.



Alpha

SMALL GROUPS Cont.

Small Groups Currently Meeting at St. John's:

Men's Fraternity - Great Adventure (Sept. 12 - Nov. 21)

9:00 - 10:15AM - Upstairs Classroom

Sunday Morning - Women's Small Group

9:15-10:15AM - Upstairs Sunday School Room

1st & 3rd Sunday of Month - Women's Small Group

6:00 - 7:00PM - Parlor

Monday Morning - Mother's Journey (starts Sept. 13th)

9:30 - 11:00AM - Fireside Room

Monday Evening - Sister Chicks (starts Sept. 13th)

7:00 - 8:30PM - Nancy Rupp's, St. Rt. 2, Stryker

Tuesday Morning - Moms In Touch

8:30 - 9:30AM - Upstairs Classroom

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:15 - 10:15AM - Fireside Room

Tuesday Afternoon - High School Guys Small Group

3:30 - 4:30PM - Youth Room

Tuesday Evening - Alpha Course (Sept. 14 - Nov. 23)

6:30 - 8:30PM - Chapel

2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month - Bible Study

10:00 - 11:00AM - West Haven, Fairlawn

Friday Mornings - Breakfast Club (High School Girls)

6:45 - 7:45AM - Youth Room

worship

Worship Listing For Month of August:

Sunday, September 5th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Theme – Discovery Guide Readings

Scriptures – Psalm 126:1-6; John 11:28-44

Sermon – “Jesus Wept” Pastor Adam

Special Music - Mixed Ensemble

Sunday, September 12th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Theme – Discovery Guide Readings

Scriptures – Psalm 86:8-13; John 12:20-29

Sermon – “It's Hard Being a Christian” Pastor Adam

10:30 - Chancel Choir - “Magnificent Praise”

Sunday, September 19th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Theme – Discovery Guide Readings

Scriptures – Psalm 135:1-5; Hosea 14:1-90

Sermon – “Walking in God's Ways” Pastor Adam

10:30 - Chancel Choir - “When We All Get to Heaven”

Sunday, September 26th – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

“Come Home To God” Sunday - Chicken BBQ Meal

after 10:30 Service - Invite friends & family members!

Scriptures – Ps. 119:57-64; Lev. 23:1-8; Luke 15:20-24

Sermon – “Reasons to Celebrate” Pastor Erich

10:30 - Baptism of Ali Genter, daughter of AJ & Kisha

10:30 - Chancel Choir - “I'm Standing on the Solid Rock/I Can Call Jesus Anytime”

Sunday, October 3rd – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Theme – World Communion Sunday

Scriptures – Psalm 133; Ephesians 1:1-10

Sermon – “Deep Disciple Journey” Pastor Erich

10:30 - Junior Choir - “Love In Any Language”

CONSISTORY

Director of Christian Education Ministries:

We have received a few resumes and continue to seek more as we advertise this position. Your prayers for God's direction in someone's life to fill this position would be appreciated!

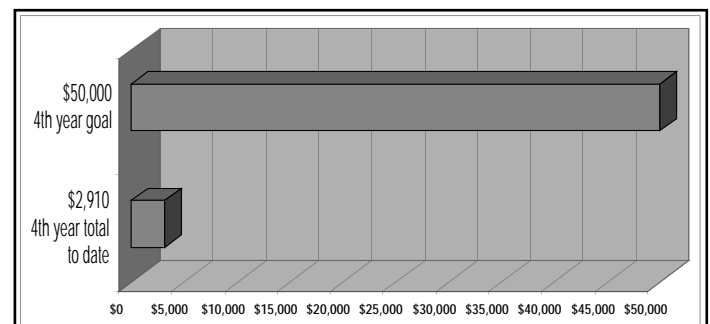
Eugene Buehrer Farm:

The Farm Operation Committee met on Tuesday, August 24th to open bids for cash rent of the Eugene Buehrer farm. Thirty bid packets were requested by area farmers, with sixteen bids being received. The committee moved to approve and accept the bid tendered by Joel Ruffer, Randy Ruffer and Scott Short. As Scott Short is a member of the Farm Operations Committee, he was neither present for the opening of the bids nor a part of the awarding of the bid. A five year contract for the cash rent of the 167 acre farm was entered into with these three men on August 25th.

STEWARDSHIP

Capital Fund Drive:

We are in our 4th year of a 5-year fund drive to recover funds expensed for the 2007 roof replacement, and to secure additional funds for future capital improvements of our church facility.



4th Year Goal (July 8, 2010 - July 7, 2011) - \$50,000

4th Year Total (as of August 29, 2010) - \$2,910

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
6/30/2010 Balance	\$ 5,224.56	\$ 20,221.66
Receipts	\$ 21,737.09	\$ 8,809.96
Expenses	\$ 25,996.59	\$ 18,476.99
7/31/2010 Balance	\$ 965.06	\$ 10,554.63
Difference	\$ (4,259.50)	\$ (9,667.03)

Year to Date Income/Expenses - Through 7/31/10

	Current Fund	Benevolent Fund
Income	\$ 174,340.01	\$ 117,659.57
Expenses*	\$ 198,713.56	\$ 139,782.72
Difference	\$ (24,373.55)	\$ (22,123.15)

*Current Fund Expenses incl. \$12,000 transferred to Money Market

*Benevolent Fund Expenses incl. \$19,539 distributed from Buehrer Estate

Offering Information

Sunday	Worship Attend.	Current Fund Actual Offering	Current Fund Weekly Budget	Current Fund Actual/Budget Difference
7/4/10	202	\$ 5,809.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 150.86
7/11/10	239	\$ 6,057.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ 398.86
7/18/10	257	\$ 5,349.00	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (309.14)
7/25/10	254	\$ 4,867.90	\$ 5,658.14	\$ (790.24)
Total	238	\$ 22,082.90	\$ 22,632.56	\$ (549.66)

Sunday	Benevolent Fund Offering	Benevolent Fund Weekly Budget	Benevolent Fund Actual/Budget
7/4/10	\$ 2,884.03	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (122.70)
7/11/10	\$ 2,853.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (153.73)
7/18/10	\$ 3,013.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ 6.27
7/25/10	\$ 2,343.00	\$ 3,006.73	\$ (663.73)
Total	\$ 11,093.03	\$ 12,026.92	\$ (933.89)

September Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional - Copies available in the church office or literature rack)

- 1 Love and Other Bruises -----John 11:17-27
- 2 From A Distance -----John 11:28-44
- 3 You Know Nothing! -----John 11:45-57
- 4 Spring Is Coming ----- Acts 9:32-43
- 5 It's Good to Be Back-----Psalm 126:1-6
- 6 Love In Excess----- John 12:1-11
- 7 Big Day Out . . .-----John 12:12-19
- 8 Sustainable Gardening -----John 12:20-26
- 9 The Responsibility Dance -----John 12:27-36
- 10 Whose Son Are You?-----John 12:37-50
- 11 Callouses On the Heart ----- Acts 28:17-31
- 12 Open Heart Surgery -----Psalm 86:1-17
- 13 Extreme Obedience----- Hosea 1:1 - 2:1
- 14 Unrelenting Love ----- Hosea 2:2 - 3:5
- 15 Sincerely Seeking?----- Hosea 6: - 7:12
- 16 Merciful Father ----- Hosea 11:1-11
- 17 Return to Blessing-----Hosea 14:1-9
- 18 I Desire Mercy ----- Matthew 12:1-14
- 19 Praise the Lord ----- Psalm 135:1-21
- 20 Perfect Sacrifice ----- Leviticus 1:1-17
- 21 Getting It Right ----- Leviticus 16:1-22
- 22 God-shaped Lives----- Leviticus 19:1-18
- 23 Reason to Celebrate ----- Leviticus 23:1-14
- 24 Room for All ----- Leviticus 23:15-25, 33-44
- 25 Sin Sorted-----Hebrews 9:1-14
- 26 The Bible and Us -----Psalm 119:49-72
- 27 The Purpose of Wisdom ----- Proverbs 1:1-19
- 28 The Conspicuousness of Wisdom -- Proverbs 1:20-33
- 29 The Search for Wisdom----- Proverbs 2:1-22
- 30 Conditions of Wisdom----- Proverbs 3:1-12

!! CONGRATULATIONS !!



Congratulations to our St. John's Coed Summer League volleyball team, who were tournament champs! Members pictured above are: (l to r) Ben Buehrer, Mike Evans, Kylie Smith, Jon Lindsay, Sue Buehrer, Jacob Gobrogge, Jen Lindsay, Wayne Lehman and James Grime.

St. John's Christian Church - 2010 Benevolent Budget

MISSION PROJECTS		2010 Goals	2010 YTD	2010 YTD Expense	YTD % Expended	YTD Not Expended	Mission Comm Expenses	Buehrer Estate
As of July 31, 2010		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Committed								
1	1	WMTR Radio Pause for Praise	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 2,850.00	57.0%		
2	1	Evangelical Association	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,060.00	106.0%		
3	2 & 8	College Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,138.79		0.0%	\$ 1,138.79	
4	5	Church Camp	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 2,886.50	82.5%		
5	5	St. John's Christian Preschool	\$ 3,000.00			0.0%		
6	6	Habitat for Humanity - Mich.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 949.03	\$ 1,435.50	95.7%		
7	7	St. John's Evangelism Outreach	\$ 1,300.00			0.0%		
8		Love Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 2,621.68	52.4%		
9		Walk In Assistance Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 389.68	\$ 1,659.31	110.6%		
10		St. John's Women's Fellowship	\$ 500.00			0.0%		
		Subtotal	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 2,562.50	\$ 12,512.99		\$ 1,138.79	\$ -
Mission-a-Month								
11	1	PATH Center (Souper Bowl)	\$ 500.00	\$ 431.50	\$ 531.50	106.3%		\$ 100.00
12	2	FISH (Archbold Pantry)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 5,030.00	77.4%		\$ 3,500.00
13	3	Friendship House - Archbold	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	76.7%		\$ 1,000.00
14	4	Foods Resource Bank - Local	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.0%		\$ 1,055.00
15	5	* Cherry Street Mission	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,031.50	\$ 3,531.50	64.2%		\$ 1,500.00
16	5	* Sparrow's Nest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,856.50	\$ 3,356.50	67.1%		\$ 1,500.00
17	6	Christian Service Int (Soap)	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,269.00	\$ 2,617.00	523.4%	\$ 2.00	\$ 350.00
18	7	Shepherd's Circle	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 686.00	\$ 1,686.00	84.3%		\$ 1,000.00
19	8	* Back Bay Mission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,224.00	\$ 5,724.00	57.2%		\$ 3,500.00
20	9	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 700.00	40.0%		\$ 500.00
21	10	Hands of Grace	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,580.24	79.0%		\$ 1,500.00
22	11	Christmas Cheer - Fulton Cty	\$ 2,500.00			0.0%		\$ -
23	12	* Crossroad	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,234.00	\$ 2,234.00	55.9%		\$ 1,000.00
		Subtotal	\$ 44,750.00	\$ 14,207.50	\$ 30,790.74		\$ 2.00	\$ 16,505.00
		* also listed on envelopes						
Envelope								
24		Kajiado Children's Home	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 16,881.00	\$ 16,487.00	63.4%	\$ 394.00	
25		Frank, Tony & Leila	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 4,653.50	\$ 8,151.50	60.4%	\$ 502.00	\$ 4,000.00
26		Aroles - CRHP	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,601.00	\$ 5,436.00	60.4%	\$ 165.00	\$ 4,000.00
27		African Inland Missions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,767.00	\$ 3,267.00	81.7%	\$ -	\$ 500.00
28		PET Project	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 554.00	\$ 1,069.00	53.5%		\$ 500.00
29		Grace Community Center	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 349.00	\$ 1,349.00	89.9%		\$ 1,000.00
30		McClarren, Judd & Becky	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,365.00	\$ 2,365.00	157.7%		\$ -
		Subtotal	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 29,170.50	\$ 38,124.50		\$ 1,061.00	\$ 10,000.00
Special								
30	2 & 10	Back Bay Mission Trip	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,367.00	\$ 3,239.15	323.9%		
31	4	Aroles - CRHP - Lenten Coin	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,191.30	\$ 1,191.30	85.1%	\$ -	
32	4	Back Bay Mission - Lenten	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,191.30	\$ 1,191.30	85.1%	\$ -	
33	6	Senior Youth Fellowship Trip	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,078.50	102.6%		\$ 3,000.00
34	9	Church World Service - Blanket	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	37.3%		\$ -
35	10	Dominican Republic Trip	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,021.00	\$ 9,316.40	465.8%	\$ 4,704.60	\$ 2,000.00
36	11	FRB - Thank Offering	\$ 500.00	\$ 30.45	\$ 30.45	6.1%		
37	11	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 500.00		\$ 224.33	44.9%		
38	11	Sparrow's Nest - Thank Offerings	\$ 500.00	\$ 30.45	\$ 30.45	6.1%		
39	12	Crossroad - Advent	\$ 2,000.00			0.0%		
40		Great Comm Min - Wes/Kyle	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,750.00	55.0%	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
41		Urgent Mission Outreach	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 250.00	12.5%		\$ 250.00
42		Youth Leadership Training	\$ 2,000.00			0.0%		
43		Habitat for Humanity - Fulton	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,095.00	73.0%		\$ 1,000.00
44		Kajiado Spon. Child	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 971.00	\$ 828.00	55.2%	\$ 143.00	
45		Community Pregnancy Center	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	100.0%		\$ 500.00
46		LEGS	\$ 500.00		\$ 231.22	46.2%		
		Subtotal	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 19,257.50	\$ 24,516.10		\$ 4,847.60	\$ 8,750.00
		Grand Total	\$ 156,350.00	\$ 65,198.00	\$ 105,944.33	67.8%	\$ 7,049.39	\$ 35,255.00

7 mo. = 58%

2010 Goal has been met

Mission Trailer	\$6,000.00
VBS	\$285.39
Available	\$1,997.00

SUMMARY

49	Designated Income - YTD (Column B, #48)	\$ 65,198.00
50	Benevolent Fund Undesignated Inc. - YTD	\$ 41,134.00
51	NOW Interest Benevolent Income - YTD	\$ 19.18
52	Second Mile Interest Income - YTD	\$ 2,912.00
53	Second Mile Savings Interest Income - YTD	\$ 1.59
54	Eugene Buehrer Estate - Benevolent Tithe	\$ 8,280.80
a	Fairlawn Haven	\$ 14.00
b	Rosenberger	\$ 100.00
55	Total Benevolent Income - YTD	\$ 117,659.57

56	Beginning Balance Bene Fund (1/01/10)	\$ 7,105.19
57	Beginning Balance 2nd Mile Fund (1/1/10)	\$ 3,227.86
58	Beginning Balance Eugene Buehrer Estate Tithe	\$ 25,540.59
59	Total Overall Income - YTD (#55, #56, #57, #58)	\$ 153,533.21

60	Total Expenses - YTD (Column C, #48)	\$ 105,944.33
a	Fairlawn Haven	\$ 14.00
b	Buehrer Estate Expenses	\$ 31,824.39
c	Ryan Volkman (Schang Estate)	\$ 2,000.00
61	Total Benevolent Expenses - YTD	\$ 139,782.72

62	Balance of Bene Funds on Hand (#59-#61)	\$ 13,750.49
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63	Designated Funds Not Expended (Column D, #48)	\$ 7,049.39
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64	Funds for Mission Committee to Expend	\$ 6,701.10
a	Total available excluding Buehrer Estate (# 64 - (#58 - #60b))	\$ 12,984.90

Note: Line 12, column F: \$1000 cash + \$1500(approx.) for detergent

HOUSEKEEPING

College Scholarships Available from St. John's Christian Church:

The Scholarship Committee recently met and awarded the following scholarships to several of our college students. Funds for these scholarships come from four sources:

- Funds from the Springer Scholarship
- Funds from the Orpha Mull Nursing Scholarship
- \$5000 annually from the Benevolent Fund
- Benevolent gifts from people who designate their gift to the Scholarship Fund

Due to the Scholarship Committee being reorganized at the beginning of the year, three students are receiving their January scholarships now.

- Jacob Gobrogge, \$1000 Springer Scholarship for the 2009/2010 school year and \$1000 Springer Scholarship for 2010/2011.
- Katrina Gobrogge, \$1000 College Scholarship for 2010/2011.
- Matt Jacoby, \$600 Nursing Scholarship and \$400 College Scholarship for 2010/2011.
- Jayson Lindsay, \$1000 College Scholarship for 2009/2010.
- Stephanie Schmidt, \$1000 College Scholarship for 2010/2011.
- Cale Short, \$1000 College Scholarship for 2010/2011.
- Carrie Wanemacher, \$1000 Springer Scholarship for 2009/2010.

College Students:

Please notify the church office of the following information as soon as it is available: name of college, student's address, grade (freshman, sophomore, etc.), e-mail and VISITOR delivery request (e-mail or USPS). You may call (419-446-2545) or e-mail (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) to relay this information.

A Project Needing Attention and Volunteers:

We are in need of some volunteers to clean up the stage area in the Parish Hall, getting it ready for use by a Sunday school class. We need items moved to another place of storage, the present screen needs replaced with an automatic screen, the basketball hoop gear needs cleaned and greased, the backdrop curtains need removed, and the walls need prepped and painted. If you would be able to help with any of this work, please contact the church office.

BANK ACCOUNT

I HAVE JUST DEPOSITED
LOVE AND BLESSINGS
INTO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

AND THE BEST PART IS THAT
IT WILL COST YOU NOTHING

I ASK THAT YOU JUST USE IT IN ABUNDANCE

YOUR PIN NUMBER IS: J-E-S-U-S

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****
IF YOU LOSE YOUR PIN, YOU LOSE EVERYTHING

MAKE A DEPOSIT IN SOMEONE ELSE'S ACCOUNT TODAY!!

MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS
YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE
AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR

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
Deacons/Deaconesses Maggie 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
Administrative Assistant Sue Grieser
Director of Music Ministry..... Lynn Lehman
Associate Pastor..... Rev. Adam Just
PastorRev. Erich Christman

COMMUNITY NEWS

American Heritage Girls:

We have received the following information about an alternative scouting program for girls. The organization is 15 years old and was started in Ohio. Their mission statement is to "Build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." Local Troop 333 is sponsored by Shiloh Christian Union Church in Delta. It is for girls ages 5-18 or grades K-12. Some of the exciting things the girls will do is have the chance to earn badges, level awards, do community service and earn the Stars and Stripes award which is similar to the Boy Scouts Eagle Award. The American Heritage Girls website is www.ahgonline.org. There is a link on the website to listen to an interview with Dr. James Dobson about the program. In his book *Bringing Up Girls* he also addresses the advantages of American Heritage Girls. The purpose of the program is to raise Godly young women through life skill enhancement, developing

teamwork, building confidence, social development, girl leadership, character development and spiritual development. Parents and girls interested in learning more about American Heritage Girls can call the Shiloh Christian Union Church at 419-822 4261 or attend the kick off meeting for this year on Tues. Sept. 14, 6:30 at Shiloh in the lower level of the Church.

Community Churches Senior Citizens Potluck:

A potluck dinner hosted by the Central Mennonite Church Seniors Group will be held at noon on Sat., Sept. 18 in the Fellowship Hall at Central Mennonite Church, St. Rt. 2. A musical program will be presented by "Easy Ed and the Country Pals." Table service and beverages will be provided. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Wed., Sept. 15.

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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

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 New Year (1/3), Ash Wednesday (2/17), Maundy Thursday (4/1),
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