

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Bo Krukowski had outpatient hernia surgery on May 28th.
- Mert Kinsman was admitted to the ICU at UTMC May 28th, and is undergoing many tests.
- Shiela Short remains at UTMC and underwent some procedures this past week.
- Wayne Spiess returned home May 31st after recent hip surgery.
- Jon Rupp continues to recover well at home from single bypass heart surgery.
- Larry Rupp is awaiting final word on treatment plans for the recently diagnosed cancer.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Sue Grieser continues to go through the regimen of treatments for the cancer.

- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army) (Afghanistan)
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

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

Kyle Ducey (Navy) Stationed at Fort Gordon,
GA (Son of Kelly & Betsy)

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army) Washington D.C.
(Son of Keith & Kelli)

Eric Magg (Coast Guard) Ketchikan, AK
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

AB Shane & Taylor Pitts (Air Force) Bolling
AFB, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

Donny Richardson (Marines) Camp Lejeune,
NC (Son of Shannon & Yesi)

David Richardson (Marines) Camp Lejeune,
NC (Son of Shannon & Yesi)

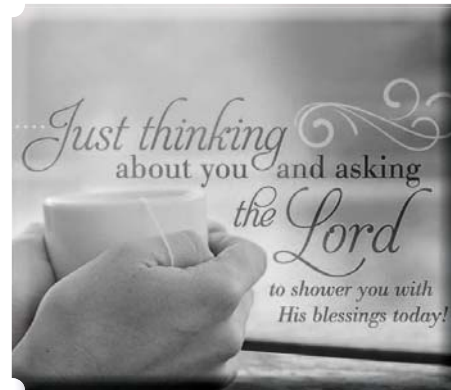
Joshua Richardson (Marines) Camp Lejeune,
NC (Son of Shannon & Yesi)

Steven Schink (Coast Guard) Port Angeles,
WA (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)

AJ Short (Marines) Japan
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

PFC Stuckey, Kyle (Army) Killeen, TX
(Grandson of Nan Neill)

Kollin Woolace (Marines) Camp Lejeune, NC
(Grandson of Larry & Melva)



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

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd. Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #177

David Lightner, Room #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Josephine Short, Room #112

Paul Sigg, Room #178

Nancy Ries, Room #158

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Jane Short, Room #208

William & Donna Buehrer, Room #230

Wyse Commons, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold,

Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

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

Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2

Bernice Rice, Room #224-2

Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545

Irene Short, Room #100

Genesis Health Care, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506

Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

pastor's letter

On Memorial Day weekend, I had the opportunity to preach on how our faith shapes our work. My sermon largely focused on evangelism, which is sharing our faith with nonbelievers. My encouragement to you was to think of one aspect of your faith that brought you joy, and to think about how you could share that with someone else.

I recently spoke with one of my farmer friends, and he shared with me that he's surrounded by a lot of anxious farmers, as the wet weather continues on, making for a later and later start date. The latest start date some farmers can recall in their working years. And yet, my friend is calm. He wasn't calm last year, when his planting didn't really start until May 25. But he saw how God provided, and his trust in God's provision has grown. Now, he isn't worried. Evangelism for him might be offering nonbelieving farmers the "peace that passes understanding" that comes from trusting in a good God who cares for us. (And he might need to encourage Christian farmers with these same words!)

What are you thankful for? God's peace? God's forgiveness? God's love? God's guidance? God's faithful presence? How can you share this with someone else this week?

Another one of my friends is an evangelist at heart. He loves to ask people this question: "Who is Jesus to you?" Recently, one Indian gas station attendant described Jesus as a man with two wives, whom he had to work for seven years each. My friend saw that this man was confused. He was describing not Jesus, but Jacob, who worked 14 years for his wives Leah and Rachel. Some simply have not yet heard about Jesus!

Think about using my friend's question ("Who is Jesus to you?") as a way to start a spiritual conversation with others (or "what do you believe?"). Other questions that might pave the way to important, meaningful, spiritual conversations could include: "How was your weekend?" After hearing about your coworker's weekend, likely they'll ask about yours as well. Share about your weekend, but also share about your Sunday. Tell them about going to church, and what you learned, or what you value about your church, or what your faith means to you.

Another question that can bear fruit in another's life is this: "How can I pray for you?" Few people, even non-religious people, decline offers of prayer. Offering to pray for someone gives you a chance to listen to something that is burdening them and gives you a chance to show your care for them and to help them bear that burden just a bit by your prayer. One person shared the testimony that when they offered to pray for a nonbeliever going through a financial test, God soon answered his prayer. That person then asked if he could attend church with the young man who prayed for him. He wanted to learn more about the God who answered prayer! Maybe your care for others and prayer for them will also open the door for them to believe in the power and love of God! I'm praying God will grant you opportunities for sharing your faith, and the courage needed to actually share your faith with others.

God's grace and peace are for you,



congregational news & thank you's

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thanks for letting us use the roasters for our wedding. Because of your gift, our reception ran smoothly.

Thanks again,
Zac & Ruthie (Stuckey) Greutman



Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship money. It will certainly help me pursue my dream of being a nurse.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Beck

congregational news & thank you's

Observance of the Rite of Confirmation:

On Sunday, May 19th, Krayton Kern & Carly Grime were confirmed having professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Krayton is the son of Keith and Kim Kern and Carly is the daughter of Jed & Jen Grime.



preschool corner



Enjoying the day with our Grandparents!



Getting ready for Graduation.



Sue MacDonald
Director/Teacher

Thank you so much to all who supported the preschool this year with your prayers, encouragement, volunteering, and donations!! It was ALL greatly appreciated! We hope you have a wonderful summer!

God Bless,
Joan, Sue & Missy



Joan Wyse
Teacher Assistant

mission corner

June Mission-A-Month

Outback Youth Center Mission

The Outback Youth Center Mission is to provide Archbold area youth (middle school through high school) with a positive non-denominational Christian based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and other problems which face our youth today. While the Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities and food. The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what the Outback is doing. You will be able to find The Outback Youth Center on Facebook and the web at www.theoutbackyouth.webs.com.

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the Archbold High School!

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Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Reliant (Pardi), for our gift of \$20.
- Cru (Smith/McMahan/Waanders), for our gift of \$750.
- Cherry Street Mission/Sparrow's Nest, for our gift of \$1000.
- World Team (Franks), for our gift of \$500.
- Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$250.
- Altlink (Langsdorf), for our gift of \$525.
- Pioneers (Doriot), for our gift of \$250.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$1180.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$180.

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Summer Mission Trip – Plans Have Changed!!!

The opportunity to enjoy a week of Christian fellowship and service is still on! We just don't know for sure what the service will be!

LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity (LCHFH) will not be starting construction on their next home until late July, so the group won't be framing walls this year. However, if the rainy weather ever stops, the group will be working at the home that was constructed last year – finishing the back yard shed, finishing the side deck of the home, and working with a master gardener to install all of the landscaping.

In addition, as LCHFH is still searching for a new executive director, the LCHFH Board President has asked if the group from SJCC would lead the home dedication ceremony on June 9th! And of course, Pastor Erich said, "Certainly!"

So...anyone interested in spending one to five days in fellowship and service may join in the fun. The group stays in a very nice retreat center that can house up to 13 people at Tower Hill Church Camp near Sawyer, Michigan. Delicious breakfasts and dinners are eaten in the camp dining hall. Participants will leave from the church parking lot Sunday afternoon, June 9th, though a couple will drive up Monday evening or Tuesday morning. The group plans to work through Friday noon, then pack up and return home. Everything is flexible!

See Mike Meyer, Greg Walker, Tammy Nofziger, Duane Hayes, Darlene Steiner, Kelly Ducey or Lynne or Erich Christman for further info, as they participated last year.

Mission Experiences

- June 9-14 – Summer Mission Trip with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity
- June 16-22 – SYF Mission Trip
- September 8 – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel and Meal
- October 5-12 – Back May Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- November 17 – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel and Meal

mission corner cont.

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



Recent emails from some of the missionaries we support offer the following:

- **The Aroles**

- o They continue to welcome college students from several U.S. schools who are exposed to CRHP's unique approach to sustainable community development, health for all and empowerment.

- o They have a new partnership with an organization named Swiss Limbs – working to provide mobility for all people as a fundamental human right. This will help expand CRHP's Artificial Limbs Workshop to include upper limb prosthetics.

- o Was blessed to welcome volunteers from the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association, whose service helped open up a new classroom for the Joyful Learning Preschool.

- **Matt & Paige Waanders** with Cru at OSU and Columbus State shared that one of the students who went on a spring break trip to Chicago was Abby, a quiet freshman from Baker Hall, a dorm where Paige does ministry. After the trip, Abby shared that she mainly came on the trip because she didn't want to go home for the week. Though she didn't know what to expect or have much desire to be on the trip, God met her in meaningful ways there and she grew significantly. She told Paige, "This past week in Chicago was the first time in a long time where I genuinely felt known and cared for by my peers. I didn't expect God to transform my heart in the ways that he did." The growth that Abby experienced in her relationship with God and in her friendships with other Christians at Ohio State is one of the many reasons why we love getting to lead mission trips like this one. We have seen time and again that getting away from campus and joining together with other Christians in mission is a powerful tool for students' spiritual growth.

mission corner cont.

- **Robert & Jenni McMahan** with Cru at BGSU – pray for fruit to come from a two day Connection Event on May 2nd and 3rd.
- **Jon & Rachel Doriot** with the Pioneers near Chicago – sharing the following prayer requests:
 1. For a deepening trust and daily walk with Christ.
 2. For God's provision financially for this ministry so we can focus, not on those worries, but on ministry.
 3. For disciple-making training opportunities we have in April and May with a few area churches that it would be fruitful and lasting (1 Tim 3:17).
 4. For Persons of Peace (Luke 10) who are ready to study God's Word with us or our coworkers. God can use them to multiply his church!
 5. For friendships with Muslim individuals and families in and around our community. I was invited to a breakfast event this past Saturday at the mosque nearby. It was a time to come together as a community and to realize that we are all human beings with the same worries and struggles, trying to take care of our families and please God. Do pray, though, that God's Way would be made clear through us and that there will be those who want to look deeper into the Scriptures.
 6. For a Christian Iraqi refugee family we have been helping to have their citizenship applications processed quickly.
- **Jason & Becky Suon** with Freedom International in the DR – pray for the blessing of so many of the children who have experienced or are enduring various issues of trauma which causes tantrums, lashing out at others or uncontrollable crying. Pray for strength and calm for the teachers.

ministry happenings

Events/Activities

Third Thursday Luncheons



The next luncheon is scheduled for June 20th! Any and all are invited to gather in the parish hall for a light lunch and time of fellowship. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with a time of welcome and fellowship, with lunch to be served at 11:45am. Following the meal, folks will have opportunity to enjoy a group activity. Come on out and enjoy some friendly Christian fellowship.

Men's Ministry

This month, Men's Prayer Breakfast is on June 8 at 7:40AM. This is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing. Consider sharing how the Lord has been encouraging or challenging you lately.

Christian Education:

Summer Sunday School for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

From June 2nd through August 11th, children in kindergarten through the sixth grade are invited and encouraged to participate in our fourth annual special summer program! Children will gather in The Well at 9:15am each Sunday morning for interactive lessons.

"At Home in God's Kingdom" is the title of the curriculum we'll be using this summer. Through video, software and drama, we'll be exploring some of the parables and lessons of Jesus. The mustard seed, leaven, pearl, treasure and talents parables.

Pastor Erich is recruiting leaders to teach one or more of the eleven lessons! Interested?

ministry happenings

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Vacation Bible School

Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski are teaming up to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS, which will be held June 23rd thru June 27! The theme of the week will be "Farm Fresh Faith: God's Faithfulness to Joseph!" We are collecting empty 2 liter bottles in a box outside of the chapel and need approximately 75-100 bottles total!

The VBS board outside of the chapel has become a giving board! Listed on the animals are supplies needed for VBS. If you are interested in donating an item, take the animal and return your items to the VBS supply box outside of the chapel by Sunday, June 16th!

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Rev. Frank Isaacs

Peace Community United Church of Christ, Waldo, Ohio, has sent an invitation for people of St. John's to attend a 60th Ordination Celebration of the Rev. Frank Isaacs on Sunday, June 30th, from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Rev. Isaacs was the interim minister at St. John's in between Rev. Hodges and Rev. Voll, in the early 1990's. The schedule of events on the 30th includes: 10:30am Worship, Noon - sit down meal, 1:30pm - Musical Program. Anyone wishing to attend the event is asked to RSVP for the meal by June 10th - call their church office (740-726-2808) or email to pcuccsecretary@gmail.com.



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation			Elder of the Month— Brad Roth Mission-A-Month— The Outback			1 3:00PM Wedding
2 1:00PM Private Party Parish Hall	3 11:00AM Staff Meeting	4 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	5	6 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn 7:00PM Mission Comm.	7	8 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 5:30PM Couple's Small Group	10 11:00AM Staff Meeting	11 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Comm.	12 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM Facility Comm.	13 Flag Day 9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
SYF Mission Trip						
	11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Evangelism Comm.		9:00AM Mending @ Fairlawn 7:00PM Accounting Group	Christman Reunion	Christman Reunion
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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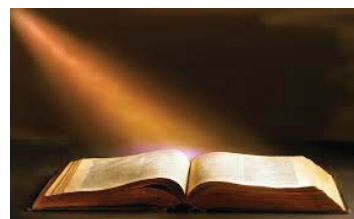
✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

worship

June Worship Schedule

Summer Sermon Series – we will be reading, teaching and preaching through the New Testament book of Hebrews this summer, beginning with Hebrews 1 on June 2nd and ending with Hebrews 13 on August 25th!

- June 2nd** **Scriptures** – Psalm 25:4-6, Hebrews 1
Sermon – “The Superiority of the Son” – Pastor Erich
(10:30) Chancel Choir – Singing Three of Their Favorites from the Past Year
- June 9th** **Pentecost Sunday** – Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scriptures – John 1:1-14, Hebrews 2
Sermon – “Focus on the Word” – Pastor Erich
Special Music
(10:30) First Communion for Our Recently Confirmed Confirmands
- June 16th** **Scriptures** – Psalm 95:1-7, Hebrews 3
Sermon – “Fixing Our Thoughts on Jesus” – Pastor Erich
Special Music
- June 23rd** **Scriptures** – Mark 2:23-29, Hebrews 4:1-4:13
Sermon – “The Blessing of Sabbath Rest” – Pastor Alex
(10:30) Special Music – Northwesternaires Barbershop Chorus
Second Offering for Our “Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign”
- June 30th** **Scriptures** – Psalm 22:19-23, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Sermon – “Jesus the Great High Priest” – Pastor Erich
Special Music



consistory/committees

Highlights of the May 20 Consistory

- a. **Capital Campaign Committee** – Matt Gilroy (Executive Director of the Fulton County Economic Development Corporation) will present to the CCC about fundraising at their next meeting. Brad Roth is willing to be the EGR representative to update reports as he has done before.
- b. **Discernment Team** – They are wrapping up fellowship this week, a printed report of goals that have been set will be available in June or July for Consistory.
- c. **Evangelism Committee** – Judy Sears – Looking into a possible Farm Day for next year, working on Book Bag Bash. Poster Contest went well, 21 posters were submitted.
- d. **Facility Committee** – Jeff Rutledge – 1st meeting was May 1st. A document put together in 2014 has been helpful to read through. Another meeting scheduled for May 29th. Routine monthly meetings are set up for the Wednesday before Consistory. Still looking for another member for the group.
- e. **Fellowship Committee** – Brad Roth – Hosting a Senior Breakfast on May 26th; Chicken BBQ with the EA Convocation in September.
- f. **Mission Committee** – Only disbursements for May were \$6,000 in college scholarships. Eleven students applied. Darby Stevens received the Springer Scholarship of \$1000, Leah Hall was awarded the nursing scholarship for \$600. Nine other student received \$600 each. The committee is setting up contacts with some additional five county mission agencies.
- g. **Personnel Committee** – Carrie Wooley/Laura Johnson
 - a. Custodial – We have been unable to find someone for the second part-time custodial position. Received a bid from Advance Cleaning Contractors, quoted for Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule, including cleaning supplies and equipment, quote came in at \$1,350 per month. Plan is to continue with Dean Buckenmeyer for 12.5 hours per week and have Advance provide for 15 hours of cleaning per week.
 - b. Summer Employment Proposal – Darby Stevens began some work on historical files a few years ago, and Katie Wyse has inquired about work for the summer. She would be under direct supervision of Pastor Erich. She would be organizing historical files, preschool records, sorting and scanning photos, assisting with organizing preschool storage areas, and possible data entry of new office software. Approval was given to have Katie Wyse work over the summer for up to 12 weeks, up to 40 hours per week, at \$11 per hour.
- c. **Salary and Housing Allowance for Pastors Personnel committee** is looking for guidance on salary and housing allowance in consulting with the pastoral staff as to what percentage they would like listed as salary and what percentage as housing. Personnel committee to investigate with a tax consultant on the best tax advantage for salary and housing.
- d. **Doctor of Ministry Proposal** – Pastor Alex is pursuing further education. Purpose is to continue to grow as a pastor, while enriching his faith in ministry. Classes are one week long, twice per year in St. Louis. One week in the summer, one week in the winter. Scholarships are available, the school will match what the church contributes up to 30% . Motion to table this discussion to next month was approved.
- h. **Property Committee** – Scott Short – Bell tower is painted and complete. One problem is the carillon speakers are not functioning currently as something was dropped on them. Basement sump pump quit working, which has now been fixed. First Energy/ Toledo Edison, will be clearing tree limbs along transmission lines by helicopter. Scott Short is resigning from cleaning the snow off the church's parking lot. There will be a need to have someone clear the snow for this coming winter. Thank you, Scott, for the years you've done this!
- i. **Spiritual Council** – Erich Christman – Discussion about leadership development, trying to get a head start on nominations for the fall. Spent time discussing worship. New monitors were purchased for up front. Issues with feedback were discovered, and now a purchase must be made for hand held microphones.
- j. **Pastor's Report** – Erich Christman
 - a. Accounting System Review – a good group working on this. Many questions have been raised, to which the group is seeking professional assistance with.

b. EA Convocation – Brochure must be done by the end of May. In June we will begin to see lists seeking volunteers to help with hospitality and meals.

c. Help Build Hope – Creating partnerships, Pastor Erich represented Habitat for Humanity (HFH) and SJCC at a weekend build. Crossroad Mission's Help Build Hope program would like SJCC to become a partner. This would be a blessing to HFH and also the family that will be living in that home that is built.

d. Pastoral Discernment & Planning Time – Pastor Erich is requesting a time of discernment for two weeks in July. Approval given.

k. Associate Pastor's Report – Alex Young

a. Stephen Ministry – getting ready to commission the trainees. Also working on recruiting to be care receivers. A few people interested as well. Looking for two new Stephen leaders. Betsy Redd will supervise current ministers, Alex will be taking responsibility for referrals and matching. We could function as is, but more help is needed. A schedule has been drafted to begin a second round of training at the end of October.

b. Brief Review of 2018-2019 Year of JYF, SYF and Life Planning – JYF ended the year talking about Christian Character, how faith shapes our attitude, and had a roller-skating party. SYF has been using the S.S. curriculum as a launching pad by using the Gospel project. Life Planning continues to foster relationships between youth and adults in the church. A great and awesome ministry to keep youth engaged with adults in the church.

Old Business – Church Safety and Security Plan – The EA convocation is requiring a security plan in place. More to come later.

New Business

a. Regarding a Request for a Wedding – a non-member couple is seeking use of SJCC for a wedding, and they have asked a family friend to officiate the ceremony. The family friend is an ordained minister through an on-line credentialing web-site and is not a pastor. Pastor Erich is declining their request. Motion to adhere to the current wedding policy as it exists currently, which gives either pastor the authority to say yes or no to wedding requests. Motion approved.

b. Archbold Evangelical Church has recently listed their church van for sale, a 12-15 passenger vehicle would accommodate many of our trips with small group sizes. Do we want to consider looking into getting another van? Our insurance company didn't really want us to go that route previously due to concerns over roll-over rates. Purchase will not be pursued.

c. Many people have brought up very positive comments about the special music on Easter sung by Norm and Bruce. There has been a desired request for more up-beat music from the praise band. This topic was discussed at tonight's Spiritual Council meeting. It is being worked on.

Pastoral Discernment and Planning Time

The Spiritual Council and Consistory have approved Pastor Erich's request for a focused time of discernment and planning. Erich will spend two weeks in July for the exclusive purpose of creating short-term (2019-2020) and long-term (next five years) strategies for the ministries of SJCC. Erich requested this special allotment of time for the purpose of planning simply because he has been unable to adequately plan for the future over the past couple of years due to the on-going continual daily and weekly activities of ministry.

During the two weeks, Monday through Friday, he will focus solely on discernment and planning and Pastor Alex and Kelly Stahl will cover all office, staff, worship, committee, teaching and pastoral work. That being said, Erich would certainly be available for pastoral emergencies and funerals. This discerning and planning time will occur between July 1st and 19th, with one week of vacation being added to the two weeks of planning time. Further information will be provided in the July Visitor.

Summer Office Assistant Position

Please know that Katie Wyse has been hired for the summer as an office assistant. Katie will be working to organize all of the church's historical documents – yearbooks, pictorial directories, consistory and committee information, pictures, policy documents and the like. She will also be organizing historical items for display and scanning pictures for future use in bulletins, newsletters and slide shows. Katie will also help with inputting data when a new church office management software is purchased sometime in the next two months. In addition, we hope to have her help with the donated supplies for personalized books and helping with some work in the Christian preschool.

Leadership Development

The Spiritual Council and Consistory of St. John's Christian Church continues to seek discernment from the Lord overseeing all aspects and avenues of Christian church ministry. For the Spiritual Council, which serves as the nominating committee of the congregation, of great importance is the equipping and building up of spiritually minded leaders, to serve as officers, elders, deacons and deaconesses of the congregation.

From Scripture we know that Jesus called twelve disciples, and he interacted with them for the three years prior to his crucifixion, preparing them for leading the church following his death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus equipped those disciples to lead, and though none of them were perfect, for we know of some of their individual weaknesses and we know Judas betrayed Jesus' trust in him, we know the eleven remaining disciples led so well under the authority of Christ that the church continues today.

In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul wrote: "It was he (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..."

We are striving to prepare God's people for works of service, as God calls and equips people to be leaders in Christ's church. In Romans 12:3-8, Paul wrote: "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

The Spiritual Council is asking everyone to be praying for the people of this congregation that Jesus has equipped to serve and be leaders. The Spiritual Council is praying for discernment and wisdom, asking God to help guide them to men and women He has equipped to lead St. John's.

There is also an awareness that many leaders might not believe they are fully equipped to accept a leadership nomination, so the Spiritual Council will be offering some leadership development classes in the near future – be watching for further information.

Evangelical Association News

The 2019 Annual Convocation of the Evangelical Association will be held here at St. John's on September 20-22. The theme of the three day event is "Equip and Empower," drawing upon Ephesians 4:12 – "To equip God's people to do the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." The event includes the following dynamics:

- EA board members arriving on Wednesday evening for a day long board meeting on Thursday
- Approximately 125 people from the EA will enjoy three keynote presentations, eight to twelve different workshops, times of worship, three meals and fellowship on Friday and Saturday
- Sunday morning's message will be brought by Pastor Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA

To make this all happen, it takes a great team effort, so Pastor Erich and Pastor Alex will be reaching out for everyone's help! More details to come!

Update on the Facility Committee

The membership of the Facility Committee includes Jeff Rutledge (chairperson), Maggie Enderle, Jeremy Hurst, Rich Lesniak, Mike Meyer, Paige Miller, Eric Nafziger, Doug Rupp, Dean Sauder and Pastor Erich.

The Charge or Purpose of the Facility Committee is: In October of 2018, the Consistory approved a recommendation from the Capital Campaign Committee to do something in regards to facility improvements. There is a realization that the capital campaign will take an unknown number of years to realize the \$4.5 million goal and there is an understanding that there are some projects that shouldn't wait, but could be addressed now. Five key areas of our facility will be considered: 1) Accessibility, 2) Restrooms, 3) Kitchen, 4) Sanctuary and 5) Signage.

The committee held their first meeting on May 10th. Committee members are reviewing the 2014 Facility Committee Report and Proposal and other historical documents, and will discuss that information at their next meeting, scheduled for May 29th.

June Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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| 1 Do Not Be Like Them -----Jeremiah 10:1-25 | 16 Singing in the Rain ----- Psalm 5 |
| 2 The Cure For Insomnia ----- Psalm 4 | 17 Future Proof ----- Jeremiah 31:1-22 |
| 3 Listen! -----Jeremiah 11:1-23 | 18 If It's Broken, It Needs Fixing ----- Jeremiah 31:27-40 |
| 4 It's Not Fair!.. ----- Jeremiah 12:1-7 | 19 Can Dead Bones Live?----- Jeremiah 33:1-26 |
| 5 Pride Before a Fall -----Jeremiah 13:1-17 | 20 Cut It Out! -----Jeremiah 36:1-32 |
| 6 Cursed or Blessed? ----- Jeremiah 17:1-18 | 21 Fake News?----- Jeremiah 38:1-28 |
| 7 He Is The Potter -----Jeremiah 18:1-17 | 22 Is Anyone There? ----- Jeremiah 39:1-8 |
| 8 Smashing Day-----Jeremiah 19:1-15 | 23 How Long, Lord? ----- Psalm 6 |
| 9 We Cannot Keep Silent----- Acts 2:1-13 | 24 Messy Church----- Jeremiah 40:1-41:3 |
| 10 I Am Weary... -----Jeremiah 20:1-18 | 25 Mind Games-----Jeremiah 41:16-42:22 |
| 11 The Days Are Coming -----Jeremiah 23:1-8 | 26 Are You Receiving Me? ----- Jeremiah 43:1-13 |
| 12 Truth or Lies? ----- Jeremiah 23:9-32 | 27 Relegated God ----- Jeremiah 44:1-30 |
| 13 Dangerous Times ----- Jeremiah 26:1-24 | 28 Plot Spoiler? ----- Jeremiah 51:33-64 |
| 14 Settle and Seek -----Jeremiah 29:1-14 | 29 A Flickering Candle -----Jeremiah 52:1-34 |
| 15 The Sound of Singing...----- Jeremiah 30:1-24 | 30 A Righteous God----- Psalm 7 |

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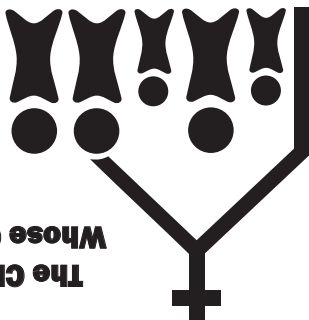
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (3/6), Maundy Thursday (4/18),
 Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/14), World Wide Communion
 (10/6), First Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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