

# The Visitor

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

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## prayer concerns

### Please Pray For:

- Reilly Yoder, infant son of Eric and Anna, born on June 17th, was released from Toledo Children's hospital having gained some weight and eating regularly.
- Mary Hall had hip surgery on June 28th and will be in recovery for several weeks.
- Velma Overmier is a patient at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehab, following a fall.
- Bo Krukowski continues to recover from outpatient hernia surgery.
- Ella Yoder is recovering from surgery to repair a broken arm.
- Suzette Nafziger continues to recover well at home following a heart cath.
- Shiela Short, is now home after a month at UTMC.
- Mert Kinsman is a patient at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehab following hip surgery.
- Vern Nemire is at Montpelier Hospital for three weeks of rehab.
- Larry Rupp has decisions to make regarding any treatment of the cancer. Be praying for wisdom and peace as he continues to honor the Lord through his life.
- Sue Grieser will finish her 10th infusion in two weeks and then will go through a month of radiation, followed up with quarterly or semi-annual checkups.
- 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)** (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)

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

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

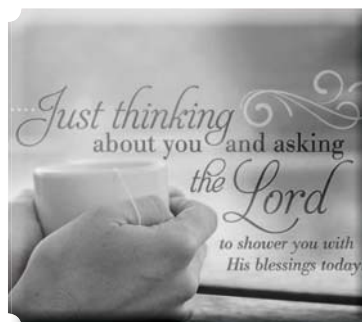
**Steven Schink (Coast Guard)** (Port Angeles,

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)** (Jacksonville, 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

Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Room #228

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**

In the third verse of the classic campfire song, "Pass It On," there's the line – "I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on." Way back in my high school days, when on a mission trip to Uplands, Tennessee, with Jerry & Bonnie Faurote (Tom Johnson's sister) as our leaders, I learned to insert the words, "Hey, World" into this verse: "I'll shout it from the mountain top, Hey, World, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on." Every time we sing that song in worship, I find myself wanting to cup my hands around my mouth and shout out those two words, "Hey, World!"

To me, adding those two words to the song adds emphasis to two realities of the song:

1. We are to boldly proclaim to the world the message of Christ's love, and
2. It takes a loud shout to reach the world with the message of Christ's love.

With those two thoughts in mind, consider the following two passages of scripture:

Acts 4:31-33 – "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all."

Joshua 6:16 – "The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"

From Joshua 6 and the fall of Jericho, we know that when God's people came together and shouted, God fulfilled his promise. Upon their shout, the walls came tumbling down. There was power in their collective shout, a power bestowed upon them by the Lord. From Acts 4, we are encouraged to be bold in speaking the word of God.

In a time when the media, when social media, when society, when nations – when all are being very bold and being very loud, we as Christians are called to be bolder, to be louder in our praise of and faithfulness to the Lord.

Let's catch someone's attention today – either as individuals or as a group – make the effort, pray for boldness, step out and be a blessing to someone as you proclaim Christ's love and grace to them.

With a Bold Amen,

*ERICH*

## **congregational news & thank you's**

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money you so generously provided. I was able to buy my textbooks for the upcoming fall semester and still have some left for my spring books.

Thanks again,  
Lynne M. Stuckey



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me one of the college scholarships. I appreciate your generosity and support as I pursue my career in construction engineering.

Thank you!  
Kreighton Sims

To Our Dearest SJCC family,

We want to let you know how much we appreciate the cards, words of encouragement, prayers and love. They are working in miraculous ways! We are 3/4 of the way through my treatments and side effects remain minimal - praise to our awesome God! I continue to work full-time and Tim is still able to work part time from our home. We feel encouraged, blessed and so loved! We miss you all so much and hope to visit sometime when treatments are done. Thank you for keeping us lifted up in prayer. We are living proof that God hears and answers the prayers of his faithful.

Praising God alongside you,  
Sue and Tim Grieser



Dear St. John's family,

Thank you for helping pay for my trip to Little Eden Camp. I had an awesome week! I plan on going back next year.

Avery Roth



Dear St. John's family,

This was my first year going to Little Eden Camp. I had so much fun that I plan on going back next summer. Thank you for the money to help pay for camp.

Evy Roth



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eric & Anna Yoder on the birth of their son, Reilly Stephen Yoder on June 17, 2019. Reilly weighed 5 lbs., 15oz. and was 19.7 inches long. His grandparents include Dale & Sharon VonDeylen.

## mission corner

### Mission Opportunity

On Saturday, September 14th, St. John's will be taking a day trip to volunteer at Crossroad Child and Family Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana. One of St. John's oldest mission partners, Crossroad works to help emotionally troubled children through several different methods on and off their campus.

The group will be leaving St. John's at 8am on September 14th, arriving at Crossroad at 9am and working until 4pm. Possible projects will be decided upon closer to the trip date. Crossroad will provide a sack lunch. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board across from the office. This trip is open to volunteers of all ages and abilities.

### July Mission-A-Month - Shepherd's Circle

Shepherd's Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:45

### Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio- (HFHFCO)

Much has happened in the past several weeks!

- All of the exterior and interior walls were constructed the weekend of May 17th, at a church in Englewood, Ohio, and are now in storage in Wauseon, awaiting to be erected.
- The house plans needed to be redrawn and resubmitted for the building permit process – and the permits have been approved.
- Unfortunately, the partner who the present home was going to be built for chose to leave the Habitat program, so an intensive search is on for a new partner – prayers are appreciated!

Construction of this new three bedroom home will begin this month as HFHFCO is waiting for the excavation and foundation work to be accomplished before volunteers are recruited for the project.

The home will be built at 910 Zenobia Street, which is located off of County Road F / Linfoot St.

### 2020 Summer Mission Trip

Dates of next year's summer mission trip, in partnership with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity, is scheduled for June 14th thru 19th. We are looking for a group of 12 volunteers for the week, as the project will be to frame the walls and roof structure of a new home. The four and a half days of site work go by quickly!



## mission corner cont.

### Mission Experiences

- September 8 – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel and Meal
- September 14 – Crossroad Child and Family Service day trip
- October 5-12 – Back May Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

### Back Bay Mission Trip – October 5th – 12th, 2019

This fall's trip will be the 37th trip since 2000 that SJCC has made to Biloxi, MS, with almost 100 people from SJCC sharing in the experiences.

Here's the basic information to know:

- Departure from the church parking lot around 8am Saturday morning
- Transportation via the church bus or a few private vehicles, with travel by airplane an option
- Saturday evening meal and lodging is spent near the southern end of Alabama
- Arrival in Biloxi early Sunday afternoon, with the rest of the day spent settling in and exploring
- Monday Thru Friday noon – a mix of construction projects, serving at the homeless day center, serving in the local food pantry and serving in the local soup kitchen
- Evenings are spent relaxing and enjoying group fellowship
- The trip home starts early Friday afternoon, with a layover near Franklin, TN, with arrival back in Archbold early afternoon
- Typical group size ranges from 5 to 20!
- Cost of the trip has risen to about \$250 per person, but cost shouldn't be a factor for anyone to participate – people may confidentially talk with Pastor Erich about the cost.

### Men's Ministry

This month, Men's Prayer Breakfast is on Sat., July 13 at 7:40AM. A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Please plan on joining us!

## ministry happenings



### St. John's Christian Preschool Volunteer Substitutes Needed

St. John's Christian Preschool is looking for fun, energetic, and compassionate volunteers to help substitute in our Preschool Room in the absence of either Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

Our faithful leaders have created a fun learning atmosphere for young children ages 3-5, and want you to help team up with other volunteers that have the same drive to help teach in the classroom. Don't worry! A teaching license is not required!

*Volunteers must have the following:*

- Be 18 years old or older
- Have a high school diploma/GED
- There are forms and some trainings that will need to be completed, which is something we will be helping you along the way with.

You may be asking yourself, "What's in it for me?"

### *Service*

What better way to serve your church family and community than to take a few days a month to help aide in the classroom. As a substitute, you will help follow the directions of the lead teacher that day, whether it be Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

### *Positive Impact on Young Children*

Our preschool children are so impressionable at this point in their lives. The positive impact that you can show them through the love of learning about Jesus, and the cool things at the sand table, are a positive light that you can shine on them.

If you are asking yourself if you can give a day or a few days a month to volunteer in our preschool room, please consider! This may not only have a positive impact on our students, but also on you.

The Christian Preschool Board and staff would like to thank all of you that have made efforts to donate to our preschool. Whether that is with school supplies or monetary donations, they are a blessing. If you feel called today or in the coming weeks, please consider donating to the St. John's Preschool to assist us with supplies or simply volunteering your time in the classroom for a fun experience!

# ministry happenings

## Events/Activities:

### *Third Thursday Luncheons*



On July 18th, senior citizens 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.



SYF is grateful for your support of our trip, through donations to our fundraisers and through your prayers this past week. Despite forecasts of nothing but rain, we managed to have decent weather that enabled us to serve various people of the community, from yard work and power washing to cleaning indoors and preparing community meals. Part of our group spent much of the week assisting with a day camp for kids. We were grateful for how we saw God at work in and through the Good Works community, as we served our neighbors in Jesus' name. We also enjoyed an evening off on Wednesday, which we used to hike to Hocking Hills' famous Old Man's Cave. The world is full of the glory of God, and we saw it in the works of his hands and in the love of his people reflecting his image.



# ministry happenings

## Events/Activities:

### Farm Fresh Faith! 2019 VBS Recap

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, church staff, and those who donated to VBS. Without each of you, VBS would not be possible! Therefore, we sincerely thank each and everyone of you!

- Bri & Kisha





# consistory/committees

## Consistory Meeting Minute Highlights – June 17, 2019

### *Committee Reports:*

- a. Personnel Committee – Laura Johnson – Advance Cleaning Contractors began cleaning the church on June 11th and so far they are “exceeding expectations” as per Dean Buckenmeyer.
  - a. Housing Allowance – Laura spoke with Brent Winzeler for guidance on the housing allowance designations. Brent recommended either changing both or keeping both at the current level. The Personnel Committee will discuss this further.
- b. Budget & Stewardship – John Graber – Everything is well with financials. The committee is meeting with EGR on July 8th.
- c. Capital Campaign Committee – Erich Christman – Brian Roth is now a member. Matt Gilroy (Executive Director of the Fulton County Development Center) met with the CCC about fundraising ideas, etc. He felt that we are not actually in a “capital campaign” because it’s such a long term process and there is no sense of urgency. He is interested in working with us and giving further ideas and goals for 1, 2, & 3 year projects that may create more of a sense of urgency. There will be more ideas coming.
- d. Preschool Committee – Ann Fether – Graduation was a positive experience for everyone and the parish hall was full. The preschool finances look good with the help of Consistory and Mission funds. Stryker preschool has closed and we are purchasing some supplies from them. Public schools are affecting enrollment and increasing enrollment is the only way to stabilize the finances.
- e. Facility Committee – Jeff Rutledge – Eric Nafziger is now the Vice Chair. The committee brought up some projects for the property committee to check into. First is accessibility for doors on the east and north sides of the building – maybe using motion sensors. Second was the idea of a digital sign. The facility committee will be focusing on accessibility and restrooms as priorities, and then the sanctuary.
- f. Mission Committee – Mark Nofziger – They are working on a trip to the DR and had a presentation from the director of “Children’s Lantern”, a Defiance area ministry. There were distributions of \$5000, with \$1500 of that going to preschool
- g. Doctor of Ministry Proposal – Erich Christman – Pastor Alex is pursuing further education and had an amended proposal from last month’s meeting. It was agreed upon to give Pastor Alex \$1,000 towards his continuing education, with the money coming out of the Mission Budget. Motion by Mark Nofziger, second by Brad Roth. Motion approved.
- h. Spiritual Council – Erich Christman – Approved the purchase of 10 new tables for the Parish Hall from the Memorial Fund. Some of the older ones will go to the storage building, and some may be auctioned off. There will be more information in the Visitor regarding leadership opportunities in the church, the EA Convocation and Pastoral Care of the congregation.

### *Pastor’s Report – Erich Christman*

- a. Accounting System Review – Bob Aeschliman will be coming in to meet with the group.
- b. Pastoral Discernment & Planning Time – Pastor will be taking two weeks for discernment and planning, July 8-15, and will be on vacation July 1st thru 6th.
- c. Advanced cleaning is doing a good job, working 5 hours on Mon., Tues., and Thurs.
- d. Bell Tower – Money will be withdrawn from EGR from the Legacy account to pay for the \$11,300 cost of maintaining the interior of the bell tower.
- e. Katie Wyse is doing an excellent job organizing and going through historical documents.
- f. Property Committee – Lights in the parlor needed replaced, Creighton Electric gave some LED bulbs to try. Should consider changing all bulbs to LED.
- g. Wedding Policy – Pastor Erich suggested some changes to the wedding policy outline. Todd Nafziger made a motion to approve the changes in the wedding policy, John Graber second. Motion approved.

# consistory/committees

## 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 July 8th thru 12th and 15th thru 19th in the exclusive work 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.



## Leadership Development

The Spiritual Council is praying for God's guidance in discerning who within our congregation may be the future leaders of St. John's! We know that God blesses each person with a gift:

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:4-8

The Spiritual Council is looking! They've studied the biblical qualifications of church leaders. They continue to enjoy getting to know more about each of the people of the congregation, through worship and fellowship and

serving on committees together. They are looking for leaders – people with a love of God, people who can be trusted with responsibility, people who are humble, people willing to give of themselves in response to God's call!

How many leadership positions are there in SJCC? Currently, the following positions are filled in the ministry of SJCC:

- Officers – 2 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Elders – 6 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Deacons/Deaconesses – 9 (Must be a member of SJCC)
- Accompanists/Worship Leaders/Song Leaders/Children's Message Leaders/Techs/Band – 21
- Committee Members – 62 (with some serving on multiple committees)
- Ministry Teachers/Leaders/Servants – over 70 (many serve in multiple capacities)
- That's a total of 170 leadership positions! Wow!

What are the basic qualifications of being a leader in SJCC ministries? A quick list includes:

1. Engage in daily devotions, daily prayer and be active in the ministries of the congregation
2. Be a representative of the congregation
3. Willingness to volunteer time towards meetings and activities
4. Openness to share in discussions and decision making in committee meetings
5. Enthusiasm and commitment in participating in the committee's work



## Update on the Facility Committee

This committee is building momentum! At their June 12th meeting, they discerned that they would prioritize the work before them and their initial focus will be on 1) Accessibility, and 2) Restrooms. They also carved out two projects for the Property Committee to address – 1) adding automatic opening/closing hardware and sensors to the carport and preschool entrances, as well as updating the sensor at the current accessible entrance, and 2) researching the installation of digital signage on the church's property.



**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, 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 we're reaching out for everyone's help!
  - o Sign-up sheets of tasks are posted on the church hallway bulletin board:
    - Registration – helping staff a table on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning
    - Lodging Coordinator – providing welcome bags, communicating with 3 hotels
    - Meal Coordinator – coordinating seven meals – lining up a team or restaurant for each
    - Refreshment Coordinator – coordinating teams to provide refreshments Friday/Saturday
    - Greeter Coordinator – lining up folks to greet in the parking lots and at entrances
    - Worship – we'll be looking for ushers, techs, song leaders, vocalists and more
    - Workshop Hosts – we'll need people to help the presenters be ready in their room
    - Custodial / Maintenance – one or two people on site at all times

The Convocation schedule is as follows:

***Friday, September 20, 2019***

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM	The Company Retreat (see page 8 for further information)
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Registration
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Pastors Seminar with Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Small Group Follow Up Discussions
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Fellowship and Free Time
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Worship with Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments

***Saturday, September 21, 2019***

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM	Registration / Breakfast Refreshments
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Gathering Worship
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker, Nathan Rittenhouse
10:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Workshop Session #1
12:15 PM to 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM to 2:45 PM	Workshop Session #2
2:45 PM to 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM to 4:30 PM	Workshop Session #3
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Fellowship / Free Time
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Gathering Worship
7:15 PM to 8:15 PM	Keynote Speaker, Matt Pardi
8:15 PM to 9:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments

***Sunday, September 22, 2019***

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Education Hour
10:15 AM to 11:30 AM	Worship – Jim Barnes, National Minister, preaching
11:45 AM	Chicken BBQ Dinner

# July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation	1 11:00AM Staff Meeting	2 9:15AM Bible Study 7:00PM SYF Leaders Meeting 7:00PM Youth Praise Band Practice	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6
7	8 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:00PM Budget & Stewardship Committee 6:30PM Stephen Min. Peer Supervision	9 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Min. 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Discernment Team 7:00PM Property Committee	10 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 7:00PM Facility Committee	11 7:00AM Every Good Endeavor Men's Study 7:00PM Mission Comm.	12	13 7:40AM Men's Breakfast
14	15 11:00AM Staff Meeting	16 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal	17	18 7:00AM Every Good Endeavor Men's Study 11:00AM Thursday Lunch	19	20
21	22 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision 7:00PM FISH Board Meeting 7:30PM Consistory	23 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal	24 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St.	25 7:00AM Every Good Endeavor Men's Study	26	27
28 JYF Swimming Party	29 11:00AM Staff Meeting	30 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal 7:00PM Preschool Board 7:00PM Youth Praise Band Practice	31	Mission-A-Month— Shepherds Circle		

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jayson Lindsay
- 3 Jacob Rupp, Jeff Rutledge
- 4 Kinsey Smith
- 5 Ollie MacDonald
- 6 Kenny & Sandi Cowell
- 7 John & Deb Kauffman, Sarah Kinsman, Brian Short, Jim Silcox
- 8 Ben & Tiffany Johnston
- 9 Emily Hines, Bob Kuntz, Chad Short, Kaitlyn Wyse
- 11 Neil & Nanette Buehrer, Pete & Rachel Grieser, Matt Hines, Steve & Kim Walker, David Stuckey
- 12 Mark Beltz, Mary Hall, Lainey Holdgreve, David & Nancy Lightner, Tammy Nofziger
- 14 Jean Beck
- 15 Jen Grime, Hannah Kern

- 17 Ryan & Jill Holdgreve, Eric Nafziger
- 18 Matthew Kinsman
- 19 Velma Overmier, Ed Ruffer, Carrie Yoder
- 20 Kaitlyn Beck, Andee Grime, Scott & Pam Reeb, Brian & Kris Short, Mary Silcox
- 21 Mike & Sue Henry, Andrew & Lori Rohrs
- 22 Warren Sauder
- 23 David Augustine
- 27 Callie Rohrs
- 28 Becca Grieser, Graeme & Gloria Lauber, Ryan Smith, Jack Stover
- 29 Florence Augustine, Justin Pursel
- 30 Greg & Kim Walker
- 31 Larry Bechstein, Ryan Holdgreve, Brent Schnitkey

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



# worship

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## July Worship Schedule



- July 7th**                      Scriptures – Colossians 1:21-23, Hebrews 5:11-6:20  
                                    Sermon – “Going on to Maturity” – Pastor Alex
- July 14th**                     Scriptures – Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7  
                                    Sermon – “A Superior Priesthood” – Pastor Alex  
                                    Missionary Speakers – Jason & Becky Suon, Freedom International
- July 21st**                     Scriptures – Psalm 105:1-11, Hebrews 8  
                                    Sermon – “A Superior Covenant” – Pastor Alex  
                                    Missionary Speaker – David Hensch, Reliant at Akron University  
                                    Sacrament of Communion
- July 28th**                     Scriptures – Psalm 36:5-7, Hebrews 9  
                                    Sermon – “Christ the Mediator” – Pastor Erich  
                                    Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign



### Stephen Ministry

Life sometimes just isn't easy. It's hard, really hard to keep up appearances, to keep up that "successful" image, that I've got it all together, especially when inside you feel imprisoned. Our lives are like waves ...sometimes we can roll with them and sometimes they overtake us. Everyone experiences difficulties at times...times when we feel discouraged, hurt, lonely, overwhelmed, lost, helpless, broken and the list goes on. How many times though will God let us down if we trust Him? – NEVER! Does life play out exactly how we thought it would? NOPE! God will never forsake you, and sometimes He gives us a person to share our burden...someone who doesn't have all the answers...but simply listens and empowers you to move forward and see that hope is a reality. Do you need a supportive ear, someone to help dig through the confusion, stress and loneliness of life and walk with you on a journey to wholeness? Confidentiality is our top priority. A Stephen Minister might be your perfect solution. If you are feeling that Holy Spirit nudge, help can be on the way!

Talk to Pastor Alex to see if a Stephen Minister might be someone who can help you deal with some of life's toughest battles.

# July Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

**Discovery®** is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

1 Dredging Up the Past -----	Matthew 14:1-12	16 Disciples in Danger -----	Matthew 18:10-14
2 He's All Heart -----	Matthew 14:13-21	17 Rebuke to Reconcile -----	Matthew 18:15-20
3 Only One Word-----	Matthew 14:22-36	18 Mercy Without Measure -----	Matthew 18:21-35
4 Keeping Up Appearances.. -----	Matthew 15:1-20	19 Maximum Love Mentality -----	Matthew 19:1-15
5 Wrong Side of the Tracks -----	Matthew 15:21-28	20 Stumbling Block to Surrender -----	Matthew 19:16-30
6 Thousands of Hungry Mouths -----	Matthew 15:29-39	21 Speak for the Weak-----	Psalm 10
7 Humble Dignity -----	Psalm 8	22 The Scandal of Grace -----	Matthew 20:1-16
8 Why Do You Ask?-----	Matthew 16:1-12	23 The Royalty of Service -----	Matthew 20:17-28
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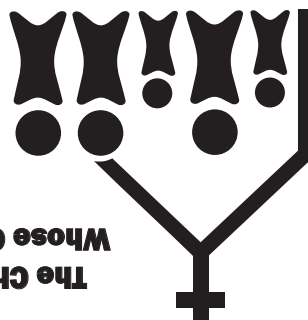
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