

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

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Please Pray For:

- Toni Neuenschwander is recovering from recent outpatient surgery for a broken elbow.
- Jodi Beltz is recovering from recent outpatient surgery to repair a tendon in one of her fingers.
- Mary Ellen Johnson is in Rupp Rehab recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Dave Augustine and family upon the passing of his mother, Florence Augustine, a long time member of SJCC, who entered eternal life on October 19th at the age of 98.
- Sharon VonDeylen spent a week in the hospital and returned home on 10/21.
- Ella Yoder continues to recover from recent arm surgery.
- Audrey Smith is in hospice care at home, with Dean & Lisa rotating shifts each day so someone is with Audrey 24/7.
- Bettie Perry who is in hospice care at her apartment near Cincinnati.
- Mike Henry and the kidney donor – it's lengthy, slow process, so please pray for Mike's health and for patience and perseverance for both through the process.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.
 - **PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army)** (Alaska)
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
 - **PFC Kohl Collins (Army)** (Ft. Meyer, VA)
(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)**
(Albuquerque, NM) (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
David Lightner, Room #138
Esther Rice, Room #116
Josephine Short, Room #112
Paul Sigg, Room #178
Nancy Ries, Room #158 - (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, 43502
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

SKLD, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506
Verlene Lovejoy, Room 203B

pastor's letter

It happened again! Someone said it, again. It's a recurring statement I hear – "I don't want to bother you, I know how busy you are." While I appreciate people's concern, and there are certainly days and weeks busier than others, the reality is that I'm never too busy. If I give off that impression, I apologize. I do always hope for more time to visit with people, but I work to manage all aspects of serving as the pastor of this congregation, as well as managing my personal needs and family time.

Of course, it is true, that the size of the congregation, the many administrative tasks of ministry, and the many and varied ministries of the congregation do keep me jumping, yet God infuses me with energy each day. The Apostle Paul writes of this infusing in 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

Paul writes these verses when he is addressing end times and idleness, which he wrote of in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to watch out for the man of lawlessness, referring to satan, and that they must remain firm in faith and to the teachings he has passed on, as well as refraining from being idle in their faith. I take that lesson to heart – to refrain from being idle! I was taught to follow the example of Paul, and so many biblical and church examples, in laboring and toiling for the Lord. So even when I do have busy days, the blessings of being engaged in Christian service infuse me with ever greater desire to love the Lord and people.

Yet, this is not just about me. There are so many who I labor and toil alongside with – leaders and servants of SJCC who are similarly infused with eternal encouragement and good hope! As we continue to work through the labor and results of the Discernment Team, the reality is that there is so much more ministry before us! I know and trust in the Lord's providence of time, leadership and fruitfulness.

Please don't ever be concerned about bothering me – our interactions are a part of God's infusion of encouragement and good hope!

Faithfully,

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congregational news & thank you's

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for the scholarship for me to go to Miracle Camp this summer! It was so much fun and I met a lot of new people there. I loved growing so much closer to God while I was there.

Sincerely,
Rayne Kinsman

Dear Christian Friends,

As an older woman living alone, I thoroughly enjoy the delicious food served at the community meal and also the fellowship. As a result, I attend on a regular basis. It sure beats cooking for one and eating alone. I've noticed that you have provided many of the meals in the past months. Not only is it expensive to prepare food for so many people, but there's a lot of work involved to host the meal. I appreciate your thoughtfulness these past months. May God bless you!

Doris Yoder

congregational news & thank you's

Rosemarie Schmidt writes the following to the congregation –

“Even though I have not been able to attend church for a number of years, it means a lot to still be remembered. Thank you for your prayers, visits and cards. Thank you for caring.”



mission corner

November Mission-A-Month

Christmas Cheer

Fulton County Christmas Cheer

December, 2019 Junior Fair Building, Wauseon

How can churches help?

The Cheer program counts on donations of goods like soups, canned meats, juices, fruits and vegetables, cake mixes, toilet tissue, and detergent.

Those things will all need to be collected for Sunday, December 8th, so that a volunteer can run them to the Jr. Fair Building in Wauseon to be sorted, counted and shelved.

In addition to the goods collection, financial donations which buy case goods for the shelves (and repairs cars during the year) are valuable year round and can go to:

Christmas Cheer, 202 DeGroff, Archbold, 43502.

Remember that Cheer also accepts donations of used cars, vans, and trucks, in good running order year round. We put them into the hands of county families with no transportation. Donation slips offered.

Volunteer Workers for Cheer needed:

Monday the 9th, unload, sort, count, stock and make boxes, 10-4.

Tuesday the 10th, finish sorting and pack the basic boxes, 9:30-11.

Wednesday the 11th, shop with families, 9-4.

Thursday the 12th, shop with families and sweep up, 9-2.

Lunch is provided Monday - Thursday for volunteers.



DR Mission Trip – June 13-20, 2020

St. John's supports two missionary families serving with Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock. The home church of the Suon's and the Schrock's is Pettisville Missionary Church (PMC). St. John's and PMC are partnering for a mission trip in June.

PMC is sending their youth and youth leaders, and SJCC is sending youth and adults interested in this cross-cultural experience. Freedom runs a Christian school in the DR with 300 students in preschool through grade six. Trip participants will have the opportunity to work with the children in their summer program, as well as work on ongoing construction of the school.

Trip information was passed out at a recent informational meeting – if you are interested in learning about the experience, please contact Ryan Christman, is heading up this experience, with the involvement of the Mission Committee. Ryan can be reached via cell phone – 419-551-2124 – or email – rchristman56@gmail.com. The initial deadline to sign up for the trip is December 1st.

mission corner

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others. Upcoming mission experiences:

- November 17 – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – Chapel Service and Meal
- February 9-15, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- June 13-20, 2020 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip
- June 14-19, 2020 – Summer Mission Trip, LaPorte County, Indiana
- October 25-31, 2020 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

Summer Mission Trip – June 14-19, 2020

The summer mission trip has been happening for about 20 years now, and they've been working with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity for at least the last 10 years. There is a core group of St. John's folks who have enjoyed the week's activities, and they're always looking for additional folks to join them. Lodging and dining at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, Michigan, the group travels about 30 minutes to Laporte or Michigan City to the build site and works the morning and afternoons at some phase of new home construction. Further information about the details of the week will be shared come the first of the year!

Back Bay Mission Trip – February 9-15, 2020

Since 2000, this will be the 40th trip SJCC has made to Biloxi, MS, to partner with Back Bay Mission. There have been countless experiences enjoyed by 129 participants from SJCC and partner churches (from Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Tennessee).

Forty trips in twenty years is a significant and blessed ministry. A wealth of awareness has been gained in learning about homelessness and poverty, and many homeowners have been blessed with improved living conditions and mental health as stress has been relieved.

With the aging of the core group of participants, for these trips to continue beyond 2020, an influx of younger volunteers is needed, and many are praying for the future of our partnership with Back Bay Mission. These weeks are filled with work, fellowship, education and growth. Yes, the work can be hard and the heat and humidity can be high, but in the end, the blessings of growth of faith and relationships outweighs everything else.

It's a fifteen hour trip to and from Biloxi, which is long, but the hours provide plenty of time for conversation and relaxation. The week in Biloxi is one of service and fulfillment, working mornings and afternoons and relaxing in the evenings. There is work for any level of abilities, and people can also serve in the Mission's day shelter or food pantry, or help with the local soup kitchen.

We'll be offering some new Back Bay Mission presentations for people to learn more about these weeks of mission and faith.

Stephen Ministry

Have you ever had days or periods in life when no one seems to understand you? Perhaps you don't quite connect with others as they don't comprehend the kind of struggle you're going through. While reaching out to others for support is important, reaching up to the Savior is even more so. By God's grace you are not only invited, you are called into fellowship with Jesus – His own Son. He knows exactly how you feel and is filled with compassion for you. However, in addition to our perfect Lord, He has provided another possible help line, a Stephen Minister. More Stephen Ministers are needed to reach out and follow Jesus' command to love one another. You will be equipped with all you need to walk beside others in days or life times that are difficult and challenging. For more information in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Alex or one of the Leadership Team members: Gary Frazier, Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

"Jesus, thank you for being there for me. Thank you for knowing exactly what I'm going through and being willing to walk through it with me. Thank you for reassuring me with Your care and the care from others. Amen."

ministry happenings

Christian Education Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

JYF

Join us for a meal at 5:50 on Wednesday evenings, or show up at 6:45 for a time of devotion, games, sharing, laughter and getting to know our community.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Alex and Eliot Nofziger co-lead a Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 7:15-8:00AM, at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers. This semester we're looking together at the life of Jesus, the man we call "friend of sinners" and "Lord of lords." Who is Jesus to you?

Life Planning

Life Planning meets the second Wednesday of every month. Life Planning had an "Amazing" kickoff to start the new year! We gathered for a potluck supper, fellowship and a little twist from the show the "Amazing Race" life planning style. Between bubble blowing, corn hole and ladder golf tossing, skittle tasting, puzzle teaser, and a "detour" along the way, everyone had a fun time. Our mentor and youth team to complete the journey first even won a grand prize trip to Dairy Queen! It was a beautiful night and it was nice to get the Life Planning season off and running! In October we attended the Field of Faith event sponsored by the FCA of Wauseon. It was held on the baseball field in Wauseon and Sam Hornish Jr. spoke and we also heard some youth testimonies. God works in amazing ways in our youth! The next Life Planning is scheduled for Nov. 13th at 7:00.

SYF

Senior Youth Fellowship is a fun place for high school students to connect with each other and with God. Lately we've been talking about sins we struggle with (gossip, pride, lust, and others) and God's love and forgiveness. This month SYF is looking forward to our annual "Friendsgiving" potluck before Thanksgiving, this year hosted at Craig and Jenny Grieser's home.

Friday Morning Small Group

The high school girls are meeting together for small group every Friday morning. For more information, contact Jenny Young.

small groups

Couple's Small Group

The Couple's Small Group will meet on Sunday, November 10th in the Youth Room. The group welcomes couples who are interested in gathering with other couples for the purposes of fellowship, fun and faith. Contact Sarah or Eric Nafziger with questions.

Third Thursday Luncheons

November's lunch and fellowship will be on November 21st. 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, Judy Sears will be sharing about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child!



Men's Ministry

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast and fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Our meeting time for November is Saturday, November 9th at 7:40AM.

Are you ready to see more gorgeous artwork?

The advertisement screen at The Skye Cinema is changing. November will feature "Why I Love St. John's" posters from The Martinez/Fish Family, Leah Nafziger and Tess Ames, and Avery Roth. Again, thank you for participating! We appreciate you and your talent!

preschool corner



ministry happenings

Events/Activities:

St. John's Orientation Sessions

New to the congregation? Been attending worship for a while? Want to know more about our congregational faith and beliefs? Interested in becoming a member of the congregation? If any of these questions apply to you, then you are invited to attend three orientation sessions which will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm, November 6, 13 and 20. If you are interested in being a part of these sessions, but the dates and time do not work for you, please speak with Pastor Erich, who will be leading the sessions. And if you are planning to attend, please let him know so he can be ready to host the first session. Erich's contact info is – 419-446-2545 (office), 419-551-0401 (cell), pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org



Annual Veteran's Breakfast Sunday, November 10th 9:00AM

To honor and recognize veterans for their service, St. John's offers this annual appreciation breakfast. The Fellowship Committee will provide a delicious breakfast, which will be followed by a special presentation.

Veterans, their spouses, spouses of deceased veterans, men and women currently serving and parents and grandparents of current military personnel are invited to share in this breakfast! A sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board across from the church office, or you may call the church office (419-446-2545) to sign-up.

Thank Offering Containers

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.



 <h1>November 2019</h1>  						
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— Christmas Cheer Elder of the Month— Betsy Ducey				1 7:00PM WTtB	2 Daylight ST Ends (turn clocks back 1 hr.) 9:00AM WTtB
3 Daylight ST Begins	4 11:00AM Staff Meeting	5 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM SYF Leader's Meeting 7:00PM Capital Campaign Com.	6 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Orientation Session 1	7 7:00PM Mission Com.	8	9 7:40AM Men's Prayer Break- fast
10 9:00AM Veteran's Breakfast 1:00PM Private Party 6:00PM Couple's Small Group 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	11 Veteran's Day 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision 7:30PM Praise Band Reh	12 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 4:00PM Budget & Stewardship Com. 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Christian Preschool Board 7:00PM Property Committee	13 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 6:00PM Facility Com. 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM Orientation Session 2	14	15	16 8:00AM Music Teachers Association
17 10:30AM Bells/Chimes Play 10:45AM Jr. Church 11:45AM Get Acquainted Lunch 3:00PM TGRM Chapel /Meal	18 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	19 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM CE Team	20 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Orientation Session 3 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	21 11:30AM Third Thursday Luncheon	22	23
24 12:30PM Private Party 6:00PM Seeker's (Foote's)	25 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision 7:00PM FISH Board	26 7:15AM YFC Bible Study –AMS 9:15AM Bible Study 11:00AM Fairlawn Worship 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	27 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh.	28 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed) 9:00AM Private Party (Parish Hall)	29	30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Kali Lantz | 14 Nancy Rupp, Dean & Lisa Smith |
| 2 Jan Martinez, Caleb Wooley | 16 Kelly & Betsy Ducey, Lindy Lantz |
| 3 Susan & Brad Enderle, Dustin Nofziger, Mackenzie Nofziger, Gary Sears, Joel Wanemacher | 17 Mert & Sue Kinsman |
| 4 Kay Merillat, Cale Short, Len Stamm | 19 Kris Short |
| 5 Judy Grime, Dave Walker | 22 Emma Hall, Jon & Alice Leatherman, Kathy Layton, Luci Meyer, Curt Stamm |
| 6 Tim Grieser, Jill Holdgreve, Alec Genter, Ames Genter | 23 John Graber, Mike Meyer |
| 7 Jim & Renee Liechty, Michael & Sarah Overmier, Ashley Schink | 24 Laura Johnson, Jesse Meyer, Lisa Smith |
| 8 Ryan Bernath | 25 Lynda Schnitkey |
| 9 Mary Augustine, Nancy Storrer, Sharon VonDeylen | 26 Carol DeVries, Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Casen Short |
| 10 Laurie Flint | 27 Scott Reeb, Andrew Rohrs, Collin Walker, Corbin Walker, Michael Walker, Kelly Stahl |
| 11 Norm Fether, Phil Spiess | 28 Jed Grime, Kent Short |
| 13 Marilyn Buehrer, Gabrielle Nafziger, Clay Nafziger, Linda Rutledge | 30 Lynne Stuckey |

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

worship

November Worship Schedule

- November 3rd Scriptures – Psalm 52:8-9, Matthew 18:10-14
 Sermon – “One Lost Sheep” – Pastor Alex
 (10:30) Praise Band
 Special Music – Norm Fether, Sarah Nafziger, Chris Baden
- November 10th Scriptures – Psalm 25:16-22, John 1:10-13
 Sermon – “An Epidemic to Solve”
 (10:30) Chancel Choir – “A Song in the Morning”
- November 17th Scriptures – Psalm 119:132-135, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 Sermon – “Footprints – A New Version”
 (10:30) – Praise Band
 (10:30) – LOGOS Children – Bell & Chime Choirs
- November 24th Thanksgiving Sunday
 Scriptures – Psalm 23, Matthew 19:16-26
 Sermon – “Focus on Following”
 (10:30) Chancel Choir – “We Are So Blessed”
 Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign – Second Offering



Get Acquainted Luncheon
Sunday, November 17, 11:45pm

New to St. John's Christian Church? Want to find out more about this church and congregation? Been coming for a while and interested in membership orientation classes? Pastor Erich invites you to a luncheon following the 10:30am service on November 17th. We'll enjoy a simple meal and table fellowship and get to know one another. Please let him know if you will attend – email at pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org or call/text – 419-551-0401.

Season of Advent – The four Sundays of Advent this year are December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Here is some information on upcoming events!

Sunday, November 24th – 1pm – Advent & Christmas Decorating – “Hanging of the Greens”

We need many people to help decorate the exterior and interior of the church! All the decorations have to come down from the attic (many trips required) or in from the storage building. Several trees are set up and decorated – in the sanctuary, chapel, narthex and south porch. Evergreen roping and swags are hung and the chancel nativity scene is set-up. We could use 12 to 16 people to help with this festive activity.

Sunday, December 1st – 1pm Advent Workshop

Starting with singing Christmas carols in the chapel, we'll enjoy an afternoon of crafts, fellowship, snacks and worship! People of all ages will be able to select up to two of the following craft projects –

Decorating (and snacking on) Christmas cookies; Advent wreaths, Advent calendars, Chrismon ornaments and Christmas cards. This Advent Workshop will be a blessed way to begin this year's Advent season! A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board so we make sure enough supplies are on hand!

Sunday, December 8th – 48th Sermon in Music – 10:30am

Sunday, December 8th – Evening Concert – 7:00pm

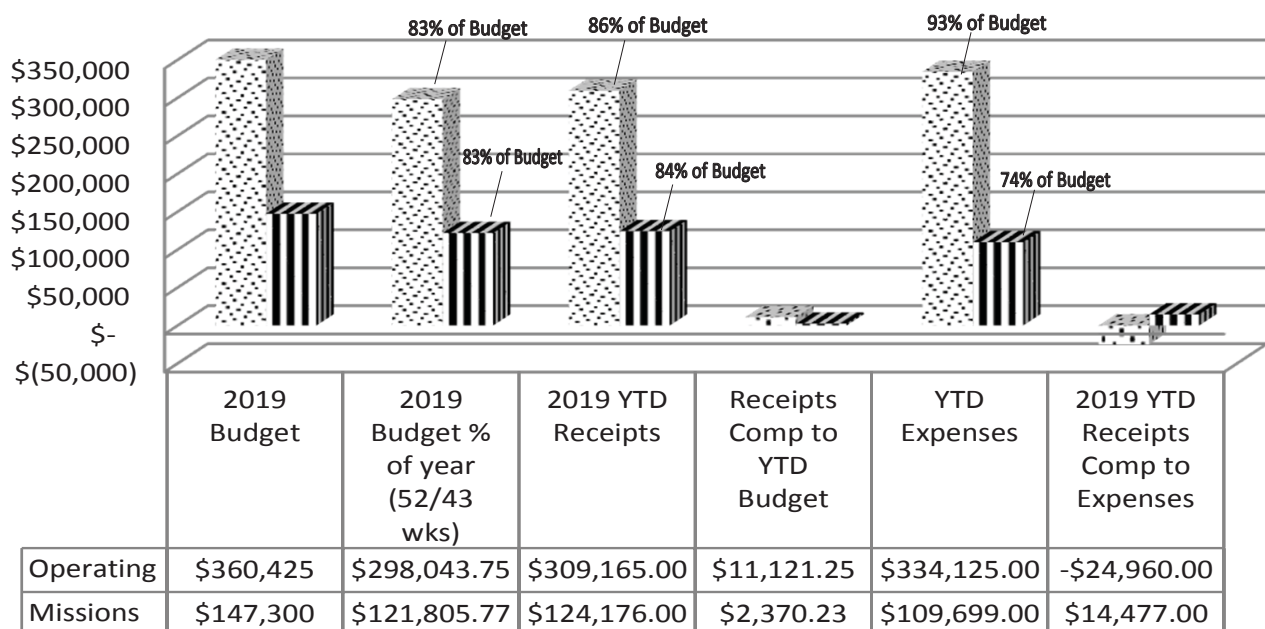
Siberian Solstice is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA" (TSO). The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. Siberian Solstice has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform for approximately 90 minutes. They present the program “An Angel's Gift” with music, song and light show! There will be a free will offering received for the support of their music ministry.

Spring Gospel Concert

The Mark Trammel Gospel Quartet will perform at SJCC on Sunday, March 1st at 6:00pm.

stewardship

2019 Operating & Missions Funds as of October 28, 2019



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October , 2019 - \$746,907.67

consistory/committees

Committee Reports:

1. **Budget & Stewardship** – John Graber – Had the quarterly investment review with Engler, Garrow and Roth earlier in the day. The market goes up and down all the time. Year to date return is at 12.96%. Since September 2015, the return percentage was 6.06%. We are at a \$37,000 budget deficit for the current year, which includes several new expenses incurred this year. The hope is that we have a strong Oct/Nov/Dec. in giving.
2. **Facility Committee** – Jeff Rutledge – Proposal to Contract with an Architect – a proposal from G5 Architecture was shared. The proposal of improvements is a part of the original 2014 facility proposal of items needing to be updated. The items in this current proposal are a hope for the congregation to see improvement, and to infuse energy into the campaign. Two quotes were received regarding contracting with an architect – Martin Riley Architects and G5 Architecture. This proposal will address the sanctuary, building accessibility and restrooms. Jeff Rutledge moved to hold a congregational vote to enter into this proposal with G5 Architecture as presented, with funds to come from the building fund account, 2nd the motion Ann Fether. Motion approved. The proposed contract will be up for discussion at the January congregational meeting.
3. **Personnel Committee** – Carrie Wooley
 - a. End of Year Reviews are beginning. Their goal is to have a staff compensation package provided at the November Consistory meeting.
 - b. One interview has been held with a potential Church Treasurer. The person is well qualified and Pastor Erich is gathering further information to share with the Personnel Committee and the interested person.
4. **Property Committee** – Scott Short – a leak in the heating system was discovered in the past week. Erie Welding is addressing the situation, and most likely they will have to cut lines and install seven new valves in order to close off heating loops to isolate the leak.
5. **Spiritual Council** – Erich Christman – Nomination process is underway and an initial nominee list has been made. Contacts will be made.

Pastor's Report – Erich Christman

- a. Quick Books Online – the current subscription costs \$650 (we've had since 2007), upgrade would cost \$1,417.50. Account limits are changing. Currently we are to only have 250 accounts, but we have over 360 accounts. We may have to upgrade to handle that many accounts, but not until our annual subscription date in January, which allows us to work with the new treasurer on this issue.
- b. Estate Gift – a check was received in the amount of \$13,000, with the following distribution – \$3,000 to Preschool, \$3,000 to Kajaide, \$3,000 to the Building Fund and \$4,000 to the current fund.
- c. Stephen Ministry 2020 Budget – Stephen Leaders have put together a budget. \$10,000 was given as a gift to the Stephen's Ministry in 2017 and there is currently \$500 left of that money. \$5,000 is being requested in the budget for next year. There are currently four trained Stephen Leaders and five trained Stephen Ministers, with hopes to have more year by year.
- d. SYF checking account – approval for Ryan Christman to serve as treasurer. Motion to approve Ryan Christman as the treasurer for the SYF Checking Account. Gloria Lauber, 2nd the motion Greg Walker. Motion approved.

Old Business – Erich Christman – Discernment and Planning Time Review – Input is needed. Time and diligence are needed. Are we focused on the problems and not the solutions? We need to focus on what is Jesus is doing at SJCC. Celebrate little gospel successes. Where is God leading us as a Congregation? What do we sense God is doing in and through the Congregation? What can be considered within the key areas of the discernment process? "Homework" was sent home to look over and discern. We need to set up some special meetings for further discussion.

Church Treasurer

With the pending retirement of Roger Miller as the church treasurer, the Personnel Committee is in the process of searching for the next treasurer of the church. The Personnel Committee has had a first interview with someone interested in the position! Please be praying for both the individual and the committee as they will soon meet again.

Winter Snow Removal

We are looking for people willing to help clear the sidewalks upon each snow fall – weekdays and week-ends. We need people to clean the sidewalks prior to 8am Monday through Friday, and as snow fall during the day, as well as people to clean the sidewalks prior to 7:30am on Sunday mornings. If you could help, please contact Scott Short, Tim Beck or the church office.



Look Beyond Your Shoebox

I packed a Christmas shoebox gift.
I do it ev'ry year.
These gifts are sent around the world
To bring a child some cheer.
I focused on my shoebox,
And what I put inside,
When God told me to look beyond
And see the other side.

I looked beyond my shoebox,
And there I saw a friend,
Who helped to get my shoebox
From here to journey's end.
In truth, there were so many
Who worked along the way.
They took these gifts around the world;
They labored night and day.
Some checked and taped and cartonized,
And moved my box with care,
While some raised hands of blessing
And filled my box with prayer.

I looked beyond my shoebox
And there I saw a child,
Who received this gift of love
While sitting meek and mild.
She heard the gospel message.
He listened quietly.
While many prayed Jesus to save
Their souls eternally.
Then it was time to open
From me their gifts of joy.
Such noise I can't imagine
To see each treat and toy!

I looked beyond my shoebox
And there I saw the Lord.
He smiled, and said, "Well done, my child!
Come, see now your reward."
And as I turned, I saw a line
Far as the eye could see
Of children coming to say thanks
For boxes sent by me.
"Thank you for your gift of love
And for the gospel too.
Because you filled a shoebox,
I'm now in heav'n with you."



By Allen Heindel

November Daily Scriptures

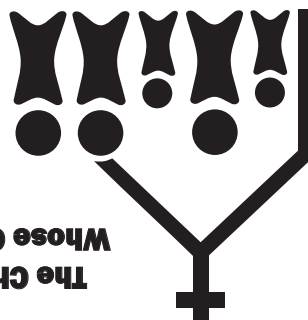
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Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.

1 Walking Advertisements ----- Titus 2:1-15	16 God's Anointed ----- 1 Chronicles 29:21-31
2 Totally Transformed ----- Titus 3:1-15	17 Your Greatest Fear ----- Psalm 27
3 Goodness and Mercy ----- Psalm 25	18 To Be Humble ----- Matthew 23:1-12
4 An Ordinary Guy Messes Up ---- 1 Chronicles 10:1-14	19 To Love ----- Matthew 23:13-24
5 Shepherd and King ----- 1 Chronicles 11:1-9	20 A Congruent Life ----- Matthew 23:25-36
6 Frightening Power ----- 1 Chronicles 13:1-14	21 Mercy...And Judgement ----- Matthew 23:37-24:2
7 Learning From Mistakes ----- 1 Chronicles 15:1-16	22 Faithful...To The End ----- Matthew 24:3-14
8 Have Fun With God ----- 1 Chronicles 15:25-16:6	23 Suffering...And Hope ----- Matthew 24:15-25
9 Whatever You do, Worship! ----- 1 Chronicles 16:7-36	24 Praying in the Thick of It ----- Psalm 28
10 Blessed Assurance ----- Psalm 26	25 All Power and Glory ----- Matthew 24:26-36
11 Taking the Long View! ----- 1 Chronicles 17:1-15	26 Faithful, in the Ordinary ----- Matthew 24:36-44
12 In Prayer ----- 1 Chronicles 17:16-27	27 Faithful Endurance ----- Matthew 24:45-51
13 Parents and Children ----- 1 Chronicles	28 Wise Waiting ----- Matthew 25:1-13 29
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15 The Gift of Giving ----- 1 Chronicles 29:1-20	30 Living Faith ----- Matthew 25:31-46

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