

The Visitor

prayer concerns

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

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Please Pray For:

- The family of Paul Sigg, as Paul entered into eternal life on February 14th.
- Dale VonDeylen is being treated through the Ohio State Medical Center for kidney cancer.
- Velma Overmier underwent a second hip surgery on February 27th.
- Kenny Walker, IV, had surgery on February 14th for further treatment of his pancreatitis.
- Kelsey Wyse who had shoulder surgery in mid-February.
- Sandy Miller is in the midst of chemo treatments.
- Bettie Perry was moved into an assisted living unit and remains in hospice care.
- Jamie Beck, who remains off work while recovery from lower back surgery.

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

PFC Brenden Bostelman (Army) (Alaska)
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)

AB Kali Collins (Airforce) (Lackland, TX)
(Granddaughter of Nan Neill)

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

Kyle Ducey (Navy) (Suffolk, VA)
(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) (Okinawa, Japan) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).

Joshua Richardson, (Marines) (MCBH, Kaneohe, Hawaii) (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 Kyle Stuckey (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 #137A
Josephine Short, Room #112
Jane Short, Room #176
Nancy Ries, Room #158 - (Memory Care Unit)

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
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
Velma Overmier, Room #505-1
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Joanne Spotts, Room #113

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

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, OH 43545
Audrey Smith

pastor's letter

During the recently concluded mission trip with Back Bay Mission, the group of twelve participants framed the roof structure of a one-story home. The home was 38' x 54' in size and included three bedrooms, two baths and a garage. Framing the roof included measuring, cutting and installing 70 18' common rafters, 30 8' common rafters, 4 doubled corner hip rafters and 24 jack rafters. Once all the rafters were screwed and nailed in place, attic support walls were set in place to help carry the roof's load, and then the sub-facia boards were nailed in place, which required the cutting of the tails of all those rafters. After all of that, the roof sheathing could be nailed in place! After four and half days of work, the group nailed on just over half the roof sheathing, leaving the project unfinished, but knowing the next group would take it from there. One of the key lessons learned through such projects is that each group is just one part of a large and lengthy process – several volunteer groups over the course of the next several months will do their part to complete this home build, so that it can be purchased by a low-income homeowner.



A central purpose of the trip is to live out the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, a lesson Jesus offers in Matthew 25. Back Bay Mission is involved in providing for the hungry and thirsty, offering hospitality to strangers, providing clothing for those needing clothes, looking after the sick and visiting those in prison – realizing that the “prison” most of their clientele are caught in is the prison of poverty and homelessness. Each volunteer group is part of an on-going never-ending process to share the love and compassion of Jesus. The ministry is never done. Each seed that is planted is represented by each of the rafters that were set in place. Each group has an opportunity to share in the mission and ministry of Back Bay Mission, handing the baton of ministry off to the next group that comes along.

Gloria Lauber renewed her sisterly relationship with her friend, Anita; the group shared the mission house with a retired pastor and his wife, who were from northeastern Ohio; and the group had some interactions with neighbors of the home under construction. Parking our large white church bus along the street each day certainly let the people know we traveled all the way from Ohio to lend a helping hand.

A tremendous blessing of the trip is the ever-deepening friendships of the twelve people on the trip. Everyone had been to Back Bay Mission before, some for many, many trips. The mutual support, the humorous bantering, the lessons shared, the prayers said, the scriptures considered – all flow from the mission of Back Bay Mission, Micah 6:8 – “And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

While our mission trips to Biloxi or to Michigan City or to the Dominican Republic or to Kenya are special focused experiences, doing what the Lord requires of us happens here in our own home towns – volunteering with one of the many area Christian based ministries, serving in one or more of our church's ministries, sharing God's word and love with our neighbors and coworkers, with the people we sit next to in the stadium bleachers or the people we wait in line with at the store.

Let us each be part of the process – one step at a time – trusting in God's guiding hand.

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congregational news & thank you's

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your investment in our family. We are so thankful for your church family!

Freedom International Ministries - The Schrock Family



To Our Dear Friends at St. John's,

We are sending grateful greetings to you all for your love and support. We are so blessed to be sent here on your behalf and to have your love and prayers on such an ongoing basis is both a comfort and a gift. Thank you!

We love you all and are eager to connect in July. And, thank you again, because what you do makes such a difference.

Freedom International Ministries - The Suon Six
Jason, Becky, Finn, Paisley, Stacia & Moses



preschool corner

In February, we celebrated love for our families, our friends and for Jesus! Our Bible verse was, "Love one another, as I have loved you," John 13:34. As we celebrated Valentine's Day throughout the first two weeks of the month, we talked about how Jesus wants us to be kind to everyone. The younger children made beaded bracelets for a friend at the Fine Motor Table, while many children were busy signing their name on valentines at the Writing Center and mailing them in friends' mailboxes. The older children made a "quilted" heart at the Art Table with fabric and watered down glue, while the younger children glued puzzle pieces to a heart that said, "I love you to pieces!"



The last two weeks of the month were spent learning about Community Helpers. We learned about their jobs and about some "tools" they use. We had a construction site in the Dramatic Play area, complete with blueprints, large cardboard tubes, nuts and bolts, tools, orange cones, brick blocks, safety vests and even a water cooler! The older children played a Paw Patrol game about community helpers at the Math Center, completed letter activity pages with dot markers, and practiced writing their first and last names with our new dry erase crayons at the Name Center. The younger children made buildings at the Easel with block prints, played with trucks in the gravel at the Sensory Table, and matched community helpers up with their "tools" at the Game Table. We also had several parents come in to talk about their roles as community helpers!



Sue MacDonald
Director/Teacher



Joan Wyse
Teacher Assistant



mission corner

The Friendship House - Mission of the Month

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



The main need of the Friendship House at this point is further financial support for operating expenses. This month we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

Summer Mission Trip – June 14th – 19th

Plans are set for another week of serving with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Michigan City, IN. Participants will head to Tower Hill Church Camp on Sunday afternoon, June 13th, spend Monday through Friday framing a new home, and return to Archbold late afternoon on June 19th.

Breakfasts and dinners are enjoyed in the camp dining hall – their meals have always been top notch. Lunches are provided by churches and local restaurants at the work site. The relaxing evenings are spent enjoying friendly fellowship, a possible 10 to 15 minute walk to the beach along Lake Michigan, some Corn Hole games and who knows what else! Typically, the group enjoys one or two evening meals at local restaurants! People of all skill levels are invited to join in the week – Habitat for Humanity provides able supervision. Cost of the experience is \$125 and assistance is always available. A sign-up sheet for this work and fellowship experience is on the board!

Dominican Republic Mission Trip – June 13th – 20th

The plans continue to be finalized for this cross-cultural experience. Ten senior high youth and six adults of the congregation will be participating in this week long trip. This group of sixteen will be partnering with twenty people from Pettisville Missionary Church, who take annual excursions to Freedom International's mission school. SJCC and PMC support two missionary families serving at Freedom – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel and Bethany Schrock – so they will be meeting up with familiar faces upon their arrival!

The group is very appreciative of the congregation's support of the trip – the fundraising efforts have gone very well! Praise the Lord! Prayer requests for the trip include:

- Passports arrive on time and airline tickets work out well
- Continued fundraising efforts not only raise funds, but also create an ever-growing sense of community and teamwork amongst the sixteen participants
- God prepares the hearts of each participant, filling each one with love, understanding and compassion

Mission Trip to Kenya, Kajiado Children's Home 2020

David and Crissi Stuckey will be traveling to Kajiado Children's Home in June as board members of the Hope for Kajiado Charity and representatives of St John's Christian Church. They are looking forward to meeting the children and staff at the home and seeing the facility first hand. Additional information about the home can be found at www.hope4kajiado.org.

They are humbly asking you to consider ways you could help as they prepare for and participate in this trip. Please pray for them for travel safety and protection from illness. Pray that they would have a good interaction with the staff and the children. Pray that they can be of help to the home as they complete work projects to be assigned.

If you wish, you can send some small gifts with them as they would be glad to deliver them for you. They will be able to transport donation items in the extra suitcases.

Gifts and donations for children ages 4 to 17 could include:

- a. Underwear (the girls prefer bikini panties), Socks, Bras, Camisoles, Tights, Shoes (black leather is required for attendance at school), Gently used or new children's clothes.
- b. Longer shorts and pants or any kind of shirt (pullover or button-up) for the boys.
- c Lightweight to heavier jackets.
- d. Inexpensive costume jewelry, crayons, puzzles, colored pencils, beanie baby or small stuffed toy animals, a small ball, small toy cars or trucks, a small photo book with pictures of your family.

It may be helpful to keep the following in mind while gathering gifts. Girls do not wear shorts but wear tights under dresses which must be to the knee. They do not wear pants at KCH, but some do wear them when they go to their villages during school breaks. It is very cool there so hot summer clothes like sleeveless shirts or spaghetti tops are not the best choice. There should not be bathing suits. The clothing should have prints suitable in a Christian environment. Avoid war, drugs, foul language, etc.

Thanks to the "Stitching Sisters" who are making hats for them to take.

David and Crissi look forward to sharing their experiences with the church family when they return.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- CRU (Waanders), for our gift of \$50.
- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$135.
- YFC, for our gift of \$520.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$45.
- CWS, for our gift of \$45.

The next dates for TGRM are:

March 15

May 17

Sep 13

Nov 17 – BASIC Sunday School Class

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:

- June 10-18, 2020 – Hope for Kajiado, Kenya
- 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

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ministry happenings

Christian Education

Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

Vacation Bible School

Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski are teaming up once again to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS! Dates for this year's VBS experience are June 7th-11th.



JYF

JYF will be having a skate night on 3/11. Mark your calendars for a fun night of friends and fellowship!

AMS Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Alex and Eliot Nofziger (from Youth For Christ) co-lead a Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 7:15-8am, at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers. This semester we're picking up with the story of the New Testament, following the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the commissioning and empowering of his disciples to be his witnesses throughout the world. Come for the lessons, come for the friends, come for the games, or just come for the donuts and chocolate milk!

Life Planning

Life Planning will be meeting on Wednesday March 11th at 7:00. We were not able to meet in February due to the weather. Looking forward to seeing everyone in March. There are only two more months left as we wrap up this year.

ministry happenings

SYF

This semester at SYF we're going to be learning more about the fruit of the Spirit and how this fruit can be a part of our lives. Want to know the secret? Read John 15:4-5.

Friday Morning Small Group

Jenny Young continues to enjoy meeting with several high school girls for small group conversations and coffee at McDonald's before school on Friday mornings. Feel free to contact her if you're interested in joining the group and getting some coffee on her!



Events / Activities

Men's Ministry

A monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast and share joys and concerns, and pray together. Our next meeting time is Saturday, March 14 at 7:40AM.

Third Thursday Lunch

The next Third Thursday luncheon will be held on March 20, 2020, beginning at 11:30pm in the parish hall. Those in attendance will discover what menu Judy Sears has come up with for the meal, as well as enjoy a short devotion and fellowship.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Please join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study group. This weekly time of fellowship, prayer and Bible study explores the Discovery Guide's daily lesson for that Tuesday. The two pastors take turns leading the study time, which occurs from 9:15am to 10:15am in the Fireside Room.

Trip Participant For Hire Fundraiser

The 16 participants for the Dominican Republic mission trip are looking for odd jobs to do for you to raise funds for their trip. Need a babysitter for a night? Need help with a project around your house? Our trip participants might be able to help. Contact Ryan Christman (419-551-2124) if you'd like to "hire" one of our participants for their service in exchange for your donation to the DR mission trip. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a fellowship hour on March 29th from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Children and youth are invited to have a snack before going to gathering time or their class room. Adults are invited to gather for refreshments and may stay and fellowship together or move on to a Sunday School class.

Man Camp

Man Camp is this month! The men of St. John's are planning a retreat to Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI on March 27-29. The weekend will be filled with great food, an encouraging speaker, numerous outdoor and indoor activities, and good conversation with other men about faith, life, work, and family. Contact Bruce Wooley, Pastor Alex or go to <http://www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp> to learn more



Stephen Ministry

Sometimes it's hard to let people know how we're really feeling because we don't want to be high maintenance. We don't want anyone to feel sorry for us. Or we fear if we're honest, someone might perceive our struggle as a lack of faith. The one thing a hurting heart doesn't need is a "sidewalk sermon" that translates into guilt. The risk of being judged feels so great, we pretend we're fine. We don't want to be perceived as insecure, weak and inadequate. If you're tired of pretending you're fine, there is a solution – a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will not judge or see you as frail. We need each other and we need God together. A Stephen Minister will say, "You don't have to be strong all the time." Maybe all you need is someone who listens with compassion and concern and prays for and with you. When you are willing to be real, others get to see, pray for, and know the "real you" and you can rediscover the God we all so desperately need and love.

54th Annual FAIRLAWN Auction

April 2 & 3

Founder's Hall - Sauder Village
State Route 2 Archbold, Ohio

To donate items call 567.444.5086
or 419.4454.3075

All Proceeds Benefit Fairlawn
Haven Care Center Residents

Preview items at:
www.fairlawnarchbold.com
visit our facebook page

Thursday April 2 Auction Preview Night 4:30-7:30pm

- Free Will Donation Meal featuring Philly Steak and Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Pie & Ice Cream and more
- Preview Auction items and share in some special music.
- Enjoy community fun and fellowship
- Try your luck with the Chinese Raffle and Box Sale or purchase some wonderful baked goods

Friday, April 3, Auction Night 4:30-7:30pm

- Free Will Donation Meal featuring: Baked Potato Bar, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Salads, Homemade Tapioca and Pies.
- 4:00-7:00 Bake Sale, Box Sale, Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle
- Auction 6:00-7:30 with Frey & Sons Auctioneers
- Exciting items including handcrafted furniture & quilts, sports tickets, collectables, gift cards, food, outdoor items, and more.



Fairlawn Retirement Community is a non-profit, faith based senior living community in Archbold, OH

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00AM Worship 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	Mission-A-Month— Friendship House Elder of the Month— Jeff Rutledge					
1 8:00PM Mark Trammel Quartet	2 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Ministry Tr.	3 7:15AM YFC Bible Study (AMS) 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Com. Meal 7:00PM Capital Camp. Com 7:00PM SYF Leader's Mtg.	4 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:00PM Lenten Service	5 8:30PM Pre-school Dad's Night 7:00PM Mission Com.	6	7 Daylight Savings Time Begins Tomorrow (set clocks ahead 1 hour) 11:50AM Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	9 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Min. 7:30PM Praise Band Reh	10 7:15AM YFC Bible Study (AMS) 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Com. Meal 7:00PM Property Comm.	11 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Min. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Life Planning 7:00PM Facility Committee	12 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Minis- try 6:30PM Pre-school Dad's Night	13	14 7:40AM Men's Prayer Brk- fst.
15	16 Archbold Spring Break Pettisville Spring Break 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	17 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Com. Meal 7:00PM CE Team	18 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 8:15PM Chancel Choir Reh.	19 11:30AM Thurs- day Luncheon	20	21
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Camden Warncke | 19 Ben & Sue Buehrer, Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman |
| 2 Cameron Yoder | 21 Jenna Storrer |
| 3 Cindy Sauder, Rosemarie Schmidt | 22 Sandy Frazier |
| 5 Roger & Kay Merillat, Brent & Lynda Schnitkey | 23 Sue Grieser, Brent Winzeler |
| 6 Keith & Nici Wyse | 26 Bo Krukowski, Jacob Nofziger, Esther Rice |
| 7 Jeff Nofziger, Aimee Roth, Aiden & Owen Storrer | 27 Jon Rupp |
| 8 Brad Enderle, Meridith Meyer | 28 Jamie Beck, John Beck, Jodi Beltz |
| 10 Ann Grime | 29 Carson Baden, Cagney Grime, Leah Nafziger |
| 11 Julie Buehrer, Lindsay Wyse | 30 Dorothy Miller, Mark Nofziger, Jeff & Cathy Nofziger,
Wyatt Overmier |
| 12 Katie Layton, Dawsyn Martinez, Lucas & Carrie
Nofziger | 31 Brayden Hall |
| 13 Bud & Tootie Beck, Kenny Cowell, Bryson Martinez | |
| 16 Rachel Kinsman, Ron Rice | |
| 17 Raegan Rutledge | |
| 18 Molly Rutledge | |

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

worship

March Worship Schedule

March 1st	Scriptures – Psalm 40:1-8, Psalm 100 Sermon – “Lent – Worship” M-A-M – The Friendship House 10:30am – Chancel Choir – “As the Deer”
March 8th	Scriptures – John 8:31-32, Romans 12:1-8 Sermon – “Lent – Study” 10:30am – Special Music
March 15th	Scriptures – Psalm 17:1-9, Colossians 4:2-6 Sermon – “Lent – Prayer and Meditation” 10:30am – Junior Choir – “My God is Powerful”
March 22nd	Scriptures – Psalm 26, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 Sermon – “Lent – Self-Examination” 10:30am – Chancel Choir – “In Jesus”
March 29th	Scriptures – John 3:16-17, 1 John 3:16-20 Sermon – “Lent – Sacrifice” 10:30am – Special Music

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Beginning on March 4th, Pastor Erich will be leading Lenten worship services in the sanctuary, beginning at 7pm. These services of singing, prayer and study lesson will focus on the previous Sunday's sermon theme as we go through the Lenten Season.



Easter Memorials/Flowers

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials and Flowers (deadline March 13). Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.



Lenten Coin Folders

Youth and adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today. These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 12th) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

consistory/committees

Scholarship Information

College & Seminary Scholarships

St. John's Christian Church offers and administers four scholarships:

1. Springer Scholarship – for students enrolled in seminary, pre-seminary or Christian Ed. studies
2. Nursing Scholarship – for a nursing student who is a member of SJCC and who attends an accredited post-secondary school of nursing
3. College Scholarship – awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year
4. Seminary Scholarship – tuition scholarships for students attending seminary

The deadline for applications is April 1st. Applications may be picked up from the church office, or students may contact the church office (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) to have the information and application packet digitally sent to them.

Property Committee

The Property Committee has been working to address several property issues:

1. Sidewalk Snow Removal – the people who had been lined up to clear the walks during the week informed the committee in early February that they were no longer able to clear the walks, so the Property Committee is looking for people willing to help them clear the walks prior to 8am Monday through Friday.
2. Boiler – a pressure relief valve and drain valve were recently replaced as part of the ongoing upkeep of the boiler system.
3. Parish Hall Heating/Cooling Unit – the installation of the new unit is ongoing.
4. Blue Spruce Tree – the large spruce located southwest of the chapel will be removed due to an ongoing infestation of bag worms and deterioration of the tree's branches.
5. Digital Sign – the committee continues to gather information from three companies, including having digital sign demonstrations from two of the companies, for the installation of a digital LED sign, which will be located west of the chapel. Final renderings and details of the sign will be shared with Consistory and then the Congregation in the next few months. As part of this project, the present lighted sign will be removed, as well as removal of the stone wall and landscaped area where the original church sign was located west of the parlor window. Funds towards the purchase and installation of the sign have been donated to the church, in the sum of \$45,000.
6. Lights – the light bulbs high above the chancel steps in the sanctuary were recently replaced with LED bulbs, but one of the bulbs quit working. The light bulbs on the eastern most light pole in the south parking lot are not working properly. The committee is in contact with Creighton Electric for replacement of the bulb and/or fixtures.

March Daily Scriptures

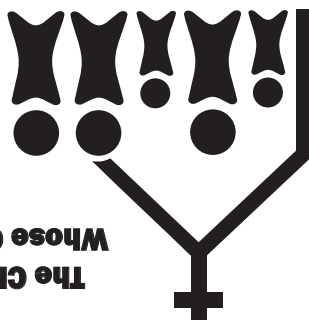
(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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 When God Seems Absent-----Psalms 42,43	16 Solid Hope-----1 Peter 1:1-12
2 Lost Devotion-----1 Kings 11:1-13	17 Things are Different Now -----1 Peter 1:13-21
3 God's Invitation-----1 Kings 11:26-43	18 A Powerful Word -----1 Peter 1:22-2:3
4 Bad Advice -----1 Kings 12:1-20	19 Living Stones-----1 Peter 2:4-10
5 Pragmatic Faith -----1 Kings 12:21-33	20 Good Living-----1 Peter 2:11-17
6 Final Review -----1 Kings 15:9-24	21 Difficult Reading-----1 Peter 2:18-25
7 Bad To Worse -----1 Kings 16:23-34	22 No Need To Fear-----Psalm 46
8 Where Were You, Lord? ----- Psalm 44	23 Always Radical!-----1 Peter 3:1-7
9 Don't Be Afraid -----1 Kings 17	24 Peace Makers-----1 Peter 3:8-22
10 Trapped!-----1 Kings 18:1-15	25 A Whole New Outlook-----1 Peter 4:1-11
11 The True "Troubler" -----1 Kings 18:16-46	26 Suffering and Glory-----1 Peter 4:12-19
12 Needing God -----1 Kings 19	27 Kind Shepherds-----1 Peter 5:1-7
13 A God Who Sees-----1 Kings 21	28 Roaring Lions -----1 Peter 5:8-14
14 Unequal Partners-----1 Kings 22:1-5, 29-53	29 To Come -----Psalm 47
15 The Wedding Song-----Psalm 45	30 God Invades -----Ezekiel 1
	31 The Great Disrupter -----Ezekiel 2:1-3:15

Holy Communion:
New Year (1/5), Ash Wednesday (2/26), Maundy Thursday (4/9),
Pentecost (5/31), Mid-Summer (7/12), World Wide Communion
(10/4), First Sunday of Advent (11/29)

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