



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ Pastor Ryan Volkman and family, and for SJCC through the developing search and call process; that our hearts continue to be led by the Spirit as we approach April 10th.
- ◆ Kenny Walker III, who had surgery to address kidney stones and is still in a great deal of pain.
- ◆ Dan Martinez, who underwent heart bypass surgery on 3/23, which went very well, with doctors saying he now has "the heart of a teenager!"
- ◆ Jon Lindsay, who is recovering from minor surgery on 3/21.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as further scans in March revealed cancer in her bones. She's been struggling with kidney function and has been receiving dialysis, which has delayed treatment for the bone cancer and valley fever.
- ◆ Scott Light, Dan's nephew, as he's facing major surgery this month to deal with a large tumor on his spine.
- ◆ Beverly Beaverson, who was moved from her suite and into a new room this past month. We pray for a peaceful and easy transition as she settles into her new space.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she continues to recuperate from foot and finger joint surgery.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who is scheduled for his second heel and Achilles surgery on 4/14.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shane Pitts, Deployed, Qatar (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)

- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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

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Josephine Short, Room #405

Wayne Spiess, Room #174

Donna Buehrer, Room #153-B

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Shirley Wyse

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

The search and call process is a unique hiring process; a coordinated endeavor involving the Holy Spirit, the church and the candidate. In the 170 years of its existence, St. John's has been served by eighteen pastors and five associate pastors, so the search and call process has been undertaken numerous times in the church's history. I continue to pray for God's leading and discernment for all involved – the Search Committee, the Consistory, the candidate, Ryan Volkman, and his family, and each and every person of the congregation.

As I think about the search and call process, which is a typical process followed in reformed church traditions, and many other churches, I recall various biblical accounts concerning such situations.

In Acts 1, as the disciples recognized the need to fill the void left because of the death of Judas, to bring their number back up to 12, Acts 2:23-26 shares that they proposed two men and then they cast lots to decide. Casting lots amounted to consulting God for an answer, as Proverbs 16:33 states, "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord."

The Lord Jesus himself chose Paul to be an apostle and missionary in the early church. Then Paul offers advice in his letters to Timothy (3:1-7) and Titus (1:5-9) about the qualities an elder (overseer), such as a pastor, should possess.

As April 10 approaches, the weekend the congregation will meet, hear from and observe Ryan, I encourage us to be in devout and fervent prayer, seeking the will of the Lord, that the search and call process will truly result in the discernment of the Lord's will.

In Christian Service,

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PS...PV (Pastor's Vacation)

I want to share that Lynne and I will be on vacation from April 19th through the 23rd. We'll be joined by two of my sisters, Jane and Reba, and the four of us will be traveling to our sister Sarah's home in Minnesota. Sarah lives with sarcoidosis, a lung disease, which she has lived with since 2000. Ever since that year, she has been on oxygen 24/7. As we spend time with her, we'll be helping her to maintain her home and take care of several things she cannot physically do. Family helping family!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S



Joshua Reeb is a member of the local Bible Quizzing team, "Men of Valor," from King's Cross Church. In mid-March, Joshua's team won the local tournament (pictured left) and Joshua was one of the top 25 quizzers as an individual! The team then went on to compete in the AMEC Bible Quiz Invitational in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 69 teams from Ohio and Pennsylvania participated in total, quizzing over material from the books of Jonah, Joshua, Nehemiah, Zechariah, and Job. Joshua's team was the last of 9 teams from Northwest Ohio left standing. They finished in an astounding 6th place!

Congratulations, Joshua and Men of Valor on your amazing finish!

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS (CONT.)



Congratulations to new parents, Jayson and Christina Lindsay, and to new grandparents, Jon and Jan Lindsay, on the birth of Benjamin Charles on March 6th, 2022. Benjamin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 22.5 inches long.

Due to an infection, baby Benjamin was in the NICU for a few weeks until he was able to safely go home with his parents on March 23rd. While he is doing well now, please continue to pray for his health and for his parents as they navigate life as a new family of three!

Annual Yearbook

The 2022 Annual Yearbook is *finally* available! Printed copies are located on a table in the Narthex. If you would like a PDF digital copy instead, please contact Jocelyn in the church office at 419-446-2545.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Senior Citizen Luncheon - Friday, April 29th

Archbold High School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 29th at 11:00AM in the Archbold High School Gymnasium. This event is free and open to any senior citizen living in the Archbold Area Local School District. The students, staff, and administration of Archbold High School recognize the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Their support is vital in creating an environment that helps our students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders.

A sign-up sheet is posted under the “Community Events” section of the office bulletin boards. If you’re interested in attending, please sign-up by Easter Sunday, April 17th and Jocelyn will contact the school on April 18th to secure the group’s reservation.

Man Cave Ministry - Men’s Night & Dinner with David Blanton

David Blanton is Executive Producer and host of Realtree Outdoors as well as overseeing the production of the best-selling deer hunting DVDs of all time, Monster Bucks. While David has earned a reputation throughout the hunting industry as someone who knows the ins and outs of filming and harvesting big game across North America, he is most passionate about his journey, through victories and defeats, to develop a closer walk with God and how God continues to use the platform of hunting as a stage to allow him to speak to outdoorsmen across the country. Join Man Cave Ministry at 5:30PM for a meal followed by David’s talk on Sunday, May 15th at Pettisville Missionary Church (19055 County Rd. D). The event and meal are free; however, tickets must be reserved by going to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

God Winks - Devotional Writers Needed!

If you stop and think about it, you've likely had a moment in your life when you've stopped in your tracks and had to ask, "God, what are you doing?" Then several hours, days, or even years later, it all becomes clear, as if God were looking over you and winking, knowing that all was in His plan the entire time. *A God Wink.*

Inspired by Pastor Erich's sermon on March 13th, we are putting together a devotional booklet of God Winks – or situations where, in hindsight, we realize God was in control the entire time. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to write and share their God Wink moment(s) for this booklet. While there's no suggested length to tell your story, we recommend staying under 800 words. The hope is that we will have it printed professionally so that these stories aren't lost in memory, but shared with others for many years of hope and inspiration. If you're interested in contributing to the booklet, please contact Carol DeVries (419-445-8311) or Jocelyn Walker (419-575-4218/office@stjohnsarchbold.org).

I pray that each one of us can offer those kinds of experiences to others as we serve the light of the world." - Pastor Erich, 3/13/22

Life Planning

In March, the Life Planning group met and watched the movie *Breakthrough* and brought our favorite movie snacks. Based on a true story, *Breakthrough* is a reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope - and sometimes even a miracle. It also reminded us of the power of prayer. This is a good family movie if you have not seen it. There are only two Life Planning gatherings left for the year! We will be meeting on April 13th and wrapping up our year on May 11th with senior recognition! Happy spring!

Senior High Sunday School

We have begun a new 7-session series titled, "I AM Jesus." Through the reading and study of the Gospel of John, we get an insight on who Jesus is based on the statements He made Himself. "I AM the bread of life, I AM the light of the world, I AM the

door, I AM the good shepherd, I AM the way, the truth and the life, I AM the true vine, I AM the resurrection." We will consider how we can apply these statements in our lives today.

Christian Camp Scholarship Program

St. John's Christian Church will cover up to 50% of the registration fees for children and youth of the congregation attending Christian camping events. Parents will be responsible for registering their child or youth for a Christian camping experience and informing the church office of their registration. Parents will complete and turn into the church office a form for each child they are sending to a Christian camp. St. John's will pay the registration costs based on either an early registration discount or the cost of the camp no later than two months prior to the event.

Third Thursday Luncheons – For Senior Citizens and Any and All!

The next luncheon and program are scheduled for April 21st. As Pastor Erich will be out of town, he's lining up a special after lunch program, served by Judy Sears.

GIF Gals

Aaron's sister took a tambourine in her hand and all the women followed her, with tambourine and dancing. Sing to the Lord for he is highly exalted. Exodus 15:20

On March 27th, the GIF Gals outing took them to the Fayette Opera House. We were in for a full day of a wonderful, tasty luncheon and concert. The servers were very gracious and the time for digestion and conversation was pleasant. Soon we were told the program was about to begin. I don't know how the ride on the elevator was, but it had to be better than taking the never-ending staircase. The concert featured Lynn Long on piano and Ed Duling on the reed organ. What beautiful music they made together. The concert was worth climbing all those stairs!

The next outing will be Wednesday, April 20th, where we will head to the Delta 109 Tavern & Eatery from the church's south parking lot at 5:00pm. Please sign-up by April 10th so we can call for a table.

CONSISTORY

March 21 Consistory Meeting Highlights

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Fellowship Committee – Steve Walker reported on a Game Night scheduled for March 26th at 6:30pm and shared that the Easter Breakfast will be prepared and served by Life Planning.
 - b. Search Committee – David Stuckey reviewed the schedule and plans for the April 9th and 10th trial weekend in the Search and Call Process. Consistory members then lined up needs for the special congregational meeting scheduled for April 10th.
 - c. Spiritual Council – Erich Christman reported that he will be on vacation April 19-23, will attend a ministry conference May 2-4, and will be taking Sunday, May 22, off, following Ryan's wedding the day before. Pastor Erich shared that Spiritual Council recommends that there be no change to the church constitution regarding the nomination/election process.
 - d. Evangelism Committee – Karen Walker reported that the committee discussed what evangelism is and what direction the group wants to go. There was also discussion about "passing the peace" in worship and should this be re-instated. Congregational education will be shared by Pastor Erich in upcoming services.
 - c. Mission Committee – Crissi Stuckey reported that the committee is discussing a New Horizon Academy experience as a mission event.
2. Pastor's Report – 2022 Committee Member Recruitment is almost finished, with only the Christian Education Team left to complete. Pastor Erich began a discussion about whether St. John's could take on the community meal as one of our ministries, continuing to rely on churches and other organizations to help, but St. John's would be covering many more weeks of the meals. He then referred to a "Ministry Watch" article in the meeting packet that speaks to the changing nature of the Church Universal, with evangelism in post-pandemic times being very important. The last item involved the cleaning out and organization of the storage building, with a focus on recycling.
3. Old Business
 - a. DQ Land Purchase – the 19' frontage adjacent to the DQ property has been surveyed and paperwork is in process.
 - b. Capital Campaign Second Offering – data shows the offerings are making a difference and will be continued.
 - c. South Property Task Force – to discern future uses of the property – Carrie Wooley and Betsy Redd have volunteered to serve.

Stewardship Report

As of March 24, 2022

	2022 Budget	2022 YTD Budget (13/52) Weeks	2022 YTD Receipts	2022 YTD Expenses	2022 YTD (+ / -)
Operating Fund	\$ 397,244.00	\$ 99,311	\$ 84,245	\$ 64,679	\$ 19,566
Mission Fund	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 37,500	\$ 91,256	\$ 57,601	\$ 33,655

“LIFE IS EVERYWHERE” | MARCH 8, 2022, BREAKPOINT.ORG

The following article was shared with Pastor Erich as a word of encouragement in living in the reality of a fallen world:

“Evil may be everywhere...but so is life. So is goodness. So is beauty.”

In his book *Life With a Capital L*, author Matt Heard describes a famous oil painting by Russian artist Nikolai Yaroshenko.

“Five diverse prisoners—a soldier, a worker, a peasant, a mother and a child—are huddled together, peering through the barred window of a halted prison railcar. The child reaches through the steel bars, feeding pigeons on the railway platform. Even in the midst of an awful predicament, the five prisoners were making a choice to engage with something. With what?”

“Yaroshenko’s title gave me the clue, *There Is Life Everywhere*.”

Given the devastation mounting in Ukraine, that’s a profound meditation. As I write this, casualties are mounting, and the Russian military is increasingly targeting civilian infrastructure, including a maternity ward in Mariupol. The resulting images – pregnant mothers and newborn infants being pulled out of the wreckage, shell-shocked faces covered in blood, thousands crammed into bus stations and bomb shelters and fleeing across Poland’s border – remind us that life after Eden can be brutal, evil, and full of horror.

Ironically, thousands of refugees are now streaming towards Nikolai Yaroshenko’s own hometown of Poltava, once a city of the Russian Empire but now part of central Ukraine.

When the scale of a crisis is this large, the dominant feeling for those watching is *helplessness*. If the actions of entire nations haven’t been enough to stop Putin, what can ordinary people do? Like Yaroshenko’s prisoners, we are trapped here in this broken world, forced to deal with life’s fundamental brokenness and the stark reality of human evil.

Yaroshenko’s answer takes the form of a kid’s grubby hand holding crumbs out for pigeons, a mom pointing her child to a simple wonder, and others taking it all in while facing a grim future. Evil may be everywhere ... but so is life. So is goodness. So is beauty.

Everything might be broken, but the goodness of our Creator’s handwork shines through the darkness. In fact, in a very real sense, that we recognize the darkness as darkness, and evil as evil, presupposes the existence of light and goodness. And even in the midst of the darkness and evil in Ukraine right now, there is light. There is goodness. There is beauty.

Take brand new baby Mia, born in a Kyiv bomb shelter as explosions rocked the surrounding neighborhoods. Or the nearly 4,000 marriages, some officiated in a mixture of bridal wear and fatigues, performed as Russian troops bore down on the city.

For Christians, the context for the existence of evil is not just the good creation which precedes it. It is the redemption that will overcome evil. Anchored in His victory over death, Jesus offers abundant, overflowing life, not just in the distant future, but *now*. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy,” Jesus announced: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

This is no prosperity gospel. Nor is it some detached, pietistic hope of heaven. In Christ, there is life which both secures our eternal destiny and endows our earthly existence with meaning, love, and identity.

C.S. Lewis articulated this brilliantly in his 1948 essay *On Living in An Atomic Age*. As the world first faced the possibility of nuclear destruction, Lewis offered an eternal context:

“Those who care for something else more than civilization are the only people by whom civilization is at all likely to be preserved. Those who want Heaven most have served Earth best. Those who love man less than God do most for man.”

So, Lewis argued, should the atomic bomb ever drop, it ought to find us doing “sensible and human” things: praying, working, listening to music, laughing, and talking with friends. This is no naive or lighthearted invitation to shirk responsibility. It’s an invitation to celebrate good things, even when by every worldly standard, the only realistic response is despair.

Even now, there are Christians in Ukraine living this out: packing churches and singing hymns in a metro station. Volunteers who hosted “Night to Shine” events with the Tim Tebow foundation are now evacuating special needs families with their own trucks and gas. Indeed, there is life everywhere. In Christ, there is Life, abundant life, even in the darkest moments.

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,” James wrote, “for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” These words describe the joy and courage Christians have embodied for millennia, from the earliest martyrs to the Chibok schoolgirls. At the end of the day, there is Life everywhere.

PASTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP: TRIAL SUNDAY WEEKEND

All SJCC members and friends received a detailed letter in March explaining the Call Agreement that was extended to Pastor Ryan Volkman in early March to be the new Pastor of Music and Worship. As a result, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, April 10th to vote on the Call Agreement, following both services of worship. Pastor Ryan will lead and preach during both services of worship, and will participate in two music rehearsals on Saturday, April 9th.

Details for his trial Sunday weekend and the special congregational meeting are outlined below:

Saturday, April 9th

- 9:00 am: Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am: Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm: Meet & Greet with Pastor Ryan (SJCC Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 10th

- 8:00 am: Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am: Special Congregational Meeting called to order (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am: Education Hour Meet & Greet with Pastor Ryan (SJCC Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am: Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
- 11:30 am: Special Congregational Meeting reopened (Sanctuary and Zoom)

Zoom Information

Login Link: <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 871 4989 1504
Passcode: Sjcc410RV

Candidate Biography

Pastor Ryan Volkman, a native of Archbold, began his professional education as a music education major at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was several classes away from completing the degree's requirements before feeling called to ministry. In 2009, he graduated from Concordia University with a Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Seminary Studies and in 2019 completed a Master of Divinity from Fuller Seminary (online). Ryan served as a missionary and teacher in Slovakia from August 2010 to August 2011 and then in the Czech Republic from August 2012 to June 2014 through LCMS World Mission. Ryan was supported by St. John's Christian Church during that time. After receiving his call to serve as a missionary in Slovakia, Ryan met his wife, Stanka. They married in September 2012 in Zilina, Slovakia, and together served as missionaries in the Czech Republic. They have two sons, Daniel (8) and Filip (4). In June 2014, Ryan received a call to serve as Pastor of Youth and Young Families at Wall Brethren Church in Wall, TX, and has been serving as the church's Interim Senior Pastor since November 2021.

While Ryan's primary responsibilities have focused on youth and family ministries, his passion has always been in music. Ryan has extensive experience in organizing music in worship through selecting hymns, coordinating special music, and creating orders of worship. He is a well-trained and talented musician with music theory education; the ability to play piano, guitar, and organ; direct choirs (vocal, bells, chimes); and is a gifted tenor vocalist. He also offers music lessons.

The Search Committee learned Ryan has a passionate love of, understanding of, and education in both traditional and contemporary styles of music, and sees their importance in enhancing the worship experience. He has a strong desire to continue to grow and generate new ideas, and is tech-savvy with experience with sound equipment, live streaming platforms, Finale (music software), and PowerPoint. His love of Jesus Christ is at the forefront of his ministry and family life, and it is evident he is led with a genuine, humble, servant heart.

MISSION CORNER

April Mission-A-Month: Growing Hope Globally

Growing Hope Globally (GHG) was created to alleviate world hunger by globally connecting local communities through agriculture.

The 2021 Soybean Project in which St. John's participated is complete. It was a successful growing season and with the support of SJCC and other area churches and organizations, GHG was able to send \$12,869.57 from the year's growing project. 324 people were helped in finding lasting solutions to hunger.

Donations given to Growing Hope Globally will provide for the ongoing blessing of the local project. Financial donations can be made through your weekly offering envelopes or by selecting "Growing Hope Globally" as your designated fund in Breeze's online giving feature at stjohnsarchbold.org/online-giving/.

Back Bay Mission Trip

The group of 12 servants spent the week working to repair the interior of Ms. Jessie's home, which was located in Gulfport, about a 22 minute drive from the mission house. Groups had already replaced the roof and siding, and the group the previous week had done some interior work in one room of the house. Tasks we worked on included: removing existing flooring, repairing damaged subflooring, laying new laminate plank flooring, installing new trim and repairing old trim, repairing some damaged wall paneling, priming and painting ceilings, walls, paneling and trim (in six rooms), repairing plumbing and electrical issues, repairing some furniture, reinstalling the washer and dryer, and general cleaning. For all that to happen, the group had to empty out each room of furniture, clothing, and more.

The group enjoyed some time with Ms. Jessie and one of her grandson's, Justin, as well as playing with one of her dogs, Blackie. We also enjoyed spending time with BBM staff and volunteers.

Highlights of the week, besides the daily work accomplished, included plenty of group fellowship, enjoying a Sunday afternoon walk along the gulf shore, eating at a southern BBQ place and a seafood place, which is a local favorite and might be consid-

ered a "dive" in relation to the show, "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

The trip home was indeed eventful, as Pastor Erich spoke about in his message on March 13th (two blown bus tires and a window popping out while driving along the highway).

Back Bay Mission is a blessed place of ministry, serving people of poverty and people affected by hurricanes and struggling economies. Trip participants have gleaned much from the ministry of BBM and all glory and honor is given to the Lord for the interactions with BBM over the past 22 years.

Help Build Hope: Wall Framing Event – May 14th

The Mission Committee has approved partnering with a ministry named Help Build Hope. Help Build Hope coordinates one-day events in framing walls for a new home. And it's a three-way partnership – St. John's Christian Church, Help Build Hope, and Habitat for Humanity, Fulton County, Ohio (who are building the home these walls are designed for).

We are looking to have 80 to 120 volunteers in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 14th. Volunteers can include families, groups, individuals, couples, children, youth and adults, from the congregation and from the community. All levels of ability are welcome to participate – hammering and carrying the materials and completed walls will be the general work.

Volunteers will be able to sign-up online, once Help Build Up sends us a specific sign-up link. The morning schedule will tentatively be:

- ◆ 8:00am - Morning Worship
- ◆ 8:15am - Instructions: A time to explain what we will be doing for the day, with instructions for basic wall building and the goals for the day. Also who will be receiving the home and how it will change their lives.
- ◆ 8:30am - Build Time: 15 building stations, with 5 to 8 people at each station.
- ◆ 11:00am - Completed walls will be stood up and screwed together
- ◆ 11:30pm - Dedication Service, including signing the walls with markers
- ◆ 11:45pm - Walls will be disassembled and carried into the storage building

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MISSION THANK YOU'S

St. John's Christian Church,

Grateful. Thankful. Appreciative... that's what we are for your prayers and financial support. Words do not do justice. Thank you!

Shepherds Circle



Hi Friends,

I am writing with a quick update to say thank you for praying for our students over Spring Break. I helped lead a trip of 20 students (mostly freshmen) from the Southwest part of UM's campus to Hilton Head Island, SC. We also spent some time exploring Savannah, GA. The theme of the week was "The Only Thing That Counts..." which is a reference to the latter part of Galatians 5:6:

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love..."

This was the most phenomenal spring break trip I've ever been apart of for many reasons. We had safe travels and no Covid concerns. Ultimately though, I am in awe of the way God impacted students' lives, from people deciding to follow Jesus to discovering their vocation to loving the homeless in Savannah, to identifying at the age of 18 the most important thing that should be impacting their decisions for the rest of their lives. It was a week filled with Worship, Community, and Mission.

Grace and Gratitude,
Kyle Chase
Reliant



Additional Mission Thank You's from...

- ♦ Fulton County Christmas Cheer, for our gift of \$400.
- ♦ Church World Service, for our gift of \$100.
- ♦ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi (Reliant), for our gift of \$100.
- ♦ Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$268.
- ♦ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$145.

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 3rd **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Mission-A-Month: Growing Hope Globally
 Scriptures: Psalm 51:1-10, Luke 15:1-10
 Sermon: "Sinners Welcome"
 10:30am Service: Praise Team
 Special Music: Junior Choir

April 10th **Palm Sunday – Palm Processional**

Trial Sunday of Ryan Volkman, Pastor of Music and Worship Candidate
 Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11
 Sermon: "King Jesus"
 10:30am Service: Praise Team
 10:30am Service: Vocal Ensemble – "Blessed Is He Who Comes"

April 14th **Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00pm**

Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:31-35
 Sermon: "Proclaiming the Lord's Death"
 Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Quartet - "How Beautiful"

April 15th **Good Friday Service - Service of Tenebrae - 7:00pm**

Scriptures: Psalm 22:1-5, 22-24, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10
 Sermon: "Jesus, The Son of God"

April 17th **Easter Sunday! Hallelujah, Christ Arose!**

7:00am: Sunrise Service
 Scriptures: Matthew 28:5-6, John 20:1-18
 Message: "It's Easter Morning, Again!"
 8:00am: Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, provided by Life Planning
 8:45am: Easter Egg Hunt
 9:15am: Sunday School Hour
 10:30am: Easter Service of Worship
 Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12
 Sermon: "The Resurrection"
 Praise Team
 Vocal Ensemble – "He Arose"

April 24th **Presentation Sunday – Second Year Confirmands Leading Service**

Confirmands: Ava Genter, Emma Krukowski, Avery Roth, Evy Roth
 Special Music: Hand Bell Choir and

Hand Chime Choir – "The Doxology"

10:30am Service: Praise Team



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sundays: 8AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 9:15AM FV, SS, Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	MAM: Growing Hope Globally Elder of the Month: Betsy Redd			1 5PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved	2 10:30AM Praise Team
3 4PM Gym Reserved 6PM Seekers	4 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved	5 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal 7PM Mission Committee	6 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6PM 2nd Year Confirmation 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF 7PM Lenten Lesson 8PM Vocal Ensemble	7 Parish Hall Reserved	8 Parish Hall Reserved 5PM Buckenmeyer Wedding	9 Parish Hall Reserved 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9AM Vocal Ensemble 10AM Praise Team 5PM Ryan Volkman Meet & Greet
10 Special Congregational Meeting 4PM Gym Reserved	11 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 6PM Building Committee	12 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal 7PM Property Committee	13 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6PM 2nd Year Confirmation 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM Life Planning 8PM Vocal Ensemble	14 7PM Maundy Thursday Service	15 5PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved 7PM Good Friday Service	16
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Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 3 Eric Buckenmeyer, Grant Cover, Kisha Genter, Dencel Miller
- 6 Bryce Beltz
- 7 Norma Fish, Cameron Ruffer
- 8 Jude Rutledge
- 9 Will Baden
- 10 Jane Lesniak, Charlie Nofziger
- 11 Mike Overmier
- 13 James Grime
- 15 Keith Kern
- 16 Kreighton Sims

- 17 Dean Sauder
- 18 Ryan & Chelsi Smith
- 21 Evelyn Walker, Finn Yoder, Kendal Pursel, Kylie Sauder
- 22 Hailey Wooley, Bill & Kathy Bostelman
- 23 JD Holdgreve, Mark & Jodi Beltz
- 24 Kenley Lantz, Jessica Lindsay, Karla Pursel
- 26 Renee Liechty
- 27 Jay Riley, Matt & Kim Hines
- 28 Dale Grime, Vond Hall, Bill Metz
- 29 Kim Hines

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

APRIL DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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- 1 Turn Back to God!----- Zechariah 1

2 The City that Is to Come----- Zechariah 2

3 Guard Me, Protect Me! ----- Psalm 141

4 Called to Be Pure Priests ----- Zechariah 3

5 Not By Might----- Zechariah 4

6 Judgement Is in the Air! ----- Zechariah 5

7 The Priest-King ----- Zechariah 6

8 Reality Over Ritual ----- Zechariah 7

9 When God Is With You----- Zechariah 8

10 Depending on God Alone ----- Psalm 142

11 Chaos Reigns?----- John 18:1-14

12 Speaking Openly----- John 18:15-27

13 Speaking Truth----- John 18:28-40

14 Rejected ----- John 19:1-16

15 New Family----- John 19:16-27
- 16 Dead and Buried-----John 19:28-42

17 Risen Indeed ----- John 20:1-10

18 Let Go, Get More-----John 20:11-18

19 Into the World -----John 20:19-31

20 Gone Fishing----- John 21:1-14

21 Restored-----John 21:15-19

22 Undistracted Following-----John 21:20-25

23 The King Is Coming! -----Zechariah 9

24 Help Me, Show Me! ----- Psalm 143

25 The Best of Shepherds----- Zechariah 10

26 Rejected by the Flock----- Zechariah 11

27 Spiritual Transformation! ----- Zechariah 12

28 God’s People Cleansed ----- Zechariah 13

29 His Feet Change Everything! ----- Zechariah 14

30 Why, Why, Why? ----- Romans 9:1-5

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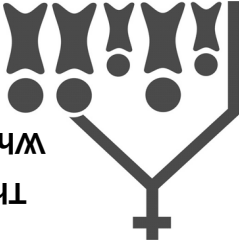
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Holy Communion:

New Year (1/2), Ash Wednesday (3/2), Maundy Thursday (4/14), Pentecost (6/5), Mid-Summer (7/17), World Wide Communion (10/2), First Sunday of Advent (11/27)