



Sunday, November 9, 2025

8:00am & 10:30am

St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the second floor room labeled "Artisan's Tent." Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Artisan's Tent. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance devices are available for use with the sanctuary sound system. Please see an usher if you'd like to check out one of these devices for our service today.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Peter 4:7-10

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"

"A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

† Hymns of Praise

#19, "We Worship and Adore You"

#20, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

#21, "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

(10:30) Adult Choir

"Gospel Jubilee"

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 6, "God, Whose Giving"

Sermon

"Stewardship: Honestly and Faithfully"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Father, Lift Me Up"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 7, "God of the Fertile Fields"

† Spoken Benediction

(Transition to Special Congregational Meeting)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 4:7-10 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

2 Corinthians 8:16-24 I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. ¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. ¹⁸ And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. ¹⁹ What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. ²⁰ We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. ²¹ For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men. ²² In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. ²⁴ Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.

MISSION-A-MONTH - FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

Fulton County Christmas Cheer is the one organization that unites the entire county in serving our needy. Thanks to generous donations from area churches, organizations, and community members, families in need have the ability to "shop" for free items ahead of the holiday season, including essential items such as toilet tissue, detergent, cleaning needs, etc., and other items such as toys and gift cards. St. John's participates each year with the Cheer Tree, which is decorated with tags indicating specific items in need from Cheer. Gifts can be placed in the white donation box outside the chapel to be taken to the Cheer center for distribution on December 8th. To learn more about this local initiative, visit fultoncountychristmascheer.org. You can financially give to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by filling out line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting it in the drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Building Access

- ◆ The south porch floor and step replacement work is finished, so the south entrance is once again the main entrance of the church building.
- ◆ A design issue with the south ramp was realized a week ago, with the architect finalizing a re-design to meet requirements.

South Restrooms

- ◆ The two family restrooms are available for use. The diaper changing stations still need to be installed.

Sanctuary

- ◆ A monitor for the balcony is in the works, and outlet box covers, some sound system wiring at the front, some touch up painting, carpet for the pulpit steps, and the like, still need finished.

Other areas:

- ◆ Elevator – The work is on hold due to a tariff cost submitted by the elevator company. The architect firm and general contractor have been asked to deal with that extra expense.
- ◆ HVAC – Final duct connections are being made in various rooms, and Richard Spiess is working with the subcontractor on heat settings and monitoring the system. The new boilers (there are two of them) are in the inspection process by the state. Screen fencing will be installed around the exterior air conditioning units at the carport and south porch.
- ◆ First Floor – Drywall finishing is almost complete. The flooring crew spent a few days preparing the floor for flooring installation, which was to begin on Friday. Much work still to do with ceiling grid in the part-time staff office and parlor, flooring in the mothers room and narthex, and painting throughout. The company installing the new entrance doors at the east and south entrances awaits the final installation of the flooring.
- ◆ Second Floor Classrooms – Five rooms are in use, with the junior high youth room awaiting painting and flooring. The restroom, custodian room and hallway flooring are yet to be finished.
- ◆ The Building Committee is addressing several areas affected by the project – coffee bar (for the parlor); coat racks; storage units in custodian rooms, church office, preschool room, and the balcony; furniture needs; landscaping; paraments (altar, lectern and pulpit cloths); room signage; stained glass repair; internet and network system; security system; parlor window treatments; hallway décor; and a few other odds and ends.

Anticipated Project Completion – December 1st

GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS 360

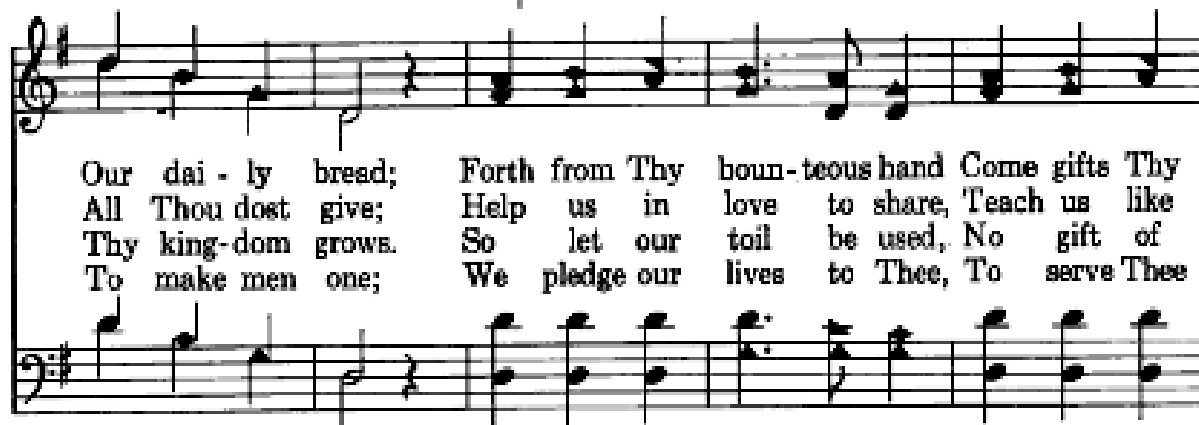
ITALIAN HYMN 864.6.8.6.4

Georgia Harkness, 1963

Felice de Giardini, 1789



1 God of the fer - tile fields, Lord of the earth that yields
 2 We would Thy stew - ards be, Hold - ing in trust from Thee
 3 As grows the hid - den seed To fruit that serves men's need,
 4 God of the coun - try - side, Dear to our Lord who died



Our dai - ly bread; Forth from Thy boun - teous hand Come gifts Thy
 All Thou dost give; Help us in love to share, Teach us like
 Thy king - dom grows. So let our toil be used, No gift of
 To make men one; We pledge our lives to Thee, To serve Thee



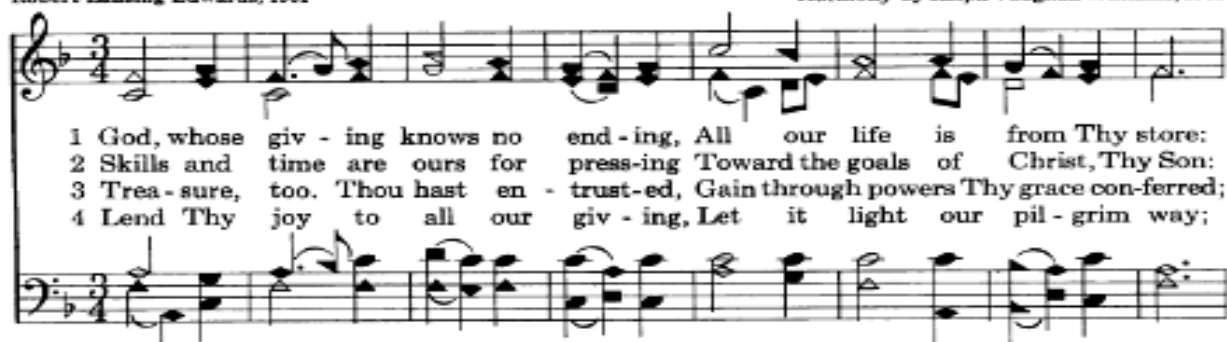
love has planned, That men through all the land Be clothed and fed.
 Thee to care, That earth may all be fair, And men may live.
 Thine a - bused, No hum - blest task re - fused, Thy love be - stows.
 faith - ful - ly Till in e - ter - ni - ty Our day is done. A - men.

363 GOD, WHOSE GIVING

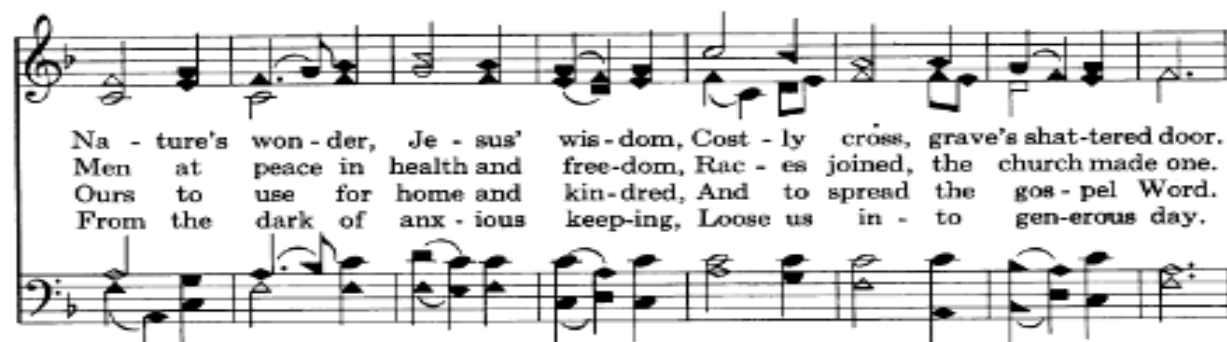
HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.

Robert Lansing Edwards, 1961

Rowland Hugh Pritchard, c. 1830
Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1951



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, All our life is from Thy store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of Christ, Thy Son:
3 Trea - sure, too. Thou hast en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Thy grace con - ferred;
4 Lend Thy joy to all our giv - ing, Let it light our pil - grim way;



Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door.
Men at peace in health and free - dom, Rac - es joined, the church made one.
Ours to use for home and kin - dred, And to spread the gos - pel Word.
From the dark of anx - ious keep - ing, Loose us in - to gen - erous day.



Gift - ed by Thee, turn we to Thee, Of - fering up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call,
Then when years on earth are o - ver, Rich toward Thee and fel - low man,



Thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er; Gra - cious don - or of our days.
Born with tal - ents make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Thy throne.
Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing Thee who lov - est all.
Lord, ful - fill be - yond our dream - ing All our stew - ard life be - gan. A - men.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

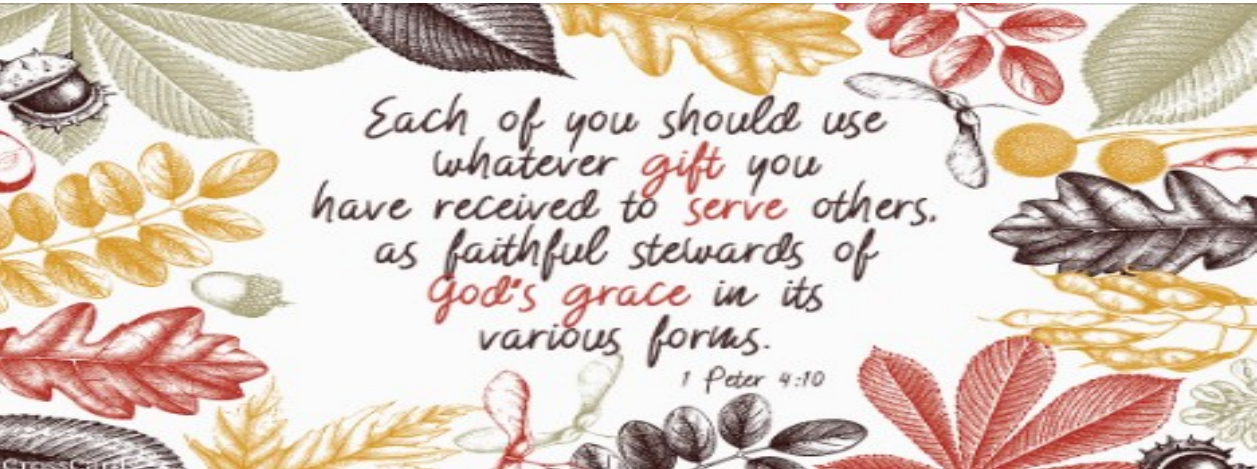
2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	313,538.06
Total Expenses	\$	323,338.67
Net Operating Balance	\$	(9,800.61)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	135,808.70
Total Disbursements	\$	120,644.47
Net Mission Balance	\$	15,164.23

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	703,684.47	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	6,649.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	120,182.74	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,910,948.40	
Total	\$	2,741,465.11	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	15,534.89
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 11/06/2025		\$	181,228.11



SILENT AUCTION FOR BUILDING PROJECT ITEMS

As the building project moves towards completion, it is time to begin clearing out the storage building of items no longer needed in the church building. The Consistory has approved the following process:

1. Items will first be made available to the people of the congregation, through a silent auction process. Times will be scheduled for viewing the items. Silent bids may be given to the church office with name, phone number, item # and bid amount.
2. If there is no interest in specific items, efforts will be made to list the items on Facebook Marketplace.
3. Any items not taken through the silent auction or through the marketplace will be recycled or discarded.

To begin with, there are two types of items being put up for the silent auction:

1. Pews, of varying lengths, with the original red upholstery still on them.
 - ◆ Twelve 13' pews
 - ◆ Two 7' pews
 - ◆ One 4' pew
 - ◆ One 15' pew
 - ◆ Two 43" double seat pews
 - ◆ Two front rails
2. Hanging lights
 - ◆ Twelve from the sanctuary
 - ◆ Two from the balcony
 - ◆ Four from the narthex

Starting the week of **November 3rd**, the porch door to the storage building will be **unlocked from 8:00AM to 8:00PM each day** in order for people to look at the pews and lights. Upon entry into the building, the light switch is on the right hand side of the door, behind a post. Please turn the lights off when you leave. The silent auction for these items **will end on November 15th**.

There are many items in the storage building that will either be returned to the church building, available by silent auction at another time, or there are stacks of play house parts from a recent Habitat for Humanity work day with Archbold high school students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Special Congregational Meeting** - The Consistory has called a special congregational meeting, scheduled after each service **TODAY, Sunday, November 9th**. There are two agenda items for the meeting: 1) to seek approval of contracting with Shepherd Staff for the pastor search process; and 2) to seek approval of a contract for landscaping work.
- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast - TODAY, Sunday November 9th**. Breakfast starts at 9:15AM in the gym following the early worship service and congregational meeting for all those who signed up.
- ♦ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - It's that time of the year! Poinsettias are available for purchase beginning November 5th. Proceeds support the Junior Youth Fellowship program at St. John's for 6th - 8th graders. Please see one of our JYF youth or visit the wandering bulletin board to place your order. Flowers are \$18 each and will be ready in mid-December. Thank you for your support of our youth programs!
- ♦ **Church potluck** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck **NEXT Sunday, November 16th** following the 10:30AM service. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share and spend some enjoyable time with your church family!
- ♦ **Greetings GIF Gals** - November is here and the holidays will be upon us sooner than we can wipe off the gravy from Thanksgiving. This month we will get together on **Tuesday, November 18th at the TOP DOG in Napoleon at 11:00AM**. Top Dog (2525 Oakwood Ave. - north east side by the Red Heart gas station) is a new restaurant for most of us, so it should be a nice experience and fellowship with good food. Mark the date and bring a friend. Many blessings to each of you until we are together again.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, November 20th, 11:30AM** in the gym. Come one and all for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **Advent & Christmas Decorating - November 23rd at 1:30PM** We are looking for new faces to join our team of volunteers who decorate the church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Decking the halls is a meaningful gift of your time to the Lord and to all people who attend St. John's through the holidays! We have great volunteers, but have lost a few in recent years. The strain of less help has made the task harder. Many hands make light work! Anyone can help, so if you would like to join the fun let us know by signing the sheet on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **St. John's Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner - December 4th at 5:30 PM.** There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board with a *final count needed by November 16th*.
- ♦ **Siberian Solstice 2025** – Coming to SJCC Saturday, **December 6th, at 7:00PM.** Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story. No tickets needed, free-will donation. Bring your friends, spread the word and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music.
- ♦ **Stage Crew Needed:** Sermon in Music will take place this year on **Sunday, December 7th** at the 10:30AM service. We are looking for a few people to help with the moving of mics and music stands during the service. These individuals will help facilitate the flow between musicians and will greatly reduce setup/changeover time. If interested, please contact Buffy Riley or Gloria Beck in the church office.
- ♦ **Piano Duo Concert at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its 2025–26 Concert Series with a dynamic Piano Duo Recital featuring Jeff Nicholas and Vanessa Kwiatkowski Nicholas on **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). The husband-and-wife duo will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90 and selections from Dvořák's Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, bringing the power and color of the orchestral world to the piano. Together, their artistry captures the excitement of four-hand piano playing—music rich with lyricism, rhythm, and heart. Admission is free, and all are invited to enjoy this afternoon of great music. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Fulton County Christmas Cheer 2025** - Volunteers are needed to help at the store with a variety of jobs. Starting at 9:00AM Monday, December 8th through Thursday, December 11th. Lunch is provided for volunteers by area churches. Sign up by dialing 419-551-6573 or by email at lilliradabaugh1@gmail.com.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	David Stuckey
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
(10:30) Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(8:00) Usher	Judy Sears
(10:30) Head Usher	Greg Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser, John & Deb Kauffman
(10:30) Nursery	Karen Walker

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH AT ST. JOHN’S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	Special Congregational Meeting following each service	
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Veteran’s Breakfast (Gym)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside Room)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (Central Mennonite)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Chapel)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	Church Potluck (Gym)
	2:30PM	BASIC to TGRM

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Nov 9	Words Matter -----	Psalms 12
Nov 10	Servant Leadership -----	1 Samuel 18
Nov 11	My Dear Thessalonians... -----	1 Thessalonians 1
Nov 12	With Care and Love -----	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
Nov 13	I’m Longing to See You -----	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5
Nov 14	Good News From Timothy -----	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Nov 15	Love God; Love Each Other -----	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Josephine Short, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, who has been hospitalized at Montpelier with bronchitis.
- ◆ Stuart and Rhonda Short – Rhonda had wrist surgery this past week and Stuart had a good report from a PET scan this past week.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she continues in rehab.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as a new round of chemo treatment for Greg started October 30th, for his 5th treatment, then 21 days later for his 6th, and hopefully final, treatment.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise continues through treatment of cancer, doing as well as can be expected, and still going to work regularly.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 401, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 180, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, with Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – Pray for Matthew to continue to grow and deepen his trust in Jesus as he connects further into Christian community at Ohio State; pray for KJ to continue exploring faith in Jesus. Pray that his new friendships from Fall Getaway would grow deeper and, in time, help him know Jesus. We had another exciting event on November 7th called Go Night! The goal of this event is to help our students see God's missionary heart for the world and to consider how God might use them. Pray that those students who came to the event will feel empowered to "go" as a result!
- ◆ M – Praise God as she completed and passed all parts of her 2nd language exam; pray as she takes half of the 3rd level at the end of November; she will be going out of the city to help with a pre-school – pray for clear language and that she and a colleague can be an encouragement to the team and staff; pray for an upcoming family conference in January. This conference is for all of the local non-profit staff and their families in the country, both believers and non-believers.

And those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force)
(Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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