

*St. John's United Church of Christ  
I-946 St. Rt. 108  
Holgate, Ohio 43527*

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# The Sentinel

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I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527

**MARCH 2021**

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SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

## WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL Cancelled - WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

### Wednesday Night Schedule

Adult and Youth Bell Choir	No practice
Sanctuary Choir	No practice
Children's Zoom Session	7:00 P.M.

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## God and Politics

*Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.  
- Psalm 146:3*



No one will be surprised when I say we have just lived through an intensely political season. We have seen an impeachment, hard fought campaigns, an election with a disputed result, the takeover of the capitol, and another impeachment. Both presidential candidates made auspicious promises regarding what they would accomplish and dire warnings of the evil their opponents would bring. Whew! Maybe it's time to step out of the fray and remember where our trust really belongs.

The author of Psalm 146 makes a dire warning against having faith in any earthly ruler. They are all mere mortals and their plans will eventually come to nothing. Instead, we are urged to rely on the Lord for our help and to place our hope in God. Unlike princes and presidents who come with great fanfare, only to leave office and fade into history, God, who created the universe, rules eternally. (verses 3-6)

In marked contrast to the platforms of our politicians, God supports the oppressed, feeds the hungry, releases prisoners, heals the blind, and helps the helpless. God cares for foreigners, orphans, and widows, although they have no political power. (verses 7-9)

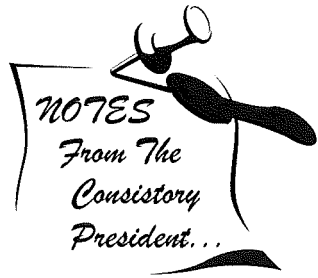
Psalm 146 is not an expression of the random thoughts of an overly idealistic poet. It summarizes the way of God found throughout scripture. It echoes the vision of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1) and defines the mission which Jesus claimed as his own. (Luke 4:18-19) This is the agenda which Christians are called to support and the measure by which God judges the rulers of nations.

As citizens in a democracy, we are called to exercise discernment regarding the promises and actions of our elected leaders. Our efforts to identify the truest response to God's agenda may lead us to support different politicians and parties. That is understandable. We are all human. Knowing that demands that we humbly accept the possibility that the political conclusions we reach may not be in accord with the way of God.

If we recall the wisdom of Psalm 146, we will temper our expectations of the presidents we favored. We will remember that even the greatest of them are fallible mortals, subject to error, selfish ambition, and moral compromise.

In the same way, we will calm our anxieties when someone we did not vote for is elected. Even when they pursue policies we believe to be wrong, we know that God remains the ruler above all rulers. "The Lord reigns forever. Praise the Lord!" (verse 10)

*Your partner in Christ's work,  
Pastor David*



## GUIDANCE FOR OUR LIVES

It is interesting how and where we may find guidance for our lives. For me, it was in my bathroom! I know, you are thinking, WHAT? Well, here is my story...

Last year, I was done with winter, and decided it was time to put away my shower curtain that had a scene of snowmen in a forest. When I was at a store, I spotted a shower curtain that looked like the right colors for my bathroom. I picked it up, quickly glanced at the picture of the shower curtain, and thought, this will work.

When I got home, I proceeded to take down my winter curtain, and hang my new one, with the hopes of spring's arrival. I was ready for some brightness in our days, and brightness in my home. You know, during the season of Lent, our days are becoming brighter, and the brightness is lasting longer. So, I thought, this is the perfect time to switch to this curtain.

When I hung the curtain, I finally took a good look at the pattern of the material. The shower curtain has four words on it, and for each word, there was a verse from the Bible printed as part of the pattern. Faith, Forgive, Hope, Love...words from the Bible, our guide to living. Now, when I go in the bathroom, I look at the shower curtain, and my mind seems to focus on the four words. I begin to think how those words are a part of my life.

*Faith:* Romans 10:17 *Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.* As Christians, we have faith, even though we have not seen, because we have heard the message of Christ from scriptures. We must have faith in ourselves, and faith in others.

*Forgive:* Colossians 3:12 *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievance you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* As Christians, forgiveness must be a part of our lives because our Savior gave his life for the forgiveness of our sins. We must be able to forgive others, and forgive ourselves.

*Hope:* Psalm 33:22 *May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.* As Christians, we must have hope in our lives, and we must be able to give hope to others in their times of need.

*Love:* Mark 12:30-31 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: love your neighbor as yourself.* We must first love God if we are going to love ourselves and those around us. When we love as the greatest commandment has told us to, we can truly call ourselves Christians.

Look around you...where can you find guidance in the everyday things in your life?

*Christine Rettig, Consistory President*



## Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

1. Grateful for those who have battled and beaten COVID-19.
2. People continue to gather for worship even as the weather has gotten colder.
3. Glad that Pastor Orr and Sharon were able to get some time away.
4. Enjoyed being a Deacon and greeting people at the entrance.
5. Maggie Prigge's baked goods.
6. Grateful for the COVID-19 reopening team and that the state numbers are going down.
7. Grateful for Pastor Orr's dedication with him standing outside in the cold.
8. Appreciate Lori Clady's insight on how delivering the Annual Meeting reports brought smiles to the shut-in's faces.
9. Grateful that, even though we are gathering outside and it's cold, that everyone is happy.
10. Thank you to the teams setting up every Sunday.



*VanCrest of Holgate  
Worship Service*

*Due to health restrictions  
the Worship Service  
is cancelled*



## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

February 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order and Pastor Orr led us in prayer.

**Pastor's report** - Spiritual Council decided not to have midweek Lenten services after Ash Wednesday. Pastor Orr will have a written devotional weekly and post something online midweek starting 2/24 thru Lent.

**Nominating team** - We still need a 3 year CE Board member and a 3 Year Evangelism team member as well as congregational members for the nominating team.

**Sanctuary carpet** - has been installed, some touch up work is needed. Motion made and passed to apply cove base to the perimeter walls out of funds allocated for carpet installation.

**SBA Loan** - motion was made and passed to reimburse accounts that funds were taken from to purchase strictly COVID related supplies and increase mission giving to 2019 levels where needed.

**Heating system** - The expansion system in the duct work is badly in need of repair. Doug Rettig and his sons believe they can do this work. They will get back to Consistory if this would put them in danger and safety becomes an issue as some of the work to be done is in the rafters. Motion made and passed to allow Doug and sons to complete this task.

**Ash Wednesday service** will have parking as how it was done for Christmas Eve. Those who desire imposition of ashes will be asked to drive to the South parking lot.

**Financial Team** - A steam leak was found in the corner of the boiler. Leak was from a gasket. Motion was made and passed to move money from Major Maintenance to Operating Fund to pay for this repair.

**CD's** - motion was made to reinvest these funds.

Prayers and Concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted Maggie Prigge Scribe*



## Spiritual Council

### Meeting Excerpts

February 2, 2021

Present: Pastor, David Orr      Communion: Betty (Bob) Rettig (2022)  
Head Elder: Betty (Don) Rettig (2022)

Visitation: Maggie Prigge (2024)      Scribe: Pam Desgranges (2023)  
Membership: Rick Fruth (2023)      Confirmation: Kevin Waisner (2024)

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer and congregational concerns were discussed. Congratulations to Sonya Eitzman on her new great grandson, Tripp Morgan Badenhop, son of Logan and Emma Badenhop. Grandparents are Tim and Christine Badenhop. Congratulations to the Badenhop family on their new addition! We will also be having a reception of new members Danial and Tammy Hall on Sunday, February 21.

Many thanks to Betty (Bob) Rettig for live streaming our worship service on January 24 while pastor was away enjoying a much deserved vacation. He still has a week remaining from 2019-2020 as well as 4 weeks for 2020-2021 to use till June 1, his anniversary date.

We have received a gift from the late Sue Huber's sons for the purpose of purchasing video equipment and technology for worship use.

During February, March, and April, Pastor along with Chris Coppes will be attending an online series of stewardship related classes titled "Cultivating Generous Congregations" sponsored by the Heartland Conference.

We will be having drive-in worship service for Ash Wednesday, February 17. Communion will be offered as well as imposition of ashes. Midweek services during lent will be an on-line devotional type message with a printed version available the Sunday prior for those who do not have computer access.

Upcoming Communion dates are as follows: February 7, February 17 (Ash Wednesday), March 7, April 1 (Maundy Thursday) and April 4 (Easter Sunday).

Spiritual Council members will be remembering those of our congregation who have passed away recently by calling or sending a card to their families.

Next meeting is March 2 at 7 p.m. Meeting ended with a closing prayer lead by Pastor Orr.



## DEACONS' BENCH

February 7, 2021  
Lori Clady, Scribe

Head Deacon – Christopher called the meeting to order.

Christine Rettig made the motion to accept the January minutes with the correction of the year (23) for the new Deacons. Rick Desgranges seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Deacon schedule for March** was filled. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will be in the parking lot.

**Still looking for one more member** for the CE Board and the Evangelism team

Pat Kirk made the motion to adjourn the meeting, John Hahn seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**\*Next meeting:** March 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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**Mid-week Lenten services will be online.** We will also have a printed devotional so people without internet can participate.

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**The Church office is open by appointment only.** Pastor Orr continues to meet with people and is staying in contact with a number of others by phone. Betty (Bob) Rettig is mostly working from home.

Please call before coming to the church to be sure someone will be there.

## From the Pulpit... Worship Services 10:15



### **March 7 - Third Sunday in Lent - Communion**

John 2:13-22

"Confronting Unrighteousness"

Jesus stood against corruption and abuse in the temple.  
What might we be called to overturn in our day?

### **March 14 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

John 3:14-23

"Look to the Cross: Even if You'd Rather Not"

Our promise of life begins with Jesus' death on the cross.

### **March 21 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

John 12:20-33

"Losers Keepers"

Living in God's Kingdom may require pain and loss.

### **March 28 - Palm Sunday**

Mark 11:1-11

"Riding on a Donkey"

Jesus wants everyone to know what kind of king he will be.



## MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Mar. 7	No Ushers In March	No Acolytes In March	Rick Desgranges John Hahn
Mar. 14			Amanda Rettig Pat Kirk
Mar. 21			Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
Mar. 28			Christine Rettig Christopher Clady
Apr. 1 Maundy Thursday			Christopher Clady Lori Clady



### FROM THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

#### FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - January 2021

##### INCOME

St. John's UCC December Giving	\$ 2,500.00
Farm	480.72
Hope Lutheran Church	150.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	50.00
Pleasant Bend Elevator	500.00
German Mutual Insurance	500.00
Memorial Donations	55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,235.72</b>

Submitted by Norma Nagel



Remember Those Who Are Ill,  
Undergoing Treatment,  
In Grief, Or Are Recovering  
With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

### *Within the Fellowship:*

**Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...**

**Cindy Mengerink**, recovering after hospitalization

**Esther Bischoff**, recovering from hip replacement at end of December

**Pam Austermiller**, recovering from COVID pneumonia

**Ron Mass**, (Kristine Mass' father-in-law) at Vancrest recovering from COVID-19 and pneumonia

**Jim Desgranges**, (Rick's brother) in rehab following COVID

**Karen Gilliland**, home following valve repair and pacemaker inserted

**Kent Smith**, (friend of Kirk Fruth) diagnosed with Parkinson's

**Bernice Barth**, who has cancer again

**Keith Barth**, complications from diabetes

**Walter Calmese**, (Jean Brentlinger's son-in-law) undergoing cancer treatments

**Grace Zachrich**, (Ryan Zachrich's daughter) still experiencing serious pain

**Angela Stephens Culver**, (niece of Christine and Jim Rettig) diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, currently undergoing chemo for five months in preparation for surgery

**Lori Slocum**, diagnosed with "COVID Heart"

**Keith Schwab**, (Betty (Don) Rettig's brother-in-law) hospitalized in Ft. Wayne with COVID and kidney problems

**Larry Donaldson**, ongoing complications

**Connie Ross's** husband undergoing testing

**Betty Guise**, (Shanna Sidle's grandmother) recovering from a broken hip

**Gavin Eckert**, recovering after hospitalization for heart and kidney problems

Please pray for our **members and others who are isolated at home or in care facilities**. They would welcome a phone call or card.

Prayers for church members who are working with or near COVID-19 patients and all healthcare workers



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Undergoing Treatment,  
In Grief, Or Are Recovering  
With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

### *Within the Fellowship:*

**Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...**

**Please contact the church office if you have a prayer request!**

**Those who are anticipating procedures, testing,  
and/or test results, or recovering from procedures**

- Let us pray for those of St. John's Faith Family who are dealing with health issues or other changes in their lives.
- Let us pray for those family and friends who are battling cancer.
- Let us pray for the church and its leaders and people.
- Let us pray for our service men and women and their families

### ***Sympathy is extended to:***

**Dona and Gib Sonnenberg** on the passing of Dona's brother-in-law, Ferris Kepling on January 28.

**Marsha and Randy Lambert and their family** on the passing of Marsha's brother, **Jan Snyder**. Other family members from St. John's include **Stephanie and David Hall and family and Stacy and Jeff Lapoint and family**. There was a private family service on Saturday, February 20.

We were saddened to hear that **Janice Hershberger**, widow of Rev. Howard Hershberger, passed away on Monday, February 8 in St. Mary's.

We share with those in the community who have been impacted by the unexpected passing of Napoleon pre-school teacher **Keli Baker** on Tuesday, February 16.



**Remember With  
Prayers, Cards and Visits  
Those Not Always With Us  
Especially For Services**

### **NURSING HOMES**

**INDIAN MEADOWS NURSING HOME**, 303 West Leggett,  
Wauseon, OH 43567  
Thelma Breese

**THE LUTHERAN HOME**, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545  
Sue Mohr - #116A

**NORTHCREST**, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, OH 43545  
Don Huber - #107

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

**GEORGETOWN PLACE**, Apt. 226, 1717 Maplecrest Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815  
Ken Rayle

**VANCREST NURSING HOME**, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527  
Larry Agler - #10                      Marlene Rettig - #33

### **HOME - Send a greeting to these folks or drop by and visit!**

Janet Bichan	4746 Co. Rd. 153	Zanesfield, OH 43360
Peggy Franz	15396 St. Rt. 281	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Shirley Huber	E251 St Rt 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527





# Kids Corner



## MARCH

- 3 - 3 Mason Franz
- 3 - 8 Jessa Bortz
- 3 - 10 McKenzie Boyd
- 3 - 21 Coralynn Medina
- 3 - 28 Cole Haver
- 3 - 28 Maxwell Kibisu

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY JANUARY REPORT

ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary  
Fund: GENERAL FUND  
January 2021

Accounts	JANUARY 2021 ACTUAL	2021 YTD ACTUAL	2021 ANNUAL BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING INCOME	\$16,380.63	\$16,380.63	\$211,835.69
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$4,217.66	\$4,217.66	\$39,000.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$804.20	\$804.20	\$7,800.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$6,950.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$5,594.77	\$5,594.77	\$64,565.51
Total PASTORIAL	\$5,339.36	\$5,339.36	\$93,520.18
Total EXPENSES	\$16,493.49	\$16,493.49	\$211,835.69
Net Total	(\$112.86)	(\$112.86)	\$ 0.00
Operating Checking Balance as of 1/31/2021		\$ 25,742.24	
Mission To Go		\$ 645.00	
SHALOM		\$ 530.00	

Thank you all for your continued financial support during COVID19.



*Mission and  
Stewardship*



## SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

### MARCH MISSION

According to Wikipedia, **Shalom** (*Hebrew*: שָׁלוֹם *shalom*; also spelled as *sholom*, *sholem*, *sholaim*, *shulem*) is a **Hebrew** word meaning *peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility* and can be used idiomatically to mean both *hello* and *goodbye*. As it does in **English**, it can refer to either **peace** between two entities (especially between man and God or between two countries), or to the well-being, welfare or safety of an individual or a group of individuals.

Scripture teaches us that the true nature of God is to heal the broken spirit and repair the broken life. He is revealed as the One who is able to satisfy our hunger and our thirst. According to John 6 1-15, the disciples didn't quite fully understand this. As the multitude pressed them for food, they didn't quite know how to respond. They had only five loaves of bread and two fish among them. "But what is that among so many?"

What the disciples have is obviously not enough to feed the large crowd. It is hardly enough to feed just a few hungry people. But, and this may be a lesson for us, in the hands of Jesus, what little they have to offer is multiplied. The loaves and the fish miraculously satisfy the multitude.

What if the disciples had said to one another: "What we have is so little; it is pitifully small. Should we even bother to give Jesus the five loaves we have and the two fish?" But what appears to them to be so small is, in the hands of Jesus, enough to feed the great crowd, according to our story. We are not told how this happens. It is enough to know the lesson it teaches; that the little we think we have can be, in God's hands, enough, and more than enough, to do marvelous things. Or, to put it another way, our modest faith, our fragile hope, our tender love, incomplete and as imperfect as it may be is more than we might ever possibly imagine, if we entrust who we are and what we have to God.

We may be tempted to think that, in comparison to the needs of the world around us, the faith we have to share is so modest, so insignificant, and so small, that it is are hardly worth offering to anyone. But what appears so small to us may, by the grace of God, be great to others. (Troost, 2021)<sup>1</sup>

At St. John's, we fully believe in and carry out that message in our Shalom Food Pantry. We come together to meet hunger related issues within our community. Without the faithful support of our congregation we would not be able to take the small gifts given to us and have them multiplied into abundance by God.

## St. John's Faith Family Generous Giving

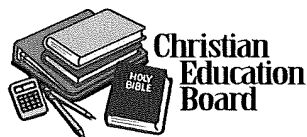


We continue to be blessed by the generosity of folks at St. John's.

- Several of our folks who have investments through Thrivent directed their Choice Dollars totaling \$1,025 to St. John's.
- Some people are using scheduled online giving to support the church, even if they are not at worship. Others use "bill pay" to make giving automatic. This is especially helpful when we cannot meet.
- A few people from their IRA'S direct all or part of the "required minimum distribution" to the church, resulting in a tax savings for them while supporting the church financially.
- St. John's has been remembered in people's wills.
- A number of families have designated St. John's or one of our ministries for memorials.

We are now able to accept tithes and offerings using text.

- Text HolgateUCC to 73256.
- Tap on the link in the text reply message.
- Tap on "\$0.00" and the number key pad will appear for you to enter the amount of your gift.
- Tap on the down arrow on the right side of the box that says Operating Fund to see additional funds that can be designated.
  - Operating Fund
  - Major Maintenance
  - Cemetery Fund
  - Memorial Fund (Undesignated)
  - Mission-to-Go
  - Shalom
  - Mission of the Month
- Enter your payment method and billing information.
- Tap "Give."
- You will receive a receipt by email that you may wish to print.



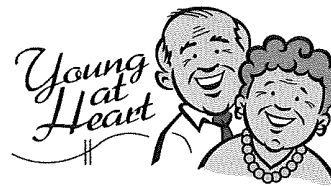
## Highlights

February 7, 2021

Submitted By Caryn Lulfs

Attendance: Pastor Orr, Franell Nelson, Diana Evers, Katie Borck, Chris Rettig, Deb Waisner, and Caryn Lulfs

- Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.
- All January bags have been delivered except 2. These will be arranged to be delivered.
- February care packages were assembled today and are ready for distribution.
- Families will be informed about what to do with the envelopes that have been included. Pastor will discuss the Lenten calendar at children's zoom on Wednesday and post something to Facebook.
- March care packages will include resurrection eggs. This involves an egg carton with plastic eggs and something in each egg. Eggs will be assembled by CE board. They will include crackers, dime, purple cloth, thorns, rope, cross, nails, sign, sponge, cloves, and rocks. One egg will remain empty.
- The possibility of an Easter egg hunt was discussed. We will revisit this at our next meeting. Jeri Hoellrich has offered to donate the baskets for the drawing.
- The Sunday School curriculum was discussed and whether there should be any changes for the Fall. Pastor thinks that the Deep Blue lessons were more engaging, but the new curriculum is more relatable to kids. We will revisit this at our next meeting.
- We discussed Summer activities and the possibility of having gatherings once a month. We will wait to decide on VBS as it gets closer.
- Wednesday night children's zoom was discussed and Pastor feels that the current time is working well. There will be no zoom on Ash Wednesday. Jeri has been filling in for Pastor Orr as needed.
- Next meeting scheduled for March 7 at 5 p.m. March care packages will be assembled after church on March 7.



### *"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members*

#### **Ken Rayle**

will celebrate his  
89th Birthday  
March 4

Georgetown Place, Apt 226  
1717 Maplecrest Rd  
Fort Wayne IN 46815

#### **Phyllis Crawford**

will celebrate her  
82nd Birthday  
on March 14

11708 County Rd. N  
Napoleon, OH 43545

#### **Geraldine Ripke**

will celebrate her  
84th Birthday  
on March 29

7461 Co Rd 424  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

### *Tripp Morgan Badenhop*

January 31, 2021

**Parents:** Logan and Emma Badenhop

#### **Grandparents:**

Tim and Christine Badenhop  
Greg and Josie Kuhlman  
Amy Grooms

**Great-Grandmother:** Sonya Eitzman





## In Loving Memory

Jan D. Snyder

November 19, 1935 - February 11, 2021

Jan D. Snyder, 85, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Holgate, Ohio, died Thursday, February 11, 2021, at Flower Hospital.

Jan was born November 19, 1935, in Holgate to the late Chet and Virginia (Zachrich) Snyder. He graduated from Holgate High School in 1954.

Jan was born with a hard work ethic. He helped on the family farm as a child and retired from General Motors after working for more than 30 years. He was a business entrepreneur and created and ran several businesses while working a full-time job at GM. Still after working all those numerous hours, seven days a week, Jan would find time to drive an hour to attend church with his family on Sundays.

He was a race car enthusiast and competed in numerous drag races over the years. He loved NASCAR and attended the Daytona 500 for over 50 years. He was an avid boater and was a member of the Bay View Yacht Club and spent his summers at Lost Peninsula Marina, where many people knew him and his boat as Fancy Farmer.

It didn't take much to make Jan happy; from driving his machinery and tackling projects to out-drinking all his friends at Put in Bay, whether it was for work or play it all seemed to fill his cup. Jan's laugh was contagious and people loved being around him. He had many amazing friendships that carried on with breakfast at diners and one-on-one visits when his fast paced life began to slow down.

At last, he cherished the time he spent with his family, spoiling his grandkids, and holding his great-grandchildren. He was always checking in on all of his nieces and nephews, always willing to help and give advice to everyone. He was a proud member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate.

He is survived by his children, David (Linda) Snyder and Pamela (Cameron Smith) Sloan; grand-children, Stacy (Randy) Steel, Kathy (Eric Fenter) Snyder, Ashley (Ryan Lukasik) Sloan, Brandy (Sean) Pawlowski, Cassidy Sloan, and Oliver Smith; numerous great-grandchildren; and a sister Marsha (Randy) Lambert.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Linda Handyside.

A private funeral and burial was held at St. John's United Church of Christ and Cemetery, Holgate. A public viewing was held on Friday, February 19 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio.

*Memorial contributions in Jan's honor  
may be gifted to  
St. John's Church of Christ, or  
St. Jude's Children Research Hospital*

# Thank You

This THANK YOU goes out to ALL members of the St. John's Faith Family and in particular Eric Shank for his words at this year's Annual Meeting. I was sooo proud this past year of how MY CHURCH, OUR CHURCH responded to the events of the pandemic!

There were many times that I shed a tear knowing how our Faith Family responded to OUR church this past year! We never give up! I hope these actions of giving continue for years to come. I want to personally thank you on behalf of the Shalom Team for your generous gifts of the past year!

As a member of the Finance Team I see the effects of age on our building. Don't get me wrong, We have a great building! But it's going to need our attention to keep it great. At our last Finance Meeting, the night of the Annual Meeting Day, it hit home what I was trying to say in my amendment of the farm profits. We got a bill from Earl's Mechanical for work on one of the boilers, and I winced when I read the words that the tech from Earl's. He stated about this particular job, a steam leak in one of boilers. I quote, "I finished reassembling the boiler that day. Due to the condition that I found, it was in, after splitting one section on the left side (where it was leaking) I attempted to reseal both large and small O ring sections and was successful. The boiler had a visible steam leak which is now not leaking. Greg (Nelson) was with me during disassembly and reassembly and **was informed that if it begins leaking again, the boiler will need replaced. I made it clear that it may last a couple weeks Or a couple years, but once it leaks again, it cannot be fixed.**

**I just hope our spirit of supporting OUR CHURCH continues!**

*Thank you,  
Scott Zimmer*

# Thank You

Rick and I thank our faith family for all their cards, calls, thoughts and prayers during our time dealing with COVID-19. We know that God answers prayers. We thank you all for the much needed prayers for our brother Jim Desgranges as he continues his COVID-19 recovery process and rehab. Thank you all so much!

*Rick and Pam Desgranges*

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I thank my faith family for the Christmas gift card sent to me.

*Rachel Desgranges*

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Dear St. John's,  
Thank You so much for the gas card! I greatly appreciate the gift and am thankful for such a supportive church family.

*Thanks again,  
Caleb Franz*

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The family of Bud Durham extends our thanks to our St. John's Faith Family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and memorials in Bud's memory.

*Rose Marie,  
Kathy Miller family,  
Michelle Hunt family*

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I thank anyone who sent me notes and letters during this pandemic. Getting notes from the outside world really lifts the spirits. Hopefully COVID-19 will soon be gone and visits can begin again. God Bless everyone.

*Love, Marlene Rettig*



# MARCH

3 - 4	Ken Rayle	3 - 18	Kay Winnie
3 - 4	Logan Badenhop	3 - 25	Mary Kay Altman
3 - 5	Chase Franz	3 - 25	Sharon Orr
3 - 6	Tom Bortz	3 - 26	Michael Rettig
3 - 9	Rosie Durham	3 - 27	Linda Arreguin
3 - 9	Cody Woodring	3 - 29	Kameron Maurer
3 - 10	Jeff Waisner	3 - 29	Konner Maurer
3 - 14	Phyllis Crawford	3 - 29	Geraldine Ripke
3 - 15	Tammy Miller	3 - 31	Emily Fruth
3 - 16	Betty (Bob) Rettig		
3 - 16	Nancy Zimmer		

This is the list of birthdays that are recorded in the church office. If we have missed anyone, please contact the office so we can add his or her name to our list.

If anyone, for personal reasons, does not want his or her name and birthday listed, please contact the church office and make your wishes known.

(See the Kids Corner pages for the children and youth birthdays.)



Daylight Savings  
Time  
Begins  
MARCH 14



Lent



## PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Contact the Prayer Chain if you have any needs.  
This Prayer Chain has been updated; they will  
faithfully pray for you. Contact one of the following persons:  
Betty (Don) R. at 419-264-4321 Kay A. at 419-592-0589  
Church Office at 419-264-4401

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PLAN AHEAD FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS  
See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for news articles to appear in the **APRIL** Newsletter is  
**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file  
on the South wall (Directly across from the door)  
of the church office marked  
**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**



*March Mission*

**SHALOM**

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Heartland Conference United Church of Christ. Information and  
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[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).