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Holgate, Ohio 43527*

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The **Church-Wide Rummage Sale** will be Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14 from 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday, June 15 from 9-noon. Friday is Buck-a-Bag day. Items for the sale can be brought in during normal office hours of 8 am – noon, Monday through Friday. Details are on page 15.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rummage sale						
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Deacons 10:30am - Evangelism Team	6:30pm - Consistory		7pm - Mid-week worship	9am - Rummage Sale	9am - Rummage Sale	9am - Rummage Sale
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am - Worship 10am - Newsletter Articles Due		SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	7pm - Mid-week worship	Rachel Thomas/AndyBrinkman wedding		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Messy Church		9am - Newsletter mailing	7pm - Mid-week worship	1:30pm - Vancrest - Angel Choir		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Worship 11am - FH reserved						

The Sentinel

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JUNE 2024

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Mid-Week Worship Schedule
June 5 - July 31, 2024
7:00 P.M.

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MESSY CHURCH

*...that they may **all be one**. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*
John 17:21 NRSV

Recently, the Christian Education Team asked me to look into the Christian education program at St. John's. The team asked that I examine how the program is currently operating and if there may be areas needing attention. One area the team is concerned about is the Faith and Family Sundays that take place once a month after church during the summer.

During my candidacy weekend, a Faith and Family gathering took place. There were games, snacks and a Bible lesson. Everyone had fun! When I was asked by the Christian education team to look into Faith and Family Sundays, I immediately thought of Messy Church.

What is Messy Church?

Messy Church began in 2004 in England when founder Lucy Moore wanted to address how few children were attending worship. She began by experimenting with some all-ages activities. The concept was a huge success, and Messy Church was born. Messy Church has been in the United States since 2014. Messy Church USA is currently a nonprofit organization.

Why use the word "messy?" The Messy Church name comes from Pete Ward's book *Liquid Church* where he describes faith families as fluid, as opposed to walled structures with insiders and outsiders. He says, "The boundaries have started to become more fuzzy and less well defined."

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MESSY CHURCH

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Messy Church is geared toward the interaction of **ALL** people of **ALL** ages and backgrounds, churched or un-churchd. It especially emphasizes reaching individuals and families who wouldn't attend otherwise — whether they are busy with sports on Sundays or are uncomfortable with traditional worship. Messy Church isn't a craft club or a children's program — or any type of "program" for that matter. It is actual church... though it looks different from most worship services.

Messy Church is a regular opportunity for intergenerational worship, learning and fellowship. The purpose is to explore God's love in a welcoming, accessible way through fun, faith and food. It is church for everyone. It is a circle of all ages meeting together to engage in who God is in a way that works for them.

Five core values are at the heart of Messy Church.

Christ Centered: The goal of every gathering is to share the gospel.

Intergenerational: Everyone meets together, without the "age silos" common at most churches. People learn with one another and from one another, leading to a deeper and lasting faith.

Celebration: This doesn't necessarily mean jumping up and down, though that sometimes happens. Celebration involves sharing the abundant life Jesus offers, as well as, the ups and downs of our messy lives.

Creativity: Worshipers use all five senses to experience and explore God's Word.

Hospitality: Some type of meal is always involved so people can enjoy conversation around tables.

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Messy Church uses a once-a-month format, usually lasting approximately two hours. A gathering includes a welcoming activity based on a Scripture theme and then four or five games, crafts, science experiments and/or hands-on experiences. Instead of being expected to sit quietly and listen, everyone interacts with the lesson through their senses.

I feel there are three important takeaways of Messy Church:

Adapt to Change: Do not be afraid of change. Messy Church is a new way of delivering God's Word without changing God's Word. It is a way of changing with the times and bringing new energy to the way church is conducted.

Be Community Minded: This is a good way to expand St. John's ministry outside the walls of our brick and mortar structure, as well as, to engage and learn more about our neighbors and the people within our congregation.

Dine together: I will admit that preparing a meal is work; however, it is a powerful pull as family meals together are rarer than they used to be. When we gather around the table for a meal together, relationships are built. At the table, we can truly show how everyone is welcome.

Messy Church can be summed up as a way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get know Jesus, and **ALL** are welcome no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. Messy Church is a place of extravagant welcome, acceptance and unconditional love.

So let's all join together in Messy Church as we, **ALL** of St. John's, gather around the table to worship Christ!

*Grace and peace,
Rev. Jeff McCam*

Church Membership, Then And Now



My experience of joining the Church that I grew up in (a Church of the Brethren, west of Dayton) was somewhat similar to the group of fine young folks that we just witnessed join the church on the day I am writing this. You normally made your decision to join the church at this age, then took a series of classes to learn more about the church, and explore your own faith. The main difference there was that you were also Baptized as part of that process.

I don't know if it is the world that is different, or if it is me, but I am certainly more impressed with the six fine young folks that were Confirmed today. At that age I can't remember too many deep thoughts or why I did the things that I did. Over the last two years I have had the chance to talk with, interview and generally get to know this group better. The things they have experienced and learned is very impressive, having had thoughts about different aspects of life that I sure don't remember considering at that age. They are willing to talk through so many challenges and experiences that they deal with so intelligently and openly. Maybe I was just a shy bumpkin, but I am so impressed with these new church members.

Credit for these fine youth certainly belongs to themselves and their families, but I would be way out of line if I didn't mention their instructors, a couple of whom are transitioning to other things. We all owe a great debt to Franell and Kevin for the many years that they have served in this role.

*Erick Shank,
Consistory President*



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- Blessed to have Mark Vajen run in the Glass City Marathon and raise money for Mission-to-Go
- Excited to have a team going to Washington UCC in Cincinnati
- Grateful for all who have helped support our kids with the Heifer project.
- Thankful for all who helped with the Sunday School mission collecting items for Crossroad Child and Family Services in Ft. Wayne. Pastor plans to deliver the items during the week of June 19
- Thankful for the benefit breakfast for Shalom. Great results for a first time effort.

CHIEF RECEIPTS

I recently submitted Chief cash register receipts and received a check in the amount of \$646.08 to be donated to the Shalom Food Pantry.

Such a simple thing for a person to do is saving cash register receipts and dropping them off in the basket at church.

We appreciate Chief for allowing us to do this as a fundraiser. Keep those receipts coming in!

Carol Lulfs, Tabulator

For those watching our **worship service online**, the announcement slides and gathering music begin 15 minutes before the start of worship. You can watch our service at

[.https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate)



DEACONS' BENCH

Deacons:

Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24), Adam Stevenson (24)
 Chris Coppes (25), Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25)
 Linda Arreguin (26), Janice Rettig (26), Mark Vajen (26)

Members Present: Adam Stevenson (24), Jared Clady (25),
 Ben Thomas (25), Linda Arreguin (26), Mark Vajen (26)
 Janice Rettig (26)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Head Deacon Jared Clady, there was no meeting in April, so no minutes were read.

Old Business

Need to purchase or go to a larger dumpster. After meals and events and weekly in general the dumpster is full. Will call refuse service and get pricing, and largest size that will fit in the covered area.

Discussion of dishwasher took place, best place is South wall, would eliminate some cupboard space, have to put those items elsewhere. Maybe a fundraiser to obtain the funds to purchase the dishwasher. Other items that would need to be looked at are electrical, plumbing, and space constraints.

Tennis courts concrete will be removed after basketball hoop is out. Rest of the area or most would be covered with some type of shading device. Retractable Awning, Gazebo, Pergola, etc.

New Business

Yearly replacement of the slates will cover 80 instead of the 75 and will be done in summertime.

Parking lot is receiving bids for what is necessary to be done at this time.

Motion to adjourn 6:35 p.m.

Next Deacon's meeting: June 9, 2024, 11:45 a.m.

JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
June 2	Deacons	Jared Clady Kevin Vajen
June 9	Deacons	Chris Coppes Mark Vajen
June 16	Deacons	Linda Arreguin Janice Rettig
June 23	Deacons	Carol Medina Mark Vajen
June 30	Deacons	Jared Clady Ben Thomas



FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - April 2024

INCOME

St. John's UCC March Giving	\$ 1,715.00
Excess Pop Money	<u>49.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,764.00

Submitted by Norma Nagel



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

NURSING HOMES

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545

Sue Mohr - #126

Geri Ripke - #221

SKLD, 28546 Starbright Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551

Betty Yaichner

Don Huber - Cards or notes may be sent care of his daughter

Dawn Boozer, PO Box 420, Jarales, NM 87023-0420

ASSISTED LIVING

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1032 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545

Gib Sonnenberg - #413

TRUSTWELL LIVING AT KINGSBURY PLACE, 245 West Rosewood Ave., Defiance, OH 43512

Rose Marie Durham - Apt. 142

Janell Honeck - 4828 LJ Pkwy, Apt. 328, Sugar Land TX 77479

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

Peggy Franz 15396 St. Rt. 281 Holgate, Ohio 43527

Herbert Fruth 13567 Co Rd. H Holgate, Ohio 43527

Sue Waisner (Staying with Mark and Tia) I-379 Co. Rd. 12

Holgate, Ohio 43527 Sue's cell number 419-591-6786

Bernard Zimmer 1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37 Napoleon, Ohio 43545



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... Those on our hearts and minds

Bob Rettig health issues

Jay Slagle health issues

***Ray Klementz**, local UPS driver, neck pain from auto accident

Georgena Nanson slow recovery from recent surgeries

***Dan Snyder** (son of Bill and Florence Snyder) recovering from surgery

Orville Benskin health issues

Franell Nelson recovering after eye procedure

Jerry Waisner recovering after a procedure

Betty (Bob) Rettig recovering after a procedure

***Josh Barry** (son-in-law of Bev Junge) complications after liver transplant

***Bonnie Horstman** health issues

LaTasha Solis recovering after hospitalization

(*Non-member family and friends)

Other Members of our Faith Family who are dealing with illnesses

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 those in the conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East

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



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Within the Fellowship:

- 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 the church and its leaders and people.
- Let us pray for our service men and women and their families.

Sympathy to:

The Family of Jim Waisner who passed away on April 20. Jim was laid to rest on April 25 here at St. John's. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sue** and their children **Kevin (Beth), Scott (Vickie), Mark (Tia), and Diana Jerry Evers**, brother **Jerry (Joan)**, brother-in-law **Del Tilse** along with their extended family.

Randy and Marsha Lambert and their family on the death of Randy's mother, Ethyl Lambert, on April 19

Save The Dates

- June 2** – St. John's Faith Family at Mud Hens game – 2:05 p.m.
- June 13, 14, and 15** – All Church Rummage Sale
- July 3** – Red Cross Blood Drive
- July 6** – Church in the Park, picnic, and pool party at Napoleon
- July 7** – No Worship
- July 7-11** – Mission trip to Washington UCC in Cincinnati
- August 4** – Poet Voices Concert Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY
APRIL 2024**

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Revenues & Expenses Summary

GENERAL FUND

January to April 2024

	April	Year to Date	Annual Budget	% of Year Completed	Actual YTD
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$13,758	\$62,513	\$226,450	33%	28%
EXPENSES					
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$3,027	\$13,406	\$48,172	33%	28%
MINISTRIES	\$393	\$3,354	\$9,700	33%	35%
MISSIONS	\$1,075	\$1,613	\$6,450	33%	25%
ADMINISTRATION	\$6,924	\$25,825	\$73,834	33%	35%
PASTORAL	\$7,036	\$27,305	\$84,409	33%	32%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,455	\$71,502	\$222,564	33%	32%
NET TOTAL	-\$4,697	-\$8,989			

Contributions to Missions to Go in support of Mark Vajen's marathon run: **\$1,010**

Contributions to The Nazarene Fund (April Mission of the Month): **\$370**

Shalom Mission Giving:

Breakfast: \$1,918
Other: \$1,353
Total: **\$3,271**

If you have questions or concerns please see a member of the Finance Team or Consistory.
Finance Team: Adam Stevenson, Bob Rettig, Ben Thomas, Virginia Rettig, Terry (Linda) Rettig, Sue A Rettig, Scott Zimmer, John Hahn, Christopher Clady
Consistory: Eric Shank, Greg Nelson, Mike Haldy, Bob Rettig, Kay Armbruster, Rolie Rettig, Carol Medina, Kevin Vajen, Adam Stevenson, Chris Coppes, Jared Clady, Ben Thomas, Janice Rettig, Linda Arreguin, Mark Vajen

Children's Ministry



Kid's Corner



June

- 6 - 10 Kaelen Roberts
- 6 - 11 Brooklyn Fruth
- 6 - 11 Logan Eberly
- 6 - 19 Parker Rozevink
- 6 - 21 Kinley Brown
- 6 - 24 Jordyn Borck



All-Church Rummage Sale

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(corner of SR 108 and Co. Rd. J)
June 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 15, 9 a.m. to noon

Benefitting our Shalom Food Pantry

June is here, and that means the rummage sale is quickly approaching!

We appreciate everyone who is donating time, talent, and treasure to make this event a success. Keep your items coming in for the sale and put them in the Sunday school room immediately south of the pastor's study.

Check the volunteer and donation sheets to see where we need food item donations and workers. Sunday, June 9, immediately after worship, we will set up the tables and move the items to the Fellowship Hall.

Monday-Wednesday, June 10-12 from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., we will set up items, hang clothing, and price items. During rummage sale week, if you have additional items for the sale, we will accept donations Monday-Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. We will need lots of help during the set-up days, so please feel free to come anytime during those days and hours to help out so that we will be ready to start the sale at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 13.

Remember, lunch and snacks will be available each day of the sale. There will also be a bake sale. Come out to the church and, even if you aren't shopping, join us for lunch!

Saturday, June 15 right after lunch, we will need lots of folks to help pack up what has not sold. Clothing and household items not sold will be donated to Orphan Grain Train. This is an all-church project. With everyone's help, we can raise money to support our Shalom Food Pantry.

Thank you, Christine Rettig and Jeri Hoellrich, co-chairs of the sale and Lunch Wagon leader, Ruth Ann Durham.



*VanCrest of Holgate
Worship Service*

*Thursday, June 27
at 1:30 P.M.*

Angel Choir Needed!

Mission opportunity to Washington UCC in Cincinnati

We have an opportunity for **people aged 12 and older to do a short mission experience close to home**. Our team will go to Washington UCC after church on July 7 and will return home on Thursday, July 11.

Experiences will include working as "buddies" for kids living in the urban core for breakfast and lunch, daily worship, crafts, story time, and recreation. Team members will go with the kids on field trips to local attractions.

Other opportunities include serving at the shelter, poverty education and local projects. **If you have ever thought about doing a mission trip close to home, this is your chance.**

Our team currently consists of Pastor Jeff, Caryn Lulfs, Griffin Tanner, Zoe Lulfs, Diana and Neveah Evers, and Linda Arreguin. Additional team members would be a great blessing!

The Faith Family is invited to help collect items that would be used in "blessing bags" – juice boxes, cracker packets, jerky, snack cakes/treats/cookies, fruit cups, socks, personal wipes, and/or money to help defray other costs.

Summer Worship Schedule

Reminder that worship will be at 9:30 a.m. starting on Memorial Day weekend (May 26) through the Sunday after Labor Day – Rally Day and the Ice Cream Social on September 8.

There will also be mid-week worship on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5 and extending through July 31 worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Graduates!

- **Tauren Davis** graduated on May 26 from Napoleon High School. Tauren will be pursuing will be pursuing her RN degree at Mercy College of Ohio.
- **Morgan Lulfs** graduated on May 26 from Napoleon High School. Morgan will be attending BGSU majoring in Forensic Science and DNA Analysis.
- **MaKayla Meller** graduated on May 19 from Liberty Center High School, She will be attending BGSU, majoring in Business with a special interest in Fashion Merchandising.
- **Delaney Hall** graduated on May 10 from McKendree University in Lebanon, IL with a degree in Marketing and Business Management.
- **Kevalyn Boettner**, who graduated from The Ohio State University, with a degree in Marketing.

If you have a family member who will be **graduating from High School, college, technical training, or other education**, please let the office know so we can acknowledge their accomplishments.

Bulletin Covers

If you would like to sponsor bulletin covers to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other event, the cost is very reasonable - between \$16 and \$18 will provide enough covers, depending on the size and cover.

We have some covers in stock or, with about 2 weeks notice, we can order whatever covers you select.

See Betty in the office to reserve a date and pick a cover.



Church in the Park – We are trying something new this year. Join us on **Saturday July 6 for Church in the Park!** We hope to get the shelter house near the pool at Glenwood Park in Napoleon. It is first-come, first-served so we will try to have people there early to reserve it for us.

Bring your lawn chairs and gather around 4 p.m. for worship, followed by a potluck meal. Hotdogs, bottled water, plates and utensils will be provided. Then you are invited to stay for the pool party. Come for all or part of the event!

There is a sign-up sheet to help plan for food. There is a separate list for the pool party as they need to know the number of people so Napoleon Parks and Recreation can plan for enough life guards.

There will not be a church service on July 7. We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 17.

THANK YOU

To Our Dear Church Family,

Thank You for your kind words at the passing of our mother Ethel Lambert. A lady above all. Thank you for your prayers they were so appreciated. Friends Always.

Randy and Marsha Lambert

Thank you!

It is humbling to be remembered by so many people from the St. John's Faith Family! Bob and I are both grateful for the prayers, cards, and well-wishes while we each were having health issues. We are blessed to be part of such a caring group!

Bob and Betty Rettig

Electronic Giving



We now have another way to support St. John's financially. You can use this QR code

If you prefer to text a donation, you can text "HOLGATEUCC" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

You do not need a Realm account to use either of these options. (sorry if that last part sounds canned – it is! But the folks at Realm tell us it needs to be there). If you have a REALM account, you can give directly through your account. Otherwise, we are grateful for those who use envelopes or who contribute directly.



Narcan Emergency Overdose Kits

St. John's has been invited to participate in an initiative funded by the Ohio Department of Health and sponsored locally by ProMedica Health to combat opioid overdose deaths in our area. This project aims to provide free Narcan emergency overdose kits to those in need. In 2022, opioid overdoses claimed over 47,000 lives nationwide, and Ohio, unfortunately, ranks fourth in the country for opioid overdose deaths. Jim Hubbard is the coordinator for this regional initiative. Consistory discussed this and agreed to participate.

How the program works:

Boxes with 2 doses of nasal Narcan and other supplies are placed in locations that can be easily accessed. Jim Hubbard will visit St. John's on May 22 to talk more with leaders and to determine the best location for these supplies. We expect that the box will be placed outside in a sheltered area so it is accessible when the building is not occupied.

The box will be locked but has a break away plastic front to get to the medication that anyone can use. There are directions on the side of the box and there is a QR code on the front that, when the members of our church see it, they can scan it, and it will take them to a training video.

There is no liability for any aspect of Narcan, even if it is in the building and someone cannot get to it. Narcan falls under Good Samaritan laws that protect anyone that uses it, stores it, or needs it.

The grant can also provide Narcan take-home kits that can be distributed. When people receive kits, there are demographic questions that are asked. The only personal questions, which people can choose not to answer, are whether they have taken drugs in the last year, if they have overdosed or witnessed an overdose, and if this is the first kit they have received.

Police and EMS have Narcan or, if they don't have enough supplies in our area, the grant can provide them with supplies. We learned at Consistory that some companies supply workers who are out in the community with Narcan as well so they can respond, if needed, to an emergency.

Jim Hubbard will be here for worship on June 9 to talk briefly about this program and to answer questions from the congregation. Please plan to attend or, if you know you will not be here that day and you have questions, please call Pastor Jeff or the church office and we will ask the questions on your behalf.



Poet Voices Concert August 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. St. John's UCC

St. John's UCC is excited to announce a summer concert coming Sunday evening, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. Poet Voices, a well-known Southern Gospel Quartet will present a program in our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Thanks to donors and the choir fund, we are privileged to have Poet Voices with us. We will take up a freewill offering to help support Poet Voices in their mission of spreading the message of Jesus Christ.

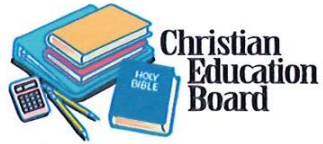
Legendary songwriter Phil Cross first introduced Southern Gospel by Phil Cross and Poet Voices in the early 1990's. Considered progressive for its time, fans quickly fell in love with this group and its unique presentation of the Gospel, which yielded an array of honors and five chart-topping songs, including Song of the Year for 'I Am Redeemed.'

Now comprised of Cross (lead), Donny Henderson (baritone), K.C. Armstrong (bass) and Jeff Snyder (tenor), Poet Voices continues to raise the bar in all aspects of its music and production, striving to provide a fresh and exciting concert experience each and every time. Audiences can expect to hear a variety of hit songs from the quartet such as 'Jesus Built A Bridge,' and 'One Holy Lamb,' as well as songs from Cross' pen made popular by other groups such as 'Wedding Music,' 'When I Get Carried Away,' and 'Champion Of Love.'

This will be a ticketed event, and information regarding reservations will be coming by July 1.

For further information about Poet Voices you can visit their website, www.poetvoices.net.





News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes

Present: Pastor McCarn, Elleigh (25), Nancy Thomas(26), Karen Brown (24), Lisa Haldy (25) and via telephone Lucy Coppes (24) and Eric Shank, Consistory Liaison

Present: Pastor McCarn, Lucy Coppes (24), Eric Shank, Consistory Liaison, Elleigh Franz (25), Nancy Thomas (26), Karen Brown (24), Lisa Haldy (25) via telephone.

Lucy opened the meeting and led Devotions.

- **Consistory:** CE Board brought to Eric's attention that the cement in the basketball court has heaved over the winter and could be a potential hazard. Mentioned interest in patio/gazebo and if there could be discussion about potential designs, costs, etc.
- **Safe Church Training:** Members of CE Board and teachers who have not taken the training have been notified of the make up training days the first week of May.
- **Sunday School:** Discussion on how Easter went, everyone was pleased, no changes were suggested. Cards to be sent thanking Mary Kay for stuffing eggs and to prize basket donor. Last day of Sunday School will be May 12. Will provide a fun day for kids, let them play outside on playground. Board members will provide water, juice and snacks.
- **Youth Ministry and Post-Confirmation group:** Youth will be performing music on Mother's Day during the service. Post Confirmation Youth Group is still in discussion.
- **Summer Faith Events:** Pool has been reserved for July 6. Discussed the possibility of doing Messy Church for June. Pastor McCarn will investigate what is necessary for hosting an event.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report, cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - This position is still vacant. Karen stated that she would be interested in taking on this role
- **Next meeting TBD (will be in June due to conflicts in May with Confirmation and Memorial Day)**



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Don Rettig

will celebrate his
91st Birthday
on June 13

15976 St. Rt. 281
Holgate, OH 43527

Kay Raines

will celebrate her
90th Birthday
on June 13

4741 73rd St
LaMesa, CA 91942

Herbert Fruth

will celebrate his
96th Birthday
on June 23

13567 Co Rd H
Holgate, OH 43527

John Tobias

will celebrate his
85th Birthday
on June 28

10011 County Rd. Y
Hamler, OH 43524

Special Music For Summer Worship

Here it is the summer season of worship and all of the choirs will take a break until Fall. Still, that is no reason for special music to stop. If you or someone you know would like to sing or perform a musical selection during the summer, please let someone in the church or the church office know and we will accommodate you.

Just because it is the summer season is no reason not to listen to all the wonderful music from our congregation. Please also remember we enjoy hearing piano recitals and other musical instruments. If you are willing to provide the special music, please let us know a date so we can get that on the calendar.

Keith Winnie,
Chair of Worship and Music Team



George & Ruth Medina
will celebrate their
63rd Wedding Anniversary
on June 9

226 S Turkeyfoot Ave
Malinta, OH 43534

Gary & Marilyn Watson
will celebrate their
58th Wedding Anniversary
on June 25

M687 Co Rd 17D
Napoleon, OH 43545

Larry & Darlene Hockman
will celebrate their
66th Wedding Anniversary
on June 29

854 W Graceway Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545



In Loving Memory
James W. Waisner
July 27, 1939 - April 20, 2024

James William Waisner was born July 27, 1939, and died April 20, 2024.

Jim was born to Thomas and Mildred (Fruth) Waisner and was the older brother to Jerry (Joan) Waisner and Janet (Delmar) Tilse.

Jim was a lifelong resident of Holgate and a lifelong member of St. John's UCC where he served as Deacon, Elder, Consistory chair, CE Board, Christian League and shared his love of music as the strong back row tenor in the choir.

Jim was both farmer and carpenter and co-owner of Waisner Construction (Holgate Lumber Co.). His vocations kept him tethered to Northwest Ohio but it couldn't hinder his nomadic tendency. He had a pilot's license, a passport, a map, and a fisherman's soul.

His summers drew him North to Lake Agnew as its historian and fish whisperer. Jim's biggest catch though was Susanne Waisner who he met in Defiance, married in Massachusetts (August 4, 1962) and where they, together, spent the next 61 years on the farm raising four children: Kevin (Beth) Waisner, Scott (Vicki) Waisner, Mark (Tia) Waisner, and Diana (Jerry) Evers.

His love of his family mattered to him deeply and the pride he felt for them was expressed in those moments when he tipped his hat and smiled. His wit, traveler's spirit, and carpenter's acumen will be forever missed but can be seen in the eleven grandchildren: Colin (Emily) Waisner, Denton (Wendy) Waisner, Adrienne Waisner, Reed (Renee) Waisner, Cody (Paige) Bronson, Michael (Alyssa) Waisner, Jennifer Waisner, Clay (Jessica) Waisner, Jason Waisner, Nicholas Evers, Neveah Evers, and six great grandchildren.

Jim will be missed, but his light travels on.

Friends were received in St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 2-8:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service.

The celebration of Jim's life was Thursday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Jeffrey McCarn officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

*Memorials can be made to
St. John's choir or
a charity of your choice.*



JUNE

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| 6-2 | Jenny Kobilis | 6-15 | Serapio Medina |
| 6-2 | Chris Coppes | 6-17 | Nancy Thomas |
| 6-3 | Rick Desgranges | 6-18 | Sean Saneholtz |
| 6-11 | Darlene Snyder | 6-20 | Karen Yaichner |
| 6-12 | Virginia Rettig | 6-21 | Patricia Kirk |
| 6-13 | John Vajen | 6-21 | Eric Shank |
| 6-13 | Craig Franz, Sr. | 6-23 | Herb Fruth |
| 6-13 | Peg Franz | 6-26 | Tanner Davis |
| 6-13 | Don Rettig | 6-28 | John Tobias |
| 6-13 | Kay Raines | 6-29 | Ashlynn Highfield |

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.)



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 419-966-2389
Church Office at 419-264-4401

PLAN AHEAD FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS
See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for news articles to appear in the **JULY** Newsletter is---**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024, at 12 NOON**
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



June Mission BACK BAY MISSION

St. John's is a member of the Northwest Ohio Association of the Heartland Conference United Church of Christ. Information and resources are available at www.nwoa.org, www.heartlanducc.org and www.ucc.org.