



**REMINDER THAT WE ARE ON SUMMER SCHEDULE WITH CHURCH
AT 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10 AND AT 7 PM ON
WEDNESDAYS THROUGH JULY.**



From Pastor Dave's Desk – see insert
From Consistory President Ron – pages 2-3
Rummage Sale update – page 5
New Members - page 7
Tomato Festival Parade Float – page 7
July Worship Participants – page 11
July Mission – page 18
Birthdays – pages 23 and 27
Thank yous – pages 25-26
Silk Scarf Painting – page 25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
9:30am - Worship/NewMember 10:30am - CE Board	Office closed	Independence Day NO SHALOM Office closed	9am - Sit & Fit 7pm - Midweek Worship	6pm - Finance Team		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Confirmation Camp						
9:30am - Worship/Communion 10:30am - Silk Scarf Painting	6pm - Spiritual Council 6:15pm - Deacons 7pm - Consistory	SHALOM Delivery am 4:30pm - Food Pantry	9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Worship/Music 7pm - Worship/Communion			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Evangelism Team 10:30am - Faith Family gathering		SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	9am - Sit & Fit 7pm - Midweek Worship			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30am - Worship		9am - Newsletter mailing	9am - Sit & Fit 7pm - Midweek Worship			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am - Worship						



TRANSITIONS

It truly has been an honor, a joy, and a blessing to serve as your interim pastor. Certainly on my part a real fondness and caring has developed. I'm grateful for the faith, service, ministries, and fellowship we've shared, and for the experiences that fostered wonderful relationships and friendships and made me proud to serve St. John's.

Our relationship began in January 2022 when, on my first Sunday in the pulpit, I encouraged us in our journey together to dedicate ourselves to demonstrating what it truly means to live as disciples and as active church members. We had the conscious choice of how we would proceed in mutual ministry together as interim pastor and congregation.

Again at this time, you have a conscious choice to view the future of St. John's UCC with hope, faith, and expectation. God has provided for this faith family in the past and has heaped upon you blessing after blessing, and you have every reason to continue on that path. As my interim time has been, let the coming period continue to be a time of discovery as you prepare for and welcome your new settled pastor.

As we prepare to say farewell, we're different people than we were 18 months ago. We've thrived and grown through a time of doing some things differently, maintaining important traditions and considering new ways to love, serve, and worship. We've met new people and have new relationships – not the least of which is what Janise and I have shared with you. Perhaps you lost a loved one and I had their funeral or you sought counsel from me and I was able to help. Maybe, after the birth of a baby, I officiated at a baptism (we had many!) or you got married and made your vows in my presence. All of these experiences will inform the way you face the future with faith and continue to share the message of Jesus and his love.

It's not new, but it's the message you especially need to hear now in the life of St. John's UCC. It's the message that encourages you to choose the excitement of embodying the warmth of God's love as a church family and conveying it outside the church walls.

As we come upon our final weeks together, first and foremost I praise and thank God for all of you, for my relatively brief time spent with you in ministry, mission, service, and fellowship, and for God's blessings on us during our mutual ministry. But I am also thanking you! Thank you for your faithfulness and Christian commitment. Thank you for your kind words and caring acts. Thank you for the times you ministered to me (more times than you know), especially if I was ill.

Continued On Back

Continued From Front

Thank you to all of you who have loved and accepted Janise and me and for being the kind of loving, generous, and hospitable church family that sets an example for others!

I am reminded that congregations are strong because of their members and lay leaders. Each of us brings our gifts to a particular congregation to be used in that particular time and place. Then it's time for new pastoral leadership to come and bring new energy and new gifts that a congregation needs for the future. The members remain in faithfulness to continue the work and mission of Christ.

Transitions are times of opportunity, and I pray that you will discover ways in which all of you can live-out your call as a follower of Christ. This is part of what we did together during your "in between time."

Soon you will have a new settled pastor. This is yet another step on St. John's' 163 year journey of ministry and mission in this changing world. May your driving vision and ultimate purpose continue to be raising up, equipping, and encouraging disciples of Jesus Christ, reaching out with a benevolent spirit to those who are or feel disenfranchised by society, loving God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving others – all others – with extravagant, Christ-like love. To that end, now is a great time to prayerfully consider where you are needed at St. John's and how you can make an impact in creating a joy-filled and exciting new future here.

This is a very special congregation, a community where people really do feel welcome and a community where people experience care and embrace opportunities to serve. My prayers will be with you as you keep shining that light, rekindling the flame with one another when you are discouraged, caring for one another, celebrating the blessing that you are and the abundance of life, gifts, and opportunities for service in this place. Be courageous. Take some risks. Share in the tremendous collection of time, talent, and treasure that mark this congregation's deep resources. Trust that God is with you and that you have each other.

It is my prayer that in the midst of change and yet another transition, you will experience the calming presence of the Holy Spirit along with excitement and joy about new paths of ministry and pastoral leadership.

I share from my heart these words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. It's a fitting benediction as we near the end of our time together: "Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

I'll see you in church – at least a few more times!

Pastor Dave



Please Contact us at --

Office Hours: 8-12 Monday - Friday
 Church Phone: (419) 264-4401
 Interim Pastor: David A. Voll - Cell Phone: 419-410-4090
 Parsonage Phone: 419-264-5201
 Parsonage Address: 13039 Co Rd J, Holgate, OH 43527
 Church e-mail: holgateucc@metalink.net
 Pastor e-mail: pastordave.voll@gmail.com
 Financial Administrator e-mail - Tyler Rue: stjohnfinadmin@metalink.net
 Newsletter Editor e-mail: radurham703@bright.net
 Church Website: www.stjohnsuccholgate.com
 SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

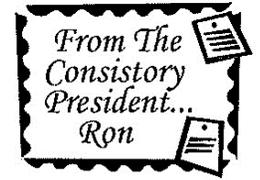
Betty (Bob) Rettig, Admin. Asst.
 Fax: (419) 264-1460

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

In This Issue

From Dave's Desk.....	See Insert	Financial Summary.....	16
From Consistory President Ron	2,3	Shut-Ins	17
Positive Things Seen and Heard.....	4	July Mission.....	18
Summer Midweek Worship.....	4	Address Update.....	18
Worship Service on Line.....	4	Notes From The Office	19
Consistory Highlights.....	5	CE Board Notes - May	20
Rummage Sale Is A Wrap	5	CE Board Notes - June	21
Spiritual Council.....	6,7	Evangelism Team - Second Item.....	22
New Member To Join St. John's.....	7	Birthdays 80+.....	23
Fair - Tomato Festival Float.....	7	Anniversaries 50+.....	23
Deacons' Bench	8	In Memory Of - H. Cutlip.....	24
Difference-Mission To Go and PPM....	9	Silk Scarf Painting.....	25
From The Pulpit.....	10	Thank You.....	25,26
July Worship Participants.....	11	July Birthdays.....	27
From The SHALOM Pantry	11	Prayer Chain Contacts.....	Back Cover
Prayer Chain.....	12,13	Meeting Information.....	Back Cover
Evangelism Team Highlights	13	Newsletter Deadline.....	Back Cover
Kids Corner.....	Page 1,2	Missions Schedule.....	Back Cover

This Is What I Know



Rummage Sale

The rummage sale took a massive amount of effort to setup, tear down and everything in between. Thanks to all involved. From early conversations questioning if we would have enough donations to have a rummage sale to, "oh my" where are we going to put everything, the rummage sale was a huge **success!!** This event generates monies for the church, but the main thing, it is a service project that helps community members who may have fallen on difficult times. Along with Shalom, we provide a service that allows people to get back on their feet and hopefully improve the quality of their life.

Thanks to all!!!!

COVID Funds

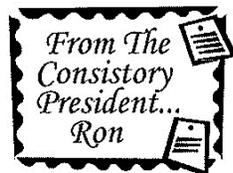
Consistory has approved the allocation of \$5,000 from the fund to do more slate roof repairs. The new slates being utilized are black in color and we do not have a timetable as to when the repairs will take place. The balance of the fund (approximately \$4,700) is being moved to the operating fund checkbook as the balance is low. Once both of the above happens, the COVID fund will have a balance of \$0.00 and will be eliminated from the Financial Reporting.

Sinkhole

Henry County Highway Department has repaired the hole and once the stone is compacted, hopefully they will be back to replace the asphalt.

Continued On Page 3

This Is What I Know



Continued From Page 2

Critters

I have mentioned critters before; however, we have some bats that have decided to take up residency in the parsonage attic. Multiple companies have submitted quotes and Consistory has approved the quote that was submitted by Nature's Doorstep Wildlife & Pest Control out of Rossford. The quote includes capturing the bats, sealing entry points, and removing bat droppings and disinfecting the bat dropping area.

Tennis Court

If you have not noticed, the South end of the tennis court is deteriorating. The Deacons made a recommendation to Consistory which consist of removal of approximately half of the concrete (South end), remove both basketball poles and move one to the north parking lot, remove the fencing, and utilize the excess dirt at the back of the cemetery to fill in the hole left by the concrete removal. Retaining part of the court allows us to have a picnic area for future events. Cost for this will be minimal as volunteers have stepped up to supply equipment and labor. Maybe a Gazebo in the future?

Fellowship Hall

For those of you that have not noticed, the drapes and rods have been taken down in Fellowship Hall. A team has been assembled to look at window treatments for Fellowship Hall. Maybe we are good as is? Take a look and see what you think.

Ron Hoellrich 2023 Consistory President



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- Excited to have a candidacy weekend scheduled.
- Wonderful start to midweek services!
- Exciting to have a group traveling to see Ken Rayle.
- Glad to have new folks joining the Faith Family soon.
- Grateful to CEB for upcoming Faith Family events.
- Excited to have the Evangelism Team back working. Thanks for representing us at Eyes to the Skies!
- Fourteen people had a great visit with Ken Rayle reminiscing about great times had in the past.
- Thank you to Christine Rettig for her enthusiasm and willingness to bring projects to full potential.

Summer Midweek Worship Continues Through July

Our gatherings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings are not the same as previous Sunday morning worship services.

At each midweek service, Pastor Dave will share hymn stories and focus on the background behind some much loved hymns of our faith. The setting regarding the tunes and the motivation behind writing the lyrics can be fascinating, informative, moving, and meaningful. Communion will be served on Wednesday, July 12.

All are welcome to these gatherings to hear hymn stories, sing some favorites, be worshipful midweek, and share in fellowship.

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>.



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

June 5, 2023

Continued From Page 6

The outline of "Love Gift" guidelines was reviewed with no changes suggested. Greg Nelson moved to recommend the guidelines to Consistory for adoption. Kevin Waisner seconded the motion, and it passed. If adopted by Consistory, they will become a part of the policy manual.

A healthy discussion of the probable transition to a settled pastor ensued. There are many considerations and unknowns at this time, but we need to stay attuned to the progress and work on the details as we go. Pastor Voll strongly urges that we have an exit interview for all our benefit.

Due to the July 4 holiday, the next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bob Rettig, Scribe

NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

On Sunday, July 2, the following five new members will formally join St. John's: Lynnette Rettig Goldsmith (daughter of Don and Betty), Joe and Lynne Long (have been attending for 18+ months), Isaac Solis (husband of LaTasha), and Taryn Thomas (wife of Ben).

You are especially encouraged to be in worship as we welcome these friends into the fellowship of our faith family!

Henry County Fair Tomato Festival Parade

Everyone in Henry County looks forward to the fair, and the Tomato Festival Parade. Last year, St. John's had a prize winning float in the parade, and we are planning to have an entry in the parade again this year! Please watch the bulletins and the Facebook page for further information as we get started planning and building our float!



DEACONS' BENCH

June 12, 2023

Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe

Deacons:

Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23), Jeri Hoellrich (23),
Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24), Adam Stevenson (24)
Chris Coppes (25), Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25)

Members present: Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23),
Jeri Hoellrich (23), Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24),
Adam Stevenson (24), Chris Coppes (25), Jared Clady (25),
Ben Thomas (25)

- Meeting was called to order by Head Deacon, Adam Stevenson.
- Discussion of notes of previous meeting reviewed and deemed correct.

Old Business:

- Discussion took place concerning window treatments in Fellowship Hall.
- Tennis Court discussion with recommendation to go to Consistory.

New Business:

- Discussion of bat eviction with recommendation to go to Consistory
- Update on fire extinguishers
- Deacon Schedule for July - See Worship Participants Page 11
- **Next Deacon's meeting** scheduled for July 10, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.



**Difference Between
Mission-To-Go
and
Prayer Plan Missions**



Recently someone asked me what the difference is between Mission to Go and Prayer Plan Missions. Mission to Go is a fund that the church established many years ago to cover the expenses for members to go on mission trips. These funds can be used for expenses to anywhere. These funds have been used to send members to Mexico, Honduras, Haiti, Houston, Mississippi, and Cincinnati.

Prayer Plan Missions (PPM) is a non-profit organization based in Xenia, Ohio that serves the people of Honduras. Prayer Plan Missions focuses on the Village of Chaguitillos and those living along the rivers (bordos) in San Pedro Sula. Much of PPM's efforts go toward:

- Widows/widowers (PPM currently serves approximately 90 individuals by providing mattresses, food distributions, medications/supplements, and spiritual support)
- Financial assistance to provide children with education and educational supplies
- Improvements to homes (running water, indoor bathrooms, roofs, general home improvements or replacement)
- Educating future pastors
- Providing food/supplies for a local Sunday School program hosted by a Honduran family
- Providing health and dental clinics to mountain villages
- Food distributions through purchased items and PPM's farm (Finca del Padre)
- Providing meeting spaces for educational and ministerial gatherings
- Providing/improving water supply to the Village of Chaguitillos

As a board member of PPM, I am incredibly grateful for your continued support for the work we do. I am also grateful for your support of Mission to Go which has allowed several members of our church to go on trips and perform the work that needs to be done for PPM as well as the many other organizations we have worked for over the last several years. If anyone has questions about either of these funds, please contact me at your convenience. If you would like to know more about PPM, you can also visit our website at www.ppmisions.org.

Chad Lulfs



Worship Services 9:30 a.m.

**July 2 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost –
New Members Received**

Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 11:25-30
Freedom Is No "Yoke" – Or Is It?

July 9 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – Communion

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 27
John 6:28-35
Bread and Water: Not Just For Punishment

July 16 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Seeds Sold Here: Which Will You Choose?

July 23 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalms 73:1-3, 7-9, 12-13, 16-17, 23-28
Matthew 24:30, 36-43
On Getting Rid of Weeds....And Judgments

July 30 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

TBA

JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

DEACONS

July 2 and 5

Carol Medina
Chris Coppes

July 9 and 12

Adam Stevenson
Jeri Hoellrich

July 16 and 19

Pat Kirk
Kevin Vajen

July 23 and 26

Jared Clady
Ben Thomas

July 30

Ron Hoellrich
Jeri Hoellrich



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - MAY 2023

INCOME

St. John's - April Giving	\$ 1,617.00
Hope Lutheran Church	1,161.00
Individual Donation	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,788.00

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...

Those on our hearts and minds

Brenda Mullen (co-worker of Betty (Bob) Rettig) recovering from melanoma surgery

Georgena Nanson recovering from knee replacement

Marsha Lambert two heart procedures

Jacob Highfield home after heart surgery at Mayo Clinic

Bob Helberg (Terry (Sue) Rettig's brother-in-law) diagnosed with Leukemia and blood clots in his lungs

Lynne Long recovering after surgery to repair broken foot

Dawn Fry recovering at home after surgery

Helen Wilson (Friend of Pam Desgranges) dealing with serious heart issues

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 who died or were displaced by earthquakes in Syria and Turkey

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



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

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.
- Let us pray for **the work of the Search Team** and keep the members of the Team in your prayers.



**EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING
JUNE 4, 2023**

The Evangelism Team met on June 4 after worship. Attending were Christopher and Lori Clady, Jim and Chris Rettig, and Kay Armbruster.

- We reviewed the second item on our purpose statement.
- The team will have bag stuffers with church information that will be placed in the bags as shoppers check out at the rummage sale.
- Plans were started for participation in the Eyes to the Skies parade in Holgate on June 24.
- Preliminary plans were discussed to participate in the Henry County Fair parade with a float.
- Discussion was held regarding the use of print media versus electronic social media to reach out to folks. Due to the increasing cost of advertising, which falls under the Evangelism Team budget, the team is going to ask Consistory to increase the budget for the remainder of 2023, and to increase the budgeted amount for the Evangelism Team in 2024.
- **The next meeting** will be Sunday, July 16 after worship.

*Christine Rettig,
Chair of the Evangelism Team*



Kid's Corner



July

7 - 8	Ezra Medina
7 - 10	Ethan Saneholtz
7 - 11	Riley Miller
7 - 13	Amelia Waisner
7 - 15	Annisah Franz
7 - 20	Zoe Lulfs
7 - 24	Kennedy Shank
7 - 27	Lincoln Brown
7 - 31	Charlotte Whiteside



Kid's Corner



"SPLASH"

**Summer Family Gathering
Everyone Welcome!**

**Sunday, July 16 after worship
Jesus and The Great Catch of Fish
Bring A Dish to Share for Lunch
Hot Dogs and Drink Provided
Enjoy Water Games
Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board**

ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY POOL
POTLUCK PICNIC AT 5:00 P.M.
SWIMMING 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
EVERYONE INVITED AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
(watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex)
Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY REPORT

May Report Not Available



**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

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

KINGSBURY PLACE, 245 West Rosewood Ave., Defiance, OH 43512
Rose Marie Durham - Apt. 142

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527
Marlene Rettig - #13

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
Jim and Sue Waisner 1542 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527
Bernard Zimmer 1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37 Napoleon, Ohio 43545



*Mission and
Stewardship*



**OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION
MISSION FOR JULY**

July's mission is Our Church's Wider Mission or more commonly referred to as OCWM.

The United Church of Christ is an inclusive and diverse community of Christians connected by faith that calls us to build a just world for all. Our ministries advocate at a national and global level, but our roots are planted firmly in our local churches in communities.

For over 400 years, the United Church of Christ has been the church of firsts, weaving God's message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary, and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world. Our history is filled with ways our faith and call for justice have effected change in our communities, and our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

Wider Church Ministries is most widely known for the mission outreach work of the UCC because of our disaster ministries. This arm of the church also serves congregations and other settings of the church who strive to be inclusive whether it is multicultural/muliracial, open and affirming, global or accessible to all. In partnership with the Disciples of Christ, Common Global Ministries is the ecumenical global sharing of resources and prophetic vision of a just and peaceful world order, joining with God's concern for the poor and oppressed.

Address Update

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

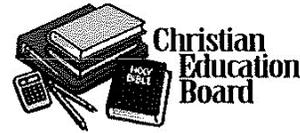


Notes from the Office

Please include the church office when you change addresses. It may not seem like much, but we pay about \$.75 for every newsletter that is returned or that has to be forwarded. That doesn't happen every month but some months we might have three newsletters returned and, over the course of a year, it adds up.

Farmers - you can help reduce your taxable income while helping the church. When you sell a load of grain, sell it in the name of the church and let us know that you did this. You can't deduct it as a tax exemption but you also do not declare it as income. Talk to your tax preparation folks to make sure this applies to you. It can be mutually beneficial.

Retirees and those who have IRA's. If you have reached the age where you have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement funds, you can make charitable gifts that do not increase your taxable income at the end of the year. If your distribution is made out directly to St. John's or another charitable group, it does not become "income" for you. This can be a great way to support the church or other charities without raising your taxes. We are not tax experts, so please talk to whoever does your taxes to confirm this applies to you. If you do make this type of distribution, please let the church office know so you can get credit for your gift, even if it isn't tax deductible. You can also tell us the fund you want to support.



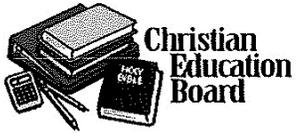
News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes
May 21, 2023

Present: Diana Evers (23), Katie Borck (23), Lucy Coppes (24)
Elleigh Franz (25), and Lisa Haldy (25)

Katie opened the meeting, and Lisa lead devotions

- **Consistory:** Rev. Stephens from Washington UCC led worship today and was presented with donations from the congregation for Summer Camp. Donations will continue to be collected from summer camp until the end of the month. Linda Arreguin will take the rest of the donations down to Washington UCC.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation is done for the year. Confirmation Camp will be held on 7/9 -7/15. Will touch base with Franell on transportation.
- **Sunday School:** Last Day of Sunday School celebration (today) went well. Discussed giving teacher gifts in the future, Scribe will send thank you cards to the teachers. Curriculum for Year A Fall to be ordered in July. Discussed switch of translations in Bibles from NRSV for younger children to NIV for older children. Difference in translation is minimal. Found additional Spark Bibles in classrooms, no need to order at this time.
- **Faith and Family Summer Gatherings** dates were determined for June 25th, July 16th and August 12. Topics will be Noah, Jesus and the Great Catch of Fish, Baptism of Jesus. Due to cost, the dunk tank was turned down. Lisa volunteered to compile a questions game about water and how that connects with faith. Potential settled Pastor McCarn will be at St. John's on June 25, will invite him to participate in activities. July 16 event lessons will be led by Latasha/Elleigh and August by Katie/Lucy. The Village of Holgate is doing a community VBS and has invited us to participate. Due to short notice, declined at this time, however, will remain open to future participation if the event is held again.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report, cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - Everything is up to date.
- **Next meeting scheduled for June 11, 2023** after worship.



News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes
June 11, 2023

Present: Pastor Voll, Diana Evers (23), Katie Borck (23),
Lucy Coppes (24) Elleigh Franz (25), Lisa Haldy (25) via phone
and LaTasha Solis (23) via phone

Katie opened the meeting, and Elleigh led devotions

- **Consistory:** Donations for Washington UCC will continue to be collected from summer camp until the end of the month. Linda Arreguin will take the rest of the donations down to Washington UCC in July. Lucy will contact Washington UCC to see if there is interest in old Sunday School Leadership books.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation Camp will be held on 7/9 -7/15. Franell has scheduled a transportation meeting for June 25 at 9 a.m.
- **Sunday School:** Finalized list for teacher thank you cards. Scheduled clean up day for Sunday School Rooms on July 16 after Faith and Family Summer Event. Fall Curriculum will need to be ordered in July. Katie informed the group that Christian Education has been approached to lead Children's Moment in worship during the interim of between Pastor Voll and Pastor McCarn, if he is voted on as the next settled pastor. Discussion tabled until after vote and clarification of dates that would need to be filled.
- **Faith and Family Summer Gatherings** Finalized plans for food and games for June 25 Faith and Family event. Lisa reminded the group that a head count is needed for life guards for the August event/pool party.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report, cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - Everything is up to date.
- **Next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2023, after worship.**

Respectfully Submitted, Lucy Coppes, Scribe



EVANGELISM TEAM PURPOSE STATEMENT SECOND ITEM

The Evangelism Team here at St. John's has a purpose statement that we have been reviewing.

Recently a newsletter article covered the first item of our purpose statement, creating a place of extravagant welcome. This time, we are bringing you information about the second item of our purpose statement: **providing opportunities for members and guests to become full participants in the ministry and mission that is set before us.**

How can we fulfill this purpose statement? All of us at St. John's need to do our part to help folks feel like they are a part of our faith family. Families work together to accomplish tasks, and we as a faith family need to do the same.

If you are part of a group or activity, don't be afraid to ask others to join in. Sometimes folks know that activities are going on, but it is hard to make that first step to join in. We all need to reach out, invite someone to join in, make them feel welcomed and accepted. When a person gets involved in an activity, such as helping out in the kitchen for an event, helping to price items at the rummage sale, or even plunging in the water at the pool party, they begin to feel like they are becoming a part of our faith family.

If you are asked to serve on a team, even though it might seem hard to say yes, joining in helps you to become a full participant in the ministry and mission that is set before us.

Don't be afraid to ask someone to join in!

Don't be afraid to join in when asked!

Everyone will benefit from becoming more involved!



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Birthdays

Shirley Tobias
will celebrate her
83rd Birthday
on July 4

10011 Co. Rd. Y
Hamler, OH 43524

Charlotte Rettig
will celebrate her
84th Birthday
on July 13

316 S. Wilhelm St
Holgate, OH 43527

Jim Waisner
will celebrate his
84th Birthday
on July 27

61542 St. Rt. 108
Holgate, OH 43527



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

"Senior Saints" Their 50+ Anniversaries

Junior and Minnie Hoff
will celebrate their
60th Wedding Anniversary
on July 6

895 Kenilworth Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Ron and Carol Lulfs
will celebrate their
54th Wedding Anniversary
on July 18

11862 Co. Rd. J
Napoleon, OH 43545



In Loving Memory
Heather Ann Cutlip
July 7, 1978 - May 10, 2023

Heather Ann Cutlip, 44, of Napoleon passed away at her home on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. She was born on July 7, 1978, to Peg Rettig and Steve Davis.

Heather was a free spirit with a personality to match; to know her was to love her. She enjoyed reading, collecting carousel horses and watching her soaps. She was also a movie fanatic. Animals always held a special place in her heart. She was a loving mother and devoted grandmother. She loved looking after her granddaughter, Lorelei and seeing her daily. Heather was loved by all who knew her, and she was taken too soon. To say she will be dearly missed is an understatement.

Heather is survived by her daughter, Kailey (Caleb) Butler; granddaughter Lorelei Butler; mother Peg (Russ Stafford) Rettig; father, Steve (Sandy) Davis; brothers, Nick (Erica) Davis and Brad Davis; niece, Tauren Davis, nephew, Tanner Davis; grandparents, Larry and Darlene Hockman; uncle, Randy (Tammy) Davis and cousins, Lee Davis and Andrew Junge. She is also survived by other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kelsey Davis; Grandparents, Ron and Bertha Davis, and nephew, Bryan Davis.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held on Friday, May 26, 2023, at St. John's United Church of Christ from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a Graveside Service at 6 p.m. at the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted with Walker-Hoening Mortuary of Napoleon.

*Memorial contributions may be made to
Her Daughter Kailey Butler*

Silk Scarf Painting
July 9, 2023
After Worship



We are going to offer **Silk Scarf Painting after worship on July 9**. No special talents are needed. We will use 72" silk scarves, sharpie markers, rubbing alcohol, hair dryers and an iron and ironing board.

Hopefully this stirs your curiosity! \$10 will cover the cost of the materials and projects should be completed in time to be home for lunch.

There is a signup sheet on the table by the bulletins so we can be sure to have enough scarves for everyone who wants to make one. If you have questions, please see Jeri Hoellrich, Maggie Prigge, or Betty (Bob) Rettig.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent hospitalization and rehab.
Special thanks to Pastor Dave for his prayers, visits and calls.

Mick Hoff

Thank You

Thanks to Pastor Dave and all the members for the prayers, Prayers always help. I am doing okay, but recuperation will be four to six weeks. Thanks again.

Georgena Nanson

St. John's UCC

A big thank you to my Faith Family and Pastor Dave Voll for your prayers, cards, and visits. My surgery went very well and I thank the good Lord for bringing me through it!

Ruth Medina

Bless You All!

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, sat quietly in a chair, sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friends could say, you were not there at all, Just thought of us this day.
Whatever you did, whatever part, We prayerfully thank you for consoling our hearts.

Love and Hugs
Kailey, Peg, and Nick

Dear Pastor and Janise

I want to Thank You for bringing all the people with you Sunday. That meant a lot to me for everyone to have Communion. I sure enjoyed the afternoon with all the people here. I hope everyone got back home safe and sound. I want to wish everyone nothing but the best.

Thank all the people who came up Sunday.

Love Ken Rayle



JULY

7-1	Steve Thomas	7-13	Amanda Rettig
7-1	Michael Haldy	7-13	Charlotte Rettig
7-2	Frank Wetmore	7-13	Robert Rettig
7-4	Shirley Tobias	7-13	Cheryl Woodring
7-4	Karen Brown	7-16	Chris Morgan
7-5	Sue Abshire	7-18	Kirk Zimmerman
7-5	Mike Plotts	7-18	Amanda Goheen
7-6	Kristen Royster	7-20	Kortney Hahn
7-7	Ryan Fruth	7-20	Jen Rettig
7-8	Sara Bortz	7-22	Rachel Clark
7-10	David Orr	7-27	Jim Waisner
7-10	Jared Clady	7-27	Daniel Shank
7-10	Lucy Coppes	7-29	Linda Rettig
7-12	Kevin Vajen	7-30	Joan Waisner
7-12	Tom Eberle	7-30	Dennis Wetmore
7-12	John Squires	7-30	John Eberle

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 **AUGUST** Newsletter is **SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023**

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**



July Mission

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER 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.