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Gospel Music Concert – Poet Voices – August 4
see flyer for details to get your free tickets

Blessing of the Backpacks and Messy Church - August 18

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 6pm - Pastoral Relations Council	2	3 9am - FH reserved - Pam
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor Jeff leaves after concert and returns on Aug 12						
9:30am - Baptism 9:30am - Worship/Communion 11am - Setup for concert In 7pm - Poet Voices Concert	6:30pm - Spiritual Council	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry		6pm - Finance Team		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pastor Jeff leaves after concert 9:30am - Worship	6pm - Deacons 6:30pm - Consistory			Staffing fair gates 1:30pm - Vancrest - Angel Choir		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 9:30am - Worship/Backpack 10:30am - Messy Church		SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30am - Worship		9am - Newsletter mailing				



Please Contact us at --

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 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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

No Wednesday Evening Service in August

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MYSTERIES

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

The servants of the landowner came and said to him, "Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?"

"An enemy has done this," he answered. (Matthew 13:24-28 CEB)

One of my favorite genres of books is murder mysteries. Recently, I discovered an author that I had not read. S. A. Cosby is a new author, who has only written four books. The first book I read from him was actually his latest book. I never was able to figure out who the murderer was before it was revealed in the book. This well-written mystery kept me engaged while I tried to solve "who done it."

If we are honest, the Bible is a library of mysteries involving real people awaiting our investigation. Interpreting the Bible calls for shrewd detective work. The greatest mysteries in the Bible are the four gospels. We may not know the name of each of the four evangelists, but we do know that each of them wrote their gospel to a particular group of people for a particular purpose. As biblical detectives, we put their themes and theology under a magnifying glass and ask the question, "In what context would these themes and theology be crucial communication for their community?"

The mystery of the parable of the weeds and the wheat is found only in Matthew's gospel. Why did the author of this gospel feel that a story about weeds and wheat was important to his community? Most likely, Matthew told this parable to address some situation regarding two groups of people in his congregation.

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MYSTERIES

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Most scholars agree that Matthew was writing to a mixed Jewish and Gentile congregation; neither group wanted to accept the other. Each viewed the other as weeds, themselves as wheat. This conflict between the two groups was serious and destructive to his congregation.

The parable is an attempt by Matthew to answer the question, "How do you motivate people who enthusiastically claim to follow Jesus but refuse to follow his ethical teachings?"

Perhaps it is his attempt to answer the question, "How are two groups to coexist productively and peacefully when each refuses to forgive the other, but instead excuses their own behavior while judging that of others?"

Some weeds need to be plucked up and the sooner the better. The parable does not mean we avoid negative experiences in life, but instead we are to seek out harsh sounds, funky smells, unpleasant situations and difficult people. An unjust ruler needs to be opposed. A bad habit that hurts ourselves and others needs healing.

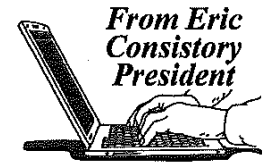
If something smells in the fridge, we clean out the whole fridge to find the culprit: the moldy lemon in the back of the produce drawer or the wilted lettuce we forgot about.

This parable is primarily about relationships between people. It is about not judging and not assuming that we are wheat and others are weeds. When we judge others and dismiss their contributions and value, we become weeds among the community's wheat.

If we claim to follow Jesus, we must follow his lead and treat everyone we encounter with compassion and forgiveness.

*Grace and peace,
Rev. Jeff McCarn*

See You At The Fair!



Fair time has gotten more fun for me as I've gotten older. I didn't grow up in "farm country" like this. I grew up just west of Dayton, so our County Fair was more of a city fair with more of an amusement park atmosphere.

Since I've retired, I spend more time at the fair just walking and seeing who I run into. I worked with a lot of local producers and landowners in my career, so it is good to see some of them and talk a little if they have time.

Working the gates at the fair the past few years has resulted in a lot more of these reunions. Our church family will be covering the fair gates on August 15 (Demolition Derby Night). If you attend the fair that day or if you are working at the gates, let people know who you represent and also let them know they would be welcomed at any of our events.

Be Proud ! (see last month's article ;)

*Erick Shank
Consistory President*



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- Grateful for air conditioning in Fellowship Hall during extended hot weather
- Favorable weather for wheat harvest
- Ongoing support of the kids for heifer project. Thanks to Pastor Jeff for helping teach the kids about giving to help others
- Thanks to Chris and Jim for spraying the weeds
- Special recognition to the team who worked at Shalom when temps exceeded 90°
- Eyes to the Skies went well, passed out 100 water bottles and 270 necklaces (thank you to Anita Sidle for providing the necklaces)
- Church in the Park service, potluck, and swimming was fun



**Congratulations to
Rachel Thomas
and
Andy Brinkman
On their Marriage - June 22**

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 JULY 1, 2024

Pastor: Jeff McCarn
Head Elder and Evangelism Liaison: Kay Armbruster (26)
Scribe: Bob Rettig (25) Worship and Music Liaison: Greg Nelson (24)
Communion Stewards: Greg Nelson (24) and Mike Haldy (25)
Confirmation and Backup Scribe: Eric Shank (24)

Those present: Pastor Jeff McCarn *Kay Armbruster (26)
Eric Shank (24) Greg Nelson (24)
Mike Haldy (25) Rolie Rettig (26)

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Jeff. Eric Shank led devotions. Pastor's Report was reviewed with no questions.
- Worship – discussed feedback concerning worship in the Fellowship Hall and midweek services.
- Communion – Communion will be served on Sunday, July 14 and on Wednesday, July 31 (by intinction).
- Confirmation – nothing to report.
- Visitation – Pastor reviewed visitation.
- New Business –
 - o Agreed to list an honorarium for weddings of \$150 for members. The amount of the honorarium for members had been vague before. The honorarium for non-members was increased to \$250.
 - o Spiritual Council approved Pastor Jeff's request for time off. He will be here for the concert on August 4 and will then be gone August 5 through 11, returning in time for Consistory on August 12. He also requested time off beginning after worship on September 22 and returning on September 30.
- The meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jeff.
- The next meeting will be on August 5 at 6:30 p.m. if there is business to do, as Pastor Jeff will be gone, Kay, as Head Elder, will make that decision. As the September meeting would fall on Labor Day, the September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Eric Shank, Backup Scribe



DEACONS' BENCH

July 8, 2024
Adam Stevenson, Scribe

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:

*Carol Medina (24), Adam Stevenson (24), Kevin Vajen (24),
Ben Thomas (25), Chris Coppes (25), Janice Rettig (26)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Head Deacon Carol Medina.

Minutes of previous June 9 were approved.

Old Business

Dishwasher for Kitchen has been removed from discussion; it will not become a project.

New Business

Automatic door at South entrance, needed repair, bill to be paid \$1,239.09.

Information and news updates from Personnel Team.
Custodian position and staff review updates.

Change from current pest control, Terminex, to Buckeye Exterminating.

Kevin will call Kinsman Propane to lock in price, and begin budget process for 2025.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Next Deacon's meeting: September 2024.



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 8, 2024

Present: *(Terms conclude at the end of the year noted)*

ELDERS: Eric Shank (24) Greg Nelson (24) Mike Haldy (25)
Bob Rettig (25) *Kay Armbruster (26)

DEACONS: *Carol Medina (24) Kevin Vajen (24)
Adam Stevenson (24) Chris Coppes (25)
Ben Thomas (25) Janice Rettig (26)

- Pastor and Linda Arreguin were in Cincinnati with the Washington UCC mission group and unable to attend the meeting.
- Rummage Sale was a huge success this year. However, the coordinators would like to take next year off, so we will be looking for other volunteers to head this Church event.
- Getting ready for the August 4 Poet Voice Concert. Volunteers will be needed to check people in, greeters, and others and a signup sheet will be created.
- We will be staffing the gates at the Henry County Fair on August 15 from 7 a.m. through 9 p.m. so it takes a large number of volunteers. Look for sign-up sheet. We will be paid \$1,200 for our work. The money will be put toward planned capital projects.
- As requested, Bob Rettig contacted Doug Eis to help provide sound for Church in the Park. Decision was made to give him a \$50 gift card and a thank you note. Bob Rettig will take care of that.
- Discussed door mats for the entry doors and the work that will be required in those areas. Decision was made to order the better quality mat with "St. John's UCC" imprinted.
- After further investigation, the suggestion to install a commercial dishwasher has been withdrawn.
- Work continues to remove concrete from the basketball court. Ben plans to grind off the protruding bolts from the basketball hoop in the next few days.
- Personnel team recommendations were approved:
 - Accepted Dawn Fry's resignation as custodian effective 6/30. Norma Nagel will fill the position temporarily to allow Consistory to accept applications from the congregation for the position through July 15. Consistory approved hiring John Hahn, who has served as custodian in the past. He will be hired, assuming there are no other applicants. They will meet to discuss if there are additional applicants.

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CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 8, 2024

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- Personnel team recommendations were approved - Continued:
 - All staff will sign Employment Agreements on hire and at the beginning of each calendar year.
 - Staff reviews will be done in September, using self-evaluations and follow-up interviews.
 - Approved adding Martin Luther King Day as a paid holiday for Pastor Jeff and the Administrative Assistant.
 - 2 ongoing congregational members were added to Personnel Team to provide for better continuity as Consistory members change each year. Joe Long and Marianna Doolittle have accepted these appointments.
 - Approved cell phone reimbursement of \$30/month for the Administrative Assistant, recognizing that the personal cell phone is used both in the office and after-hours for church business.
 - Personnel team will meet with Carl Dettmer to complete his 90-day review. His pay will be increased by \$1/hour retroactive to April 8.
- Working to recruit a small group to consider options for celebrating 165th Anniversary for St. John's in 2025. Greg Nelson and Bob Rettig will be Consistory members on the team, assisting Eric Shank, Consistory Chair.
- Authorized transfer of funds from Major Maintenance to Operating Fund to pay for the automatic door repair.
- Ministerial CD matured in mid-July. Decided to reinvest at Edward Jones for 4.75% for 2 years. Investments must be in increments of \$1,000 and the interest earned will be deposited into a money market account.
- Deacons recommend and Consistory approved changing from Terminex to Buckeye Exterminating for pest control.
- Technology Team has replaced the failed speaker. They also recommend purchase of a screen for the east side of the sanctuary, about half-way back. Consistory approved use of restricted Technology funds for these replacements.

AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Aug. 4	Deacons	Janice Rettig Adam Stevenson
Aug. 11	Deacons	Kevin Vajen Mark Vajen
Aug. 18	Deacons	Jared Clady Chris Coppes
Aug. 25	Deacons	Carol Medina Ben Thomas



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - June 2024

INCOME

St. John's UCC May Giving	\$ 735.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	<u>76.00</u>

Total \$ 811.00

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

Glb Sonnenberg - #413

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

Rose Marie Durham - Apt. 142

Janell Honeck - 6919 Mountain Creek Lane,
Missouri City, TX 77459-5786

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
John & Shirley Tobias	10011 Co Rd Y	Hamler, Ohio 43524
Sue Waisner	1542 St Rt 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
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**

Pam Desgranges recovering after foot surgery

Kirk Fruth recovering after hospitalization

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

***Felicia Rettig** recovering from foot surgery

(*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 areas of conflict throughout the world

**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.

Sympathy to:

Judy English and her family on the passing of Judy's Sister, Janet Packard on June 19.

Herb Fruth and his family on the passing of Herb's sister-in-law Maxine Thieroff on June 18.

Family of former Member Violet Rettig who passed away on Tuesday, June 25. Violet was Don and Betty Rettig's sister-in-law.

Deb and Steve Waisner and family on the passing of Deb's Father, Orvil Benson on July 8. Orvil was laid forest in a service at St. John's on Friday, July 12.

Family of Skyler SmIth the nine year old with a brain tumor passed away on July 13.

Save The Dates

August 4 - Poet Voice Concert - Registration required

August 15 - St. John's staffs the gates at the Henry County Fair

September 8 - Rally Day, resume regular schedule, SS resumes, Ice Cream Social

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JUNE 2024**

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Revenue and Expenses
GENERAL FUND
June 2024

	June	Year To Date	Annual Budget	% of Year Complete	Actual YTD
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$17,297	\$94,711	\$226,450		42%
EXPENSES				50%	
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$2,356	\$17,503	\$45,172		39%
MINISTRIES	\$196	\$3,235	\$9,700		33%
MISSIONS	\$335	\$3,225	\$6,950		47%
ADMINISTRATION	\$5,523	\$39,262	\$75,334		51%
PASTORAL	\$7,657	\$42,100	\$84,409		50%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,799	\$104,330	\$224,564		45%
Net Total	\$498	-\$9,619	\$1,886		

Please note: bookkeeping errors from January through June have been corrected, resulting in changes from previous reports. Feel free to direct questions to Financial Administrator Carl Detwiler - spc@stjohnsdc.org or (419) 243-4853.

Shalom Food Pantry Mission: Congregational Giving in June: \$5,192 (including \$4,204 from Runnidge Sale).

Mission of the Month: Back Bay Mission - Congregational Giving in June: \$567.

Heifer Project - June Congregational Giving: \$61 Total Year To Date: \$859



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

St. John's is hosting Poet Voices here in our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for those with reservations, and at 6:45 p.m. those without reservations will be admitted if space is available.

Phil Cross & Poet Voices began in the early 1990s. 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.

See Insert for reservation information.



*Mission and
Stewardship*



**CROSSROAD
MISSION FOR AUGUST**

We all have our stuff; we seem to be so quick to judge from the outside in. In a world tailored-made to continue to reward this practice, let us be the church that makes judgments from without.

(Let us not write someone else's story, but rather walk along side them, offering a lifeline where none had been before.) When considering Crossroad, your contribution is offering that hope.

Crossroad offers kids many services including residential services addressing behavioral, mental, emotional, and psychological difficulties, including trauma from abuse and neglect. All programs are designed and implemented by Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy trained staff.

- **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility** – Crossroad's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility provides intensive residential treatment to meet the needs of young people and their families. The goal is to get them home within the shortest possible time.
- **Secure Care** - Recommended for youth with high-security needs that are a danger to themselves or others. These safe spaces are in compliance with Juvenile Justice Delinquency Protection Act and Indiana's Youth Law Team; working together to find a path forward.
- **Open Treatment** – Addressing emotional and behavioral issues manageable in a less restrictive environment. Transitional Living is available so older youth can focus on education, job skills, and community living skills.

The August mission is a familiar face. Crossroad continues to hold a special space in the heart of St. John's UCC. We hope that you continue to open-up your hearts and wallets and help Crossroad become a conduit between children in need and a world that doesn't always feel kind.

Thank you for your continued generosity today and throughout the year.

Kevin, Beth and the whole Mission Team



*VanCrest of Holgate
Worship Service*

*Thursday, August 15
at 1:30 P.M.*

Angel Choir Needed!



From Your
Leader of Notes
Greg

Our first rehearsals for
Bell and Sanctuary Choirs
will be Wednesday, September 4
at 6 and 7 p.m. respectively.

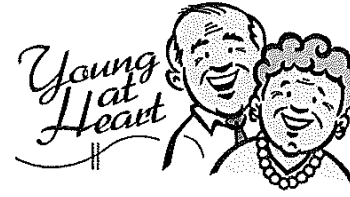
Rally Day will also be
the Ice Cream Social.
We will discuss that then too.
Hope to see you all there!!

From the St. John's Cemetery Association

We are in mowing season for the cemetery. Our lawn mowing service needs our help to assure that they can do their job.

A reminder that no flowers, plants, or trees can be planted on or around gravesites. If you are going to place items at gravesites, please keep them on the foundation or headstone, and not in the grass. Items that are in the grass make it difficult for the staff who are mowing and trimming.

Please keep the grassy areas around the headstones clear so our cemetery is a beautiful place to visit.



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Betty Yaichner

will celebrate her
89th Birthday
on August 2

%Karen Yaichner
163 Bradford Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Ruth Ann Durham

will celebrate her
81st Birthday
on August 18

M703 Co Rd 17C
Napoleon, OH 43545

Florence Snyder

will celebrate her
84th Birthday
on August 21

14224 Co Rd L2
Napoleon, OH 43545

Kay Armbruster

will celebrate her
83rd Birthday
on August 22

K271 County Road 14
Napoleon, OH 43545-7440

Janell Honeck

will celebrate her
94th Birthday
on August 27

6919 Mountain Creek Lane
Missouri City, TX 77459-5786

Carolyn Clady

will celebrate her
81st Birthday
on August 28

595 Briarheath Dr.
Defiance, OH 43512

Patsy Yaichner

will celebrate her
86th Birthday
on August 30

615 E Washington St
Napoleon OH 43545



Wally and Darlene Snyder
will celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on August 16

PO BOX 345
Hamler, OH 43524-0345

Earl and Marilyn Abshire
will celebrate their
59th Wedding Anniversary
on August 21

12411 Co Rd H
Holgate, OH 43527

Michael and Kathy Finkenbiner
will celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on August 23

1400 Co Rd 15
Holgate, OH 43527-9787

Walter Richard Whiteside
June 19, 2024



Parents: Jessica Waisner and
Cody Whiteside

Grandparents: Amy and Tim Waisner

Great Grandparents: Joan and Jerry Waisner



In Loving Memory
ORVIL M. BENSKIN
January 21, 1922 - July 8, 2024

Orvil M. Benskin, age 102, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2024.

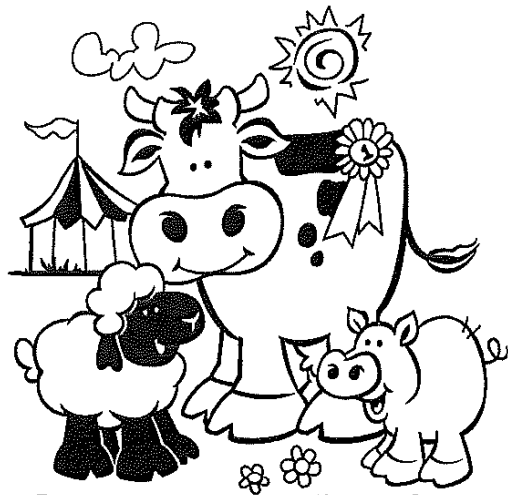
Orvil was born on January 21, 1922, to William and Pearl Benskin of Napoleon. He attended Henry Ford Trade School and trained in mechanical engineering. From 1942 to 1945, he proudly served our country in the United States Navy during World War II. Serving in the South Pacific, he was on board of the USS Nicholas; one of the boats escorting the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay where the Japanese signed the peace treaty, ending the war.

On April 11, 1947, he married the love of his life, Marilyn E. Rennekar. She preceded him in death in October of 1991. They shared forty-four wonderful years together and made a wonderful family. Orvil was a hard worker and was dedicated to his family. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Napoleon and recently became a member of St. John's United Church of Christ of Holgate. He was also a life member of the Napoleon American Legion.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Sheryl (Dana) Wright of Bonner Springs, KS., Deborah (Steve) Waisner of Napoleon, Ohio and Rodger Benskin of Newville, PA.; eleven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Linda Lemon. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Pearl Benskin, wife, Marilyn, infant son, Kevin Benskin, great-grandson, Quentin Espinoza, sister, Margene (Woodrow) Reimund and daughter-in-law, Diane Benskin.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Walker-Hoening Mortuary of Napoleon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services followed on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, with an hour of visitation prior to the service. He was laid to rest with military honors at Forest Hill Cemetery of Napoleon.

Memorials in Orvil's memory may be considered to
Elara Caring Hospice,
St. John's United Church Of Christ
or a charity of the donor's choice.



County Fair

**Good Luck to all St. John's Participants
in the Henry County Fair.**

Thank You!

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Evangelism Team project at Eyes to the Skies.

We passed out free water to folks on a very warm afternoon and evening. It was a great way to meet folks and provide a service to the community. Thanks also to a donor who furnished colorful cross necklaces which were a hit with the kids.

Thanks to the Eyes to the Skies Team for sponsoring a wonderful event for the Holgate Community.

Holgate Local Schools



Jessica Schuette, Superintendent
Email: jschuette@holgateschools.org

801 East Joe E. Brown Avenue
Holgate, Ohio 43527
Phone: 419.264.5141
Fax: 419.264.1965

Kent Seemann, Treasurer
Email: kseemann@holgateschools.org

May 22, 2024

St. Johns United Church of Christ
1-946 State Route 108
Holgate, OH 43527

Dear Members of St. John's United Church of Christ,

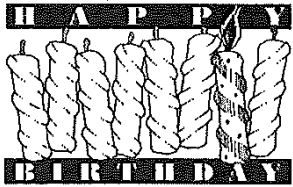
I am writing you to express my personal appreciation for the donation of \$145.00 to go towards the Principals funds for student incentives. The active support of individuals such as yourselves helps us to continue providing excellence in our educational system, and provides brighter futures for our students.

We are grateful for your generosity. On behalf of Holgate Local Schools and the Board of Education, I thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Jessica Schuette

Jessica Schuette
Superintendent
Holgate Local Schools



AUGUST

8-2	Betty Yaichner	8-20	Jane Fruth
8-2	Stephen Breece	8-20	Hallie McCarn
8-6	Kim Behnfeldt	8-21	Florence Snyder
8-8	Anita Sidle	8-21	Jean Dietrich
8-8	Jim Hoffman	8-22	David Rettig
8-8	Cindy Mengerink	8-22	Scott Sidle
8-9	Beth Saneholtz	8-22	Kay Armbruster
8-10	Stephany Hall	8-23	Ronda Brink
8-10	Dan Dietrich	8-24	LaTasha Solis
8-12	Pam Wetmore	8-24	Matthew Brown
8-12	Zachary Brown	8-25	Lynette Fruth
8-14	Rachel Lawson	8-25	Danial Hall
8-14	Elleigh Franz	8-26	Christopher Houchins
8-16	Ashley Lawson Moyer	8-27	Kevin Walsner
8-16	Rebecca Meyer	8-27	Lacey Erickson
8-18	Lennis Prigge	8-27	Janell Honeck
8-18	Ruth Ann Durham	8-28	Carolyn Clady
8-19	Franell Nelson	8-30	Patsy Yaichner
8-19	Lori Shank	8-30	Pat Spence
		8-31	Morgan Parcher

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.)



Kid's Corner



August

- 8-8 Eli Saneholtz
- 8-9 Zy'Aier Scott
- 8-11 Isaac Solis
- 8-26 Ethan Rettig



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
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Newsletter is---**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024, at 12 NOON**
Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file
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of the church office marked Newsletter



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