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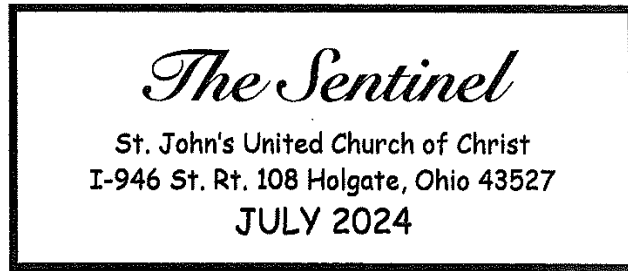


**Church in the Park – July 6 – Worship at 4, Meal at 5  
Glenwood Park Napoleon – bring your lawn chairs – details page 14  
Gospel Music Concert – Poet Voices – August 4  
see flyer for details to get your free tickets**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30pm - Spiritual Council	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	12:30pm - Pastor McCarr/Area 12:30pm - Red Cross Blood Drive 7pm - Worship	10am - Fellowship Hall reserved		4pm - Church In the Park 5pm - Polluck picnic 6pm - Pool party in Napoleon
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mission Team to Clncl						
9:30am - No Church today	6pm - Deacons 6:30pm - Consistory	6pm - Finance Team	7pm - Worship			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am - Worship/Communion		SHALOM Delivery In am 11am - Nominating team 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	7pm - Worship			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am - Worship 10am - Newsletter Articles Due		9am - Newsletter mailing	7pm - Worship			
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Evangelism team			7pm - Worship/Communion			



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.  
**Wednesday Mid-Week Worship Schedule**  
 June 5 - July 31, 2024  
 No Mid Week Service July 10  
 7:00 P.M.

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**THE PARABLE  
 OF THE  
 GOOD SAMARITAN**

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan — Luke 10:25-37 NRSV**

**25** An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" **27** He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

**29** But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Our summer worship series focuses on the journeys we take and the people we meet along the way. I began thinking, "How does this relate to who are our neighbors?" There is no better story to examine who our neighbor is than the parable of the Good Samaritan.

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## THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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In her 2015 book *The Short Stories of Jesus* New Testament and Jewish Studies professor Amy-Jill Levine argues that religion is meant "to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable." She further suggests, "If we hear a parable and think, 'I really like that' or, worse, fail to have it challenge us, then we are not listening well enough."

The difficulty for us is that Jesus' parables are so familiar and beloved, we don't tend to read them as "afflictions." We have heard these parables many times. We believe we know them inside out and backwards. This becomes a problem when these parables do not challenge us and make us go out into the world to become the hands and feet of Jesus. Many of us are guilty of reading the parable, nodding in agreement, and walking away unchanged.

Jesus in his usual manner answers the question with a question, "What does the law say?" The lawyer gives the correct answer, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The lawyer still a little confused asks, "Who is my neighbor?" Let's be blunt here. The question the lawyer is really asking is "Who is **not** my neighbor?" The lawyer, like many of us, has a fear of the other — someone who is not like us.

What if Jesus' parable is more than a good-example-to-follow story? What if it is a reversal story — a story intended to upset our categories of good and bad, sacred and profane, benefactor and recipient? If we too easily and comfortably identify with the Good Samaritan in this parable, we are missing the point. Maybe the whole point of the Samaritan is that he is **not** us. To put this in more contemporary language, the Samaritan is the "Other."

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## THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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Is there anything we can do in our 21st century lives to recover the scandal at the heart of this parable? Because its heart is a scandal. Think about it this way. Who is the last person on earth we would ever want to deem "the good guy?" Who is the last person we would ever want to ask for a favor — much less owe our life? Whom do we secretly hope to convert, fix, impress or control — but never ever need?

"Who is my neighbor?" the lawyer asked. Our neighbor is the one who surprises us with compassion, Jesus answered. Our neighbor is the one who upends all our entrenched categories and shocks us with a fresh face of God. Our neighbor is the one who mercifully steps over the line separating us from them and teaches us the real meaning of good.

*Grace and peace,  
Rev. Jeff McCam*

## Be Proud



After I graduated from college in 1983, I was what you might call "less than fully employed". For a Fall and a Spring I worked for a local farmer. His family was German Baptist Brethren. Deeply religious Christians, no TV, no radio, but had other technology. They had modern homes with electricity and used computers and the internet for business, not entertainment. My extended family was good friends with this family, and they treated me like they're own. I have had many interesting discussions with the father, James, over the years. One of the more interesting involved the definition of "pride" in the Bible. He agreed that not all pride was bad, maybe just the boastful kind.

One of the many things that I need to be better at is being proud of the things that our church family accomplishes. In discussions, Shalom is something that commonly comes up, but it is not all that we do. Our Church is known in Northwest Ohio as a strong supporter of the various UCC Missions. Crossroad in Fort Wayne has been a mission emphasis of our congregation for many decades. Our Mission-to-Go Team has faithfully trekked to Central America to help those that need it most. They return to us and share their stories. Having planned to help others, they have also received personal blessings that they may not have expected.

There are many other things that I could list. My point is that we need to be aware of what we are accomplishing and be willing to share that with those we speak with outside of our church family. We also need to be willing to accept new ideas and challenges to be "the hands and feet of Jesus."

One awesome idea of Pastor Jeff's that is coming up is Church in the Park, in Napoleon on Saturday July 6. I know that can be a busy weekend, but hopefully you can attend. My personal hope is that we have a good crowd and that we are having such a good time that others point at us and say "who the heck are those people!" Be ready to tell them, and be PROUD !

*Erick Shank  
Consistory President*



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

- a. Great end of Sunday School year event
- b. Peace Garden and North flower bed look wonderful
- c. Thanks to Shane and crew for keeping the lawn looking good
- d. Great Memorial Day service – thank you, Pastor Jeff!
- e. Thankful for the many donations and volunteers who made the Rummage Sale possible.
- f. Air Conditioning in Fellowship Hall has been a huge plus!
- g. Great job on landscaping at the parsonage by Pastor Jeff and Bobbie!
- h. Confirmands did an excellent job presenting their essays!
- i. Service of Confirmation was very meaningful!
- j. The Peace Garden and North flowerbed are stunning!! Thank you to the folks who keep those areas thriving!



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**July 3, 2024**  
**12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

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/St.JohnsUCCHolgate>



## Spiritual Council

### Meeting Excerpts

JUNE 3, 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  
 Eric Shank (24) Greg Nelson (24)  
 Mike Haldy (25) Bob Rettig (25)  
 Rolie Rettig (26)

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Jeff. Greg Nelson led devotions. Eric Shank will lead devotions in July.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed.
- **Worship schedule is as follows:**
  - ✓ Summer Worship begins on Wednesday June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall except on June 12 when it will be in the narthex due to the rummage sale. – Communion by intinction on June 5, and July 31, with one Elder assisting. There will be an offering collected at the door and bulletins will include music, but no announcements.
- **Communion** – Communion will be served on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, August 4.
- **Confirmation** – it was recommended to defer classes for a year. Pastor and Spiritual Council support this recommendation.
- **Visitation** – Discussed visitability
- **Old Business** – No time and talent survey is being planned.
- **New Business** – The person speaking on Sunday regarding the participation in an effort to reduce opioid overdose deaths by providing availability of Narcan will do so following announcements.
- The meeting was closed at 7:20 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Jeff.
- **The next meeting** will be on July 1, at 6:30 p.m.

*Bob Rettig, Scribe*



## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 10, 2024

1. At the Eyes to the Skies event in Holgate on June 29, we will be distributing water with labels identifying St. John's. Other small items are being considered.
2. Free advance tickets for the August 4 Gospel Concert are being prepared. With this being a community event and the potential for a crowd exceeding the limited seating in the Fellowship Hall, a limited number of tickets will be available prior to the concert.
3. St. John's will be staffing the gates at the Henry County Fair on Thursday August 15. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be forthcoming. This requires a good number of people and is a fund raiser for the church as well as a public awareness event.
4. Summer Midweek worship continues through July at 7:00 P.M. with Communion on July 31.
5. Church in the Park will be in conjunction with the pool party at the Napoleon pool on July 6. Worship will be at 4:00 P.M. at one of the sheltered pavilions with a potluck meal to follow at 5:00 P.M. CEB will provide meat and beverages with others asked to bring side dishes. It is suggested you bring lawn chairs. Pool party to follow. In the event of inclement weather, the meal and worship will be held at the church.
6. Following the presentation made by Jim Hubbard from Promedica on Sunday June 9, Narcan boxes were installed at the front and rear of the church. Additional emergency kits are also available in the office.
7. Parking lots will be resealed and striped this summer by Hill Asphalt.
8. Plans to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's in 2025 are being formulated. A committee to plan and coordinate the event will be chaired by Eric Shank. Volunteers to serve on the committee are welcome. If interested in being part of the planning, contact Eric Shank or the office.
9. There is a service fee associated with online giving in Realm. The option of letting donors be made aware of that charge will be activated.
10. Consistory accepted the recommendation of Spiritual Council to forego a Confirmation Class for one year due to few students. Parents of those students are in agreement with this decision.
11. 85 slates were replaced on the roof in early June.

*Respectfully submitted, Bob Rettig*



## DEACONS' BENCH

June 9, 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), Jared Clady (25),  
Ben Thomas (25), Chris Coppes (25), Linda Arreguin (26)  
Mark Vajen (26), Janice Rettig (26)

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by head Deacon Carol Medina.

Minutes of previous May 13 meeting approved with one correction. Slates replaced were 85.

### Old Business

Larger Dumpster is in place and in use.

Discussion of dishwasher took place, still obtaining information and feasibility of project. We do have a few folks who can train on the use of the machine.

Need a recommendation from CEB on a covering over the existing concrete of tennis court.

### New Business

Setup for church rummage sale June 10-12. Rummage Sale June 13-15.

Two quotes for parking lot sealing were received. One from Hills and the other JSL. Recommendation will be taken to Consistory from Deacon's for a complete reseal by Hills.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

**Next Deacon's meeting: July 8, 2024, at 6 p.m.**



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**

**Gerri Ripke** recovering at Genacross after hospitalization

**Kevin Waisner** recovering from anhydrous ammonia exposure

**\*Rose Mary Thomas** (former member and aunt of Carol Luifs, Norma Nagel and Marilyn Abshire) badly broken arm - she is 99 years old

**\*Dan Snyder** (son of Bill and Florence Snyder) home after surgery

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

(\*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.

### Save The Dates

**July 3 - Red Cross Blood Drive**

**July 6 – Church in the Park at 4:00 p.m.**

*Bring your own lawn chair*

Picnic at 5:00 p.m.

Pool party at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**July 7 – No church service**

**July 10 - NO MID-WEEK SERVICE**

**July 7-11 – Mission trip to Washington UCC in Cincinnati**

**August 4 - Poet Voice Concert - Registration required**

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



**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, chips, 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

### Henry County Tomato Festival Parade

For the past several years, St. John's has participated in the Tomato Festival Parade by entering a float. The Evangelism Team members have many commitments with activities within the church, and voted unanimously to not lead the project this year.

We are hoping that someone can take the lead for the parade float this year. There is creative talent within our congregation, and we look forward to someone getting a group together to enter a float for 2024. The theme for the fair and the parade participation application is available online at [www.henrycountyfair.org](http://www.henrycountyfair.org).





# Kid's Corner



## July

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



**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** - 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
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

# JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
July 6 July 7	CHURCH IN THE PARK 4:00 p.m. NO SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	
July 14	Deacons	Janice Rettig Ben Thomas
July 21	Deacons	Jared Clady Mark Vajen
July 28	Deacons	Chris Coppes Adam Stevenson

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY 2024

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Revenues and Expenses  
**GENERAL FUND**  
January through May, 2024

	May 2024	YTD 2024	Annual Budget 2024
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,841</b>	<b>\$77,354</b>	<b>\$226,450</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$1,281	\$14,557	\$48,172
MINISTRIES	-\$35	\$3,319	\$9,700
MISSIONS	\$1,075	\$2,593	\$6,450
ADMINISTRATION	\$6,578	\$32,540	\$73,834
PASTORAL	\$7,059	\$34,364	\$94,409
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,957</b>	<b>\$87,596</b>	<b>\$222,564</b>
Net Total	-\$1,116	-\$10,242	
ENDOWMENT REVENUE	\$0	\$20	
<b>Net Operating Total</b>	<b>-\$1,116</b>	<b>-\$10,222</b>	

**Consecrational Giving to Missions**

Missions To Go - Mark Vajen Marathon Fundraiser:	\$1,463
Shalom Food Pantry:	\$735
Strengthen the Church (Mission of the Month):	\$355
Heifer Project:	\$107
<b>Total to date:</b>	<b>\$2,660</b>

*New Heating System Benefits: church used 20% less propane in the 2023-24 heating season compared to the average of the prior two years.*

**Shalom** FROM THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY  
FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - May 2024

**INCOME**

St. John's UCC April Giving	\$ 1,220.00
Hope Lutheran Church	964.00
St. Stephen Lutheran Church	550.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	400.00
Shalom Breakfast Fundraiser	2,021.00
Memorial	30.00
US Postal Food Drive	40.00
Chief Receipts	646.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,871.08</b>

Submitted by Norma Nagel



*Mission and  
Stewardship*



## OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION MISSION FOR JULY

I love this church; we see a need and work to rise-up and meet it. Look no further than ongoing missions like Shalom and Mission-To-Go and in the everyday acts of grace in those small connections from the youngest to oldest among us.

St. John's has a knack of being just what someone needs just when they need it.

As part of the UCC, St. John's has an opportunity to be a member of a group of like-minded voices. Other churches, like St. John's, who walk with people, listen to their stories, and then change the trajectory of their lives. This is embodied in the UCC's *Our Church's Wider Mission*.

The July Mission of St. John's is OCWM. On its face, Our Church's Wider Mission is the primary way that we as a member of the United Church of Christ financially supports the Association, Conference, and wider settings to do God's work in the world. As a 5 for 5 church, St. John's is able to share in and support OCWM's Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund.

Being able to meet the very real needs of people beyond our own front door is special. The inherent nature of St. John's is to reach-out and lift-up others. OCWM is a way to be a member of a community of churches and reach even wider and lift ever higher. It's like being in a choir and not just a solo act. For this reason, the mission team hopes you'll consider including OCWM when giving this July.

*Beth Waisner and the Mission Team*



**Poet Voices  
Concert  
August 4, 2024  
at 7:00 p.m.**

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.**





*VanCrest of Holgate  
Worship Service*

*No Service in July*

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

*Angel Choir Needed!*



**All-Church Rummage Sale**

St. John's United Church of Christ  
I-946 State Route 108, Holgate, OH 43527  
(corner of SR 108 and Co. Rd. J)

Benefitting our Shalom Food Pantry

**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, Diana and Neveah Evers, Jeri Hoellrich, Christine Rettig, 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.

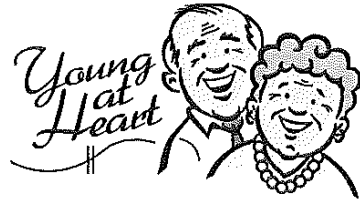
The church-wide 2024 Rummage Sale to benefit our Shalom Food Pantry is history! Thank you to all who donated items to sell, food for Ruth Ann's Lunch Wagon, and items for the bake sale. These donations allowed our sale to be almost completely profitable.

Thank you to all the folks who volunteered for the week all the way from Sunday-Sunday, beginning with setting up, sorting, displaying items, pricing, cooking food, acting as hosts and hostesses, cashiering, and the tear-down.

We were able to provide a great service to the community by having the sale. We had folks come in who are becoming foster parents and needed clothing for children coming into their care, a gentleman who purchased clothing that he will be sending overseas to children in need, and several families who appreciated being able to eat at our lunch and who really needed this ministry in their lives.

Once again, thank you all for your support.

*Jeri Hoellrich, Christine Rettig, and Ruth Ann Durham*



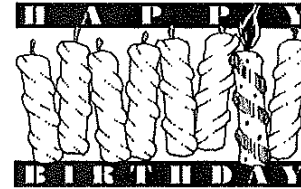
**"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Birthdays**

**Shirley Tobias**  
will celebrate her  
84th Birthday  
on July 4

10011 Co. Rd. Y  
Hamler, OH 43524

**Charlotte Rettig**  
will celebrate her  
85th Birthday  
on July 13

316 S. Wilhelm St  
Holgate, OH 43527



**JULY**

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



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!**

**"Senior Saints" Their 50+ Anniversaries**

**Junior and Minnie Hoff**  
will celebrate their  
61st Wedding Anniversary  
on July 6

895 Kenilworth Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

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



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**PLAN AHEAD FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for news articles to appear in the **JULY**  
Newsletter is---**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 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



**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](http://www.nwoa.org), [www.heartlanducc.org](http://www.heartlanducc.org) and [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).