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**Annual Congregational Meeting January 29 after worship  
Potluck meal (meat and beverages provided)  
Meeting to start around 12:15 pm**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - NO SS/No Confirmation 10:15am - Worship/Communion	2	3 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	4 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	5 6:30pm - Spiritual Council	6	7
8 9am - Confirmation II 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship/Install. 11:30am - Confirmation II	9 6:15pm - Deacons 7pm - Consistory 7pm - Decorating Team	10	11 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	12	13	14 Hold FH for Maggie Pngge
15 9am - Confirmation I 9am - Sunday School 9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - CE Board 11:30am - Confirmation I	16	17 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	18 9am - Sit & Fit 12pm - Red Cross Blood Drive 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	19 10am - Bible Study	20	21
22 9am - Confirmation II 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation II	23	24 9am - Newsletter mailing	25 9am - Sit & Fit 6pm - Handbell choir 7pm - Sanctuary choir	26 10am - Bible Study	27	28
29 9am - Confirmation I 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation I 11:30am - Meal/Annl Mtg	30	31	1	2	3	4

# The Sentinel

St. John's United Church of Christ  
 I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527  
**JANUARY 2023**

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## WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. - WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

### Wednesday Night Schedule

Adult Bells 6:00 P.M.  
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 P.M.

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## NEW YEAR'S "REVOLUTIONS"



Have you made a New Year's resolution? Or perhaps more than one? I'm sure many of us do – perhaps to lose weight, eat healthier, get in shape, read more, or strive for some other type of personal improvement.

Resolutions are fine if you keep them. Sometimes it takes a new year, a fresh start, a conscious marking of time to set a goal. Just make sure the goal is attainable, otherwise you may deal with the feelings of guilt and failure that come with a broken resolution – which can cause you to be worse off than you were before.

Besides typical New Year's resolutions like those mentioned above, I suggest that we make a New Year's "Revolution." By "revolution" I mean that we consciously decide to **turn away** from old actions, an old habit, or an old way of living that may somehow be negative, self-seeking, or harmful. We may be in need of an abrupt about face when it comes to certain behaviors. So, this year, resolve to turn FROM the negative and TO the positive – God's way.

Does this theme sound familiar? It should. In the church, we call it repentance. It was a theme of John the Baptist during Advent and it will be a theme of Lent, which starts next month. To repent, by definition, means to "turn from." Hence... to "revolve." So, my idea of making a New Year's Revolution isn't a new one. It's just a different way of looking at the cliché of the New Year's resolution.

But turn we must. As John says in his first letter: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves..." So, don't deceive yourself for we all fall short. Ask yourself: What revolutions can I make in my life? From what harmful attitude or negative behavior should I turn? How does God want me to respond in these areas of my life?

If this all sounds negative, it's not intended to be. We must identify the sickness before we can affect a cure. To make a New Year's Revolution is a positive thing! It's an act that brings us closer to the Good News, closer to the Kingdom. It's a great way to start the year! And it's a great way to begin living the rest of your life!

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## NEW YEAR'S "REVOLUTIONS"



### Continued From Page 2

Someone once said that "the path into the New Year is aglow with opportunity to work for Christ." Since we bear Christ's name, this should really speak to us. So let us make a resolution to revolve from those attitudes and behaviors that prevent us from being kind and loving, forgiving, compassionate, giving, and Christ-like.

Friends, this congregation is a gathering of imperfect people, none better than the rest, who need to make "Revolutions." We can do so by supporting each other, loving each other, praying for each other, and helping to bear one another's burdens. In this new year may we have the vision to be able to celebrate new possibilities, new and continued opportunities for service, and God's love in Christ – all the while being open to the opportunity to call and welcome a new settled pastor. I invite all members and friends of the St. John's faith family to join together in this process in 2023.

See you in church!

**Pastor Dave**

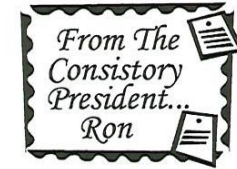
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## Epiphany Sunday / Consistory Installation / Renewal of Covenant

On Epiphany Sunday, January 8, we'll consider the story of the Bethlehem star, the Wise Men, and their journey to find the Christ-child and present their gifts to worship and honor him. During worship one newly elected Elder will be ordained and all 2023 Consistory members will be installed. We'll also renew our covenant between congregation and pastor.

"Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!"

## SERVICE



I hope that you and your family are having a wonderful holiday season.

### SERVICE

#### NOUN

the action of helping or doing work for someone  
a piece of work done for a client or customer that  
does not involve manufacturing goods

#### VERB

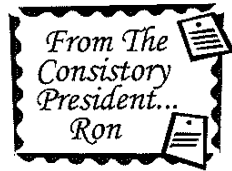
perform routine maintenance or repair work

The month of December brings us the opportunity to prepare for the changing of leadership in the 2023 calendar year. Individuals that have provided service for the past few years and are leaving the leadership team include Rick and Pam Desgranges, John Hahn, Amanda Rettig, Sue Abshire, and Rick Fruth. I thank each of these individuals for their commitment to our faith family.

Replacing these dedicated individuals are Mike Haldy, Bob Retting (both Elders), Adam Stevenson, Chris Coppes, Jared Clady, and Ben Thomas (all Deacons). I look forward to serving with the new members of the leadership team.

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## SERVICE



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At the December leadership meetings, election of new officers for calendar year 2023 was completed.

#### **The new officers for Deacons are as follows:**

**President** – Adam Stevenson

**Vice President** – Carol Medina

**Scribe** – Jeri Hoellrich

**Backup Scribe** – Jared Clady

#### **The Consistory officers for 2023 are as follows:**

**President** – Ron Hoellrich

**Vice President** – Eric Shank

**Scribe** – Maggie Prigge

**Backup Scribe** – Jeri Hoellrich

Changes have occurred within the Spiritual Council and CE Board as well. Thanks to those who have served and are about to serve.

I believe we have a very solid leadership team in place for 2023 and look forward to working with all these individuals. Many thanks to the membership of St. John's for your confidence and support of this leadership team.

As I have mentioned in the past, there are many individuals that serve our faith family who go unseen/unnamed (the critters) and provide a service to enhance our foundation as a faith family. Thanks to all of you.

I hope that everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2023.

*God Bless you for your service!!*

*Ron Hoellrich - Consistory President 2022*



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

- Thankful for the Decorating Team - the church is beautiful!
- Amazing that all the gift tags for the Shalom Christmas were taken by the end of worship on the first day!
- What a blessing to our clients who are part of Shalom Christmas - thank you to those who work so hard to make this happen.
- Thank you to the folks who prepared and distributed hot meals to our Shalom clients in November!
- Glad to see the financial support coming in for the heating system.
- Great to see many new faces in church!
- Thank you to all the outgoing Deacons and Elders - your service has been greatly appreciated.



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>.



## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

December 12, 2022

Consistory Reorganization for 2023 completed:

See Page 5 for the new Consistory Officers.

*Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge*

### Bible Study

Pastor Dave is continuing the Bible Study Series on Parables, which he started this past Fall. He will cover a few more parables (or sets of them) on four Thursdays between Epiphany and Lent.

Parables, an integral part of the Gospels, are stories with everyday elements or themes that Jesus used to relate religious or moral lessons. Jesus had the wisdom and creativity to simplify the profound spiritual truths he needed to share with humanity in the form of relatable stories.

Bible Study gatherings will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room on the following dates: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, and 2/9. Each session will last about an hour.

There is no need to sign up – just come and join in! You need not have attended the Fall sessions in order to participate in these upcoming ones. If you have any questions please address them to Pastor Dave.

Our worship service is available on Facebook Live. **You do not need a Facebook account to view this.** Go to the St. John's UCC Facebook page at

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

This allows those who wish to worship from home to join with others virtually starting 15 minutes before the start of worship. The service is also recorded, so you can watch it at your convenience.



## Spiritual Council

### Meeting Excerpts

December 5, 2022

Present: Interim Pastor Dave Voll      Communion: Rick Fruth (2022)  
Head Elder: Maggie Prigge (2023)      Visitation: Eric Shank (2024)  
Scribe: Pam Desgranges (2022)      Membership: Greg Nelson (2024)  
Confirmation And CE Board: Kevin Waisner (2023)

Our meeting began with devotions from Eric Shank. We give thanks to Rick Fruth and Pam Desgranges who will be completing their service January 1, 2023. We welcome our new Elders Bob Rettig and Mike Haldy. Mike was absent for family reasons. We discussed congregational concerns. Parament replacement was tabled till January meeting when all could be present to discuss potential choices for symbols.

Pastor's report was reviewed. Elder of the month for December is Greg Nelson and our Elder of the month for January is Bob Rettig. Reminder to Elder of the month to please adjust the lectern mic and do a sound check with Linda before service.

**There will be two services on Christmas Eve;** the first will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Sunday School participation and a second service at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be served at both services. We will also have worship Christmas Day at 10:15 a.m. and New Year's Day at 10:15 a.m.

**Upcoming Communion** is December 24 at both the 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 service and January 1, 2023 at 10:15 service.

**Confirmation** continues to go well. They are making plans for Elder interviews on April 16 after church and faith presentations will be Sunday, April 30 during worship.

Jay Slagle's membership will be reinstated per Consistory approval. Pastor will be meeting with him to discuss new member materials and his return to St John's. Welcome back Jay!

Ordination of new Elder Mike Haldy will take place at installation of all Consistory members on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Spiritual Council will finish reorganizing at the January meeting as all members were not present and to give new members first choice of positions.

There being no further business, our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Our next meeting** is Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room - note the date change due to holiday on Monday, January 1, 2023, and office being closed.

*Pam Desgranges, Scribe*



## DEACONS' BENCH

December 12, 2022  
Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe

### Deacons:

John Hahn (22), Amanda Rettig (22), Rick Desgranges (22),  
Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23), Jeri Hoellrich (23),  
Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24), Sue Abshire (24)

Members present: Amanda Rettig (22), Rick Desgranges (22),  
Ron Hoellrich (23), Jeri Hoellrich (23), Carol Medina (24)

Invited Guests, incoming members: Adam Stevenson (24),  
Chris Coppes (25), Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25)

Meeting was called to order by Head Deacon, Rick Desgranges.

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed and accepted as written.

**Status of roof repairs** on Fellowship Hall discussed

**Tree replacement** discussed and approved pending weather. OUPS  
was contacted by Rick Desgranges to verify underground  
wires and utilities.

**Discussion of CAUV status.** Look for application filing around  
February/March

**Discussion of 2023 Preventative Maintenance Agreement** with  
Earl Mechanical. Discussion tabled with Ron Hoellrich  
agreeing to seek answers to questions generated prior to  
next meeting.

### Deacon reorganization for 2023

See page 5 for Officers list

**Deacon Schedule** for January 2023 - See Worship Participants  
Page 11.

Rick Desgranges shared an update concerning the open position, as  
of January 1, 2023, of Financial Administrator.

**Next Deacon's meeting** scheduled for January 9, 2023, at 6:15 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

From the Pulpit...  
Worship Services 10:15 a.m.



### January 1 – Sunday After Christmas / New Year's Communion

Philippians 3:7-15a  
John 1:1-5, 9-14  
*Thoughtful People Tie Three Knots*

### January 8 – Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-3, 6b  
Matthew 2:1-12  
*Wise People Still Seek Him*

### January 15 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-7  
John 1:29-42  
*Faithful People Find Him*

### January 22 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Matthew 4:12-23  
*Committed People Follow Him*

### January 29 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany / Annual Meeting Sunday

Micah 6:1-8  
Matthew 5:1-12  
*Kingdom People Are Just, Merciful, and Humble Like Him*

## JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Jan. 1	Adam Stevenson Sue Abshire	Adam Stevenson Sue Abshire
Jan. 8	Tori Kobilis	Kevin Vajen Jared Clady
Jan. 15	Eric Rettig	Rick Desgranges John Hahn
Jan. 22	Tori Kobilis	Carol Medina Ben Thomas
Jan. 29	Eric Rettig	Jeri Hoellrich Chris Coppes

**Shalom**

FROM  
THE SHALOM  
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022

**INCOME**

St. John's October Giving	\$720.00
Individual Donation	175.00
In/Out	28.25
Henry /County Junior Fair Board	<u>125.00</u>

**Total \$ 1048.25**

*Submitted by Norma Nagel*



## Kid's Corner



## January

1 - 12	Dean Houchins
1 - 14	Dawson Clady
1 - 19	Brady Fruth
1 - 19	Kennedy Fruth
1 - 26	Aiden Coulter
1 - 26	Luke Herman
1 - 26	Paige Herman
1 - 28	Hunter Woodring
1 - 30	Charlotte Kuhlman
1 - 31	Tripp Badenhop





**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 - #116A                      Geri Ripke - 207*

**SKLD**, 28546 Starbright Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551  
*Betty Yaichner*

**VANCREST NURSING HOME**, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527  
*Sharon Hoff - #110*

**Don Huber** - has moved to New Mexico. 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*

**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
Shirley Huber	E251 St.Rt. 108	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



**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**

- Jaidyn Medina** (son of Brittany Morgan, gr. grandson of George and Ruth Medina) recovering from brain surgery
- Kay Armbruster** recovering from a procedure in Toledo
- Delana Damman**, (Linda Arreguin's granddaughter) kicked by a horse and dealing with complications from COVID
- Jean Gaskill** (Linda Arreguin's cousin) who has fallen frequently
- Holly Schultz** (Linda Arreguin's cousin) diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's
- Kahle Family** in Waldron, MI (classmate of Neveah Evers) whose home burned
- Earl Abshire** recovering from a respiratory infection
- Pam Desgranges** recovering from recent surgery
- Paula Maurer** recovering from recent surgery
- Lauri (Haldy) Powasli** recovering from breast cancer surgery
- Dawn Fry** dealing with health issues
- Ken Crawford** (Gwen Rohrbaugh's friend) home from Cleveland Clinic
- Anita Frodo** (friend of Deb Waisner) complications after her surgery
- Kip Froelich** (five week old son of Kurt and Vanessa Froelich) at Toledo Hospital with RSV

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

**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:**

The Family and Friends of **Wyatt Davis**, a 2022 graduate of Continental High School who died on November 20.

**Anita, Lori and Christopher Clady, Scott Sidle and other family and friends** of Larry Sidle, who died on November 25 and was laid to rest on November 28.

The Family and Friends of **Paul Winnie** on his unexpected passing in Arkansas. He is the brother of Keith Winnie.

The Family of **John Wilhelm**, Friend of Kirk Fruth is asking for prayers as they deal with his untimely passing on December 6.

We also offer condolences to the family of **Richard Young** - brother of Shirley Houston, LaTasha Solis' boss, who died recently.

The Family of **Opal Sturdavent** (Kelsey Rettig's grandmother) who passed away on December 16.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
NOVEMBER REPORT**

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary Fund: GENERAL FUND November 2022		NOVEMBER 2022 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL YTD	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>Accounts</b>				
<b>OPERATING BUDGET INCOME</b>				
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$14,412.13	\$185,279.66	\$232,186.44	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$3,589.75	\$35,424.13	\$38,399.00	
Total MINISTRIES	\$82.99	\$3,267.74	\$7,850.00	
Total MISSIONS	\$1,037.50	\$6,412.50	\$7,004.00	
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$4,844.32	\$57,467.40	\$69,924.44	
Total PASTORIAL	\$8,219.31	\$88,485.24	\$109,009.00	
Total EXPENSES	\$17,773.87	\$191,057.01	\$232,186.44	
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$3,361.74)</b>	<b>(\$5,777.35)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Mission Giving:</b>				
Operating Checking Balance as of 11/30/2022			\$ 21,212.16	
Shalom		\$ 790.00		
Orphan Grain Train		\$ 365.00		

# Confirmation I and II News



**The cheese ball sale was a success!** Thanks to all who supported our Confirmation Camp fundraiser. Each dollar raised will support our kids' camp experience. We just learned that Confirmation Camp will be held July 9-15 at Tempel Hills. Both Confirmation classes are encouraged to go to camp this summer, as there was no camp offered last year.

Each Confirmation class meets every other week during the Sunday School hour and an hour after worship.

**Confirmation I** students continue to work through the Old Testament stories.

**Confirmation II** students spent time with Rolie and Janice Rettig, learning about the history of St. John's, Holgate. This month they will study worship and the church year, and the life of Jesus. The third church visit is coming up in February.



## "Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

### Sue Waisner

will celebrate her  
83rd Birthday  
on January 3

1542 St. Rt. 108  
Holgate, OH 43525

### Larry Hockman

will celebrate his  
85th Birthday  
on January 6

854 W Graceway Dr  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## FINANCING OUR PROJECTS

Thanks to the generosity of our Faith Family, both the office and Fellowship Hall projects have been fully funded. The heating system replacement is now the only remaining project.

**See the "thermometer" on the office window  
for a quick visual update.**

	Total Cost of Project	YTD Gifts	Needed to Finish Funding as of 12/18
Church Heat Upgrade	\$164,900	\$129,947.44	\$34,952.56



**Annual Reports  
due  
Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**Written Reports** The secretary will take them early!

President of the Consistory  
Consistory Highlights  
Deacons  
Pastor's Report  
Children's Music Ministry  
Cemetery Association  
Trustees  
Fellowship  
Endowment

Elders  
Memorial Team  
SHALOM  
Worship and Music  
Sanctuary and Bell Choirs  
Christian Education Board  
Stewardship and Mission Team  
Audit Team  
Evangelism Team

**Financial Reports** as soon as bank statements have been balanced.

Sanctuary Choir  
Memorial Fund  
SHALOM  
Cemetery Assoc.  
Endowment Fund  
SHALOM Beverage & Recycle  
Adult Fellowship  
Bell Choir

If your report is already complete, please forward it to the office via email if possible, or leave it in the secretary's box.



*Mission and  
Stewardship*



**MISSION-TO-GO  
MISSION FOR JANUARY**

*“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to act.” – Proverbs 3:27*

In 2010, St. John’s created *Mission-to-Go*. It has been devoted solely as monetary assistance to the members of our congregation who wish to live their faith beyond these church walls. Over the past decade this fund has assisted in covering the cost of over thirty mission trips to Mexico, Honduras, Houston, Kentucky, and Mississippi.

In February, five members of St. John’s as well as two others from our extended faith family will travel to Honduras to work on projects where there is local need. Chad Lulfs, Mike Haldy, Rick Fruth, Kevin Vajen, and Mark Vajen will take St. John’s message of Christian grace and service to a part of the world that is easily passed by. This is a huge thing.

The original purpose of this mission was to encourage members to become involved on a personal level by donating their time and every dime of this fund has lived up to its original edict. The return on investment has come in the lives changed by the selfless time and talent of a small cadre of individuals.

These young (-ish) fellas will carry the message for all of us in work and deed and the funds given through *Mission-to-Go* will lighten their load a bit. Consider giving to this small but mighty mission and if times are tough, no worries. The prayers sent with them each year is as valuable as gold.

***Hold the Date***  
**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**JANUARY 29, 2023**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**POTLUCK MEAL**

**MEAT, BREAD, AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**ANNUAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AFTER MEAL**

**Your Presence will be especially important**

**Information from the Memorial Team**

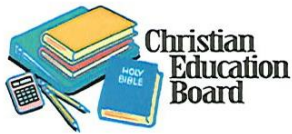
The Memorial Team reminds anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Heating Fund that they can designate Memorial or Honorarium for the contribution.

Any questions can be addressed to Janice Rettig at 419-966-1489 or contact the church office at 419-264-4401.

*Thank & You!*

Thank You so very much for your kind donation for the House of Ruth. The women and children fleeing domestic violence will be able to have a comfortable safe Holiday Season.

*Roberta Mack and CCFA Staff*



## News and Notes

Submitted By Franell Nelson

- The Board met on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Plans for the Christmas Eve service** were finalized and gifts for the Sunday School children were prepared.
- **Seventeen fleece blankets** were taken to Henry County Children's Services for distribution to children going into foster care. This mission will continue until the end of the school year, so keep your eyes peeled for deals on fleece.
- With Consistory approval, we supported Crossroad Child and Family Services and Washington UCC with \$810.00 each. This money came from Sunday School offerings collected last year and this Fall. Both groups were grateful to receive our prayers and support.
- The active Sunday School list was reviewed, and Winter quarter material was discussed and ordered.
- **Confirmation Camp** will be held July 9-15 at Templd Hills.
- **Our next meeting** is scheduled on January 15 after worship.

## Sacrament Of Baptism



**Kacey Susanne Waisner**

Born September 23, 2018

and

**Logan James Waisner**

Born February 23, 2022

**Parents:** Colin and Emily Waisner  
**Sponsors - Kacey:** Reed and Renee Waisner  
**Sponsors - Logan:** Clay and Jessica Waisner



## In Loving Memory

**Larry Sidle**

December 5, 1942 - November 25, 2022

Larry Sidle, 79, of Napoleon, Ohio, died unexpectedly on Friday, November 25, 2022, at his residence.

He was born December 5, 1942, in Richfield Township, Ohio, to the late Frank and Carolyn "Callie" (Folk) Sidle. On April 11, 1964, he married Anita (Wolfe) Sidle at the United Brethren Church, McClure, Ohio.

Larry was a 1960 graduate of Deshler High School and served in the United States Army National Guard. He worked and retired from Automatic Feed Company, Napoleon, Ohio, after 30 years of service. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio. Larry enjoyed farming, tractor pulls, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Anita; children, Lori (Christopher) Clady, and Scott Sidle (Kim Moore); grandchildren, Jared (Amy) Clady, Jenna (Kyle) Keeterle, Jillian (Tyler) Rue, Jack Clady (Jessie Aelker), Madison (Sheldon) Burke, Logan Sidle and Garrett Sidle; and great-grandchildren, Etta, Bo and Eloise Keeterle, Dawson and Landree Clady, Charlotte Kuhlman and Remi Rue.

Funeral services were held a 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022, at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio. Interment was held on Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Richfield Township Cemetery, Corner of County Road J and County Road 2.

Visitation was held on Sunday from 1-6 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio, and Monday from 10 - 11 a.m. at the church.

*Memorials are suggested to  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
or  
The Wounded Warrior Project.*



## JANUARY

1 - 2	Sandra Frey-Latta	1 - 17	Dawn Fry
1 - 3	Sue Waisner	1 - 18	Adam Bockrath
1 - 3	Sue A. Rettig	1 - 19	Janet Stoner
1 - 4	Greg Nelson	1 - 19	Pastor Dave Voll
1 - 6	Larry Hockman	1 - 22	Phillip Rettig
1 - 8	Tiffany Fruth	1 - 25	Jacob Hahn
1 - 8	Adam Stevenson	1 - 25	Larry Maurer
1 - 11	Randy Lambert	1 - 27	Natalie Meyer
1 - 11	Lucinda Zachrich	1 - 30	Tori Medina
1 - 14	Paula Maurer	1 - 31	Stacy LaPoint

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 419-592-0589  
 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 **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 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**



*January Mission*

**MISSION-TO-GO**

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).