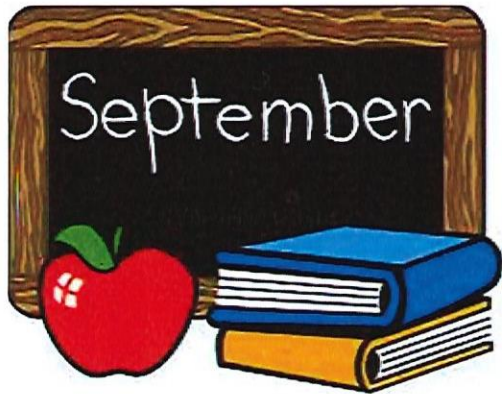


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Reminder that we return to 10:15 am Worship on September 10. This service will include Communion and a special Rally Day program: "Magic with a Message. Sunday School resumes at 9 am on Sept. 10 and we end the morning with our Annual Homemade Ice Cream Social.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am - Worship	Labor Day Office closed	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	7pm - Choir practice	5:45pm - Finance Team		
Rally Day 9am - Confirmation/Sunday 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Ice cream social	6:15pm - Deacons 7pm - Consistory		12pm - Red Cross Blood drive 7pm - Choir practice			
9am - Sunday School 9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due 10:15am - Worship/Pastor Orr 11:30am - Evangelism Team 2pm - FH Reserved		SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	7pm - no choir			
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The Sentinel

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

Please Contact us at --

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Parsonage Phone: 419-264-5201
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Church Website: www.stjohnsucchoholgate.com
SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

LAST SUMMER WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 3

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 10

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. – WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

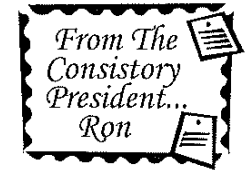
Wednesday Night Schedule Starting September 6, 2023

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

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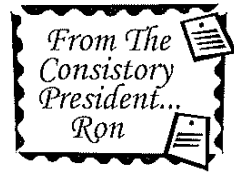
Just A Few Things To Keep You Updated



- ◇ Thanks to everyone involved in the Henry County Parade float. It was a team effort with many volunteers. I think it turned out well as we won first place in the religious category. The walkers handed out approximately 75 pounds of candy, 700 "Jesus loves you" bracelets, approximately 90 boxes of crayons, and 200 glow sticks.
- ◇ Filling the requirements for the ticket booth was a challenge. Need to reevaluate committing to this for next year.
- ◇ Bat issue at parsonage has been completed.
- ◇ I have not heard any negative feedback on not having window treatments in Fellowship Hall. Please express your opinions to a Consistory member. Do we leave as-is, or do we pursue replacements?
- ◇ Pastor McCarn has submitted two quotes for moving expenses. The quotes are just shy of \$14,000. The quotes are within \$150 of each other. Mayflower is the higher of the two but offer a better insurance coverage package.
- ◇ Pastor McCarn has requested a dog fence at the parsonage. Need to have discussions on style/size of fence. Pastor McCarn is willing to mow inside the fence. The McCarn's are also willing to share in the cost.

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Just A Few Things To Keep You Updated



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- ◇ Parsonage items are being addressed during the transition period.
- ◇ Kristine Mass is working on financials.
- ◇ Preliminary budget process will start shortly. Any and all request for monies needs to be submitted to a Deacon member.
- ◇ Van Huber said that her team would be happy to do a reception for Pastor McCarn.
- ◇ Kevin W. is working on finalizing a date for his fundraiser.
- ◇ Durable Slate has completed roof repairs.
- ◇ Contact with Kinsmann propane has been initiated for 2024 budget. We did use less propane (2022-2023 heating season) than in previous years.

Ron Hoellrich 2023 Consistory President



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts August 2023

Pastor: Confirmation: Kevin Waisner (23) Head
 Elder: Maggie Prigge (23) Backup Head Elder: Eric Shank (24)
 Scribe: Bob Rettig (25) Backup Scribe: Kevin Waisner (23)
 Communion: Greg Nelson (24) Asst. Communion: Mike Haldy (25)
 Membership/Visitation: Eric Shank (24)

The meeting opened with devotions by Eric Shank centered on 1 Thessalonians 5:11, which teaches us to encourage one another in living a Christian life. All Elders were present. Concerns of the congregation included several members of the congregation who are seeking assistance in caring for a family member and also the passing of a former member well known to many in the St. John's community.

In regards to the Pastor's Report, it was reported that we are in communication with Pastor McCarn concerning issues relating to him and Bobbie moving to Holgate and beginning his pastorate with us.

August Elder of the Month is Eric Shank. Maggie Prigge will serve in September.

The worship schedule listing the speaker, who is responsible for coordinating, and who is doing the "time with kids" for August and September was reviewed.

Communion is scheduled for September 10, which is Rally Day. There was discussion concerning ways Communion could be served to minimize "dead time" for those watching online.

Confirmation orientation will be on Sunday, August 27, at 8:45. Schedules and materials will be distributed to the class. Franell and Kevin plan to consult with Pastor McCarn prior to orientation to seek his input on the program.

In regards to visitation, Eric had visited with a member residing at a nursing home and commented on the satisfying experience it was for him and that member. It was reported that the coordinator for the visitation team would like to step down.

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Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

August 7, 2023

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A survey of past and current Elders and their availability during the next few months to provide pastoral care for those experiencing health problems was discussed. There are local pastors on call for those members whose needs exceed the calling of an Elder. The office or head Elder, Maggie Prigge, should be contacted for those needs.

We discussed Pastor Voll's exit interview with the Pastoral Relations Council and Maggie as Head Elder. This will be forwarded to Consistory for review.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 31. The meeting was closed with Maggie leading in prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Bob Rettig, Scribe



From the Pulpit...

September 3

Worship Services 9:30 a.m.

Starting September 10

Worship Services at 10:15 a.m.



September 3

Hymn Sing

September 10 - COMMUNION - RALLY DAY - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

"Magic with a Message" - Pastor Kenneth Ladd

September 17 - CROSSROAD CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CELEBRATION OF PASTOR ORR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION (Reception after Worship)

Speaker: *Liz Bergram from Crossroad
Child and Family Services*

September 24

Speaker: Mission-To-Go

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Sept. 3	Deacons	Adam Stevenson Kevin Vajen
Sept. 10	Natalie Brock Eric Rettig	Chris Coppes Adam Stevenson
Sept. 17	Griffin Tanner	Pat Kirk Jared Clady
Sept. 24	Eric Rettig	Carol Medina Kevin Vajen



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - JULY 2023

INCOME

Pleasant Bend UMV 65.00

Total \$ 65.00

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**

Paul Mader (Linda Rettig's nephew) stage 3 multiple myeloma
Orville Benskin (Deb Waisner's father) recovering at Steve and
Deb's home

Dawn Fry healing slowly, released to return to work
Jeanetter Sylvester, 45 year old with Stage 4 heart failure, put on
emergency transplant list at Cleveland Clinic

Archie Bockrath recovering from outpatient surgery
Shalom Client Vickie financial and medical problems

Sue Waisner recovering after outpatient surgery

Beverly Junge recovering after surgery

Paula Greenler Shrader, (former member) health issues

Gary Jones scheduled for another shoulder procedure in September

Gene Crawford recovering at home

Leland Rettig recovering at home after hospitalization

Mason Franz recovering after surgery

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,
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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 of Richard Stoner who died on July 19. He leaves behind his wife Janet and granddaughter Alexia (Gabe) Roberts and their family

The family Judy Mengerink, Fred Mengerink's wife, who passed away on August 8. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind her aunt Esther Bischoff and sisters Pam Wetmore and Cindy Mengerink. This family has been especially hard hit as Esther Bischoff's niece, Marsha (Weber) Baldwin lost her husband, Dan Baldwin on August 5. Marsha is a cousin of Pam Wetmore and Cindy Mengerink.

The family of Peg Rausch, a former member of St. John's, who passed away on Friday, August 4. Peg was Confirmed here in 1959.

Prayers for Safety for:

Anthony Meyer will be greatly appreciated. He left for Bahrain, an island in the Persian Gulf. Please also keep his grandmother Charlotte Rettig, his sisters and other family in prayer for peace of mind and spirit.

Update on:

Skyler Smith, a little girl with a brain tumor - we supported a benefit for Skyler and family - recent MRI shows no regrowth of her cancer and all of the residual tumor is gone! Please continue to keep Skyler and her family in prayers for her ongoing recovery.



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



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Rally Day

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Hot Chicken Sandwiches
- Hot Dogs with Fixin's
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Homemade Desserts
- Hand Cranked Ice Cream



Sponsored by the Sanctuary and Hand Bell Choirs

Freewill offering

Proceeds to be determined by Choirs

*Henry County Fair Float 2023
First Place Religious Category*



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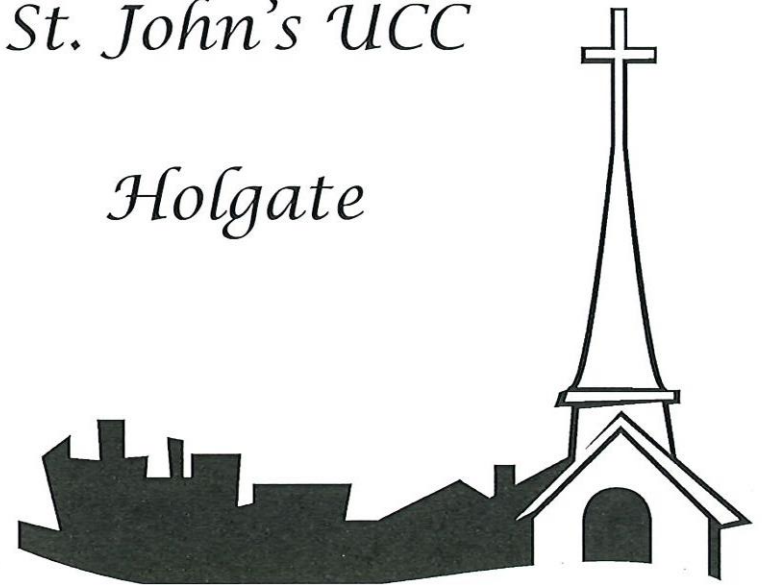


*Welcome
Pastor Jeff McCarn
and Bobbie*

To

St. John's UCC

Holgate





The annual Ice Cream Social is September 10. See page 11 for more information.

There will be a list for you to sign up for pie and cake donations. It is Rally Day and we will have a special guest minister so please come.

Thank You to the members of the sanctuary and hand bell choirs for the extra days this summer.

Our first Fall rehearsal date is September 6.

6 P.M. for bells and 7 P.M. for sanctuary choir

There is **NO** practice on September 20.

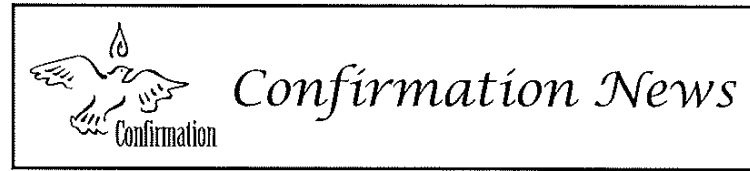
Greg Nelson



**EVANGELISM TEAM
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
AFTER WORSHIP**

MOBILE DEVICE GIVING

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The Confirmation Class of 2024 will officially begin study on Sunday, September 10. Class members are:

Natalie Nichole Borck, daughter of Andrew and Katie Borck

Joseph Landon Coppes, son of Chris and Lucy Coppes

Neveah Sue Evers, daughter of Jerry and Diana Evers

Tori Jo Kobilis, daughter of Sean and Jenny Kobilis

Eric Daniel Rettig, son of David and Kelsey Rettig

Griffin Arthur Tanner, son of Chad and Caryn Lulfs

Please remember these young people and their teachers in your prayers as they begin year 2 of instruction.

Confirmation Assistant Wanted

Kevin and Franell are looking for an adult to assist with our Confirmation Program. If you like kids and are interested in helping them develop their faith, this is a great opportunity for you. Please see or call them to learn more.

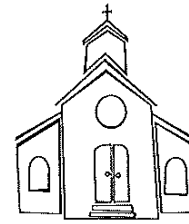
How To Help St. John's, Even When You Are Not Here

Just like at home, even when you are gone, there are certain expenses that continue at St. John's regardless of the season – phone, lights, refuse, heat, etc.

- Set up **automatic payments** on a weekly or monthly basis – then your tithes and offerings come to St. John's even if you are on vacation or are otherwise gone. This is especially helpful to St. John's during the summer when people may be on vacation or spending time at the lake. It is also ideal for those who live outside the area.
- A **"Qualified Charitable Distribution"**– Once people who have IRAs reach a certain age, they need to take an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from the IRA. Some or all of a person's RMD can be given to a qualified charity such as a church. Recent tax changes have made it difficult for people to deduct charitable gifts on their taxes. BUT, if your RMD is sent directly to St. John's or another charity, it does not count as income for you. You can't deduct the expense but, because it doesn't increase your income, it benefits both you and the church.
- No one wants to think about **estate planning**, but this is another way to support St. John's. Some people designate in their will that money is to go to a particular fund while others plan a gift to be used as the need is identified.
- **Farmers** can reduce their income and also their self-employment tax while helping St. John's by selling grain in the name of the church or transferring ownership of grain to the church and then allowing the church to sell it. Please check with your tax expert if you are considering this option.

We now have the capability of accepting payments through texting. There are a number of people who have signed up for online giving and this can be done periodically or it can be an automatic gift each week. If you have questions or would like to learn more about any of these options, please contact Kristine Maas (stjohnfinadmin@metalink.net) or Betty (Bob) Rettig at holgateucc@metalink.net. Either one can also be reached by calling the church office at 419-264-4401.

Info summarized by Betty (Bob) Rettig – Please consult your tax advisor before implementing any of these suggestions.



Pastoral Information

If you have **pastoral needs** during this time between pastors, please contact the church office at 419-264-4401 or Head Elder Maggie Prigge at 419-789-2797. Pastor Dave Plant is available to assist, and he has two other colleagues who will help if needed. We also have Elders who are willing to visit on request.

Please note that **Pastor Jeff McCarn** invites people to contact him if they feel a need to talk with a pastor during this "between time." His phone number is 812-202-9273 and email is revjmccarn@gmail.com. His first day in the office will be September 25.

Pastor McCarn's first day leading worship will be Sunday, October 1 which is also World Communion Sunday when we will join with Christians throughout the world to celebrate this sacrament.



I thank everyone who came to my fundraiser dinner, and an extra thank you to our wonderful cooking volunteers. This wouldn't have been possible without them.

I am so happy to have spent a wonderful time with you and with wonderful food. I'm completely flabbergasted at the support you showed Saturday night. I thank you deeply from the bottom of my heart.

Cody Coppes

Thank you to all who made donations to our **parade float** and to those who worked on it tirelessly! Thank you also to all who made monetary and candy donations to the parade handout wagon. We had the opportunity to touch over **5,000 individuals** with our message at the Henry County Fair. Without your support, none of this could happen. We are so blessed to have such a generous faith family!!



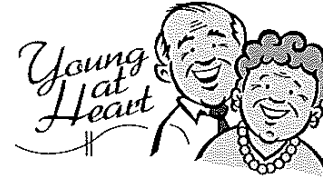
News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes
August 6, 2023

Present: Diana Evers (23), Katie Borck (23), Elleigh Franz (25),
Lucy Coppes (24) , LaTasha Solis (23) Franell Nelson,
Confirmation Educator and Lisa Holdy (25) via telephone

Katie opened the meeting and Lucy lead devotions

- **Consistory:** No report
- **Confirmation:** Franell informed orientation for 2023-2024 will be on August 27 and both first and second year Confirmands will be presenting papers on their camp experience for worship. Franell also stated that it would be beneficial for Confirmands to help with Rally Day. Will be speaking with Pastor McCarn on Confirmation once he arrives in October.
- **Sunday School:** Fall Curriculum has been ordered and should be delivered by next week. Discussed and approved ordering trinkets for Blessing of the Backpacks on August 20 and Katie will check with Betty on funds availability. Approved \$25 dollar donation to help pay for the magician on Rally Day. Rally Day activities planned, Children's craft for Rally Day will be the creation of a scrapbook for Pastor McCarn so that he can have a head start on getting familiar with the children.. Popcorn and Pretzels for snacks. CE Board received positive feedback on thank you cards sent to teachers.
- **Youth Ministry:** CE Board has been facilitating Children's Moment during the transition from Pastor Voll to Pastor McCarn and all open slots have been filled. Some discussion on ideas for a youth program for Christmas and logistics. Action tabled until speaking with Rev. McCarn once he arrives in October.
- **Faith and Family Summer Gatherings** Last Faith and Family Event to be held on August 12 at Napoleon City Pool, roughly expecting 60 guests. Lucy will lead the story on the theme of Noah's Ark. Food assignments between board members confirmed/reminder to bring a dish to share.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report, cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - Nothing new to report.
- **Next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2023, after worship.**



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Darlene Hockman

will celebrate her
83rd Birthday
on September 11

854 W Graceway Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545

James Yocom

will celebrate his
87th Birthday
on September 26

N416 SR 109
Napoleon, OH 43545

Esther Bischoff

will celebrate her
88th Birthday
on September 27

814 Third St
Napoleon, OH 43545



EMERGENCY HEALTH INFORMATION

Several years ago, after members experienced health emergencies during worship services, and they required transport to the emergency room. One thing that stood out to me was that, when we need emergency transportation to a medical facility, it is important to have our medical and surgical history, and our medication list available to the emergency medical personnel. With the advent of the electronic medical record, or EMR, access to our medical information has become easier. However, not all hospitals and doctor's offices operate under the same type of EMR system and might not be able to communicate with facilities that operate under a different type of EMR system. That means that the medical information so needed in an emergency situation might not be accessible. After those episodes with our members, we initiated a paper form that members can use to list this important information, and have a copy available here at the church in case of a medical emergency. The forms were completed by some of our members, and were returned to the church in a sealed envelope. Those forms are currently kept in a locked file in the office. In case of a medical emergency, the person's envelope can be quickly pulled, and sent with the EMS personnel.

If you would like to have a form to fill out to be kept here at the church, please let me know, and I will get one to you. After completion, it can be returned to me in a sealed envelope which is provided with the form. You can also ask for a copy of your form so that you can have one in your vehicle so that you can always have that information available.

If you have a form currently at the office, and need to make updates to the form, just let me know, and I can give you your envelope so that you can make any necessary changes.

We never know when a medical emergency might occur, and this form can help to make sure we get our health information to the folks who will care for us. Let me know if I can be of assistance to you!

Christine Rettig, R.N., CNOR (E)

Dear friends of the St. John UCC faith family,

Words seem inadequate in response to the heartfelt comments, hugs, tears, gestures, cards, and gifts that were directed our way on July 23, our final Sunday with you. Our hearts are overflowing with a spirit of gratitude and love that needs to be conveyed. We are appreciative that you once again demonstrated your generosity and hospitality! The farewell worship service was special and meaningful.



Thank you to the congregation for the "God's Fingerprint" framed print - it is so meaningful and will always remind us of our wonderful time spent amongst you. I'm grateful to the choir for interrupting summer break to return to the chancel and sing three anthems during worship and a blessing at the reception - so special!

The Brunch Reception was another excellently presented and memorable meal! Special thanks to Jeri Hoellrich for all her efforts, to her team for their capable assistance, and to all who brought food to share. As I mentioned during my sermon, what we won't miss about being here are the extra pounds we found because of the fantastic culinary skills of church members! But oh my, how awesome it has been to share food and fellowship with you so many times! And more importantly, we were blessed with inspiration and Christian growth during our times of worship and discipleship. We have been blessed!

Please know that we will always carry with us the memories of your "dear hearts and gentle faces," as an old song says. Our hearts and spirits are overflowing with joy because you have embodied the love of Christ to us and continue to do so to others in many and various ways. Thank you! May God bless you in keeping that going...and going...and going!

*Until we meet again,
Pastor Dave and Janise Voll*



SEPTEMBER

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 9 - 1 Jennifer Bortz | 9 - 21 Denny Behnfeldt |
| 9 - 9 Dustin Dunfee | 9 - 23 Reed Waisner |
| 9 - 11 Darlene Hockman | 9 - 25 Chad Lulfs |
| 9 - 12 Brittany Morgan | 9 - 26 James Yocom |
| 9 - 13 Maggie Prigge | 9 - 27 Debbie Eberle |
| 9 - 15 Colin Waisner | 9 - 27 Esther Bischoff |
| 9 - 18 Norma Nagel | 9 - 28 Brian Lulfs |
| 9 - 19 Paul Prigge | 9 - 28 Courtney Clay |
| 9 - 19 Terry (Sue) Rettig | 9 - 29 Georgena Nanson |

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 **OCTOBER** Newsletter is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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**



September Mission

BACK BAY MISSION

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



Kid's Corner



Kid's Corner



September

- 9 - 6 Griffin Tanner
- 9 - 9 Cody Coppes
- 9 - 14 Eric Rettig
- 9 - 15 Westin Rozevink
- 9 - 18 Summer Haldy-Hoeffel
- 9 - 21 Jaidyn Medina
- 9 - 23 Kasey Waisner

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!! RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10

A big welcome is extended to students, teachers and helpers as we begin our Sunday School year.

We'll begin with our Rally Day Kick-off celebration on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Begins September 17

Regular Sunday school class begins on September 17 at 9:00 a.m. Room assignments are as follows:

Age 3 through K – West side of Sunday school wing

Grades 1 and 2 – East side of Sunday school wing

Grades 4 and 5 – Room under the balcony

The curriculum we will use is "Spark: Activate Faith". This is a program based on the Revised Common Lectionary, generally using the same scripture the children will hear in worship.

Our Sunday school time will begin with an opening for the children in the Sanctuary. We will learn songs, introduce the lesson for the day and celebrate birthdays.

Thanks to all those who have agreed to teach this year. Volunteers are always welcome. See Katie Borck or call the church office.

Parents – please fill out a registration form for each of your children attending Sunday school.

SUMMER SPLASH FAMILY GATHERING WRAP-UP

The Christian Education Boards thanks everyone who came to the three Summer gatherings. It was so much fun to see families interact as the children learned about The Great Catch of Fish, John Baptizing Jesus, and Noah's Ark.

Special thanks to the donor who monetarily supported our swim party at the Napoleon Pool. We had over 60 people attend this event.