

NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Beginning on May 29

Mid-Week Worship 7 pm in Chapel beginning June 8 and continuing through July

**Town Hall Meeting – June 5 following Worship – Fellowship Meal to follow
Topic: Pastoral Transition – see note on page 5**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			6pm - Bellchoir practice 7pm - Sanctuary Choir		tables and chairs	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
tables and chairs Pentecost 9:30am - 10:30am - Townhall	7pm - Spiritual Council	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food	7pm - Mid-week Worship	5:45pm - Finance Team		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
FH booked for Garage Sale						
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Family Activity 7pm - Deacons	7pm - Consistory	Flag Day	7pm - Mid-week Worship	8:30am - Garage sale	8:30am - Garage sale	8:30am - Garage sale
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day Juneteenth 9:30am - Newsletter 9:30am - Worship	6:30pm - Membership	SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food	7pm - Mid-week Worship			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:30am - Worship		9am - Newsletter mailing	7pm - Mid-week Worship			

The Sentinel

St. John's United Church of Christ
I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527
JUNE 2022

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SHALOM Food Pantry open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday Night Schedule (June and July)

Summer Mid-Week Services (Beginning June 8) 7:00 p.m.

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PENTECOST

Pentecost is June 5. In the church year, the Day of Pentecost is a major festival, a high, holy day. It's important in the church's life because:

- Pentecost is the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples;
- Pentecost marks the completion of Christ's redemptive work and the fulfillment of his promise to send his Spirit;
- On Pentecost the church celebrates its birthday;
- Pentecost begins the second half of the church year.

The first half of the church year began with Advent and closes with the end of the Easter season. Pentecost begins the longest season of the church year with as many as 27 Sundays. Thus, Pentecost is both a one-day sacred festival day and a long season.

The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word, "pentekoste," meaning fifty or fiftieth – fifty days after Easter. The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is red. It's the color of fire, for the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in tongues of fire. The fire also represents warm hearts, fiery zeal, dedication, celebration, and devotion.

The liturgical color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green, a color of growth. It is during this season that Christians are to grow in the Spirit.

A dove is associated with Pentecost as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was baptized the Spirit came upon him in the form of a dove.

For this sacred day on the Christian calendar you are invited to **wear red** to worship as we observe the birthday of the Church and participate in Holy Communion.

On that day we will read selected verses from Acts 2, including "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place" (Acts 2:1, NIV). I find it significant that "....they were all together in one place." Think what one would have missed – the miracle of Pentecost with the rushing wind, the tongues of fire, the confusion of languages as manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence and power – if a person had been absent from church that day!

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Since that day worship has been (or at least should have been) at the center of the church's life and program. Worship is about....

- Honoring and praising God.
- Responding to His presence in your life.
- Offering a commitment of time, talent, and treasure.
- Hearing God's Word spoken, sung, and interpreted.
- Identifying yourself as one of God's family.
- Thanking God for His gift of love in the form of His Son, Jesus.
- Being open to the presence and leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Finding strength in the presence of other believers.
- Being encouraged for the facing of the coming week.

In short, worship is fellowship with God and with one another.

I encourage you to make Pentecost worship – and all worship services – a priority. Arrange your schedule so you have the time for regular, focused worship, corporately in our sanctuary, in the parking lot, or online if you're not able to attend or don't yet feel comfortable doing so.

Someone from our faith family shared with me recently that when they miss Sunday worship, they feel like they've really missed something.

Come back home – every Sunday! Come feel the Spirit moving! Give God the glory and be among the St. John's disciples who claim worship as the central part of our life together!

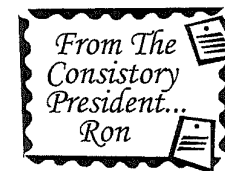
See you in church...

Pastor Dave



*Congratulations to
Taya and Jacob Norden
On their Marriage - April 30*

**QUOTES FROM
PARADE MAGAZINE
MARCH 5, 2022**



Came across these from a Parade magazine article. I found these to be interesting and thought I would share. Inspiring the Happy, Good and Funny in Life

1. "The purpose of our lives is to be happy." — **Dalai Lama**
2. "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."
— **John Lennon**
3. "Get busy living or get busy dying." — **Stephen King**
4. "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."
— **Mae West**
5. "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."
— **Thomas A. Edison**
6. "If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things." — **Albert Einstein**
7. "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." — **Babe Ruth**
8. "Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there." — **Will Smith**
9. "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking." — **Steve Jobs**
10. "Not how long, but how well you have lived is the main thing."
— **Seneca**
11. "If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor." — **Eleanor Roosevelt**
12. "The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to do, and then do it." — **Henry Ford**
13. "In order to write about life first you must live it."
— **Ernest Hemingway**
14. "The big lesson in life, baby, is never be scared of anyone or anything." — **Frank Sinatra**
15. "Sing like no one's listening, love like you've never been hurt, dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's heaven on earth." — **(Attributed to various sources)**



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

Positive comments about the flow of things on Easter morning - overall a great experience!

Appreciation for the Sunday School skit on the Sunday after Easter.

Moments of laughter and good humor during the Special Congregational Meeting.

Landscaping looks good.

Great Sunday School program on Sunday.

Katie Borck did a great presentation with the Sunday School program.

A ton of energy in the church, especially on Palm Sunday.

Great to have the choir back.

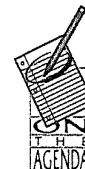
TOWN HALL MEETING

One of the expectations of an Interim Pastor is to help prepare a congregation for the calling of a new Settled Pastor. As part of that process, there will be a **Town Hall** meeting following worship on June 5. We will be on our summer schedule with worship beginning at 9:30 a.m.

During the town hall meeting, we will discuss themes of transitioning pastoral leadership, history, vision, and related topics. **Your thoughts, ideas, and opinions are important** as we work to create a vision for St. John's.

A fellowship meal is being planned for after the meeting. Please make plans to spend the morning in worship, conversation, and fellowship.

For those watching our **worship service online**, the announcement slides and gathering music begin 15 minutes before the start of worship. You can watch our service at <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate>.



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

May 9, 2022

Earl's Mechanical has ordered supplies for the Fellowship Hall Air Conditioning project, no time frame was given to begin.

Knueve has ordered the equipment for the office heating/cooling project.

Tri-Gen was contacted to give a bid on the church heating project and they are to come this week to do an evaluation.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge

SUMMER MID-WEEK SERVICES

We are planning to have **summer mid-week services** on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel beginning June 8 and continuing through July.

Communion will be offered on June 8 and again on July 6. The service is less formal than the traditional Sunday morning worship and tends to be more interactive. If you park in the South lot, you only have a few steps to get into the Chapel!

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

May 3, 2022

Present: Pastor Dave Voll Communion: Rick Fruth (2023)
Head Elder: Maggie Prigge (2024) Visitation: Eric Shank (2025)
Scribe: Pam Desgranges (2023) Membership: Greg Nelson (2025)
Confirmation And CE Board: Kevin Waisner (2024)

Our meeting began via zoom. All were present except Rick Fruth who was out of the country. We pray for safe travels for him. Eric Shank led us in devotions. Previous meeting highlights were approved and Pastor Voll gave his monthly report. We then discussed congregational concerns.

Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. and conclude on Sunday, September 4. We will resume regular 10:15 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 11 with Rally Day activities and Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. We will have midweek worship on Wednesday evenings in June and July starting with Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation continues to go smoothly. Elder interviews with the Confirmands will be Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m. followed by their trip to Crossroad. The congregation is invited to go along, let the office know by May 8 so driving arrangements can be made. They will have lunch along the way and expect to arrive Crossroads by 2:00 p.m.

Things are going well with our Visitation Team. There was nothing new to report. Kevin Waisner is finishing his Elders survey. We discussed the possibility for a need to have a membership class. There are five people interested in becoming members of our faith family.

Upcoming Communion Dates: June 5 Pentecost and Wednesday, June 8.

Our meeting closed with Pastor giving Prayer.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. The day we have our meeting has been changed to the first Monday of the month so there will be no conflict with those involved with Shalom food pantry.

Pam Desgranges, Scribe



DEACONS' BENCH

May 5, 2022
Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe

Members Present:

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)

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

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed and accepted as written.

Old Business:

Playground timeline discussed.

Rick Desgranges reported that he repaired loose pews and will be taking a look at any chipped pews.

New Business:

Deacon Schedule for June: See Worship Participants Page 11.

Discussion took place to look at flat roof.

Update on parsonage projects.

Liaisons from Finance, Trustees, and Evangelism gave updates to the team.

Next Deacon's Zoom meeting scheduled for June 12, 2022, at
@ 7:00 p.m.



HARMONY JEAN HAHN

April 27, 2022

Parents: Jacob and Kortney Hahn

Grandparents: Larry and Paula Maurer
John Hahn and the late Pamela Hahn



Thursday and Friday - June 16 and 17
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Saturday will be "Buck a Bag" Day

The garage sale is in conjunction with the Holgate garage sales.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning, set aside those items you no longer use or want. Bring us your no longer needed treasures. This also includes men's garage items.

When Sunday School is over for the season on May 22 we will be able to use the school rooms to store items...we will be letting you know when you can start bringing in items and what room to use as well as bringing in items on Monday, and Tuesday, June 13 and 14.

Lots of volunteers will be needed, so mark your calendars and come join the fun and fellowship. Set up days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, all day and evenings. We will be marking items the week of the sale.

All proceeds go to the church. We are in need of wire clothes hangers and plastic grocery bags.

Ruth Ann Durham is again having her lunch wagon available during the sale. Coffee and rolls starting at 8:15 a.m. Sandwiches starting at 10:30 a.m., snacks and drinks available all day. Stop by for a chicken or hot dog sandwich, chips, cookies and drinks. Come have a light breakfast, lunch, a snack or an early supper or just come and spend the afternoon with friends.

Any questions please call chair persons
Jeri Hollerich 419-906-0275 or Kay Winnie 419-438-3962

From the Pulpit...
Worship Services 9:30 a.m.



June 5 – Pentecost – Communion

Acts 1:1-5

Acts 2:1-8, 12-18, 37-47

Pentecost Changed Things....And Still Does!

June 12 – Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

John 16:12-15

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – A Consequential Concept

June 19 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Titus 2:1-2, 6-8, 15

Don't Just Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk!

June 26 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

Hebrews 10:11-18

Matthew 18:21-35

How Forgiving Are You?

Pentecost Celebration
The Birthday of the Church – Wear Red!

On Sunday, June 5 we celebrate the church's birthday, recalling the account from Acts 2 of the Pentecost miracles, Peter's sermon, and the baptism of 3000 people. **Everyone is invited to wear red**, symbolizing celebration and the Holy Spirit. The Sanctuary Choir and the Bell Choir will add meaning to our worship and we'll share the Sacrament of Holy Communion on this special day.

JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
June 5 and 8	Nick Evers Ethan Saneholtz	John Hahn Jeri Hoellrich
June 12 and 15	Zoe Lulfs	Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
June 19 and 22	Nick Evers	Pat Kirk Carol Medina
June 26 and 29	Ethan Saneholtz	Rick Desgranges Amanda Rettig



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - April 2022

INCOME

St. John's March Giving	\$ 725.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	163.00
Individual Donations	250.00
Chief Receipts	<u>274.03</u>

Total \$ 1,412.03

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...

Kameron Maurer recovering from a serious auto accident
Shirley Huber returned home after rehab
Carol Eidenier (Sheri Plotts' sister) pain with back problems
Sheri Plotts blood pressure issues
Sue Waisner recovering from pacemaker
Jimmy Pinell (Prayer Plan Mission) recovering from a fall
Heather Babcock (Shalom Client) with blood clots in her lungs
Larry Hockman recovering from surgery
Betty (Don) Rettig recovering from pacemaker
Julie Hoffman (Geri Ripke's daughter) at home after hospitalization
Anthony Swary (Nephew of Andrew and Lynn Clady) recovering from a serious auto accident

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 procedures

- 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.



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Within the Fellowship:

Sympathies to:

Eldon (Hop) Sickmiller on the passing of his brother Arnold Sickmiller on April 17.

Linda Arreguin on the passing of her cousin Marvin Gebers on April 16.

Dennis and Su Jones on the passing of Dennis' step-mother Florence Arlene Damman Jones.

Jerry and Diana Evers and family on the passing of Jerry's Aunt Dee Evers.

Joined Hands 70 Years Ago



*Joining
Hands*

*Don and Betty Rettig will celebrate their
70th Wedding Addiversary on May 25.*

*Their family is hosting an Open House
from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 29
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Everyone is invited to join in celebrating
this very special milestone!*

No presents please, just your presence!



**Remember With
Prayers, Cards and Visits
Those Not Always With Us
Especially For Services**

NURSING HOMES

INDIAN MEADOWS NURSING HOME, 303 West Leggett,
Wauseon, OH 43567
Thelma Breece

THE LUTHERAN HOME, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545
Sue Mohr - #116A

NORTHCREST, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, OH 43545
Don Huber - #107

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

ASSISTED LIVING

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 - #33

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



Kid's Corner



June

- 6 - 8 Olivia Haver
- 6 - 10 Kaelen Roberts
- 6 - 11 Brooklyn Fruth
- 6 - 11 Logan Eberly
- 6 - 19 Parker Rozevink
- 6 - 20 Makayla Meller
- 6 - 21 Kinley Brown
- 6 - 24 Jordyn Borck
- 6 - 29 Ashlynn Highfield
- 6 - 30 Miriam Kibisu



Kid's Corner



"SPLASH"

Summer Family Gathering

Sunday, June 12 after worship

Everyone Invited!

Learn about Jonah and the Big Fish

Enjoy Some Water Games

Bring A Dish to Share for Lunch

Hot Dogs and Drink Provided

Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board

Mark your calendars...

ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

NAPOLEON COMMUNITY POOL

EVERYONE INVITED AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

(watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex)

Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board

The Christian Education Board thanks our Sunday School teachers, helpers, and all who provided faithful service this past year. What you do is so important in the lives of our children and our church. We hope to see you all back next Fall!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY APRIL REPORT

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
Fund: GENERAL FUND
April 2022

Accounts	APRIL 2022 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL YTD	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$14,294.54	\$70,334.82	\$232,186.44
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$3,181.25	\$12,263.71	\$38,399.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$489.26	\$1,338.79	\$7,850.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$2,150.00	\$7,004.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$6,610.38	\$19,308.15	\$69,924.44
Total PASTORIAL	\$6,224.93	\$32,072.57	\$109,009.00
Total EXPENSES	\$17,043.32	\$67,133.22	\$232,186.44
Net Total	(\$2,748.78)	\$3,201.60	\$ -
Operating Checking Account Balance as of 4/31/22			\$ 29,568.05
Missions: SHALOM		\$ 600.00	
O.C.W.M		\$ 700.00	
Prayer Plan Mission		\$ 60.00	
Project Update:	Fellowship Hall AC	\$ 1,148.00	
As of	Office Heat/AC	\$ 217.00	
4/31/22	Church Heat	\$ 360.00	



*Mission and
Stewardship*



MISSION-TO-GO JUNE MISSION

In 2010 the Missions Committee created "Mission to Go". This fund assists members of our congregation that wish to take a mission trip. Over the past decade your support has helped pay for portions of over 30 mission trips to Mexico, Honduras, Haiti, Houston, Kentucky, and Mississippi. Your support has also provided funds to the missions directly which were used to purchase building supplies for the work that was done as well as essentials for families in need.

The original purpose of this mission was to encourage members to become involved on a personal level by donating their time. We continue with this as our primary focus. Mission trips are incredibly rewarding. Not only do you help families, but you experience pure joy in knowing that you have personally improved someone's life. You will never know how much your contributions aid families until you meet them and work side by side with them. The value of seeing the faces of these families and getting to know them cannot be measured.

The greatest deterrent to taking a mission trip is the cost. Transportation costs can be from a couple hundred dollars up to thousands of dollars, depending on your destination. Also, most organizations require a donation to offset their costs for housing, staff, and many other miscellaneous items. For example, a trip to Honduras including airfare, room, and board can cost nearly \$1,500 plus building material expenses.

Many members of the church have expressed interest in mission trips. However, costs are always a factor. Please give generously to Mission to Go. If you wish to go on a mission trip, please contact the Mission Team; we have information on many different trips to several locations. You will never know how much you can attain from a mission trip until you take one for yourself. With everyone's support, many members of our congregation will be able to have one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives.

The Mission Team thanks you for your support.



Celebrating with our 2022 Graduates

- **Annisah Franz** will graduate on May 29 from Holgate High School. She plans to attend BGSU but has not decided on major at this time.
- **Ashlynn Highfield** will graduate on May 29 from Napoleon High School. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University in Ada where she will pursue a BSN degree in nursing.
- **Molly Reese** will graduate on May 29 from Napoleon High School. She plans to attend University of Findlay..
- **Kennedy Hall**, AD in Allied Health and Public Service from Northwest State Community College.
- **Rachel Desgranges** graduated from the University of Toledo on Friday, May 6 with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy. She has accepted a job offer from Defiance Mercy Clinic in their physical therapy department.
- **Erin Michael Rettig** received his Doctorate in Education with a specialty in Organizational Change from University of Southern California on May 13.
- **Denton Waisner** graduated from an Accelerated Fire Academy on May 20. He will be working with the Toledo Fire Department.



Trustees Report May

1. Repaired sprayer in kitchen....again.
2. Third piece of old water line replaced. It runs above the coat room, the janitor's closet, and connects to the feeds to the bathrooms and other areas. Those pipes are still old but cannot be replaced with our pay grade!
3. Boiler #1, as we call her (the East unit), has a small intermittent leak. We are watching it closely. Hopefully the heating season is almost over.

With farming season starting we can use some help with those projects listed in last month's newsletter. Let a Trustee or Betty (Bob) know if you can help and when.

*Respectfully submitted,
Greg Nelson*

We have purchased a copy of **"Chicken Soup-Kindness Matters"** which contains a story written by our own storyteller, **Lynn Gilliland**. Please see Betty (Bob) Rettig to sign it out if you are interested in reading Lynn's story and others.

CHIEF RECEIPTS

I have taken over the tabulating of the Chief receipts after years of dedication by Marlene Rettig. For my first submission of receipts I received a check in the amount of **\$274.03** for the Shalom Food Pantry.

I am amazed at how many people bring receipts in, some from Shalom clients, some from friends, some from other churches, etc. Keep those receipts coming!

Carol Lulfs, tabulator



Peace Garden – people to help with weeding and watering throughout the growing season. Norma Nagel typically works there on Thursday mornings, depending on the weather. If that time doesn't work for you, talk with Norma to arrange a different time to help.

Prayer Chain – here is an opportunity for people who live at a distance or who cannot help with more physical jobs

Upkeep projects – the Trustees have a list of jobs, some that would take a few hours and others that will require more time and could be a family project – see Greg Nelson or Doug Rettig

Evangelism Team – we need 2 people to serve on Evangelism team for at least this year with an opportunity to stay on for longer if they wish. Currently, the focus will be on identifying and welcoming visitors, updating the brochure about St. John's and staffing a table at Holgate Days for a few hours this fall.

Please contact the office if you are willing to help in any of these ways.



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Don Rettig

will celebrate his
89th Birthday
on June 13

15976 St. Rt. 281
Holgate, OH 43527

Kay Raines

will celebrate her
88th Birthday
on June 13

4741 73rd St
LaMesa, CA 91942

Herbert Fruth

will celebrate his
94th Birthday
on June 23

13567 Co Rd H
Holgate, OH 43527

Gene Crawford

will celebrate his
85th Birthday
on June 24

11708 Co Rd N
Napoleon, OH 43545

John Tobias

will celebrate his
83rd Birthday
on June 28

10011 County Rd. Y
Hamler, OH 43524



George & Ruth Medina

will celebrate their
61st Wedding Anniversary
on June 9

226 S Turkeyfoot Ave
Malinta, OH 43534

Gary & Marilyn Watson

will celebrate their
56th Wedding Anniversary
on June 25

M687 Co Rd 17D
Napoleon, OH 43545

Larry & Darlene Hockman

will celebrate their
64th Wedding Anniversary
on June 29

854 W Graceway Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545



Rick and I thank our faith family for their cards, prayers, and Rev. Voll for his visit during our recovery from Rick's surgeries and my broken foot. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and love.

Rick and Pam Desgranges

2022 Northwest Ohio Association Meeting

I was privileged to be a delegate to the NWOA annual meeting, held via Zoom, on April 30. Having this large of a meeting via Zoom is no small task, and a big thanks goes out to all who were involved in making the meeting go smoothly.

The current moderator, Mr. Doug Ricci, presided over the meeting. Rev. Daniel Busch, our association minister, led devotions to open the meeting. There were various committee and team reports, mission moment presentations, a review of the financial report, and election of members to the NWOA cabinet. Our own Terry (Linda) Rettig was elected to the Church and Ministry Team. Best wishes to Terry as he begins his work on this important association team.

I wanted to concentrate my report on the presentation given by the keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay. Dr. Lindsay, originally from Cleveland, is currently on staff at the the national UCC level, and is also a pastor in a local UCC congregation in Wellington, Ohio. The title of her address was "Peace in Exile", based on Jeremiah 29:11-14a. I encourage you to take the time to read the scripture and take those words into your heart.

Rev. Dr. Lindsay asked us if we see exile within our church today? The Zoom meeting format allowed participants to answer back to her via the Chat format. Many folks commented back to her with comments such as: feelings of hopelessness, feelings of isolation, and lack of acceptance. Do you see exile within our faith family? No doubt the last two years, dealing with the pandemic, has contributed to folks having those types of feelings. Hopefully, together we can address these issues to help folks feel like they can be brought out of their own personal exiles.

She led us through a twenty-year study of churches, including Christian, Muslim and Jewish congregations. Church attendance has shifted over the last ten years or so. What some of us consider "regular" attendance, may not be thought of in the same way by others. Folks are prioritizing their participation in different ways, and we can certainly see that here at our own church.

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Do we want our congregation to flourish? If we do, we must be up to the challenge of:

1) having strong leadership 2) being innovative and open to change, (ouch! ...right?) 3) being active in the local community (as in our Shalom Food Pantry for example) 4) having vibrant worship that is thought provoking and stimulating 5) having a community of participants that represents diversity 6) being good at incorporating new people, giving them opportunity to serve, lead, have voice and share in the experience of our faith family 7) having significant lay involvement 8) living out our faith commitment in everyday life, and telling others about our congregation by witnessing to the community with excitement.

Wow...quite a list, isn't it?

Rev. Dr. Lindsay emphasized that within a church, the congregation must have a level of trust in the leadership to try things that might not work. We learn more by ways in which we fail, or in something that was unsuccessful, because those become learning opportunities. I think that is so important as we look toward our future with our new settled pastor.

Finally, Rev. Dr. Lindsay spoke briefly about hybrid worship, which we have begun here at St. John's. We have folks worshiping in-person, in the parking lot, and online. We must make sure we are engaging with all who are worshiping with us. It is so important to make sure that all our worshippers can feel like they are active participants in worship. No matter where you are worshipping, you are important!

*Christine Rettig,
2022 delegate to NWOA meeting*



ANNABELLE GEORGIE THOMAS
May 15, 2022

Parents: Ben and Taryn Thomas
Sponsors: Rachel Thomas
Heidi Schroeder
Ben Waisner



EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

APRIL 20, 2022

The Evangelism Team met Wednesday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were Mary Kay Altman (2023), Christine Rettig (2024), and Doug Armbruster (2024). Tammy Miller (2023) was unable to attend due to a family obligation. Also attending were Pastor David Voll, and former members Kirk Fruth and Franell Nelson. The former members attended the meeting to give some insight into the functions and activities of the team.

The Evangelism Team has been inactive for over two years due to the COVID pandemic. Pastor Voll opened the meeting with a devotional reading, devotional song, and prayer.

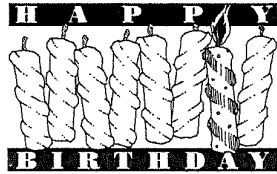
The group spent the time at the meeting reviewing past activities of the team, effectiveness of past activities, and possible activities for this year. We discussed visitors, how we all, as a church family, can make visitors and new members feel welcome and comfortable.

Members of the team took on tasks that they will work on between now and the next meeting. There are many opportunities for St. John's to make our presence known in the Henry County community, and our team will be working through the rest of the year to reach out to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Memorial Day Events In The Community

Florida Flatrock Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual **Chicken BBQ on Memorial Day**, Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Menu includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans and roll. Free-will donation will benefit department equipment and projects.

William F. Helmke American Legion Post 340 will be hosting the **Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30, 2022**, at Holgate Local School in the cafeteria. Service will begin at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Jason Rue from Winnow-Arn American Legion Post 541 in Continental. Jason is the current Department of Ohio Assistant Sgt-at-Arms and a Past District I American Legion Commander. The public is invited to attend.



JUNE

6-1	Anthony Meyer	6-14	Melanie Anderson
6-2	Jenny Kobilis	6-15	Serapio Medina
6-2	Chris Coppes	6-17	Nancy Thomas
6-3	Rick Desgranges	6-18	Sean Saneholtz
6-5	Greg Franz	6-20	Karen Yaichner
6-7	Isaac Franz	6-21	Patricia Kirk
6-11	Darlene Snyder	6-21	Eric Shank
6-12	Virginia Rettig	6-23	Herb Fruth
6-13	John Vajen	6-24	Gene Crawford
6-13	Craig Franz	6-26	Tanner Davis
6-13	Peg Franz	6-28	John Tobias
6-13	Don Rettig		
6-13	Kay Raines		

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 **JULY** Newsletter is
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

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



June Mission

MISSION-TO-GO

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