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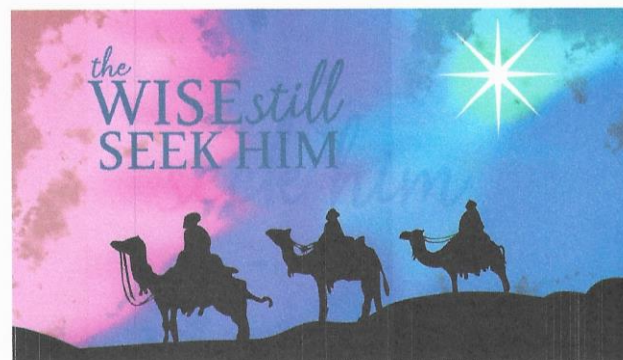
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**Annual Congregational Meeting January 28 after worship
Potluck meal (meat and beverages provided)
Meeting to start around 12:15 pm**

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The Sentinel

St. John's United Church of Christ
I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527
JANUARY 2024

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



New Year

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

(Matthew 9:35-38 CEB)

The Christmas presents have been unwrapped, the house is still a mess from all of the Christmas excitement, and most importantly, we have celebrated the birth of Jesus. We are now focused on our New Year's gatherings and making those breakable New Year resolutions.

The question we should ask ourselves is how is this new year going to be better? What can we do as individuals and as the Body of Christ to make 2024 better not only for ourselves but for the community and all of God's beloved children?

In my short time at St. John's UCC, I have stated many times that we should be the hands and feet of Jesus. What does this mean? Being the hands and feet of Jesus is a common statement, but one we often don't think about – especially when we are busy, stressed or worried about what others might think, running late or just plain don't feel like it.

The world is a big place, and even though we often justify not giving of our time or efforts to others by assuming that somebody else will do it, the truth is, Jesus needs more people who are willing to reach out to those in need – helping with big needs and little needs.

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WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. – WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule

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

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New Year

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Therefore, following in the footsteps of Jesus is the essence of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Responding to the call is the first step to becoming more like Him. The second involves being obedient to His instructions and commission.

How might the world change if we all carried out one random act of kindness per day – one act of service in Jesus' name? I can only imagine how much lovelier the world would be!

In the scripture at the beginning of this article, the first thing that stands out to me is that Jesus "saw the crowds." He didn't overlook them because he was busy or because he already had enough followers. He didn't walk past them, too distracted with his own issues, seeing them as hopeless or assuming they had it all together. No, he saw them! He not only saw their faces, but he saw their hearts. Most importantly, when he saw them, he had compassion on them because they were "confused and helpless."

Jesus knew they were broken, torn apart, weak, worn out and beaten down by the world. He knew life had been hard for many of them and that many probably felt like unwanted people. He knew they needed his healing and love. Above all, he didn't assume somebody else would reach out to them! Jesus was filled with a compassion so overwhelming that his heart churned and his stomach wrenched. It was out of compassion and love for the crowds that Jesus told the disciples to pray for more workers to join them in touching those who needed to be touched, loved and redeemed.

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New Year

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They needed more workers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The people Jesus saw in the crowds had the same needs as the people who live in our broken world today. They need someone to tell them that, no matter who they are and no matter where they may find themselves on life's journey, they are wanted and loved.

The following poem by Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) sums up the scripture:

Christ Has No Body
Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Entering a new year, I pray that we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, nation and world to all of God's beloved children.

*Grace and peace,
Rev. Jeff McCann*



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

Great attendance at Siberian Solstice concert

WONDERFUL appetizer reception before concert.

Thankful for Decorating Team that continues to decorate for the special events and for Christmas.

Grateful for the dedicated efforts of all Consistory folks and special thanks to those who are completing their final year of service.

What a blessing Shalom Christmas is to our clients!

Thank you Jean Dietrich and Jeri Hoellrich and their team for the great food for the reception prior to the concert and for their decorating skills.

The cheese balls were delicious.



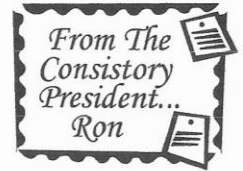
Note from the Office

Betty (Bob) Rettig will be **out of the office** from December 28 through January 8.

Thank you to Sheri, Marilyn, and Kay who will be covering the office during that time. Please call the office (419-264-4401) to check that someone is there before driving to the church during that time.

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

The Unsung Heros



My time as a Consistory member is coming to a close. We have an amazing group of individuals/teams that support this family and its structure. Sometimes we overlook these individuals/teams. At this time, I give a shout out to some of these individuals/groups for their service this past year.

Kevin Waisner/Franell Rettig for working with the Confirmands
Doug Rettig for doing the various maintenance items to keep this building standing

Phil Rettig for repairing the antique dimmer switch

All of the Sunday school teachers and their aides

Kevin and Tammy Vajen for the flowers at the entrance

Kevin Vajen for cleaning the parking lots

Van Huber and her Fellowship Team

The Clady family who passed out candy at the Holgate 4th of July parade and organized the soup and dessert events

The individuals who participated in the Henry County Fair float entry

Everyone who assisted with the Fair booths

The search team for their efforts in securing a settled pastor

The offering counters and audit team

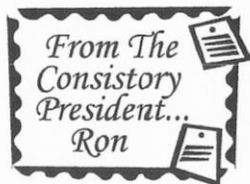
Larry and Darlene Hockman for calling individuals to support events

Doug Rettig and his family for taking down the tree at the parsonage

The individuals who helped get the Parsonage ready for the McCarns

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The Unsung Heros



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Mark Vajen, Jared Clady, Matt Brown, and Kevin Vajen for replacing the plastic in the crawl space at the parsonage

Matt Brown and Kevin Vajen for installing a new fan in the Parsonage bathroom

Ben Thomas for his work on removing part of the tennis court cement

Linda Rettig's support team in the balcony

The Decorating Team

Bob Rettig for serving as Treasurer

Worship and Music Team

Norma Nagel for all her work in the Peace Garden

The Shalom Team and their volunteers

To every member of the Congregation for your financial support

The family that donated the new chairs

The Siberian Solstice Team

To each and every one, **Thank you!!** When you encounter one of these individuals, please thank them for what they have done. It is their only pay.

I apologize for those I have not listed. I am sure that I do not know everything that has taken place, but I know that we have many people that make this church what it is today.

Ron Hoellrich, 2023 Consistory President



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

December 6, 2023

Pastor: Jeff McCarn

Visitation: Rolie Rettig (26)

Head Elder and Evanagelism Liaison: Kay Armbruster (26)

Scribe: Bob Rettig (25) Worship and Music Liaison: Greg Nelson (24)

Communion Stewards: Greg Nelson (24) and Mike Haldy (25)

Confirmation and Backup Scribe: Eric Shank (24)

Those present: Pastor Jeff McCarn, Kevin Waisner, Erick Shank, Maggie Prigge, Greg Nelson, Mike Haldy, Bob Rettig
New Members – Rolie Rettig, Kay Armbruster

- Meeting was called to order by Pastor Jeff.
- Maggie Prigge, Elder of the month of December, started the meeting with devotions. Mike Haldy will be Elder for January.
- Pastor's report was reviewed with no questions.
- Reorganization of Spiritual Council:
 - Head Elder - Kay Armbruster
 - Communion Stewards – Greg Nelson & Mike Haldy
 - Scribe - Bob Rettig
 - Backup Scribe – Eric Shank
 - Liaisons: Worship and Music – Greg Nelson
 - Evangelism – Kay Armbruster
 - Visitation – Rolie Rettig
 - Confirmation – Eric Shank
- Worship
 - Children's Moment to focus on introducing them to giving and making financial decisions
 - Normal worship service on December 17 with short children's program
 - December 21 – Blue Christmas worship service at 7:00
 - December 24 – normal morning worship, evening at 6:00 with Communion

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Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

December 6, 2023

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- **Communion upcoming dates**
 - Christmas Eve at 6:00
 - January 7
 - February 4
 - February 14 (Ash Wednesday)
- Kevin gave an update re: Confirmation and their recent church visit at Sacred Heart
- Pastor did visit with Ken Rayle prior to his passing

Old Business – New members will be received on January 14 when new leadership is installed and the Pastor/ Church covenant is renewed

Retiring Spiritual Council Members Maggie Prigge and Kevin Waisner were thanked for their dedicated and faithful service to our ministry at St. John's.

New Business – discussed Lenten and Holy Week worship services.

Next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Bob Rettig, Scribe



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 2023

Consistory reorganization completed

Recommendation made for Farm Distribution at the Annual Meeting.

Pastor McCarn's installation will be February 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow

Approved new rental agreement fees for Fellowship Hall to go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge

Hold the Date
ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2024
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



DEACONS' BENCH

*December 11, 2023
Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe*

Deacons:

Carol Medina (24), Kevin Vajen (24), Adam Stevenson (24)
Chris Coppes (25), Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25)
Linda Arreguin (26), Janice Rettig (26), Mark Vajen (26)

Members present: Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23),
Jeri Hoellrich (23), Adam Stevenson (24), Kevin Vajen (24),
Carol Medina (24), Ben Thomas (25), Jared Clady (25),
Chris Coppes (25) New Members: Linda Arreguin (26),
Janice Rettig (26), Mark Vajen (26)
Others in attendance: Pastor McCarn

Meeting was called to order by Head Deacon, Adam Stevenson.
Discussion of notes of previous meeting reviewed and passed as
written.

Old Business:

Boiler Preventative Maintenance discussion with a recommendation
to be brought to Consistory.

Wicks for staves were discussed with recommendations to go to
Administrative Assistant to order.

New Business:

Deacon Reorganization was completed with Carol Medina as Head
Deacon next year, Jared Clady as Co-Head, Adam Stevenson as
Scribe, and Kevin Vajen as backup scribe. Thanks to all of those
individuals that have accepted those important positions. Liaisons for
a variety of teams were also chosen as follows: Memorial Team,
Janice Rettig, Audit Team, Linda Arreguin, Mission and Stewardship,
Mark Vajen, Fellowship, Kevin Vajen, Trustee, Ben Thomas,
Technology Team, Jared Clady, Shalom, Chris Coppes, Liaison for
Janitor, Janice Rettig, Fundraising, Chris Coppes, Finance Team
member, Ben Thomas.

This slate will be given to Consistory for approval.

Deacon Schedule for January: See Worship Participants Page 12.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Deacon's meeting TBA

JANUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Jan. 7	Tori Kobilis Neveah Evers	Chris Coppes Adam Stevenson
Jan. 14	Natalie Borck	Kevin Vajen Carol Medina
Jan. 21	Joey Coppes	Jared Clady Mark Vajen
Jan. 28	Eric Rettig	Ben Thomas Linda Arreguin



**FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY**

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - November 2023

INCOME

St. John's UCC October Giving	\$ 890.00
Pleasant Bend UMC	300.00
Individual Donation	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,290.00

Submitted by Norma Nagel



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

NURSING HOMES

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545
Sue Mohr - #126 Geri Ripke - #221

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

Don Huber - Cards or notes may be sent care of his daughter
Dawn Boozer, PO Box 420, Jarales, NM 87023-0420

ASSISTED LIVING

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES, 1032 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545
□ *Gib Sonnenberg - #413*

TRUSTWELL LIVING AT 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



**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

- Sue Waisner** at Vancrest for rehab after hospitalization
- Jim Waisner** Vancrest for respite care
- ***Miguel Cubiauas** (Shalom Client's nephew) lost his wife
- ***Daryl Steiner** in need of a liver transplant
- ***Mary Brubaker** chemo and radiation
- ***Jenny King** asking for prayers
- Scott Sidle** recovering after surgery
- Rachel Thomas** recovering from surgery

(*Non-member family and friends)

Other Members of our Faith Family who are dealing with illnesses

Please pray for our **members and others who are isolated at home or in care facilities**. They would welcome a phone call or card

Prayers for those 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



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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:

Brian and Dawn Fry and Family on the passing of Brian's father, Cletus Fry, on November 20.

Mary Kay and Steven Foes and their family on the passing of Ken Rayle. Ken will be laid to rest at a later date. Mary Kay's address is 9532 Woodsmill Run, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. Phone 260-740-7023.

Kelsey and David Rettig and their family on the passing of Kelsey's grandmother, Doris Ann Zumfelde.

Family and friends of Linda Young who died on December 4.

Family and Friends of Annissah Franz who passed away on December 15.



It's a Girl!

Charlie Rae Houchins

December 11, 2023

Parents: Chris Houchins and
Jordan Riegsecker

Grandmother: Cindy Mengerink

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 2023**

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
Fund: GENERAL FUND
November 2023

Accounts	NOVEMBER 2023 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL YTD	2023 ANNUAL BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$ 13,377.00	\$ 190,140.37	\$ 244,845.63
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,322.23	\$ 35,226.82	\$ 45,080.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$ 436.81	\$ 4,542.96	\$ 6,950.00
Total MISSIONS	\$ 327.50	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 7,016.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$ 6,253.89	\$ 63,623.39	\$ 75,939.73
Total PASTORIAL	\$ 6,333.52	\$ 74,318.71	\$ 109,859.90
Total EXPENSES	\$ 16,673.95	\$ 183,951.88	\$ 224,845.63
Net Total	\$ (3,296.95)	\$ 6,188.49	\$
Operating Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2023			
Mission Giving:	SHALOM	U.C. HOMES	\$ 30,841.98
	\$835.00	\$ 200.00	

The church heating, fellowship a/c and the office heat and a/c projects are now completed. The fund we collected over and above the cost helped to reduce what was needed for our new pastor's moving expenses. Now the gifts will be placed into the operating fund. We are collecting funds for the church to have new door mats.



Annual Reports due January 14, 2024

Written Reports The office will gladly receive them early!

President of the Consistory
Consistory Actions taken and
motions made in 2023
Deacons
Pastor's Report
Sanctuary and Bell Choirs
Christian Education Board
Mission and Stewardship
Audit Team

Spiritual Council
Evangelism Team
Memorial Team
SHALOM
Worship and Music
Cemetery Association
Trustees
Fellowship
Endowment

Financial Reports as soon as bank statements have been balanced.

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

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



*VanCrest of Holgate
Worship Service*

*Thursday, January 11
at 1:30 P.M.*

Angel Choir Needed!



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

Sue Waisner

will celebrate her
84th Birthday
on January 3

1542 St. Rt. 108
Holgate, OH 43525

Larry Hockman

will celebrate his
86th Birthday
on January 6

854 W Graceway Dr
Napoleon, OH 43545

DECORATING TEAM

The Decorating Team will meet on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to take down the Christmas decorations.

We will gladly appreciate anyone coming to assist us!

Thanks, Christine

Save The Date

Pastor Jeff McCarn will be **officially installed** as our settled pastor on Sunday, February 11 at 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service.



In Loving Memory
Kenneth B. Rayle
March 4, 1932 - December 1, 2023

Kenneth B. Rayle, age 91, passed away Friday, December 1, 2023, in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Countinental, Ohio, to the late Albert and Anna Rayle. Kenneth worked his career in the printing industry, first at the *Henry County Review* and later retiring from the Hubbard Company.

He formerly attended St. John's United Church of Christ of Holgate, Ohio.

Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Mary Kay (Steve) Foos of Fort Wayne, Indiana; three grandchildren, Chad (Heather) Foos, Stephanie (Brian) Eastom and Bryan (Jody) Foos; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Rayle; and several brothers and sisters.

A private memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

*Memorials may be made to
Safe Haven Baby Boxes at www.shbb.org
or
Humane Fort Wayne at humanefw.org*



Poinsettias

*Thank You to all who provided poinsettias
to decorate the church and for gifts to
support other projects at St. John's!*

In Memory Of

Given By

Thelma Breece

The Breece Family

Larry Sidle

Anita Sidle and Family

**Paul Murchek,
Serapio, and Alejandra Medina**

Carol Medina and
Pam Murchek

James Armbruster and Doug Armbruster

Family

Zachary Kohli

Caryn Lulfs

Grandparents Everett and Pauline Tobias

Mike and Sheri Plotts

**Heather Ann Cutlip and
Kelsey Ann Davis**

Peggy Rettig and
Darlene Hockman

Benjamin Herman

David and Kelsey Rettig

Jan Snyder

David and Linda Snyder

**Burnell Rettig, Bob Meyer and
Tim Meyer**

Charlotte Rettig

George and Marguerite Hahn

Ruth Ann Durham

**Wayne and Mary Fruth,
Lloyd and Margie Moneghan, and
Audrey Buckmaster**

Kirk and Lynette Fruth

Family

Franell and Greg Nelson

**Franklin Schnitkey, Frank Hess, and
Ryan Rosebrock**

Nancy, Ben, Taryn,
Annabelle, Rachel, and
Andy

**Carolyn Walker Slagle and
Mildred Slagle**

Jay Slagle

**Ruth and Alfred Huneycutt and
In honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCarn**

Rev. Jeff and Bobbie McCarn

Annisah Franz

The Franz Family

Martha Zimmer

Ashley and Taylor Moyer



Poinsettias and Memorials To Other Projects

Thank You to all who provided poinsettias
to decorate the church and for gifts to
support other projects at St. John's!

In Honor Of

Given By

Jim and Sue Waisner

Kevin, Beth, Adrienne, and
Denton Waisner

Christa Jones and
Cheryl Koenig and their families

Bob and Betty Rettig

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Given By

TO THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Clarence and Frances Prigge and
Don and Ruth Plummer

Rory and Janice Prigge

Our parents Dallas and Wilma Rettig and
Butler and Betty Stephens

Jim and Chris Rettig

TO MISSION-TO-GO FUND

Perry and Alma Rettig and
Don and Mildred Slagle

Roland and Janice Rettig

TO HANDBELL AND SACTUARY CHOIR

Richard and Vera Martin and
Darleen Nelson

Dan and Tammy Martin

In Honor Of

Robert Nelson

TO THE LOVE GIFT FUND

Clarence and Frances Prigge and
Jack and Naomi Carr

Lennie and Maggie Prigge

TO THE OPERATING FUND

Clarence and Frances Prigge and
Don and Ruth Plummer

Rory and Janice Prigge

TO THE PEACE GARDEN

Clarence and Frances Prigge and
Don and Ruth Plummer

Rory and Janice Prigge

Carolyn Walker Slagle

Jay Slagle

TO THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

Nancy Haldy

Michael Haldy, Lisa, Lauri, and
Summer

Siberian Solstice



The "Siberian Solstice" band would like to thank you
for your support of our recent concert performance.

We especially appreciated the opportunity to present
our show in telling the story of "The Angel's Gift".

We hope our message of Christmas joy will be
celebrated by all and will continue to be experienced
through the coming year!



Thank-you again!

Dave Coonrod & Siberian Solstice

www.siberiansolstice.com



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 - 22	Phillip Rettig
1 - 6	Larry Hockman	1 - 25	Jacob Hahn
1 - 8	Tiffany Fruth	1 - 25	Larry Maurer
1 - 8	Adam Stevenson	1 - 27	Natalie Meyer
1 - 11	Randy Lambert	1 - 29	Jay Slagle
1 - 14	Paula Maurer	1 - 30	Tori Medina
		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 419-966-2389 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 **FEBRUARY** Newsletter is ---- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**
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, www.heartlanducc.org and www.ucc.org.



Kid's Corner



January

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



Kid's Corner



Sunday School

Crossroad Child And Family Services in Fort Wayne

Monthly Mission Donation

Crossroad uses these items as Christmas and Birthday Gifts, Behavior Incentives, and More.

Items can be new or gently used.

JANUARY

- * Non-Skid Slippers
- * Socks
- * Shoes
- * Gloves
- * Hats

The Sunday School Sunday Morning Offering will be given to Mission-To-Go, so we can help send our congregation members on mission trips to help families who are in need.