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Annual Congregational
Meeting February 7, 2021



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The Sentinel

St. John's United Church of Christ
I-946 St. Rt. 108 Holgate, Ohio 43527
FEBRUARY 2021

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WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL Cancelled - WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule

Adult and Youth Bell Choir	No practice
Sanctuary Choir	No practice
Children's Zoom Session	7:00 P.M.

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her - Ephesians 5:25



It was Valentine's Day, a long time ago, when Sharon and I were just friends, working in the same church office. While she was at work, I put a heart shaped box of chocolates on the front seat of her parked car with a note attached, "From your secret admirer." She thought it was from Lois, a co-worker in her department.

Guys: If you want to communicate your interest in a young woman, this approach has more than a couple of flaws and is not recommended.

Well, somehow, I managed to let Sharon know of my affection more effectively and, although I do not recommend hasty courtships or short engagements, four, months later, we were engaged and in late August, we were married. It was the best decision of my life.

The Bible says (in five different places) that, in marriage, a man and woman become "one flesh." It is not something that happens quickly or obviously. But gradually, over the years, loving couples are blessed with shared affection, common concerns, and a unified purpose. At some point they realize that they have formed a union deeper than anything they could have imagined or achieved when they first came together.

I don't know how this happens. I suspect that it is different for everyone. But I want to give a few suggestions for young (and not so young) lovers who want to experience long and lasting love.

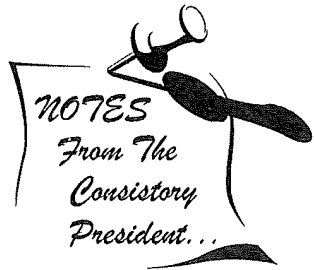
Take your promises seriously - The purpose of marriage is not to celebrate the joy and excitement of new love. It is intended to form a bond between a woman and man that will keep them together through the adversity that is sure to come to every couple. Over the years, I have observed that depth of commitment is the most important factor in achieving a lasting, loving marriage.

Be more concerned with giving than getting - In our self-absorbed culture, it is easy to be caught up in our individual wants and wishes. We are inclined to focus on our own wishes, happiness, and ease. But Godly love is giving love. Christ gave himself for the church. Husbands and wives building marriages will humbly give time, attention, and care to each other. Jesus said, "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it and whoever loses their life will preserve it." (Luke 17:33) When we give our life to our beloved, we are blessed in ways we could never imagine.

Work together as a team - From the beginning God knew that people are meant for community. Couples help and support each other. The Stephen Covey advice, "Begin with the end in mind," can help to keep wives and husbands striving in the same direction. A line from a prayer in our marriage liturgy suggests what that end might be. "Bring them to old age, together rejoicing in love more fully than they do today." A united effort will make that aspiration a reality.

So, while chocolates may be a good idea for Valentine's Day (especially if you sign your name or present them in person), mutual commitment, selfless love, and shared goals are needed to gain the rich unity of an enduring marriage.

Your partner in Christ's work, Pastor David



FEBRUARY...BEGINNING OUR TIME OF REPENTANCE

This month has many significant connotations...Heart Month, a time of thinking about our heart and cardiovascular health (my nursing background coming through), Valentine's Day, when we show our love to someone significant in our lives and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Let's look at each one of these.

Most of us know someone who has been affected in some way by cardiovascular disease. Maybe you personally have had to deal with cardiovascular disease. High blood pressure, irregular heart rhythms, congestive heart failure, heart attacks, strokes...all can cause significant issues in our lives. God has given us the ability to learn about our heart health and, when we all put in the effort and sacrifices, we can help ourselves and others to live a healthier life.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful day for those who have a significant person in their life. Folks want to show their love by giving cards, flowers, gifts, a special dinner...things that can make the day very special. But for those who do not have that significant person, it can be a day that they would just as soon not have on the calendar. Why don't we look at Valentine's Day as a day of love from God? In that way, we all are a significant person, in the eyes of our Creator. 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends: let us love one another for love comes from God."

And, finally, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season of the church, is on February 17. As Christians, we use Ash Wednesday as a day to reflect on death and repentance. During the Lenten season, we use these forty days to reflect on the sacrifice and withdrawal of Jesus into the desert. As Christians, we reflect on our own lives as we prepare for the coming celebration of the resurrection of our Savior. Some folks give up something that they enjoy, others do something above and beyond, sacrificing personal time in order to serve others. No matter what you do, keep this time to allow yourself to better understand what Jesus did for us.

Take time this month to care for yourself, care for others, and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice.

Remember to Mask Up, Back Up, and Wash Up!

Christine Rettig, Consistory President.



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- Great Christmas Eve worship service - thanks to all who helped with lights, sound, candles, traffic, treats for kids - special evening.
- Thank you to Seigman Windows and the crew who installed them on the stage to offer protection from the weather for Pastor Orr, the Elder and other speakers.
- Still grateful for the crew who arrive early on Sunday mornings to bring everything out for the stage and those who work behind the scenes getting ready for worship.
- Thank you to the Deacons braving the cold to attend to the needs of the congregation on Christmas Eve.
- Thank you for the participation by the faith family on Christmas Eve.
- Great to see visitors at the Christmas Eve service.



Our Nursing
Home Ministry

*VanCrest of Holgate
Worship Service*

*Due to health restrictions
the Worship Service
is cancelled*



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

January 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Orr led us in prayer.

Farm Report, - Nick and Rob Rettig from New Vision Farms spoke about the farm report.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Orr noted the work done to make Christmas Eve service possible. The online viewing for services has increased. Thanks to all for work on the platform to provide protection from the elements.

Continuing to work on projects discussed at Annual Meeting:
Sanctuary carpet - installation is confirmed for January 18-20.

Heating System - insulation around the pipes completed, upstairs pipes will need some work due to design.

Nominating Team - Still need a 3 year Christian Education Board member and a 3 year Evangelism member.

SBA Loan - Loan is forgiven, Creating a restricted fund for COVID related expenses.

Annual Congregational Meeting - meeting February 7 after worship. Packets for the meeting will be handed out on January 24, and January 31. Consistory will help getting packets to shut in's.

ASH Wednesday Services - Will be held in parking lot with drive thru imposition of ashes after the service by the kitchen door.

Financial Team - December income was up but did not reach budgeted goal. Approved transfer of funds from Major Maintenance to Operating Fund to pay Earl's Mechanical for insulation of pipes and repair of return in Fellowship Hall.

Prayers and Concerns were shared, and meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Maggie Prigge, Scribe



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

January 5, 2021

Present: Pastor, David Orr Confirmation: Kevin Waisner (2024)
Head Elder: Betty (Don) Rettig (2022)
Communion: Betty (Bob) Rettig (2022)
Visitation: Maggie Prigge (2024) Membership Rick Fruth (2023)

The Zoom meeting began at 7 p.m. with an opening prayer. We included a prayer for Pam Desgranges, who is ill this evening.

Congregational Concerns - remembered those who are ill or dealing with health issues.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Orr reviewed the highlights of his report, reviewed engagement with online videos, and discussed the posting of the Sentinel on our web-page. Rev. Dan Busch is scheduled for Sunday, January 24, and a Laity service is being planned for January 31.

January 10 - Covenant Renewal, Installation, and Baptism - outlined plans for the service and the private Baptism in the Sanctuary afterwards.

Lent and Easter Worship Planning - We will have an evening Ash Wednesday service in the parking lot on February 17 with drive-through imposition of ashes offered at the end of the service. We will wait until February/March before finalizing plans for Holy Week. Pastor Orr said he expects that the Holgate area pastors will offer another video service for Good Friday.

- Ash Wednesday - February 17 • Maundy Thursday - April 1
- Good Friday - April 2 • Easter - April 4

Remembering Anniversaries of Deaths - We will plan to make contact, either with a card or by phone near the anniversary of the passing of those we have lost in 2020. Pastor Orr and Betty (Bob) will handle those between now and the next meeting. Then members of the Spiritual Council will share responsibilities for the rest of the year.

Communion - For planning purposes, these are dates for Communion:

- February 7 • February 17 - Ash Wednesday
- March 7 • April 1 - Maundy Thursday • April 4 - Easter

Other - Beth Waisner noticed someone pull into the parking lot on Christmas Eve and then left in just a few moments. She suggested that we add the radio station on the electronic sign shortly before the service each Sunday. Betty will schedule this message.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. following closing prayer.

Summarized by Betty (Bob) Rettig



DEACONS' BENCH

January 10, 2021
Lori Clady, Scribe

Head Deacon – Christopher Clady called the meeting to order.

Christine Rettig made the motion to accept the December minutes. Rick Desgranges seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deacon Schedule for February was filled. Ash Wednesday service will be February 17, in the parking lot.

Carpet in the Sanctuary to be installed January 18-20.

Christian Education Board plans to continue the monthly project giveaway to the Sunday School children.

Pat Kirk Volunteered to assume leadership of the Usher Team once the Sanctuary services resume.

Still looking for one more member for the Christian Education Board and the Evangelism Team.

Pat Kirk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Hahn seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

***Next meeting:** February 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. **via Zoom**

The Church office is open by appointment only. Pastor Orr continues to meet with people and is staying in contact with a number of others by phone. Betty (Bob) Rettig is mostly working from home.

Please call before coming to the church to be sure someone will be there.

From the Pulpit... Worship Services 10:15



February 7 - Service of Healing Prayer - Communion

Mark 1:29-39

"Bringing the Sick to the Lord"

When we face sickness and suffering, we can turn to the Lord.

February 14

Mark 9:2-9

"A Glimpse of Christ's Glory"

Just a momentary awareness of the presence of God can change your life.



February 17, 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday - Communion

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Humble Faith"

True faith is not expressed in showy religious acts but by relentlessly aligning our lives with the way of God.

February 21 - First Sunday in Lent

Mark 1:9-15

"Repent and Believe in the Good News"

Christ came to bring us to God.

February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:31-38

"Costly Grace"

The grace of God enables us to face suffering, pain, and loss, just as Christ did.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Feb. 7	No Ushers In February	No Acolytes In February	John Hahn Rick Desgranges
Feb. 14			Christopher Clady Lori Clady
Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday		Amanda Rettig, Christine Rettig Christopher and Lori Clady Ron and Jeri Hoellrich	
Feb. 21			Pat Kirk Christine Rettig
Feb. 28			Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - December 2020

INCOME

St. John's UCC November Giving	\$ 1,910.00
Hope Lutheran Church	3,000.00
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	870.00
St. Paul's Catholic Church	465.00
St. Mary's Catholic Church	40.00
Holgate Firefighters Association	200.00
New Bavaria Fire Department	200.00
Individual Donations	750.00
Memorial Donations	400.00
Total	\$ 7,835.00

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...

Leland Rettig, expecting tests for a medical condition
George Medina, recovering from hospitalization
Rick Desgranges, recovering from COVID
Pam Desgranges, recovering from hospitalization with COVID
Jim Desgranges, Rick's brother, hospitalized in Toledo with COVID
Karen Gilliland, recovering from heart valve surgery on Jan. 12
Larry Slagle, Janice Rettig's brother, in rehab after hospitalization
Grace Zachrich, Ryan Zachrich's daughter, still experiencing serious migraine pain
Sharon Badenhop, friend of Ginny Rettig, at St. V's for treatment of leukemia
Keith Barth, dealing with cancer
Walter Calmese, Jean Brentlinger's son-in-law, undergoing cancer treatments
Patsy Yaichner, recovering at home after a broken hip
Tony Rettig, Terry (Sue) Rettig's brother, diagnosed with MSA disease (combination of Parkinson's and Lou Gehrigs disease)
Lori Slocum, diagnosed with "COVID Heart"
Keith Schwab, Berry (Don) Rettig's brother-in-law, hospitalized in Ft. Wayne with COVID and kidney problems

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

Please contact the church office if you have a prayer request!

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 those family and friends who are battling cancer.
- 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:

Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...

Sympathy is extended to:

Kirk and Dennis Zimmerman, Lila Wittman and their families on the passing of their father Ralph Zimmerman, Jr. from complications of COVID-19.

Rose Marie Durham and daughters Kathy Miller and Michelle Hunt and brother Leland Rettig and their families on the unexpected passing of Harry (Bud) Durham on January 7.

Eldon and Becky Sickmiller and their families on the passing of his sister Shirley Ann Sickmiller.

Sonia Eitzman and family on the passing of her sister-in-law Deb Bingeman.



Lincoln Matthew Brown
January 10, 2021

Parents: Matthew and Alexa Brown



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

NURSING HOMES

INDIAN HILLS NURSING HOME, 303 West Leggett Wauseon, OH 43567
Thelma Breese

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

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

ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXIS GARDENS, 4560 W. Alexis Rd., Toledo, OH 43623
Jan Snyder

GEORGETOWN PLACE, Apt. 226, 1717 Maplecrest Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815
Ken Rayle

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527
Larry Agler - #10 Marlene Rettig - #33

HOME - Send a greeting to these folks or drop by and visit!

Janet Bichan
Peggy Franz
Shirley Huber

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15396 St. Rt. 281
E251 St Rt 108

Zanesfield, OH 43360
Holgate, Ohio 43527
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Kids Corner



FEBRUARY

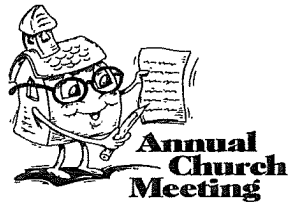
2 - 2 Nicholas Evers
2 - 16 Brooke Squires

FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER REPORT

ST JOHNS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
Fund: GENERAL FUND
December 2020

Accounts	DECEMBER 2020 ACTUAL	2020 YTD ACTUAL	2020 ANNUAL BUDGET
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$18,329.58	\$181,465.03	\$205,113.67
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$3,383.36	\$30,625.67	\$38,000.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$650.13	\$4,333.73	\$7,800.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$6,450.00	\$6,950.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$4,124.18	\$55,310.42	\$62,422.34
Total PASTORIAL	\$5,180.68	\$83,069.73	\$89,941.33
Total EXPENSES	\$13,875.85	\$179,789.55	\$205,113.67
Net Total	\$4,453.73	\$1,675.48	\$
Operating Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/20			\$ 26,588.52
December SHALOM Giving			\$ 2,980.72
The Prayer Plan Mission			\$ 2,220.00

Final 2019 Farm Rent Income of \$1,499.77 was received and distributed.
First 2020 Farm Rent Income of \$7,911.60 was received and distributed in January 2021.



Mark Your Calendar
ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL
Congregational MEETING
February 7, 2021

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 7 in the Parking Lot following Drive-in Worship

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be different, like so many other events in the past 10 months. We will all miss the wonderful offerings at the potluck meal and the conversations at the tables. Instead, we will meet in the parking lot for a brief business meeting. The date was moved to February 7 to accommodate Pastor and Sharon Orr's vacation.

The Annual Meeting Books will be available beginning January 24 at church. Deacons and others will distribute the books in the same way that bulletins are brought to the cars. Several Deacons have also volunteered to deliver the books to our shut-ins. If you want a book but cannot be here on one of the next two Sundays, please call the church office or Betty (Bob) Rettig to schedule a time to get one from the church during the week.

There will be microphones available on February 7 for those who have questions during the meeting. Voting will be done as at the November meeting, by honking horns. We intend to keep the meeting as concise as possible, while allowing opportunity for people to ask questions and voice their opinions.

If you have questions, please call the office at 4119-264-4401.



*Mission and
Stewardship*



DISASTER BUCKET / PERSONAL CARE KIT
FEBRUARY MISSION

The mission focus for February is the Disaster Bucket/Personal Care Kit project. The Northwest Ohio Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ has had this project going for a number of years. The mission donations for this month will provide for the purchase of supplies to put together disaster buckets, which contain cleaning materials to assist with clean-up after a disaster, and personal care kits, which contain products that would be helpful for persons who may need to go to a shelter after a disaster.

In the United States in 2020, there were 1,022 confirmed tornadoes. Those tornadoes in many cases resulted in folks needing to seek shelter due to damage to their homes. Hurricanes in the United States last year caused billions of dollars in damages, and also forced folks to seek shelter. Then, after it is safe to return to their homes, these folks must deal with massive clean-up in order to be able to reside in their homes, if they are salvageable. Many of these disasters also lead to massive flooding in areas not directly hit by the tornadoes or hurricanes.

Think about all of the people who have been affected. They are displaced from their homes, transported to a shelter with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are devastated emotionally due to the loss of or damage to their homes. Disaster buckets and personal care kits that the Disaster Relief Team provides can be a ray of hope in a time of great despair. Generally, the disaster buckets and personal care kits will be used within our area of the country to meet immediate needs. Keeping the supply stocked means that, when the need arises, the Disaster Relief Team can be there for those in need.

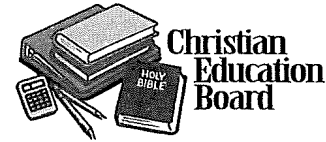
This year, due to the pandemic, we will use monetary donations to buy supplies for the disaster buckets and the personal care kits, rather than asking folks to purchase and bring supplies to the church. With the church building not being as accessible as it would normally be, and the efforts to keep folks socially distanced, this makes it the safest way to support the mission. The Mission and Stewardship Team thanks you for your support of our mission focus.



Notes from the Office

If you have not received your **offering envelopes** for 2021 and you used giving envelopes in the past year, there will be a box labeled for you in the office. If you have not had envelopes previously and would like to have a set for 2021, please also let the office know and a box will be prepared for you.

We are emailing the **weekly announcements** to local folks who have an email on file with the office. Recently, we have also been attaching a link to the full bulletin as some people have told us it makes watching the worship service online easier to follow. Because of delays in delivery of the newsletter (the December newsletter was mailed on December 30 and, as of January 14, we have heard there are many that have not received their copy) we also have included a link to the newsletter on the church website. In addition to the email, we are sending bulletins to about 30 households where there is no email and we have not seen these people at Drive-In church. If you are receiving your copy by mail and prefer to have it emailed, please let the office know. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the updates either by email or postal service mail and want to get the updates, please encourage them to call the office at 419-264-4401.



Highlights

January 10, 2021

Submitted By Caryn Lulfs

In attendance: Pastor Orr, Chris Rettig (Consistory Liaison), Diana Evers, Franell Nelson, Katie Borck, Deb Waisner, and Caryn Lulfs.

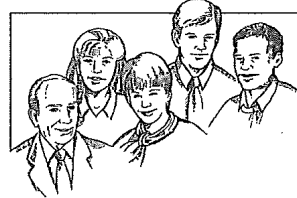
- Pastor Orr opened with prayer.
- Officers were decided. Diana will be President, with Katie serving as Vice President. Caryn will continue to serve as secretary. We are still looking to add one more CE Board member.
- In the past birthday cards had been sent out to the children by CE Board. This is currently not taking place. It was discussed whether we would begin this again. A decision was not made at this time.
- January's home activity will be a "warm hug". Families will receive a DVD with Nanny Mcphee 1 and 2, hot chocolate, and popcorn for a movie night. Caryn will order DVDs through the WalMart website. Diana will get the hot chocolate and popcorn to put together bags.
- February's activity will be chocolates or candy of some sort, a craft, and supplies to make a card for our members who are in nursing homes or shut ins. Pastor is going to ask Betty to print off address labels and place them on envelopes to be included in the bags. Card stock will also be included to create the cards. The envelopes will include stamps.
- March's activities were discussed briefly. Possibly doing a calendar with giving services, something Lenten related.
- Finances were discussed and there is plenty of money to cover activities for this year and VBS if we have it this summer.
- At this time there will not be Sunday School held until further notice.
- Pastor reported that kids zoom is going well and that attendance varies. Some discussion was made about possibly adjusting the time.
- Next meeting will be February 7, at 5 p.m. on Zoom.



Gene and Phyllis Crawford
will celebrate their
62nd Wedding Anniversary
on February 15

11708 Co Rd N
Napoleon, OH 43545

Cemetery Association Annual Meeting Cancelled



Because of the CoVID-19 restrictions, the officers agreed to cancel this year's meeting. There was no new business to discuss.

The end of the year written report and financial report are included in the church's Annual Meeting Report, please review those reports, and, if you have questions, contact Larry Hockman or Norma Nagel.

If any issues come up that need attention during the year, we will call a special meeting.

Secretary, Norma Nagel



In Loving Memory
Ralph Zimmerman, Jr.
May 4, 1928 - January 3, 2021

Ralph Zimmerman, Jr., 92 died January 3, 2021, in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. He was formerly of Napoleon, Ohio.

He was born May 4, 1928, in Charfield, Ohio, to Ralph and Martha (Rettig) Zimmerman, Sr. On November 2, 1952, he married Beulah Yenour, who preceded him in death in 1998.

Survivors include sons, Dennis of Eugene, Oregon, and Kirk of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida; a daughter, Mrs. Lila Wittman of Wells, Maine; a brother, Phil of Rockford, Illinois, five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ralph was a 1946 graduate of Holgate High School, Holgate, Ohio, and owned and operated Ralph Zimmerman and Son Contractors of Napoleon, Ohio; a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio, where he was an Elder and Deacon; an associate member of Westminster by the Sea Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida; a Korean War Veteran, awarded the bronze star; member of the American Legion Post #340, Holgate, Ohio, and sang in church choirs in Ohio and Florida; an auxiliary volunteer at Henry County Hospital; and a charter member 2002-2012 of the Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus in Sebring, Florida.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's UCC, Holgate, Ohio, later when it is safe for the family to travel from Oregon, Maine, and Florida.

*Memorial Donations May Be Given to
the St. John's United Church of Christ Choir
Hospice of Volusia County, Florida
or
A charity of the donor's choice.*



In Loving Memory Harry "Bud" Durham

July 3, 1941 - January 7, 2021

Harry "Bud" Durham, 79, of Florida, Ohio, passed away suddenly January 7, 2021, at his winter home in Frostproof, Florida. He was born on July 3, 1941, to Henry and Mildred (Wagner) Durham.

He was a 1959 graduate of Florida High School where he played basketball and baseball. On March 23, 1963, he married Rose Marie Rettig. Bud and Rose Marie were blessed with two children, Kathy (Jeff) Miller of Brownsburg, Indiana, and Michelle (Steve) Hunt of San Jose, California.

Family time was especially important to him. He taught his grandchildren to drive his golf cart, play ping pong and was happy when they beat him. His cat "Jasper" was always on his lap. Bud worked for 25 years at Hudson Feed. He, along with his wife, owned Bud's Pick-Up Service for 34 years.

After retirement, he loved to travel in his motor home. He was a 53-year member of the Florida-Flatrock Fire Department, serving as Chief for seven years. He was a 4-H Advisor for the Florida Sod Busters. Bud was a member of St. John's UCC, Holgate, where he served a Sunday School Superintendent and Elder. He served the village of Florida as a Councilman and was "Santa" for many children.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Marie; children, Kathy and Michelle; and grandchildren, Annie and Ellie Hunt and Kael and Erin Miller.

In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry and Kenneth Durham.

Services were private for the family due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Interment took place at the Florida Cemetery with honors from the Florida-Flatrock Fire Department.

Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

*Memorial Donations May Be Given to
The SHALOM Food Pantry*



Thanks to the St. John's Family for the fabulous assortment of restaurant gift cards. We will have fun enjoying them throughout the coming year. The Poinsettia is simply gorgeous. It made a really festive addition to our Christmas.

Your care and kindness mean so much to us.
David & Sharon Orr

The family of Wilma Rettig thanks the St. John's Faith Family for their prayers, thoughtfulness and kind words for our mother during her stay at Vancress and at her passing. We were amazed with the cards she received, many of them from members of our congregation. The condolences and cards we received after her passing were certainly appreciated and valued.

Bob, Jim and Doug Rettig and Carol (Rettig) Finzer





FEBRUARY

2 - 1	Jeri Hoellrich	2 - 16	Chevelle Franz
2 - 2	Junior Hoff	2 - 16	Zachary Franz
2 - 5	Katie Borck	2 - 17	Jerry Rettig
2 - 6	Su Jones	2 - 18	Sheila Franz
2 - 8	Scott Zimmer	2 - 22	Tim Eberle
2 - 10	Earl Abshire	2 - 23	Vandella Huber
2 - 15	Sue Mohr	2 - 24	Tim Meyer
2 - 15	Rory Prigge	2 - 24	Sonya Eitzman
2 - 15	Lee Franz	2 - 25	Shaunda Squires
		2 - 26	Minnie Hoff

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

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See Calendar on Inside Mailing Cover

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Deadline for news articles to appear in the **MARCH** Newsletter
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Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES



February Mission

Disaster Buckets/ Personal Care Kits

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Heartland Conference United Church of Christ. Information and
resources are available at www.nwoa.org, www.heartlanducc.org and
www.ucc.org.