



NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am until Rally Day on September 11
Mid-Week Worship 7 pm in Chapel continuing through July**

**Special Congregational Meeting following Worship on July 10 – page 13
Topic: Vote on replacement of heating system – PLEASE ATTEND AND VOTE**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - CEBoard	27 6pm - Search team	28 9am - Newsletter mailing	29 7pm - Midweek Worship	30	1	2
3 9:30am - Worship with	4 Office closed	5 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	6 6pm - Spiritual Council 7pm - Midweek Worship w	7 5:45pm - Finance Team	8	9
10 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Cong Meeting re: 10:30am - Faith Family 7pm - Deacons	11 7pm - Consistory	12	13 7pm - Midweek Worship	14	15 9:30am - Newsletter Articles Due	16
17 9:30am - Worship with Baptism 10:30am - Open House at	18 6:30pm - Membership Exploration	19 SHALOM Delivery in am 9am - Newsletter mailing in 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry	20 7pm - Midweek Worship	21	22	23
24 9:30am - Worship	25	26	27 7pm - Midweek Worship	28	29	30
31 9:30am - Worship	1	2 SHALOM Delivery in am 4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry 7pm - Spiritual Council	3	4 5:45pm - Finance Team	5	6 6pm - All-church swim party at



Please Contact us at --

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

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WORSHIP and ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. - WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule (June and July)

Summer Midweek Services (Through July 27) 7:00 p.m.

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TRAGEDIES



Recent news of the tragedies in Uvalde, TX (19 children and two students killed in a mass shooting at an elementary school) and Buffalo, NY (10 black people killed at a grocery store in a racially-motivated mass shooting) – each at the hands of a lone gunman – hits us at the core of our being and at the heart of our faith. These are just two of what have become all too frequent occurrences of violence in our country. If you're like me, you've felt anger, shock, horror, disbelief, sadness, and grief. We have questions for which there are no earthly answers, and we are shaken...and we are not betraying our faith by feeling these things.

But I must also affirm that nothing happens without God's knowledge and without His presence. To those who ask "Why did God allow these things to happen?" – I would reply that God allows freedom of choice. In each case, that choice led one, judgmental person to perpetrate a crime with tragic results. And to those who ask "Where was God in the midst of these horrors?" – I would reply with great confidence that God WAS there to reassure those who were fatally shot as they drew their last breath; He was there to envelope them in His loving arms and make the terrors of this world go away. God was there with the wounded at those scenes as they prayed not to die and as they ultimately were cared for by those close by and by first responders.

And God is still present...with the families and friends of those whose loved ones and friends are among the fatalities; with the wounded who continue to heal physically and who may never fully heal emotionally; with those close to the wounded who offer support and care; with the first responders who undoubtedly witnessed horrific scenes; with the citizens of our nation and of the world who grieve for these people and for all the victims of intolerance, violence, and terrorism; with all who struggle in trying to make sense out of senseless situations. I hope that you will join me in praying for these people and for all those, ourselves included, who seek God's help in sorting through these tragedies.

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TRAGEDIES



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Psalm 46 says: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Be still and know that I am God. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress."

This is the God to Whom we turn. This is the God to Whom we draw close in worship each week and in prayer each day. This is the God in Whom we find meaning in the midst of senselessness and Who assures triumph in the midst of tragedy.

Jesus himself – our crucified, resurrected, ascended, and living Saviour – is our example in all these things. Let us be thankful that he comes to us still, especially in moments of national or personal tragedy. And let us truly say: blessed is he who ultimately brings peace to our troubled world and lives; blessed is he who comes when we need him most.

God bless you. I'll see you in church....

Pastor Dave

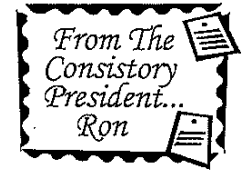
Summer Midweek Worship Continues Through July

Our midweek gatherings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings are not the same as previous Sunday morning worship services. While on a few occasions we've touched on the same themes, this month we'll depart from that.

During July at each midweek service, Pastor Dave will share hymn stories and focus on the background behind some much loved hymns of our faith. The setting regarding the tunes and the motivation behind writing the lyrics can be fascinating, informative, moving, and meaningful.

All are welcome to these gatherings to hear hymn stories, sing some favorites, be worshipful midweek, and share in fellowship.

YOU NEVER KNOW



Reflecting on the events of the past several months, it dawned on me that there are many things out there that I take for granted, are unknown to me, or that I might miss unless I slow down, actively listen, and observe what is going on around me.

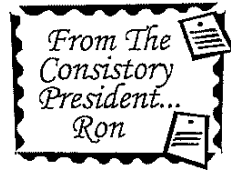
You never know

- * How someone is feeling until you ask
- * What hardships one is enduring unless you observe and ask to serve
- * Who you have touched by your ministry-- homeless, sick, mentally ill, physically ill, people that are down on their luck, or have lost their faith
- * How each event that we partake in here at church nurtures the soul of someone as well as ourselves
- * How our faith in Jesus Christ effects other individuals
- * How our actions invite people to be part of our faith family – simple things such as a hello at a local eatery, a short conversation in the Shalom line, a bottle of cold water on a hot day, a wonderful treat from dedicated bakers, a useful tool, a household item, or a piece of clothing that you no longer need

With this knowledge we are encouraged to continue to serve and create new ways and revive old ways to serve our community and spread the word through our talents and actions.

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YOU NEVER KNOW



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Below is a list of **upcoming events** that are in the planning stage or on the conversation list for future dates. Please come join the conversations and share your talents in the mission of our church to spread the Word of God through our blessings and talents,

- * Fellowship sponsored dinner/variety show
- * Henry County Fair float – walking/riding with the float
- * Grounds projects: painting and Peace Garden
- * Noodle making
- * CEB family events in July and August
- * Please share with us any additional event possibilities you may have

Now in **full transparency**, Jeri woke up early on Sunday, June 19. This was the day that the newsletter submission was due to Ruth Ann. I hadn't come up with an article yet and while she was trying to be quiet, the above article started flowing through her mind and she jotted it down. Who am I to disagree with anything she writes? Thanks babe!

Ron Hoellrich Consistory President 2022

PS: This is going to cost me a dinner of her choosing!



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

1. Glad that Pastor and Janise were able to take time away.
2. Thanks to Worship and Music Team for bringing in Tim Schumm as speaker.
3. Glad to have snowbirds back with us.
4. Peace Garden is full of color and life.
5. The flower bed at the North door is beautiful.
6. Grateful to CE Board for planning activities for the kids/families during the summer.
7. Great attendance for Sunday service June 12.
8. Great help on Sunday to move items from the Sunday School rooms to Fellowship Hall for the garage sale.



Are you interested in helping our young children grow in the faith?

The Christian Education Board is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School this Fall.

If you can volunteer a few hours a month, contact CE Board President Diana Evers or the church office.

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>.



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

June 13, 2022

Deacons are recommending using Earl's Mechanical to install a hot water heat heating system in the church at a cost of \$165,000. The vote was unanimous to accept the Deacons' recommendation to take to the Congregation for vote.

Congregational Meeting will be held on July 10 to present this recommendation. Informational sessions will be offered on June 26 and July 3 to answer questions and hear concerns.

Money has been transferred and paperwork submitted on June 9 to finalize purchase of the land adjacent to the parking lot. Closing was done on June 10 for the farm land that was purchased.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Prigge

SUMMER MIDWEEK SERVICES

Summer midweek services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel continue through July.

Communion will be offered 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

June 6, 2022

Present: Interim 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 with a devotional from Pam Desgranges. Pastor Voll gave his report and congregational concerns were discussed. Kevin Waisner volunteered to cover for Pam as Elder of the month on July 24 as she will be vacationing and Maggie Prigge or Eric Shank will cover for her on the July 31. Betty (Bob) Rettig will be on vacation from July 23 thru August 5.

Summer Worship will begin Wednesday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel with Communion and will continue each Wednesday thru the end of July. One Elder and one Deacon will need to be present. Pastor, Kevin Waisner and Franell Nelson will be having a Confirmation planning meeting Wednesday, June 8 to discuss plans for next year's class.

Things are going well with our Visitation Team. Cards have been sent and some in-person visits have been made. There are five people interested in becoming members of our Faith Family and the first session of the Membership Exploration sessions began on June 20, 2022. Betty shared some resources for shut-ins (puzzles, bible quizzes and coloring pages) and we will be mailing them to our shut-ins and making them available in the Narthex for those who would like to enjoy them.

Upcoming Communion Dates: Independence Day weekend July 3 and Wednesday, July 6.

Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Next Meeting is Wednesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room.

Pam Desgranges, Scribe



DEACONS' BENCH

*June 12, 2022
Jeri Hoellrich, Scribe*

Deacons:

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

Members present: John Hahn (22), Amanda Rettig (22),
Rick Desgranges (22), Pat Kirk (23), Ron Hoellrich (23),
Jeri Hoellrich (23), Carol Medina (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

New Business:

Deacon Schedule for July - See Worship Participants on Page 11.

Discussion was held concerning handing out bulletins and collection plates. The Deacons decided to keep the procedures as is through the weeks leading up to Rally Day.

Deacons discussed and decided to give acolytes a break for the summer. Deacons will light candles at services. Rick will check with Pastor Dave for special instructions and share them with the team at a later date.

Deacons approved replacing the maple tree that died on the North side of the church.

Deacons discussed and approved the removal of two sets of dividers in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons discussed heating and cooling plan for church areas and approved a recommendation that was sent to Consistory.

Next Deacon's Zoom meeting scheduled for July 10, 2022,
at 7:00 p.m.

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



**July 3 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost –
Independence Sunday – Communion**

Hebrews 2:14-18
John 8:31-36
What is the Cost of Freedom?

July 10 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Luke 10:25-37
How Are You at Obeying God's Commandments?

July 17 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:38-42
Simply Living or Living Smart?

July 24 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

James 5:13-16
Luke 11:1-4, 9b-13
Do You Have Time to Pray?

July 31 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
Are You Rich....Toward God?

JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
July 3 and 6		Rick Desgranges Jeri Hoellrich
July 10 and 13		Amanda Rettig John Hahn
July 17 and 20		Ron Hoellrich Jeri Hoellrich
July 24 and 27		Carol Medina Pat Kirk
July 31		John Hahn Amanda Rettig



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - May 2022

INCOME

St. John's UCC April Giving	\$ 600.00
Hope Lutheran Church	1,026.00
St. Stephen Lutheran Church	<u>867.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,493.00

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...

Florence Snyder had a heart cath and other testing
Juanita Venderley (Charlotte Rettig's sister) severe shingles in her eye
Jim Sugg (former member) lost vision in his right eye, no blood supply
Mike Hershberger, church ministry chairman for the Henry County
 Gideons is undergoing extended rehab following a fall last Fall
Ellie Tobias Adkins (niece of John Tobias) Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
George Medina broken toe
Colette Yetter pacemaker insertion
Leonard Richard (Caryn Lulfs' father) valve replacement at St. Rita's
 in Lima
Robyn VandeBusche (Shalom client) total knee replacement
Doug Armbruster recovering at home after hospitalization
Rolie Rettig recovering at home after hospitalization

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.



Remember Those Who Are Ill,
Undergoing Treatment,
In Grief, Or Are Recovering

Within the Fellowship:

Brian, Emma and Molly Rees along with **Julie's family and friends** on the untimely passing of **Julie Rees** on May 21, 2022. Julie's Celebration of Life was held at St. John's on Thursday, May 26.

Jeff and Annette (Nagel) Sailer and their family on the passing of Jeff's brother **Jay Sailor** on May 22.

LaTasha Solis is asking for prayers for her boss, **Shirley Houston** whose husband Broderick Houston passed away.

Family and Friends of Kenneth Snyder who passed away on June 1. Condolences may be sent to his family through his son John Snyder at 235 Snead Dr., Crossville, TN 38558.

Georgena and Gregg Nanson on the sudden passing of her brother **Harold Gene Brown** on June 12. His service were held on Thursday, June 16 at Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. Condolences may be sent to Georgena and Greg Nanson at 1514 Leland Ave., Lima, OH 45805-1942

SAVE THE DATE
IMPORTANT SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JULY 10
TO VOTE ON
REPLACEMENT OF CURRENT HEATING SYSTEM



Kid's Corner



July

- | | |
|--------|---------------------|
| 7 - 8 | Ezra Medina |
| 7 - 10 | Ethan Saneholtz |
| 7 - 11 | Riley Miller |
| 7 - 13 | Amelia Waisner |
| 7 - 15 | Annisah Franz |
| 7 - 20 | Zoe Lulfs |
| 7 - 27 | Lincoln Brown |
| 7 - 31 | Charlotte Whiteside |



Kid's Corner



"SPLASH"

Summer Family Gathering-Everyone Welcome!

Sunday, July 10 after worship

"Moses Parts the Red Sea"

Bring A Dish to Share for Lunch

Hot Dogs and Drink Provided

Enjoy Water Games

Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board

ALL CHURCH POOL PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

NAPOLEON COMMUNITY POOL

POT LUCK PICNIC AT 5:00 P.M.

SWIMMING 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

EVERYONE INVITED AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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

Sponsored by the Christian Ed. Board



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 - #13

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

Peggy Franz	15396 St. Rt. 281	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Herbert Fruth	13567 Co Rd. H	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Jim and Sue Waisner	1542 St. Rt. 108	Holgate, Ohio 43527
Bernard Zimmer	1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37	Napoleon, Ohio 43545

FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY REPORT

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

	MAY 2022 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL YTD	2022 ANNUAL BUDGET
Accounts			
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME			
Total OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$18,635.52	\$88,970.34	\$232,186.44
EXPENSES			
Total BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$2,236.68	\$14,500.39	\$38,399.00
Total MINISTRIES	\$344.97	\$1,683.76	\$7,850.00
Total MISSIONS	\$537.50	\$2,687.50	\$7,004.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$6,151.03	\$25,459.18	\$69,924.44
Total PASTORIAL	\$8,028.93	\$40,101.50	\$109,009.00
Total EXPENSES	\$17,299.11	\$84,432.33	\$232,186.44
Net Total	\$1,336.41	\$4,538.01	\$ -
Operating Checking Account Balance as of May 31, 2022			\$ 31,474.69
Mission Giving:			
Strengthen The Church	\$ 500.00		
SHALOM	\$ 390.00		
Project Balance As of May 31, 2022			
Church Heat Update/New	\$ 360.00		
Fellowship Hall AC	\$ 2,263.00		
Office Heat/AC	\$ 7,694.81		

You're Invited!

*Pastor Dave & Janise Voll
are opening the doors of their heart
and the parsonage to everyone*

from the

St. John's UCC faith family

for an Open House

Sunday, July 17

immediately following worship

*The parsonage is West of the church
across SR 108*

*(Please walk over if you can. Those with mobility issues may
park in the driveway.)*

Please come to see your parsonage

and their home and to share

in light refreshments

and fellowship!

**SIT
AND
FIT**



Janise Voll is volunteering to lead a chair exercise class at St. John's on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Her low-impact routines are ideally suited to those who may not be able to stand for long periods of time during a fitness regimen, those who prefer not to be completely upright for an exercise session, and/or those who simply want to supplement other types of workouts with this focus on arms, shoulders, and abs. It's a perfect exercise class for seniors, those just starting an exercise routine, those with balance issues, those recovering from an injury or surgery (with doctor's permission), or anyone who needs a very low impact, adjustable-intensity workout. The precise intensity is up to the participant.

A variety of equipment will be used, but attendees will need to bring their own hand weights – 1-3 pounds are recommended.

This workout combines cardio, strength, and flexibility, all modified to a seated position.

Benefits

- Allows you to stay active and independent.
- Decreases risk of injury.
- Improves balance and coordination.
- Maintains muscular strength.
- Enhances flexibility.
- Develops a more functional body.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Those interested will be contacted as to when the class will begin, depending on how quickly participants sign up. There is no cost.

If you have questions, please see Janise or contact her by voice or text at 419-270-8655.



Notes from the Office

Upper Room Devotionals

Upper Room Devotionals for July-August are available. If you are interested in receiving this in electronic version, please contact the office.

Food For Members

Sometimes Shalom receives a windfall of food between food pantry distributions. Let the office know if you would like to be made aware when we have extra food so we can contact you.

This is a reminder that any member needing food can be served between Shalom Food Pantry distributions by contacting Pastor Voll, an Elder or Betty (Bob) Rettig in the church office.

Update On Heating And Air Conditioning

A donor contributed money to more than cover the cost for heating and air conditioning in the church office and Pastor's Study. Many thanks for that generous gift! Knueve and Sons will be working on the project as soon as the equipment arrives. Thank you also to Holgate Lumber and Buckeye Building for underwriting the cost of replacing the four windows in the offices! That was another welcome and generous surprise.

Earl Mechanical will be doing the work to install the air conditioning units in Fellowship Hall. They will begin working as soon as the equipment arrives.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on July 10 to decide whether we replace the current boilers with a closed loop hot water system or boilers similar to what we currently have. You should have received a letter outlining the recommendation from Consistory. There will be informational meetings after church on June 26 and July 3 as it is important that people be informed.

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Notes from the Office

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Activity Sheets For Shut-Ins And Others

One of our subscriptions includes activity sheets for kids AND for adults. We will begin including some of these sheets in mailings to shut-ins and will have some on the table with the bulletins for people to take if interested. If there seems to be interest, we will continue adding these items.

Weekly Mailings

We mail bulletins each week to between 20-25 households. Most of these are to people who are shut-ins or who find it difficult to get ready in time for church. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a mailed bulletin, please let Pastor Voll or the church office know. Some people ask for a bulletin to be mailed during the winter when they may not be able to attend.

Everyone who has an email on file receives the announcements with a link to the weekly bulletin and current newsletter. This is a good alternative for many people while keeping postal costs to a minimum. If you are not currently receiving the weekly email and you do have computer access, please let the office know your email so you may be included.

Thank You

Many thanks to Doug Armbruster who will be covering the office duties while I am on vacation from July 22 through August 5. I am grateful for Doug's willingness and expertise in filling in.

Betty (Bob) Rettig



"Senior Saints" Our 80+ Birthdays

Shirley Tobias

will celebrate her
82nd Birthday
on July 4

10011 Co. Rd. Y
Hamler, OH 43524

Sharon Hoff

will celebrate her
88th Birthday
on July 9

489 Independence Dr. Apt. 4
Napoleon, OH 43545

Charlotte Rettig

will celebrate her
83rd Birthday
on July 13

316 S. Wilhelm St
Holgate, OH 43527

Jim Waisner

will celebrate his
83rd Birthday
on July 27

61542 St. Rt. 108
Holgate, OH 43527



"Senior Saints" Their 50+ Anniversaries

Junior and Minnie Hoff

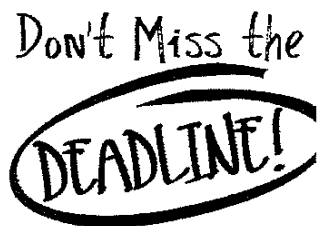
will celebrate their
59th Wedding Anniversary
on July 6

895 Kenilworth Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Ron and Carol Lulfs

will celebrate their
53rd Wedding Anniversary
on July 18

11862 Co. Rd. J
Napoleon, OH 43545



**ATTENTION CHAIRPERSONS
AND SCRIBES**

The newsletter deadline for articles in the August edition of the Sentinel is moved ahead to **Friday, July 15**. This is to allow time for the newsletter to be drafted, proofed, printed and ready to mail by July 19 before Betty (Bob) Rettig leaves on vacation. Thank you to everyone impacted for your cooperation.



In Loving Memory
Harold Brown
November 3, 1946 - June 12, 2022

Harold Gene Brown, 75, of Defiance, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at his residence in Defiance.

He was born on November 3, 1946, to the late Harold and Helen (Stevens) Brown in Defiance, Ohio. Harold was a 1964 graduate of Defiance High School. He proudly played the tuba for the Defiance High School Marching Band of Class. He was a faithful member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Holgate, Ohio. Harold worked for ten years for the Defiance County Highway Department. He loved his meals at Kissner's and Cosmo's, and considered the regulars as his family. He also enjoyed listening to Bud Widmer's Rube Band concerts.

Harold is survived by his sister, Georgena (Gregg) Nanson of Lima, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. at Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. David Voll officiating. One hour of visitation was held prior to the service. Burial followed the service at Riverview Memory Gardens.

*Memorials are suggested to
St. John's United Church of Christ*



In Loving Memory
Julie M. Rees
November 12, 1973 - May 21, 2022

JULIE M. (Bishop) REES, 48, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Flower Hospital in Toledo, Ohio after a multi-year battle with ALK Positive lung cancer. She was born November 12, 1973, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to James T. and Cricket Ann (Embrey) Bishop.

Julie graduated from Clarkston High School in 1991 and Central Michigan University in 1995. On February 24, 1996, she married Brian Rees in Clarkston, Michigan.

Julie currently worked at Artistic Roots, Napoleon and was a substitute teacher for Napoleon Area Schools. She was a former teacher and director at St. Peter Lutheran Preschool in Florida, Ohio.

Julie loved to spend her time with family and friends. She never passed up the opportunity to be on their boat to spend the day on the water. She spent all of her time supporting her girls in sports and life. She would never miss the chance to "do all the things".

She is survived by her husband, Brian; daughters, Emma Elizabeth Rees and Molly James Rees; parents, James and Cricket Bishop; and sister, Amy (Shawn) Seaberg.

A memorial gathering was held on Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A memorial service was held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John United Church of Christ, Holgate, Ohio.

Memorials are suggested to
ALK Positive, Inc.
6595 Roswell Rd, Suite G2310,
Atlanta GA 30328



Mission and
Stewardship



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

JULY MISSION

Our monthly mission for July is One Great Hour of Sharing. Would you like to put your love for others into actions? Putting love into actions is a call to us to help our neighbors, near and far, as we have the ability. The Apostle Paul reminds us, just as he did the Corinthians so long ago, that the greatest expression of our connection to others is the way we love them.

Your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables our church and our worldwide partners to make a difference in the lives and communities around the world. Together, we are responding to disasters, supporting sustainable farming, education, and health initiatives, as well as pitching in to assist people fleeing violence from their home communities.

Through your generous support, we believe that, with everything else going on in the world, love remains.

Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who came to help us celebrate our Seventieth Anniversary. It was wonderful.

Thanks for all the cards for my birthday, get well wishes, and for our anniversary. We love you all! God Bless.

Thank You to Jeri and Norma for helping Kris and Lynnete set up and decorate the tables. You are the best.

Betty and Don Rettig



JULY

7-1	Steve Thomas	7-13	Amanda Rettig
7-1	Michael Haldy	7-13	Charlotte Rettig
7-2	Frank Wetmore	7-13	Robert Rettig
7-4	Shirley Tobias	7-13	Cheryl Woodring
7-4	Karen Brown	7-16	Chris Morgan
7-5	Sue Abshire	7-18	Kirk Zimmerman
7-5	Mike Plotts	7-20	Kortney Hahn
7-6	Kristen Anderson	7-20	Jen Rettig
7-7	Heather Cutlip	7-22	Rachel Desgranges
7-7	Ryan Fruth	7-27	Jim Waisner
7-8	Sara Bortz	7-27	Daniel Shank
7-9	Sharon Hoff	7-29	Linda Rettig
7-10	Pastor David Orr	7-30	Joan Waisner
7-10	Jared Clady	7-30	Dennis Wetmore
7-10	Lucy Coppes	7-30	John Eberle
7-12	Kevin Vajen		
7-12	Tom Eberle		
7-12	John Squires		

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 **AUGUST**

Newsletter is **FRIDAY, JULY 15, 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



July Mission

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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.