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| St. John's UCC   |                                 |  |                            |  |     |     | Aug 2025 (Eastern Time - New York) |  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----|-----|------------------------------------|--|
| Sun  | Mon                             | Tue  | Wed                        | Thu  | Fri | Sat |                                    |  |
| 27   | 28                              | 29   | 30                         | 31   | 1   | 2   |                                    |  |
| 3<br>9:30am - Worship/Communion  | 4<br>6:30pm - Spiritual Council | 5<br>SHALOM Delivery in am<br>4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry  | 6                          | 7<br>1:30pm - Vancress Service<br>6pm - Finance Team<br>6pm - Pastoral Relations Council | 8   | 9   |                                    |  |
| 10<br>9:30am - Worship<br>11:30am - CEB meeting                          | 11                              | 12   | 13                         | 14<br>St. John's UCC - Fair Gates Henry  | 15  | 16  |                                    |  |
| 17<br>9:30am - Worship/Blessing of the<br>10am - Newsletter Articles Due | 18                              | 19<br>SHALOM Delivery in am<br>4:30pm - SHALOM Food Pantry | 20<br>Pastor on vacation   | 21   | 22  | 23  |                                    |  |
| 24<br>Pastor on vacation   | 25                              | 26   | 27                         | 28   | 29  | 30  |                                    |  |
| 31<br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:45am - Special Consistory                   | 1<br>9am - Newsletter printing  | 2<br>9am - Newsletter mailing                              | 3<br>7pm - Sanctuary Choir | 4  | 5   | 6   |                                    |  |
| 31<br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:30am - Choir practice - After               |                                 |  |                            |  |     |     |                                    |  |

# The Sentinel

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AUGUST 2025

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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## GATHERED AROUND THE TABLE

*"Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, 'When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.'"*  
(Luke: 14: 12-14 CEB)

It is amazing to me when reading the gospels as a whole how much Jesus used gathering around a table and sharing a meal in his ministry. Jesus utilized the sharing of a meal and the breaking of bread as a way of letting people know they are seen, heard, known and respected. The table was an altar around which he welcomed everyone to experience communion with God and one another.

It is easy to forget that faith is a relational experience and is impossible to move into becoming the hands and feet of Jesus without other people to extend compassion, mercy and love. We cannot do this alone.

When reading the gospels, we must look closely at the diversity of Jesus' table. He gathered around the table with ALL people: friends, followers, priests, prostitutes, the religious elite and the local street person. Jesus did what many of us will not do — gather around the table with people who are not like us.

Jesus was creating a bigger, open table for all where each person was treated with equal dignity. These people also left the table with their dignity intact — even if they disagreed with him. In Jesus' time, the act of sharing a meal with someone was a sign of respect and willingness to be seen in fellowship with one another.

Jesus did not share the table with those who were deemed his social equals or those who would further his cause and ministry. In fact, in Luke 14:7-14, Jesus specifically warned against such self-serving hospitality. Jesus had friends in low places. This is the beauty of Jesus' radical and diverse guest list.

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## GATHERED AROUND THE TABLE

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In a world where most people only want to share the table with friends and people like them, Jesus fully engaged all sides and taught at the same time. For Jesus, the table was used as a means for connecting people, not dividing them.

During the the past two months, St. John's UCC has created an open table, welcoming and sitting down at the table with people who we do not know as well as we want. Yes, some of the people are poor; however, this has not been the real reason for our summer meals. The main focus of the summer meals have been to better get to know our community neighbors and to know better their life stories.

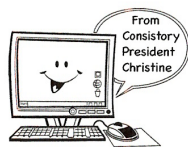
The turn out for the summer meals has exceeded any expectations. There have been people from our congregation and from the community that have come together into the church for a shared meal and conversation. I have seen our congregation sit down and share a meal with our guests from the community. We have truly worshipped God each week as we have broken bread with our neighbors.

There are no rules for expanding the table to all of God's beloved children. This is how St. John's UCC approached our summer meals. Some of us have come out of our comfort zones by sitting at the table and sharing a meal with someone we did not know. This summer has been a powerful one for me personally. I experienced the opportunity to know our community neighbors better.

Jesus has set the table. May we open our hearts, minds and souls to gather around the bigger, open table of Christ.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Jeff McCam

## REMEMBERING



August means it's Henry County Fair time! I am sure that the week of the Henry County Fair brings excitement, anticipation, and gratification to many here at St. John's. From young to old, St. John's folks have been involved in fair activities for many years.

I recall Jim and his siblings talking about taking animals to the fair as youngsters. Jim's dad, I have been told, would lay down the law that if the soybean fields weren't free of weeds, they were not going to be heading to the fairgrounds! So, I think people driving on SR 108 saw some nice clean soybean fields in August!

The tractor pull on Saturday means a full day at the fair. I have been escorted to the fair for a number of years by my tractor pull loving husband.

Looking back many years, I recall several St. John's ladies, including Jim's mom, Wilma, spent hours manning the Guild booth at the fair. Folks in Henry County looked forward to purchasing their Rada knives, and woven rag rugs at the booth.

We have had, and continue to have, a number of St. John's young people that have 4-H and FFA projects at the fair, both in booths, and in the barns. And in recent years, folks have volunteered to work the gates on the last day of the fair, raising money for St. John's. This year will be no different, as we will once again be manning the gates on Aug. 14.

*The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. ... The Lord of Heaven's Armies is a wonderful teacher and he gives the farmer great wisdom. Isaiah 28:26, 29*

Agriculture plays an important role in the lives of many St. John's families. Thanks to our farmers who continue to toil in the fields, and the celebration of agriculture at the fair.

Christine Rettig



### CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS July 14, 2025

- Monday meals have far exceeded expectations and will be planned for next summer.
- Sunday services will be in the Fellowship Hall until Rally Day.
- After Consistory discusses recommendations made in the report from the outside review of financials, suggestions will be presented at the congregational meeting in November.
- Painting of ceilings in Chapel and hallway to be done soon.
- Building insurance deductible will be raised to \$10,000 to save about \$750 in premiums annually.
- New Building/Fellowship Hall rental form was adopted. The custodian fee is to be paid by renter to the custodian.
- Two fundraisers to benefit volunteers at Washington UCC were approved.
- Rev. Marv Rettig will offer comments at the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Rev. Dan Busch had to decline the invitation due to a prior commitment.
- Consistory will not meet in August during the Henry County fair.
- A church credit card will be obtained due to not all vendors accepting the current debit card.
- Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin September 14. Children attending Sunday School will receive a \$5 gift certificate to "Sweet Dreams" on their birthday.
- The vinyl sign in front of the church and the organ in the chapel were removed.
- Repairs to the carpet at the entrance to Fellowship Hall will be made. Shalom room flooring improvements are being investigated.
- Water and gifts to children were distributed at "Eyes to Skies" in Holgate.
- A float is being planned for the Tomato Festival parade.
- The Ministerial Fund money is invested primarily in a CD. No money has been withdrawn for religious education since its inception. The intent of the fund is to use interest earned on the original \$5,000 invested for that purpose. About \$7,500 will be transferred from the CD at its maturity to the money market account in the name of the fund.
- Pastor will be in vacation August 20-30.

Scribe, Bob Rettig



### Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- Thanks to all who helped in preparation for the "Eyes to the Skies".
- Thanks to all helpers with Monday evening meals.
- Thankful for the response of the community and our congregation with the Monday meals.
- Thankful for air conditioning for Sunday services in Fellowship Hall.
- Thanks to Kevin Vajen for the beautiful flowers outside the North door.
- Welcome to the new addition to the Andy and Rachel Brinkman family – Hunter Paul.

### Staffing the Henry County Fair Gates

St. John's United Church of Christ has committed again this year to staff the fair gates on the last day of the Henry County Fair, Thursday, August 14. This service to the fair board results in \$1,200.00 being raised for our church. This project means that we need volunteers to sign-up for time slots that will be covered throughout the day, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please consider being a volunteer for this project this year. The more folks we can get involved, the fewer hours folks will need to work at a gate. Please look at the sign-up sheets in the narthex, and give of your time to help out the fair board and benefit St. John's.

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>



### Spiritual Council Meeting Excerpts July 2, 2025

Those present: Pastor Jeff McCarn

Bob Rettig (25) \*Kay Armbruster (26)  
Rolie Rettig (26) Christine Rettig (27)  
Kirk Fruth (27)

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor McCarn at 6:30 p.m.
- Pastor's Report was reviewed and accepted.
- The worship on Sunday, July 6 will be in the Fellowship Hall.
- On Sunday July 6, Communion trays with bread and grape juice will be placed on each of the tables.
- Alexa Brown, Lisa Haldy and Pastor have met to plan the Confirmation program. The two ladies also met with Franel Nelson to discuss some of the logistics to make the program run smoothly.
- Visits by Pastor to those in need of pastoral care was reviewed.
- Regarding the Monday evening meals, it was agreed that they have been more successful than anticipated.
- The Ministerial Fund was originated by a former member of the congregation with a contribution of \$5,000 and was designated to be used for religious education. The intent was to distribute earned interest to qualified members. Since its inception, no monies have been distributed from this fund. Of the \$13,000+ currently in this fund, most of it is in a CD. It is being suggested that \$5,000 remain in the CD, with approximately \$8,000 be deposited in a MMDA for more accessibility.
- There was a "Love Gift" requested and honored recently.
- Although no definite plans have been made, Pastor is considering taking a vacation in late August.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and Pastor led in prayer.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Bob Rettig, Scribe



## DEACONS' BENCH

July 14, 2025

### Deacons:

Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25)  
Linda Arreguin (26), Janice Rettig (26), Mark Vajen (26)  
Amanda Rettig (27), Rory Prigge (27), Jay Slagle (27)

Members Present: Jared Clady (25), Ben Thomas (25),  
Linda Arreguin (26), Janice Rettig (26), Mark Vajen (26),  
Rory Prigge (27), Amanda Rettig (27)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. The previous month's minutes were approved.

### Old Business

*Outside* – The vinyl signs have been removed. The concrete from the torn up basketball court will be moved out to the dirt pile. The tree near the North parking lot will receive a trim and fertilizer.

*Inside* – The organ that was in the Chapel has been removed. A different technician from Peacock Water was able to unlock and assess the pump. No issues were detected and a new pump is not needed. The rip in the carpet outside Fellowship Hall is to be repaired. A motion was made and approved to have Carpet Wholesalers come and repair the damage.

*Insurance* – Based on the information received, the Deacons will make a recommendation to Consistory to update to the \$10,000 Deductible and Annual Premium \$7,961 on the renewal date of November 1st. Prices of the Premium amount will likely change slightly as the November renewal rate will not be available until September. Our insurance policy covers both the church and parsonage.

### New Business

*Outside* – With part of the basketball court being torn out, it was initially thought to turn that area into more garden. Instead, building some sort of permanent structure along with the addition of some sort of seating is being discussed.

*Meeting* – There is no Deacon's meeting scheduled for August. The normal meeting schedule and time will resume in September.

Adjournment at 7:30.

## AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

|           | ACOLYTES | DEACONS                       |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| August 3  | Deacons  | Linda Arreguin<br>Rory Prigge |
| August 10 | Deacons  | Janice Rettig<br>Jay Slagle   |
| August 17 | Deacons  | Amanda Rettig<br>Jared Clady  |
| August 24 | Deacons  | Mark Vajen<br>Rory Prigge     |
| August 31 | Deacons  | Ben Thomas<br>Jared Clady     |

## Shalom FROM THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

### FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - JUNE 2025

#### INCOME

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| St. John's April Giving | \$1,010.00         |
| St. John's May Giving   | 675.00             |
| Hope Lutheran Church    | 959.00             |
| Pleasant Bend UMC       | 140.00             |
| Memorial Earl Abshire   | 220.00             |
| Individual Donation     | 100.00             |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 3,104.00</b> |

Submitted by Norma Nagel



Remember Those Who Are Ill,  
Undergoing Treatment,  
In Grief, Or Are Recovering  
With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

### Within the Fellowship:

Please hold the following persons in your daily prayers...  
Those on our hearts and minds

- Caryn Lulfs recovering from surgery
- Beth Saneholtz breast cancer
- \*Robert and Sunny VanHoy health issues
- \*Brenda Clevenger health issues
- \*Lori Jordan health issues
- \*Connie Sweet health issues
- \*Kelsey Wayne health issues
- \*Annette Rothman healing from a broken arm
- \*Lori Hopkins health issues
- \*Ryan Clements healthy issues

(\*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 in areas of conflict and disasters throughout the world

Those who are anticipating procedures, testing,  
and/or test results, or recovering from procedure



Remember Those Who Are Ill,  
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With Prayers, Cards, And Visits

### Within the Fellowship:

- Let us pray for those of St. John's Faith Family who are dealing with health issues or other changes in their lives.
- Let us pray for the church and its leaders and people.
- Let us pray for our service men and women and their families.

### Sympathy to:

Tammy Martin and family, on the passing of her father early  
Thursday morning, June 26.



### HUNTER PAUL BRINKMAN July 11, 2025

Parents: Andy and Rachel Brinkman

Grandparent: Nancy Thomas  
Jerry and Amy Brinkman



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**

**VANCREST NURSING HOME**, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527  
**Herbert Fruth -**

**Don Huber -** Cards or notes may be sent care of his daughter  
Dawn Boozer, P.O. 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**

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

|                       |                           |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Peggy Franz           | 15396 St. Rt. 281         | Holgate, Ohio 43527  |
| John & Shirley Tobias | 10011 Co Rd Y             | Hamler, Ohio 43524   |
| Bernard Zimmer        | 1040 S. Perry St. Apt. 37 | Napoleon, Ohio 43545 |

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY JUNE 2025

| ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST<br>Operating Fund Revenue and Expenses |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| June 2025   | 2025 Year To Date | 2025 Annual Budget | % of Year Complete | Actual YTD |                |
| \$13,593  | \$107,255         | \$238,988          | 45%                |            |                |
| <b>OPERATING BUDGET INCOME</b>  |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
| <b>BUILDING &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>   |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
| \$4,229   | \$22,970          | \$46,996           | 49%                |            |                |
| \$323   | \$2,800           | \$9,500            | 29%                |            |                |
| \$540   | \$3,240           | \$6,480            | 50%                |            |                |
| \$5,391   | \$36,475          | \$79,909           | 48%                |            |                |
| \$7,202   | \$43,873          | \$96,853           | 45%                |            |                |
| \$17,685  | \$109,358         | \$239,738          | 46%                |            |                |
| -\$4,092  | -\$2,103          |                    |                    |            |                |
| <b>NET OPERATING TOTAL</b>  |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
| <b>Mission and Restricted Fund Activities of Note for June:</b>           |                   |                    |                    |            |                |
|   |                   |                    |                    |            | <b>EXPENSE</b> |
|   |                   |                    |                    |            | <b>GIVING</b>  |
| Mission of the Month - Back Bay Mission:                                  |                   |                    |                    |            | \$1,240        |
| Shalom Food Pantry Giving:  |                   |                    |                    |            | \$875          |
| G. Sonnenberg Fund:   |                   |                    |                    |            | \$4,615        |
| Memorial Fund:  |                   |                    |                    |            | \$1,090        |
| Love Gift:  |                   |                    |                    |            | \$5,280        |
| Major Maintenance:  |                   |                    |                    |            | \$2,205        |
| Cemetery Association:   |                   |                    |                    |            | \$1,000        |
| Ministerial Education:  |                   |                    |                    |            |                |



## Kid's Corner



## AUGUST

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| 8 - 8  | Eli Saneholtz |
| 8 - 9  | Zy'Aier Scott |
| 8 - 11 | Isaac Solis   |
| 8 - 15 | Addison Bortz |
| 8 - 26 | Ethan Rettig  |



*Mission and  
Stewardship*



### CROSSROAD CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES MISSION FOR AUGUST

We all have our stuff, we seem to be so quick to judge from the outside in. In a world tailored-made to continue to reward this practice let us be the church that makes judgments from without. Without writing someone else's story but rather in walking alongside them, offering a lifeline where none had been before. When considering Crossroad, your contribution is offering that hope.

Crossroad offers kids many services including residential services addressing behavioral, mental, emotional, and psychological difficulties, including trauma from abuse and neglect. All programs are designed and implemented by Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy trained staff.

- \* **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility** - Crossroad's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility provides intensive residential treatment to meet the needs of young people and their families. The goal is to get them home within the shortest possible time.
- \* **Secure Care** - Recommended for youth with high-security needs that are a danger to themselves or others. These safe spaces are in compliance with Juvenile Justice Delinquency Protection Act and Indiana's Youth Law team; working together to find a path forward.
- \* **Open Treatment** - Addressing emotional and behavioral issues manageable in a less restrictive environment. Transitional Living is available so older youth can focus on education, job skills, and community living skills.

The August Mission is a familiar face. Crossroad continues to hold a special space in the heart of St. John's UCC. We hope that you continue to open-up your hearts and wallets and help Crossroad become a conduit between children in need and a world that doesn't always feel kind.

Thank You for your continued generosity today and throughout the year.

*Mission Team*



Our Nursing  
Home Ministry

VanCrest of Holgate  
Worship Service

Thursday, August 7  
at 1:30 P.M.

Angel Choir Needed

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONSISTORY** - There will be a special meeting of the Consistory on Sunday, August 24 after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the report of the Financial Review of the church conducted by Beihaar Consulting Incorporated.

Christine Rettig

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** - There will be a meeting of the St. John's Cemetery Association on Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. All lot owners are members of the Association and are encouraged to attend.

Christine Rettig



## "Blessing of the Backpacks"

Sunday, August 17, 2025

During

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

In Fellowship Hall



In 1888; Window Added In 1913

St. John's United Church of Christ

1860 - 2025

Celebrating 165 Years

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Dear members and friends of St. John's,

2025 marks the 165<sup>th</sup> year of serving God and our community. Please join in the celebration, with special Sunday school activities at 9:00 a.m., worship with Communion at 10:15 a.m., and ice cream social to follow worship. Pastor Emeritus David Orr and Pastor Marv Rettig, a son of the congregation, will be here to share in the worship service. Our history in pictures and written word will be displayed, as well as a DVD from our 2010 cornerstone celebration.

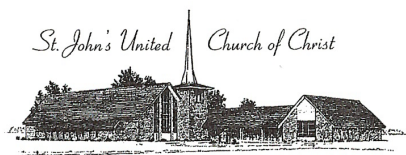
This is also Rally Day - it would be a good day for Confirmation class reunions. If any classes would like to share some time to reminisce, we can offer a designated space in the church for you.

Plan to attend and share this special day.

Sincerely,

165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - Eric Shank, Rolie Rettig,

Bob Rettig, Jeri Hoellrich, Franell and Greg Nelson



## News of Note



From Your Leader of Notes  
Greg

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

Your first practice is Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 P.M.

The second practice is Sunday, August 31 after church so those who can't come Wednesday will have an opportunity to learn the music.

Third practice will be Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 P.M.

Singing on Rally Day!! A new song.

Rally Day is also our 165<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and Ice Cream Social.

Our first practice will include discussion about the social so as many who can need to be there, please.

### BELL CHOIR

Your first practice is Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 P.M.

I will talk to the non sanctuary choir members about the social individually.



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Rally Day - St. John's 165 Years

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

Hot Chicken Sandwiches

Hot Dogs with Fixin's

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Homemade Desserts

Hand Cranked Ice Cream



Sponsored by the Sanctuary  
and Hand Bell Choirs

Freewill offering  
Proceeds to  
be determined by Choirs



### "Senior Saints" Our 80+ Members

#### James Hoffman

will celebrate his  
80th Birthday  
on August 8

K689 State Route 108  
Napoleon, OH 43545-9530

#### Anita Sidle

will celebrate her  
80th Birthday  
on August 8

665 W. Maumee Ave  
Napoleon, OH 43545-1928

#### Ruth Ann Durham

will celebrate her  
82nd Birthday  
on August 18

M703 Co Rd 17C  
Napoleon, OH 43545-7127

#### Florence Snyder

will celebrate her  
85th Birthday  
on August 21

14224 Co Rd L2  
Napoleon, OH 43545-6417

#### Kay Armbruster

will celebrate her  
84th Birthday  
on August 22

K271 County Road 14  
Napoleon, OH 43545-7440

#### Carolyn Clady

will celebrate her  
82nd Birthday  
on August 28

595 Briarheath Dr.  
Defiance, OH 43512-1308

#### Patsy Yaichner

will celebrate her  
87th Birthday  
on August 30

615 E Washington St  
Napoleon OH 435451885



#### Wally and Darlene Snyder

will celebrate their  
51st Wedding Anniversary  
on August 16

PO BOX 345  
Hamler, OH 43524-0345

#### Michael and Kathy Finkenbinder

will celebrate their  
51st Wedding Anniversary  
on August 23

1400 Co Rd 15  
Holgate, OH 43527-9787

## SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

St. John's Silent Movie Night

and Dinner



## News and Notes

Submitted By Nancy Thomas  
July 13, 2025

Present: Nancy Thomas (2026),  
Lynette Goldsmith (2027),  
Kirk Fruth (Consistory Liaison),

Deb Stevenson (2027),  
Alexia Brown (2026)  
Pastor Jeff

Meeting on July 13, 2025 was opened in prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Rally day is planned for September 7. Lots of activities and fun for the kids.

Sunday School teachers are secured, but we are always looking for backups. You are not committed to every Sunday, we have a sign up sheet to pick and choose. We love to have the help! If anyone is interested, please let us know. Thank you!

Confirmation agreement letters have been sent out. We need responses by August 1. Alexia Brown and Lisa Haldy will be the teachers along with the help of Pastor Jeff. Thank you!!!

Birthday Cards with a gift card will be handed out to the children at church. Enjoy!



Holgate "Eyes to the Skies"  
June 28, 2025

St. John's Water and Kids Giveaway Tent

Photo by  
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June 5, 2025

St. John's United Church of Christ  
1946 State Route 108  
Holgate, OH 43527-9712

Dear St. John's United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous support that has made a profound difference in the lives of the children and families of Crossroad! Because of you, children and families throughout our region are receiving the supportive care necessary to heal, grow, and create promising futures.

As we celebrate the close of another successful school year, our children are excited about summer programming and enjoying the warmer weather. Your partnership not only supports therapeutic and everyday needs, but also provides experiences such as visits to the zoo, the discovery of personal talents during the Summer Arts Camp, participation in the Summer Olympics program, and afternoons spent swimming at the YMCA!

I would love the opportunity to thank you in person! Whether you would like to visit Crossroad, connect over the phone, or meet to share a meal, I welcome you to reach out. The ripple effect of our work together transforms not only families, but entire communities across our region!

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Liz Bergren*  
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Chief Development Officer  
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*Thank you so much!*

Visit us at [www.crossroadcares.org](http://www.crossroadcares.org) and follow along on social media to stay connected and learn more about how your support directly impacts the children and families we serve.

Retain this gift receipt portion for your records.  
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|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 5/29/2025 | \$7,090.17 | Unrestricted |

No Goods Or Services Were Provided In Return For This Gift



**Watch for the St. John's Float  
in the Tomato Festival Parade**

**Good Luck to all St. John's Participants  
in the Henry County Fair.**



## AUGUST

|      |                 |      |                      |
|------|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| 8-2  | Stephen Breece  | 8-20 | Jane Fruth           |
| 8-4  | Daniel Schulte  | 8-20 | Hallie McCarn        |
| 8-6  | Kim Behnfeldt   | 8-21 | Florence Snyder      |
| 8-6  | Carl Dettmer    | 8-21 | Jean Dietrich        |
| 8-8  | Anita Sidle     | 8-22 | David Rettig         |
| 8-8  | Jim Hoffman     | 8-22 | Scott Sidle          |
| 8-8  | Cindy Mengerink | 8-22 | Kay Armbruster       |
| 8-9  | Beth Sanholtz   | 8-23 | Ronda Brink          |
| 8-9  | Gavin Miller    | 8-24 | LaTasha Solis        |
| 8-10 | Stephany Hall   | 8-24 | Matthew Brown        |
| 8-10 | Dan Dietrich    | 8-25 | Lynette Fruth        |
| 8-12 | Pam Wetmore     | 8-25 | Danial Hall          |
| 8-12 | Zachary Brown   | 8-26 | Christopher Houchins |
| 8-14 | Rachel Lawson   | 8-27 | Kevin Waisner        |
| 8-14 | Elleigh Franz   | 8-27 | Lacey Erickson       |
| 8-16 | Ashley Moyer    | 8-28 | Carolyn Clady        |
| 8-16 | Rebecca Meyer   | 8-30 | Patsy Yaichner       |
| 8-18 | Lennis Prigge   | 8-30 | Pat Spence           |
| 8-18 | Ruth Ann Durham | 8-31 | Morgan Parcher       |
| 8-19 | Franell Nelson  |      |                      |
| 8-19 | Lori Shank      |      |                      |

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 **SEPTEMBER**  
Newsletter is—**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.**  
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



### AUGUST MISSION

**CROSSROAD  
CHILD AND FAMILY  
SERVICES**

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](http://www.nwoa.org), [www.heartlanducc.org](http://www.heartlanducc.org) and [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

