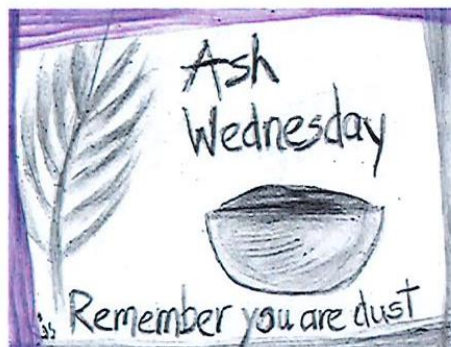


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Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. We will observe Communion and optional Imposition of Ashes during worship at 7 pm. Then we will have informal Lenten discussions in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 7 pm during Lent (February 21 through March 20).

Save the Dates:

**Feb 11 @ 2 pm – Pastor Jeff McCarn's
installation as our newest Settled Pastor
Feb 14 @ 7 pm – Ash Wednesday worship
Feb 18 – Soup and Dessert meal
March 10 – Potato Bake/Afternoon of games**

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The Sentinel

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FEBRUARY 2024



Epiphany

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Betty (Bob) Rettig, Admin. Asst.
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The season of Epiphany marks our path in the church year, and we look ahead to the preparation for the season of Lent.

We may ask, "What is Lent?"

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on personal relationships with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and to give of ourselves for others.

As we enter into Lent, I encourage us to enter into a time of deeper reflection. Yes, it is good to give up something like chocolate, French fries or Facebook. However, I encourage us to go deeper, reflecting on how this time of repentance will allow us to imitate Jesus.

Repentance is about transformation. In spring, the earth transforms from being dormant to coming to life as buds form and then flower, shoot, or leaf. During Lent, prayer and reflection move us to a our own transformation centered on living out the hopes and dreams of God on earth as it is in heaven.

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. - WORSHIP SRVICE 10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Night Schedule

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

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Epiphany

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Lent and Easter are early this year; therefore, the weather will keep us inside facilitating time to slow down and enter into deep reflection about how God is calling us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I extend an invitation to join me on this pathway and carve out time each day to grow closer to the divine presence within and among us. May this sacred time take us deeper into reflection and transformation.

The forty days of Lent are a time of longing for justice and peace to a broken world, and at the same time, a season of making ourselves ready for God's masterpiece of resurrection, amazement, and joy!

*Grace and peace,
Rev. Jeff McCarn*

SAVE THE DATE

Pastor Jeff McCarn

will be **officially installed**

as our settled pastor on

Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this special service. There will be a simple dessert reception following the installation.

SERVICE



As I write my first newsletter article, I was rereading Ron's recent piece titled "Giving Thanks". It is an awesome topic! Ron wrote some great articles. It's time for you to lower your expectations!

I thank the folks that have been serving as Consistory members for the last three years with terms ending at the end of 2023. Pat Kirk, Jeri Hoellrich and Ron Hoellrich have served as Deacons and Maggie Prigge and Kevin Waisner have served on Spiritual Council (Elders). All have served well and will, I'm sure, continue to serve the church in their own special way.

Consistory members are here to serve you and the church in their various duties, including as liaisons to different teams/boards within our church. Maybe their most important job is to serve as a sounding board for the congregation. They have been challenged to listen to your individual concerns and bring them to the full team for discussion and consideration.

A special thank you to Ron. He served the last two years as President and was always there to listen and help. He has done the same since the 1st of January and has graciously offered to continue to advise me, when needed.

*Consistory President
Eric Shank*



Positive Things Seen and Heard from the Congregation and Consistory

- The sanctuary and rest of the building looked beautiful!
- Wonderful Christmas music
- Great to see so many people here for the Children's program!
- Appreciated Lisa Haldy teaching all Sunday school classes on one Sunday
- Blue Christmas service very nice and very meaningful
- Enjoy the way the pastor begins the part of the service with prayers - a very calming effect
- Bell choir Christmas party was very fun

Welcome New Members

Please take a moment to welcome
Dave and Linda Snyder
and
Carl Dettmer
as our newest members.

They have been worshipping with us for some time, and we celebrate their decision to make their membership official.

Orvil Benskin, Deb Waisner's father, was also received into membership by transfer.

For those watching our **worship service online**, the announcement slides and gathering music begin 15 minutes before the start of worship.

You can watch our service at
<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUCCHolgate>.



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

January 8, 2024

- Rob Rettig attended as a guest to do the annual farm report. 2023, was a good year. He asked if he could tweak the rent payments. New Vision Farms is proposing using a 5 year average for the payment basis. By doing this, the first payment will be about 90% of the projected income rather than the current 80%. This will also help New Vision Farms simplify their calculations. The net total will remain the same. Consistory agreed to the change.
- Jared led devotions and opening prayer. Adam has devotions in February - Mike in March - Eric in April.
- Minutes of the December 11, 2023, Consistory Meeting were approved as distributed.
- Carl Dettmer was offered and has accepted the job as Financial Administrator, effective January 1, 2024.
- Adam Stevenson has agreed to be on the personnel team along with Chris Coppes, VP Consistory and Congregational members Terry (Linda) Rettig and Betty (Bob) Rettig.

Consistory approved the leadership roster with several changes to phone numbers and/or email addresses.

- The Building Rental form was modified. The base fee will be \$25 for members of the church. An additional "Maintenance Fee" was added at \$100 if the janitor is to set up tear down and clean up. There will be a \$50 maintenance fee if the member does his own setup tear down and clean up. For non members, the fee is \$100 for the use of fellowship hall. There is an additional \$100 maintenance fee for set up tear down and clean up. If the renter needs a media tech, there's also a \$50 fee for use of the sound system or media. Consistory approved the changes.
- The draft of the Spiritual Council and Consistory Annual Reports was approved as distributed. The Annual Report of the Deacons will be distributed for approval when it is received.
- Consistory agreed to commit to working the gates at the Henry County fair in 2024.
- Consistory voted to Host Siberian Solstice in December 2024.

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CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

January 8, 2024

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- New members will be received and new Consistory members will be installed on January 14 2024.
- Pastor Jeff recommends that Safe Church training be done every year in person. Consistory agreed by consensus.
- The Deacons have moved their meeting to after church on the Sunday before the scheduled Consistory meeting. Consistory will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday.
- Norma Nagel was given permission to host family games on March 10 after the potato bake in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will have Wednesday Lenten services. During Holy week, we will have the Maundy Thursday meal and service in Fellowship Hall, a Good Friday service in the sanctuary , and the sunrise and 10:15 am Easter services, Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast.
- Kristine Maas was in the hospital and then recovering, so transition of responsibilities to Carl Dettmer and completion of the reports have been delayed.
- Deacons recommended and Consistory approved the water treatment contract for 2024.
- Chris Coppes has offered to do a community breakfast to try to replenish funds for Shalom – Consistory approved and details will be reported at a future date.
- Mark Vajen is going to be doing The Glass City Marathon. He is looking for sponsors so he can send money back to Honduras. Mark will write an article for the bulletin and newsletter.

Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer

Carol Medina, Scribe



DEACONS' BENCH

December 11, 2023
Adam Stevenson, Scribe

Deacons:

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

Members Present:

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

Others in attendance: Trustee Doug Rettig and Pastor McCarn

Meeting was called to order by Head Deacon, Carol Medina. Minutes of the December 11 meeting minutes were discussed and approved as written.

Old Business:

Wicks for staves ordered and here.

Discussion on movement of basketball hoop to north parking lot or possible member of church interest.

Continuation of boiler preventative maintenance discussion. More information brought to group by Doug Rettig.

New Business:

Discussion on whether to increase dumpster size. Amount of refuse depends on events and how much takes place during the week. Recommendation to wait and see or call if second pickup is necessary.

Any other "loose ends" to tie up and responsibilities for Annual Meeting

Discussion on moving Deacon meetings to the Sunday before the second Monday of the month right after church?

Deacon Schedule for February: See Worship Participants Page 9.

Motion to adjourn.

Next Deacon's meeting: February 11, 2024, at 11:45 a.m.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	ACOLYTES	DEACONS
Feb. 4	Griffin Tanner Tori Kobilis	Jared Clady Mark Vajen
Feb. 11	Natalie Borck	Linda Arreguin Ben Thomas
Feb. 18	Joey Coppes	Adam Stevenson Kevin Vajen
Feb. 25	Deacons	Chris Coppes Kevin Vajen



FROM
THE SHALOM
FOOD PANTRY

FROM THE PANTRY REPORT - December 2023

INCOME

St. John's UCC November Giving	\$ 835.00
Chief Receipts	288.12
Pleasant Bend UMC	230.00
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	300.00
St. Paul's Catholic Church	140.00
St. John's Lutheran Sunday School	175.00
Total	\$ 1,968.12

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**

Betty (Don) Rettig recovering from surgery for broken wrists and cataract
Ddarlene Hockman recovering from broken ankle
Carolyn Clady at Laurels of Defiance following hospitalization
***Kristine Maas** recovering at home following hospitalization
***Mark Mahlman** (Judy English's son) hospitalized with pneumonia
Larry Hockman recovering at home following hospitalization
Marlene Rettig at Vancrest Nursing Home after hospitalization
George Medina home following hospitalization with COVID
Ruth Medina recovering at home with upper respirator infection
Greg Nelson recovering with pneumonia
***Janice Prigge** recovering after surgery
***Walt Leaders** in hospice

(*Non-member family and friends)

Other Members of our Faith Family who are dealing with illnesses

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

Prayers for those who died or were displaced by earthquakes
in Syria and Turkey

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



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

Within the Fellowship:

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

Sympathy to:

Bob and Marian Helberg (Terry Sue Rettig's sister), the family of **Heather Ruiz**, who passed away on December 27, 2023 and **Tina (Rob) Helberg** who passed away on December 29, 2023. Heather was **Terry (Sue) Rettig's** niece and Tina was married to Heather's son Rob. Rob lost both his mother and wife within two days

Giving Envelopes for **2024 are available**. If you used envelopes in 2023, there should be a box labeled for you. Please let the office know asap if you have changed to online giving or if you want envelopes and did not find one with your name. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Upper Room devotionals for January and February are available on the side table in the Narthex. If you will be visiting one or more of our shut-ins in the next couple of weeks, please consider taking them a copy.

Several people have received what appears to be an email from Pastor McCarn asking that they purchase gift cards for him. The email is **NOT** from him. Please do not respond and pass the word to others that this is a scam.s



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

NURSING HOMES

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

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

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

ASSISTED LIVING

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

TRUSTWELL LIVING AT KINGSBURY PLACE, 245 West Rosewood Ave.,
Defiance, OH 43512
Rose Marie Durham - Apt. 142

VANCREST NURSING HOME, 600 Joe E. Brown, Holgate, OH 43527
Marlene Rettig - #13

Janell Honeck - 4828 LJ Pkwy, Apt. 328, Sugar Land TX 77479

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

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



Kid's Corner



February

- 2 - 2 Nicholas Evers
- 2 - 16 Brooke Squires
- 2 - 23 Logan Waisner
- 2 - 24 Elleigh Dunfree



Kid's Corner



Sunday School

Crossroad Child And Family Services in Fort Wayne

Monthly Mission Donation

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

FEBRUARY

- * Pajamas
- * Long sleeve Shirts (NO Buttons)
- * Sweatshirts (NO Drawstrings)
- * Sweatpants (Joggers)

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



Spiritual Council

Meeting Excerpts

January 15, 2024

Pastor: Jeff McCarn Visitation: Rolie Rettig (26)
Head Elder and Evangelism Liaison: Kay Armbruster (26)
Scribe: Bob Rettig (25) Worship and Music Liaison: Greg Nelson (24)
Communion Stewards: Greg Nelson (24) and Mike Haldy (25)
Confirmation and Backup Scribe: Eric Shank (24)

Those present: Pastor Jeff McCarn, Eric Shank (24), Bob Rettig (25),
Kay Armbruster (26)

- The meeting was called to order by Pastor Jeff. Kay Armbruster led devotions. Mike will lead devotions in February.
- Pastor's report was reviewed with no questions or comments.
- **During the time with children**, Pastor will focus on the Heifer Project for the next few weeks.
- Positive comments regarding the meaningful Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve services.
- **Communion** will be served on February 4. On Ash Wednesday, February 14, Communion will be by intinction. Pre-packaged elements will be available.
- **The Confirmands** will begin working on their statement of faith. Pastor Jeff will be leaving the class with the other instructors at 9:45 a.m. to greet people before worship.
- Pastor updated Council on visitations.
- Pastor Jeff was very appreciative of the time off allowing him to visit with his family in North Carolina.
- **On February 11**, Pastor's installation Sunday, Rev. Busch will deliver the message at the morning worship and the Pastor/Parish covenant will be renewed. Rev. Ed Heilman will preach at the installation ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday** services will start at 7:00 p.m. Lenten services will take the format of a discussion in Fellowship Hall with light refreshments provided by members of congregation being served during the time of worship.
- Not all the Upper Room devotionals are being utilized by our congregation with the extras being distributed to Shalom clients. Rather than reduce the number ordered, we will continue this practice and also encourage those visiting shut-ins distribute them as well. The same will hold true for Lenten and Advent devotionals.
- **The next meeting** will be on February 5, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor led in prayer to close our meeting.

Bob Rettig, Scribe



*VanCrest of Holgate
Worship Service*

*Thursday, February 22
at 1:30 P.M.*

Angel Choir Needed!

Easter Flower Orders



The decorating team will have Easter flowers available to order as honorariums and memorials. As soon as the ordering information is received, we will be getting the information out to the congregation. Watch the bulletins and the March newsletter for further details.

Thank You

Thank You for including me as staff this Christmas.
Appreciation from others creates a good feeling.

Norma Nagel

Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

The St. John's UCC Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.



*Mission and
Stewardship*



SHALOM MISSION FOR FEBRUARY

The Mission for February is Shalom Food Pantry. In 2023 we served 848 families for an average of 70.6 families per month. There were a total of 2,928 individuals which amounted to 244 average per month.

Jeri and Ron Hoellrich and several volunteers have been intermittently providing hot meals to the families that come seeking help. We have given them food from our supplies to help support this second arm of Shalom.

As you will notice in the Shalom Financial Report, our reserves have steadily been decreasing. Just like everyone else has experienced, our cost of food has risen dramatically! The Foodbank supply has steadily decreased, which has forced us to buy more food at retail prices.

We have been thankful for our St. John's Faith Family as well as many other area churches who have given freely to our mission! On the first Tuesday in February we are completing our 20th season of helping families. We hope to continue being a vital link to those that need assistance!

We also thank Larry Hockman for his many years of service to the pantry! Larry has been the person who always made sure we had plenty of volunteers to man the pantry nights. John Hahn will be taking Larry's place, his phone number is in the church's phone directory.

The Shalom Team



♥ **Ladles Of Love** ♥
♥ **Soup And Dessert Luncheon** ♥
♥ **February 18--11:30 A.M.** ♥
♥ **30 Soups And 30 Desserts** ♥

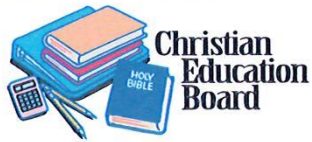
*This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Christian Education Board to support our **Faith and Family Gathering Program**. Not only do the CE Board members appreciate your willingness to cook for us, but also all the people who stay for food and a great time of fellowship.*

**Invite your neighbors to church
and then stay for the luncheon.
Free will offering will be taken to support
our Faith and Family Gathering Program.**



Soups And Desserts

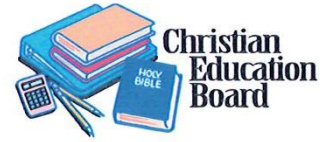
- ♥ **Ladles Of Love Soup and Dessert Luncheon needs YOUR help.**
- ♥ **Sign up sheets** will be in the narthex for you to volunteer to bring your favorite soups or desserts. All Homemade by the Great COOKS at St. John's Church.
- ♥ If you have any questions, contact Lucy Coppes



News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes
December 10, 2023

- **Consistory:** We will have a new Consistory liaison as Kevin Waister's term will end in 2023. We are grateful to Karen Brown who has agreed to fill the open one year position on CE Board. Reminder that CE Board is responsible to help with setup for February Ladles of Love Meal. Proceeds go to Faith and Family Gathering Programming.
- **Confirmation:** Shalom Shopping was held on November 19. Church visit to Sacred Heart Catholic went well. Confirmands made roughly 180 Cheese Balls and had a successful sale. Confirmands will be participating in the Christmas Program. Classes will break for the holiday and resume January 14. Confirmation will be on May 19, 2024.
- **Sunday School:** No Sunday School on December 24 and 31st. New Sunday School Curriculum has arrived and we start using on January 7th. Finalizing Christmas Program. Collection of goods for Crossroad continues. December item request is activity books, canvases, paint for children ages 10 and up. Reminder that Crossroad does not accept used clothing.
- **Youth Ministry:** Discussion on starting a Post Confirmation class (high school), to have a time of learning, service projects and fellowship.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report, cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - Nothing new to report. Since Latashia's term expires at the end of this month, gave instructions on how to continue making new signs for the Cradle Roll.
- CE Board also spent time reviewing rolls for incoming members who were present at the meeting.
- **Next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2024**, after worship.



News and Notes

Submitted By Lucy Coppes
January 7, 2024

Present: Pastor McCarn, Lucy Coppes (24),
Elleigh Franz (25), and Nancy Thomas (26)

Lucy opened the meeting and led Devotions. New officers are Elleigh Franz, Chairperson and Lucy Coppes Vice Chairperson and Scribe

- **Consistory:** Eric Shank is our new Consistory Liaison. Lucy will follow up with Eric to let him know dates of meetings. Remember that Ladles of Love will be in February with the proceeds to go to Faith and Family Summer Events. Typically, Ladies of Love is the third Sunday in February, Lucy will confirm with Clady's to see if February 18 will work for them.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation will be starting on January 14.
- **Sunday School:** Lucy will ask that Betty order the Spring Sunday School Curriculum. Tentative discussion on Easter preparation as Easter falls on March 31.
- **Youth Ministry:** Discussion on starting a Post Confirmation class (high school) to have a time of learning, service projects and fellowship. Need to set dates for the Youth Sunday Program.
- **Birthdays:** Nothing new to report. Cards continue to be sent to all active children at the beginning of the month.
- **Cradle Roll** - We will need to fill this role at the February meeting.
- Discussion on Safe Church Training and scheduling training for new members.
- **Next meeting is TBD** after worship.

POTATO BAKE

March 10, 2024

Right After Worship



**BAKED POTATOES
AND ALL THE TOPPINGS
Salad and Dessert**

Free will offering

**Sponsored by the Youth
Proceeds go to youth
SHALOM Christmas Shopping**



“Senior Saints” Our 80+ Members

Junior Hoff
will celebrate his
81st Birthday
on February 2

Vandella Huber
will celebrate her
80th Birthday
on February 23

895 Kenilworth Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545-1207

PO BOX 64
Holgate, OH 43527-0064

Do You Like to Play Games?

We are planning an afternoon of games! It is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 following the Confirmation sponsored potato bake. Stay after the potato bake or come whenever it works for you. We will play games as long as people want to stay and play.

With card games and board games we could have as many tables going as we have players to fill them. You may bring a favorite game. We will also have many games to choose from.

Bring a friend who also likes games. This is not limited to members of our church, just game people. Bring the kids that like to play games, too. No age limit here! The more people we have - the more fun we have!

We are planning to provide some snacks. If you want to contribute something to the snack table, you may do so. Some drinks will be available, but you may bring your own also.

No fee - - - just fun!



In Loving Memory
Annisah C. Franz
 July 15, 2004 - December 15, 2023

Annisah Crystyne Franz of Holgate, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 15, 2023.

She was born on July 15, 2004, to Craig Franz and Monica Holmes.

She is survived by her dad, Craig (Kristi), her mom, Monica (Jason); siblings, Elleigh, Trent, Ally, Kylee, Mckenzie, Tatym, Mason, Kohen, and Beckett; grandparents, Craig and Peggy Franz, Andy and Marsha Meyer and Patrick and Amy Hutchinson; aunts, Sabrina (Danny) Perez, Tianna Meyer, Tarrah Meyer, Carissa Meyer; uncles, Tallon Meyer, and Ryan (Ashley) Franz. She is also survived by many cousins.

Annisah graduated from Holgate High School in 2022. She was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ in Holgate.

She worked for Clubhouse Pizza for several years, becoming manager. The owners and coworkers became a second family to her. She also recently started a job at Medal Components in Holgate.

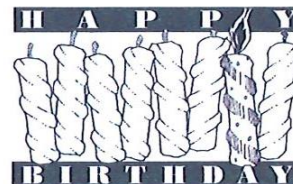
Annisah loved her family, friends, and her cat, Salem. Annisah loved to sing, she sang the National Anthem at several Holgate basketball games. She was also very involved in the music department at HHS.

She had a love for basketball and played since she was in 5th grade. Annisah lit up the room wherever she went, her laugh was contagious, and she loved with her whole heart.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Snyder-Hoening Funeral Home (209 N. Wilhelm St.) of Holgate from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 1 p.m. with visitation an hour prior at the funeral home. To reflect Annisah's bright and colorful personality, those attending were encouraged to wear cheerful colors.

Annisah loved animals, so we ask that any monetary donation be made to the following:

Memorials maybe made to
 The Henry County Humane Society
 or St. Johns United Church of Christ, Holgate



FEBRUARY

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| 2 - 2 | Junior Hoff | 2 - 17 | Jerry Rettig |
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| 2 - 10 | Earl Abshire | 2 - 23 | Vandella Huber |
| 2 - 11 | Lynne Long | 2 - 24 | Sonya Eitzman |
| 2 - 15 | Sue Mohr | 2 - 25 | Shaunda Squires |
| 2 - 15 | Rory Prigge | 2 - 26 | Minnie Hoff |
| 2 - 15 | Lee Franz | | |

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 **MARCH**
Newsletter is ---- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**
Please leave your article in the folder in the wall file
on the South wall (Directly across from the door)
of the church office marked



February Mission

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www.nwoa.org, www.heartlanducc.org and www.ucc.org.

