

*St. John's Evangelical Church  
211 E. Carrol Street  
Kenton, Ohio 43326  
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## **St. John's Evangelical Church Newsletter** October 2018

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### Trick or Treat Maze



The church will be having an Indoor Trick or Treat Maze on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30—8:00 PM following the parade in town. This will be different than in the past. The committee is asking for volunteers of individuals or families to be in front of different decorated doors inside the "L" shape corridor from the East door entrance to the North door Sunday School rooms door. We have 10 inside spots available. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary if you would like an inside spot to pass out candy. We are also asking that you decorate your door as well if you are able. If not able, we will decorate for you. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet as to whether or not you will decorate. You can come early that evening (would like them done by 6) or during the office hours that day from 9-1. If you still want to park outside with your car as in the past, cars must arrive no later than 6:00 PM. And must stay parked until 8:00 PM for the safety of the children. All other participants are asked to park in the South parking lots. Donations of candy WELCOMED! A bin will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for candy donations!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark or Michele Sherman or the church office.

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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This year, at the end of October, we will once again invite the folks of Kenton to bring their kids trick-or-treating here at the church. It has quickly become one of our valued traditions. It is a night filled with joy and laughter for all involved. It has engaged some unlikely people from our church and included some unlikely people from our community as well. It has created fellowship among our members and has been one of our evangelism events each year.

I have to admit that I have had an uneasy relationship with Halloween as a Christian. I understand its pagan roots, and I am not particularly fond of the darker and sometimes demonic side to the night. Personally, I do not enjoy dressing in costumes, so I'll most likely be standing around in my cowboy hat and duster. People passing by will often say, "Going as a cowboy for Halloween." To which I will reply, "It must be Halloween every night of the year."

So, if Halloween makes me uncomfortable and makes me think of Samhain, why do I allow our church to celebrate this night with our community? Quite simply, it's one of the best chances we have to reach our community all year. I'd rather be a little uncomfortable and have the opportunity to reach an unbeliever than to have an unbeliever never hear the gospel.

By the Holy Spirit's guidance, I am able to take every thought captive to obey Christ [see inset]. However, our unbelieving neighbors don't have that luxury. If they are unbelievers, then they are by definition living apart from fellowship with God. How will they gain that gift if we do not share the Gospel with them?

To share that Gospel, we can take one of two paths. We can sit in our church, open our doors, and say, "Please come in," or we can meet them where they are. While most people won't come to church events like worship, a

hymn sing, or a prayer meeting, they will gladly come for free food, games, and entertainment. Surprisingly, when we open our church for trick-or-treaters, folks will freely enter our church. Of course, offering a warm pit stop on a cold night with clean bathrooms and hot cocoa to warm the body help too.

It may not seem like much evangelism is going on. We don't pass out gospel tracts or have a prayer tent. Those things are good, but if that is the first impression we give people, we often never see them again. Instead, we want them to see our fellowship of believers freely giving and freely loving one another and our community. We want our neighbors to see us accepting all who come no

matter their background, income, gender, race, creed, political affiliation, etc.

Our hope is that we can befriend them or at least get them to think of us if they ever need a friend. We want people to think of us as their phone-a-friend in the midst of crisis or a time of need. We want people to think, "If they gave my kids candy on Halloween, will they stand with me in the midst of this crisis? Will they help me put the pieces of my broken life back together again?"

Really, what we are trying to do is blur the lines between mission and evangelism. This is my vision for St. John's: that we would never know when our evangelism ends and mission begins and vice versa. I want the members of our congregation to always have in their heart:

Evangelism = Mission;  
Mission = Evangelism

**<sup>3</sup>FOR THOUGH WE WALK IN THE FLESH, WE ARE NOT WAGING WAR ACCORDING TO THE FLESH. <sup>4</sup>FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT OF THE FLESH BUT HAVE DIVINE POWER TO DESTROY STRONGHOLDS. <sup>5</sup>WE DESTROY ARGUMENTS AND EVERY LOFTY OPINION RAISED AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO OBEY CHRIST.—II Corinthians 10:3-5**

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
CHURCH:  
MAKING AND MATURING  
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

Speaking of mission, I am hoping that we think of a mission trip soon. An elder in a former church with whom I travelled often recently went to Cuba with a mutual missionary friend. I confess that I was a bit jealous as that is a nation I have dreamed of visiting with the gospel. While overseas mission is important, there is much to do closer to home.

In fact, very close to the church, there is a mission field literally within feet of our church doors. There is a young lady who has not come to church because she thinks she doesn't have the right clothes. Would you tell her she can come just as she is or would you ignore her if her clothes were dirty or tattered or "not up to snuff"?

There is a gentleman who sits on his porch waiting for someone to talk to him. He and I had a short conversation the other day. He confessed that he took up smoking again because the only people that take the time to visit with him smoke. It got him hooked again. What if some of our church folks had filled his time with smoke-free conversation? Would he be "worth" a few minutes of your time? Would you walk away when a few cuss words escaped his lips (he apologized to me about his *French* in my conversation with him)? Would you judge him by his tattoos and scraggly hair?

There are children and youth who are hungry—hungry for love and physically hungry. Would you offer to sit with these kids during worship? Would you turn them away because of all their bathroom trips and their constant checking of their cellphones? Would you help to cook them breakfast or lunch or would you opine on how those little urchins just "use" us good church folks?

And these are just examples within a block or so of the church. Would we as a church leave the building and head east? When God puts someone in our way, like He

did for a priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan (see **Luke 10:25-37**), will we pass on by like the first two or will we stop and help? Will we think about the "more important things" we have to do or will the needs of our neighbor come first and foremost? Will we think about how hard we've worked for our money and give it to our needs and to those closest to us or will we promise to pay whatever is needed to meet their needs (see **Luke 10:35**)?

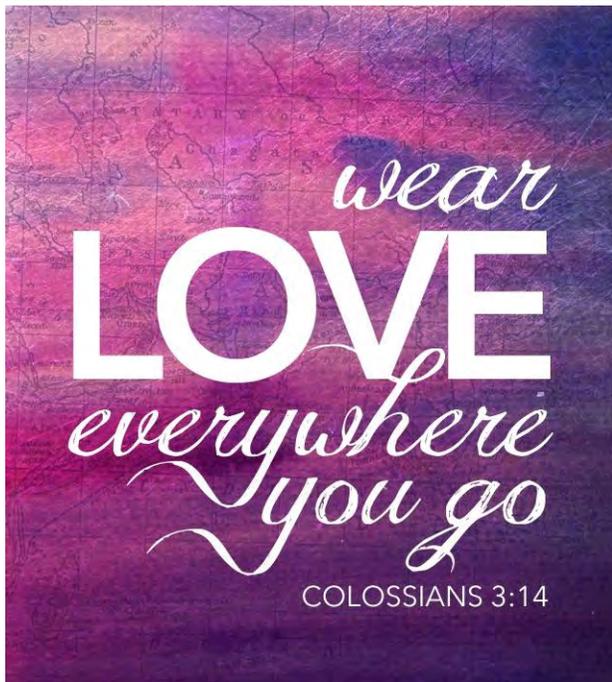
Do you see how evangelism and mission fit together yet? In giving ourselves into serving others, we *earn* the right to tell them of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Actually, they eventually get to see that we are guided by something different than they are. If we are doing this work in the power of the Holy Spirit, they will see God at work in us, and they will recognize that all they have is a void. If we serve and give as our Heavenly Father would have us, people will ask how they can have the love, hope, peace, and joy that fills our service.

When our neighbor asks, "Why do you believe in me when no one else does, not even me?" we can answer "Because Jesus met me while I was yet a sinner and enemy of God [**Romans 5:10**]." We can then give our testimony and share our faith. We can encourage them to act on God's call upon their lives. We can pray with them and help to nurture that nascent faith. We can accept them when they stumble, fall, and even backslide. We can refuse to walk away like so many others have done in their lives.

This whole process, if you haven't seen it yet, leads into our vision statement as a church (see box in the upper left). By joining mission and vision, we actually start making and encourage maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. It's not a job for the pastor, the elders, a committee, or a certain select few within the church. It is something every Christian can do and it is something I as your pastor expect you to do. I expect you to do this not because you must but because you may. I expect you to do this as a natural outgrowth of your faith. I expect you to do as the love of Christ grows in you and naturally flows out to meet those who need it most. I expect you to start with a smile and a Tootsie Roll for our guests who come 25 October and say, "Trick or Treat."

In Christ's powerful name,

*Pastor Randall*



### Preaching Series

In October, we will conclude our sermon series on the book of **Colossians**. It is a book that challenges us to live our faith with Christ at the center of our thinking and living.

How will you live and respond to that call?



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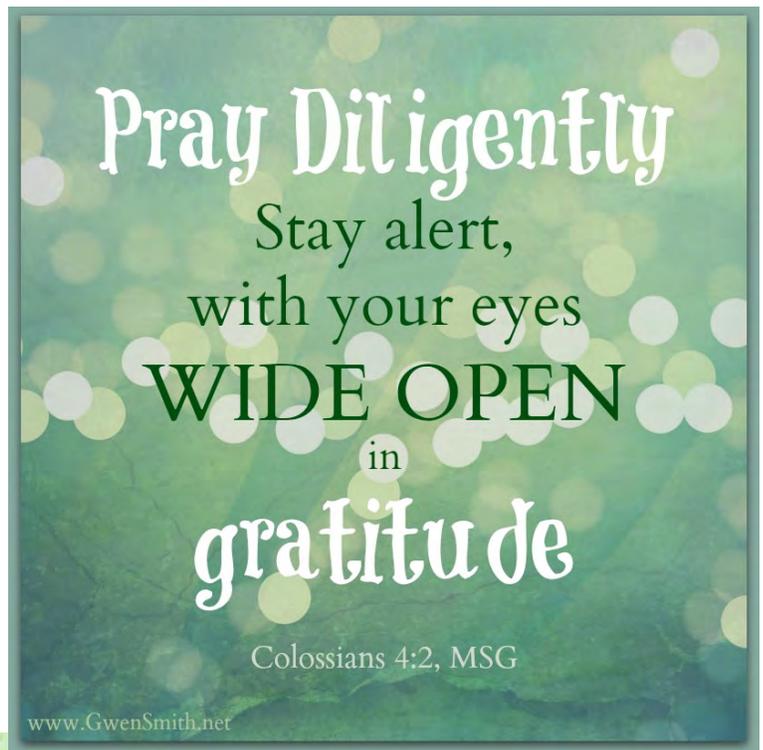
Scripture: **Job 31:24-28**  
**Colossians 3:1-10**

Sermon: **Put Off the Old**

14 October

Scripture: **Ephesians 5:1-2**  
**Colossians 3:11-25**

Sermon: **Put On the New**



21 October

Scripture: **Mark 4:10-12**  
**Colossians 4:1-6**

Sermon: **Making the Best**

28 October

Scripture: **Hebrews 13:1-3**  
**Colossians 4:7-18**

Sermon: **Good Friends in Christ**



## Easy Way to Support the Youth Program

An easy way to support the St. John's Youth Program is to Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards. All you need to do is have a Kroger Plus Card, Select St. John's Church as your organization, and Swipe it each time you shop at Krogers. The church receives a check from the program quarterly. All of the proceeds go directly to the youth program. You must select St. John's Church—Kenton (Organization # 83465). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the church office or go to Kroger's local customer service to sign up for a Kroger Plus card if you do not already have one. Thank You!!

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SUPPORTERS:**

**All supporters must have a registered Kroger Plus card account online to be able to link their card to an organization.**

- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain a digital Kroger Plus Card when creating an account online or at any Kroger store.

**Link your card at [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com).**

- If you have an existing account, click on "Sign In", otherwise click on "Create an Account".
- If you are a new online customer:
  - You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions.
  - Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the e-mail that was sent to activate your Kroger account.
- Already have a Kroger.com account?
  - Enter your email address and password and click on "Sign In".
  - Click on Community then on Community Rewards" then click on enroll now, complete personal information, click on save.
  - Enter your organization's number or name and then click on "Search".
  - Select your organization and click on "Save".
  - To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organizations name on the right side of your account settings page.
  - Once you are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting. (Note: The message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

#### **View your Rewards Details**

- Sign in to your Kroger account
- Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
- Click on "View Your Rewards Details"
- See how much you have earned for your organization! (Note: This information will only be available and updated at the end of each cycle.)

**Remember, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use your Alt ID when shopping for each eligible purchase to count.**

**You must link your card every year, starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, to support the organization of your choice.**

**Thank you for participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program!**



## Upcoming Dates

- October 7—5-7 PM HCC Youth Meeting @  
Camp Common Ground
- October 21—12:15 PM Corn Maze Outing
- October 25—6:30-8 PM Trick or Treat Maze
- October 28—Fall Serve/Clean Up Day  
8:30 AM Combined service  
10-12 service projects  
12:00 PM Lunch served
- November 4—5-7:30 PM HCC Youth Meeting  
@ Walnut Grove Church
- November 15—6:30 PM Women's Celebration
- December 2—5-7 PM HCC Youth Meeting  
@ St. John's
- December 9—6:30 PM Community Hymn Sing  
@ First Methodist



The Women's Ministry Committee would like to announce that October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**. Thank you Pastor Randall for your continued service at St. John's Church!

### **Cookie Donations Needed for Hardin County Collective Youth Group**

We are providing cookies for the next HCC Community Youth Meeting. If you can donate, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary. We need 10 dozen by Friday, October 5. See Michele Sherman with questions.

### **HCC Youth Group Meeting**

The next meeting for the HCC Community Youth Group is October 7 from 5-7 PM at Camp Common Ground in Dunkirk. All Middle School and High School Youth are welcome! See Michele Sherman with any questions.

### **Need Adult Volunteers for Corn Maze Kids/Youth Event**

Amy and Michele are looking for adult volunteers who are willing to chaperone and walk with kids at a corn maze on Sunday, October 21. Plan to feed kids and leave around 12:15-12:30 PM but we need enough adults to chaperone before we schedule. Please see Amy Long for more information or if you can volunteer.



## **Fall Clean up/Serve Day**

**Sunday— October 28, 2018**

**8:30 am: Combined Worship Service**

**10:00 am—12:00 pm: Service Projects**

Building beds in the garage

Making blankets

Cleaning flower beds & Church cleaning

**12:00 pm: Lunch**

**Please come to church to worship even if you are unable to participate in any of the service projects.**



## Adult Education and Life Groups

We are in need of someone to help coordinate Adult Education or lead a short-term life group in the fall. The goal would be to offer more adult education opportunities and short-term life group, for example book studies. Please see Pastor Randall for more information.



The start of Wednesday Nights is here! We have missed all the kids over the summer and can't wait to welcome them all back for another year here at St. Johns. Youth group will be meeting from 6-7:30 pm with a meal first. This year we will be focusing on a study from the hit movie *Gods Not Dead*. We can't wait to get started and see how God uses our Youth to make an impact.



## Mission Trip Opportunity

Pastor Mark Bishop is organizing a trip to Appalachia possibly in October or November and would like to see if anyone is interested.

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. It has been serving people in Appalachia since its founding by Rev. Tex Evens in 1969. The goal is to make homes "warmer, safer, and drier." Fall projects of 2 to 5 days in September thru December are available in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia. NO experience or SKILLED needed. Please check out their website at [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org).

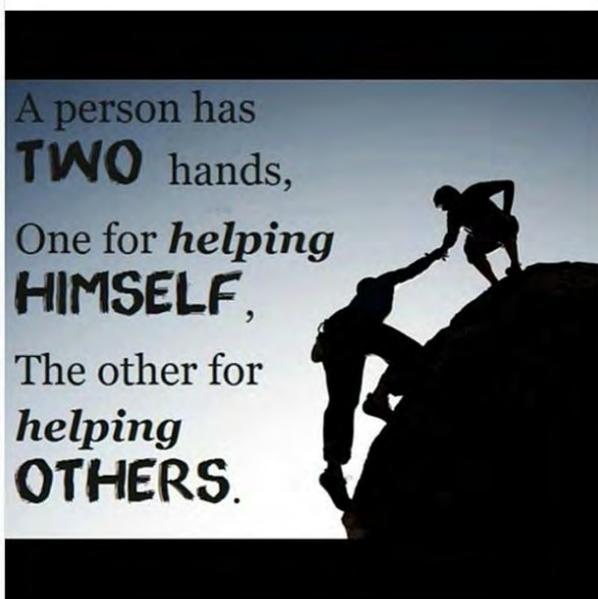
If interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Randall. Pastor Bishop can organize an informational meeting.

Hardin County Collective Youth Group has been a big hit for our Youth this year so far. They are really enjoying their time at each get together. It's amazing to watch and see them grow in their faith. Our next meeting is October 7th at Camp Common Grounds in Dunkirk from 5-7pm. We are in charge to bring cookies. Which means we need a total of about 10 dozen cookies! If anyone would like to donate, there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. The cookies will need to be in the office by Friday, October 5th. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Sunday School has kicked off and we had a great first meeting. Middle and High School are together right now studying in the book of Revelation. We would love to have more youth attend on Sundays, so make sure to let everyone know we will be meeting every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Youth room.

Miranda has been doing an awesome job with our Youth in the confirmation class. If you see her please thank her for her hard work and dedication to our Youth. They continue meeting each Sunday between services.

Halloween will be here before we know it. Some new ideas are in the works. If you would like to help out in anyway, please contact myself or Mark Sherman.

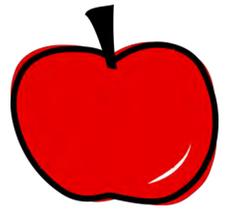


### Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester  
Children's Ministry: Amy Long  
Youth Ministry: Michele Sherman  
Financial Secretary: Kay Rush  
Church Secretary: Kathy Forester  
Custodian: Harry Long  
Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley  
Contemporary Worship Leader: Kendra Dilts  
Organists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke and Linda Zeigler  
Children's Choirs Director: Hope Cauley  
Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker  
Technical Support: Richard Katterjohn  
Historian: Gerald Pfister



School has begun!!! It's only a few weeks until we are back in action again!!!



**Sunday School** has begun. Miss Hope will continue with preschool and Shannon Donnelly has volunteered to teach the grade 1-3

class. At this point, we don't have older kids. If we find some, we will have a class for 4th and 5th grade.

We'd love to get a few more kids for both these classes so ask your grandchildren or neighbors if they want to attend.

We will be starting **Wednesday Nights** on September 26. We have lots of volunteers who are very excited to see the kids again.

Kindergarten- grade 2 meet from 5:00-6:30

Grade 3-5 meet from 5:30-7:00

We need Table Chaperones. If you can help out, please let Amy know.



### Fall Outings

I am looking into taking around 20 kids/adults to a corn maze in October on a Sunday after church. We need volunteers who would be willing to walk with a small group of kids through the maze. Once we get enough adults, we can invite kids to come with us.

We'd like to take our annual trip to McDonalds in November and possibly a trip to Country Christmas at Marmon Valley Farm in early December. More info will come in the next few months on that.



## EVENING WITH YOUR CANDIDATES

**TUESDAY | OCTOBER 16 | 6 - 8 PM**  
**SHERIFF'S DEPT, 1025 S. MAIN ST., KENTON**

Meet the people running to represent Hardin County in the November election. Democratic and Republican candidates will be present to answer YOUR questions. Your voice matters! Please attend.



#### Candidates attending:

- Hardin County Commissioner: Ronnie Eastman (D), Tim Striker (R)
- County Auditor: Michael Bacon (R)
- State Representative: Jon Cross (R), Mary Harshfield (D)
- State Senator: Adam Papin (D), Rob McColley (R)
- US Representative: Bob Latta (R), Mike Galbraith (D)

Sponsors: *Kenton Times, Ada Icon, Ada Herald, AHEAD, Hardin County Republican Party, Hardin County Democratic Party*

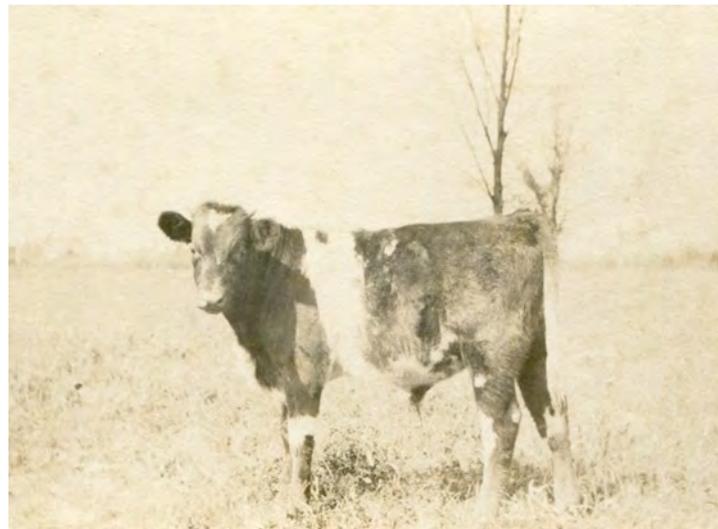
Organized by Hardin County Talks. With questions or for accommodations, contact [hardincountytalks@gmail.com](mailto:hardincountytalks@gmail.com)



October 2018

This article is meant to give credit to those farmers whose support of St. John's both past and present is a testimony of faith. As read in former articles our founding fathers in both St. John's and St. Peter's mostly farmed for a vocation. This group has continued to this day as a significant portion of our most faithful members.

The old farm pictures below give you some idea about how husbandry has changed from the "good old days". Note the size of the fair hog and the unusual banding on the steer that caused his owner to spend a picture to capture the rare occurrence.



The founding members of St. John's listed a number of occupations on the ship's manifest as required. Tailor, harness and carriage makers, weavers, drayman, carpenter and shoemaker. When they reached Kenton and settled by the 1840s, most listed their primary occupation as farmer. This doesn't mean that they stopped their other skills, but it did mean that to survive and care for their family farming was a necessity. Even today as you drive through the county you will see dates on barns from the 1800s.

We are blessed at St. John's to have multigenerational farm families. To farm back in the days before insecticides, hybrid plants, manufactured fertilizer, genetically bred livestock it certainly was an advantage to have a strong faith in God to deal with the uncertainties of farming. Those in it today still rely on favorable weather and always plan for surviving the unexpected. Is that what makes them such stalwart members?

As a Congregation we owe them a lot. May this year's harvest be a bountiful blessing.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

# Hymn Spotlight: Bringing In The Sheaves

Author: Knowles Shaw (1834-1878)

Composer: George Austin Minor (1845-1904)

(Shaw originally wrote music for these words but they now are usually set to a tune written by George Minor.)



The story behind the hymn: When he was only 13, Knowles Shaw stood at the bedside of his dying father. “Prepare to meet thy God!” said the old man. Weighty words from Amos 4:12. And the young man promptly ignored them! A talented fiddler, he played for many community dances, living a careless, fun-filled life.

But five years later, at a rowdy dance party, Knowles Shaw seemed to hear his father’s words echoing in his heart. He says he dropped his violin bow on the spot. Sensing his values were all wrong, he determined never again to use his talent just to amuse the careless crowd. At the age of eighteen, Knowles Shaw gave his heart to Christ and prepared for Christian ministry. Records kept at the time suggest that the Lord used him to bring nearly 20,000 people to Christ.

In 1874, he wrote a gospel song called Bringing in the Sheaves. It is based on Psalm 126:5-6 which says: Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

That expresses a basic principle that can be applied to serving the Lord. A similar encouragement is given to us in Galatians, “Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Gal. 6:9). These passages remind us there is hard work involved in our service for the Lord, with heavy burdens, and perhaps even tears. But the end result is well worth it.

Bringing in Sheaves is a metaphorical image of harvesting: The words were written by Shaw Knowles in 1874. The song was written for worship in Christian services, and the images of sowing and harvesting in the song are biblical references. The Bible makes numerous references to sowing seed, which is understood to be the act of spreading knowledge and truth. Specifically, it refers to telling others about Jesus, who said of himself “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by me.”

With this understanding of the act of sowing (planting seeds), the acts of harvesting are then easier to understand. Truth (i.e. knowledge of Jesus) is planted in the hearts and minds of people, which then grows into knowledge, understanding, and belief. The final fruit of that growth is when people believe in Jesus, and choose to follow Him. Thus, while the literal image of bringing in sheaves is an image of gathering grain during a harvest, the metaphorical image is one of followers of Jesus presenting to God (Jesus) the new followers that have been brought into His service by their efforts.

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Refrain:*

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Refrain*

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,  
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;  
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Refrain*

In the 1950s in the United States, the lyrics were re-written to help children learn the names of the disciples of Jesus. the lyrics were:

There were 12 disciples Jesus called to help him, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John,  
Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Zebedee, Thaddeus, Simon, Judas, and Bartholomew.  
Bringing in the sheep, bringing in the sheep, There were 12 disciples bringing in the sheep.  
Bringing in the sheep, bringing in the sheep, There were 12 disciples bringing in the sheep.

Some fun facts.....

The song is sung in episodes of the following shows: Supernatural, Petticoat Junction, The Flying Nun, The Simpsons, Little House on the Prairie, Night of the Hunter, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Two and a Half Men, and Grannie Clampett used to sing it in the Beverly Hillbillies. It is played instrumentally in episodes of Batman and Quantum Leap.

St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday  
August 9, 2018  
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Carol Wilcox President  
OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Randall  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Pastor Randall  
OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Kristi Weaver

July 11, 2018 Minutes – Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as distributed. Council Vote, Motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver

- Review of the Financial Information provided. Really like the summary.
- Discussion of the Go Fund Me and Facebook that Richard wants to set up for on-line donations. He wants a separate bank account for security purposes. Kristi Weaver to follow up with the Finance committee.
- Discussion of the youth money and how there still is a balance on the Balance Sheet, Kristi Weaver to contact Kay to make sure Michele and Amy are aware of money available as we start the fall activities.

2) Christian Education - Amy Long

- Report submitted for review prior to meeting- review of the report.
- Going to Forest Court on Sunday

3) Youth Ministry—Michele Sherman

- Youth doing a meet and greet on Sunday
- Miranda Strous is kicking off the confirmation class in September.

4) Women's Ministry - Kay Rush

- Working on Women's Celebration

5) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- WAM recommends only 1 service on Fair Sunday – Worship Team is singing at Fair, so the committee recommends special music and traditional service for 8:30. Council Vote –Motion passed.
- Have a new paper written up for the Ushers – will have it available, with extras available to take. Heather Erwin e-mailed it to council.

6) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- New Position Update – Michele will be introduced at both services this Sunday.
- Employee Evaluations - Should be going on.

7) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Next Meeting - August 19, 2018

8) Trustees - Greg Martin Jim Bidwell Greg Liedel

Greg Martin:

- South Entrance – old entrance has been leaking, caulked it and getting an estimate to fix the paint – one is \$700, will get others.
- Kitchen Committee – thinks Fellowship Hall needs professional cleaning - \$745 with carpet protector. Discussed that it is within amount Trustees can decide on without council vote.
- Getting a tentative date next week on the parking lot. Trustees will contact Russ to work with him on the removal.
- Motion made and seconded to shred the ballots from the congregational meeting. Council vote, motion carried

Greg Liedel:

- Bus - Air conditioned is fixed – about \$800 to fix

Jim Bidwell:

- Farm – nothing to report
- Will have the hunting permits in the office

9) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Setting up meeting for September – plan on meeting the second Monday of the month at 5:30.
- Cruise In Room – Cleaned out, moved in Bed Ministry items. All pop-ups sold and spoken for, 1 big tent purchased, 2 others are spoken for. Church is keeping 1 big tent. There are 6 18x27 tents, there are some other tents not sure of dimensions. Will work on setting them up, and seeing if they have all the parts, and dimensions. 4 cooler chests, but the hinges need replaced. Will let Kathy know to put it in the bulletin.
- Bed Ministry – working on getting items for 10 more beds to be built. Going to see about working an activity in with the Wednesday night program.
- Starting on next year's mission of the month.

10) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Report presented for review prior to meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership – Discussion
- Discussion of oven – SOUP has brought up that the oven needs replaced, they would be willing to pay half. It would be between \$4,000-5,000. The oven is 14 years old, and is hard to get parts for. Trustees to discuss with Dorothy Hogue.
- Christian Education Committee- Going to work on getting it set up.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2018 7:00 PM

- LORD'S PRAYER
- ADJOURNMENT Motion and second to adjourn.

**Summary of Finances for August 2018**

Income:

Envelopes	\$17,768.00
Loose offering and faith time	\$ 687.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,455.00</b>

Expenses:

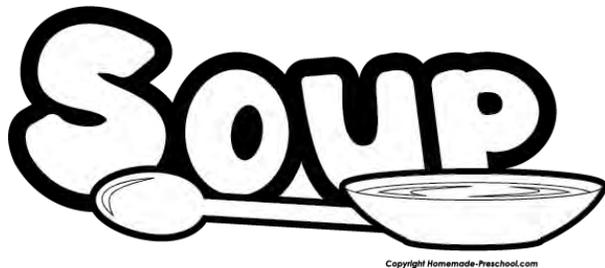
Staff Expense	\$12,440.00
Administration Expense	\$ 539.00
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 3,511.00
(electric is \$1748.00)	
WAM	\$ 35.00
Christian Ed	\$ 148.00
Video	\$ 85.00
Evangelism	\$ 219.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 16,977.00</b>

**BALANCE** \$1,478.00

In September, we will have bus insurance, property insurance and annuity which are all large amounts.

## Mission of the Month— S. O. U. P. (Some of Us People)

The “us” that is our fellow Hardin County citizens who have fallen on hard times and need meals to get them by. People are invited to come to St. John’s for lunches on the week of SOUP. There, they will be served up a wonderful meal, overseen and prepared by a great team of volunteers. Please support S.O.U.P. as our special monthly mission for the month of October and help warm the hearts and tummies of the truly needy in the county.



### Friday With Friends

Friday With Friends is a wonderful group of widows, widowers, and single seniors who meet twice a month for a special time of food, fellowship, and fun. We meet the first and third Fridays of every month. Please join us if you are a widow, widower, or single senior adult. This is not exclusive to St. John’s, so pass the word along to someone that you know who could be blessed by this special group. For more information, contact Ethel Koch at 419-674-6344.

### Forthcoming outings will be as follows:

If out of town, meet at St. John’s at 11 am to carpool.

- October 5: Viva Maria—Ada
- October 19: Royal Buffet—Kenton
- November 2: Salsa’s—Kenton
- November 16: Skinny’s—Kenton
- December 7: Henry’s—Kenton
- December 21: Coonie’s—LaRue



### Worship Attendance

August 26:	8:30 a.m.	63
	10:30 a.m.	74
September 2:	8:30 a.m.	71
	10:30 a.m.	69
September 9:	8:30 a.m.	40
	Fair service	
September 16:	8:30 a.m.	57
	10:30 a.m.	75



### Birthday Blessings (over 80 yrs. Young)

Happy Birthday!! Please contact the church office if a name was omitted from the list. Thank you so much.

- October 7: Doris Heilman  
601 Madison Ave.  
Kenton, OH 43326
- October 21: Willis Anderson  
16805 CR 144  
Kenton, OH 43326
- October 29: Shirley Bushong  
7280 Township Road 120  
Alger, OH 45812