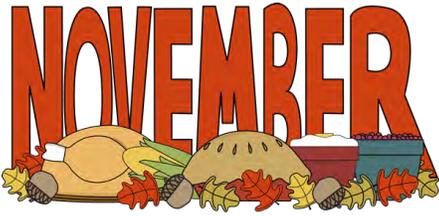


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Women's Holiday Celebration



The Women's Holiday Celebration is Thursday, November 15.
Please stop in or call the church office at 419-673-7278 if you would like to be seated at one of the church-hosted tables. Tickets are \$20. There is limited seating available.

Proceeds benefit Not By Choice of Hardin County.

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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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This year, Veterans' Day falls on a Sunday. There is a special place where the military and faith intersect—in the office of the chaplain. For those of you who may not know, I was a chaplain candidate while in seminary. I have rank but never served in active duty. My timing and the military's timing never quite matched. More accurately, God's timing and God's calling on this ministry for me never materialized in a way that I thought it would.

Even though it was not meant to be for me, chaplains serve our military in a special way. Often, their service goes unnoticed, but they have a profound impact in their unique ministry settings. They are able to advance the gospel while serving the kingdom of God and the kingdom of man (they are employed by the government after all).

I thought I'd use this space this month to recall the story of The Four Chaplains:

The year was 1943. It was just after midnight on February 3rd when the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was sinking in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. On deck, four chaplains handed out spare life jackets to negligent soldiers, who had left theirs below deck. When those vests ran out, the ministers calmly removed and handed their own means of salvation to desperate men. When that duty ended, the four men linked arms and prayed. They recited Scripture, and they sang as they and the ship slid to a watery grave.

In convoy, the *Dorchester* was

150 miles from Greenland. These were dangerous waters at that time as the Germans had been sinking 100 Allied ships per month. In addition to this, the captain's sense of peril was heightened by an ominous sonar report from the escort vessel *Tampa*. He ordered the 902 men on board to sleep in their clothing and life preservers. Everyone was to be prepared for the worst. Since the



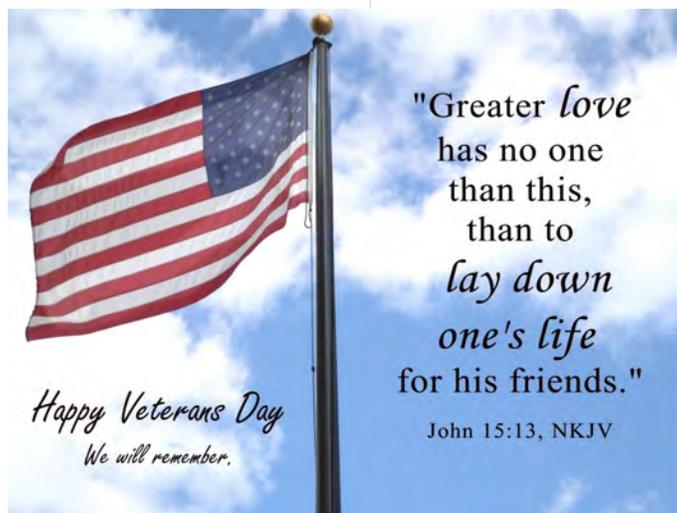
Sacrifice at sea in the midst of disaster.

berths were stuffy down below and the jackets were cumbersome, many of the men ignored the captain's directives.

At 12:55 a.m., a torpedo from the German submarine *U-223* ripped through the *Dorchester's* hull, and 27 minutes later, the ship sank. Those 27 minutes were filled with terror and horror as

broken men screamed for help, as lifeboats capsized or drifted away unoccupied, and

as those without life jackets faced their fate. It was also a time of moral splendor and heavenly grace as men who proclaimed the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not hesitant to display the love described in John 15:13 by Jesus: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."



Who were these four men?

Two were Protestants, one a Catholic, and one a Jew.

George Fox was a Methodist who had lied about his age to enter the Army during the Great War—World War I. Highly decorated for service in France, he reenlisted as a chaplain in 1942, having gone into the ministry between the wars. Clark Poling was a Reformed Church pastor who enlisted despite a warning

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CHURCH:
MAKING AND MATURING
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

from his father, himself a chaplain in the First World War—chaplains suffered the highest mortality rate of all military personnel. John Washington was a Roman Catholic priest who enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor. Alexander Goode was a rabbi and the son of a rabbi. In January of 1941, he applied for the chaplaincy but was not accepted. His second try, in 1942, was successful. All four of these men were classmates in chaplain school.

The nation responded in reverent gratitude for their selfless act. Each was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. In 1960, Congress voted them a Special Medal for Heroism that had never been awarded prior to their act of bravery or since. A commemorative postage stamp was issued in 1948.

In all, 672 men died amidst the wreckage of the Dorchester. What did not die was the testimony of these four men of faith. When Chaplain Fox reentered the service in World War II, he said, "I've got to go. I know from experience what our boys are about to face. They need me." One soldier in particular needed Fox, and Fox was there for him...with his life jacket. Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him: "Not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty . . . never be a coward . . . and

have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate." Adequate he was, as were his colleagues.

Though not all were in Christ, all behaved in a Christlike manner. And though most ministers will not be called upon to die so horrifically and poignantly, they can die daily to self in the service of those who need their faithful, sacrificial service. This is glory enough—to the glory of God.

Every time I read that story, my heart is moved. Most of us will not be called upon to sacrifice in that way, but we need to remember all who have served that we may be free.



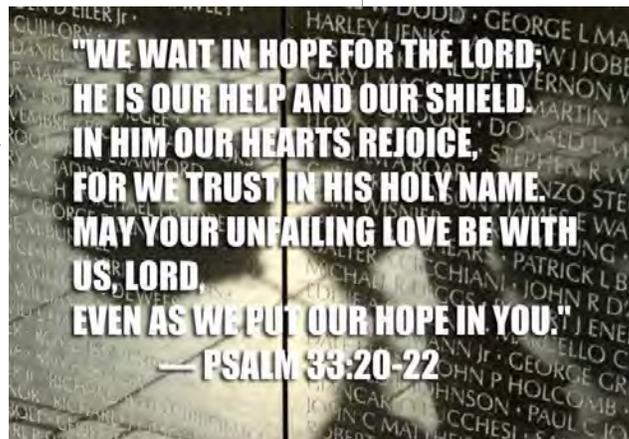
In this month, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received throughout the year, and it fitting to join that thanksgiving with our remembrance of our veterans. Our freedom and blessings in this land is directly tied to blood spilt on battlefields far and wide.

Also in November, we here at St. John's take stock of the calling God has placed on our lives. We are called to sacrifice in other

ways for the most part. We give of our time, talents, and treasures to build up the kingdom of God here and now. We give sacrificially so that others may know the message of hope found in Christ or to grow in faith.

I sometime (perhaps too often) wonder why God took me so close to serve as a military chaplain on more than one occasion to only take it away. But then I remember, he called me to serve here in this way. There is much joy and grace in serving here. Every sacrifice is worth it for it is for the Lord. I pray you find such joy in your calling to serve here too. For there is glory enough in this time and this place. Amen!

In Christ's powerful name,
Pastor Randall



Preaching Series

We have a lot to look forward to in worship in the weeks ahead. In November, we will cover a lot of ground in worship, from stewardship to Veterans' Day to Thanksgiving and to consecrating our gifts to the Lord. December will bring Advent and Christmas Eve.



04 November

Scripture: **Proverbs 3:1-12**
I Peter 4:7-11
Sermon: **Good Stewards Love**



11 November
Veterans' Day
Scripture:
Acts 10:17-22
Luke 7:1-10
Sermon: **Such Faith**

18 November Thanksgiving/
Consecration

Scripture: **Exodus 35:20-29**
II Corinthians 9:6-15



Sermon: **Giving With Thanks**

25 November

Pastor's vacation

Advent

02 December

Scripture: **Exodus 35:20-29**
Luke 21:25-36
Sermon: **Still...Waiting...**

09 December

Scripture: **Malachi 3:1-12**
Luke 3:1-6
Sermon: **Still...Preparing...**



16 December

Scripture: **Isaiah 12:2-6**
Luke 3:7-18
Sermon: **Still...Repenting...**

23 December

Scripture: **Micah 5:1-5**
Luke 1:39-56
Sermon: **Still...Rejoicing...**

24 December—Christmas Eve

Scripture: **Titus 2:11-14**
Luke 2:1-20
Sermon: **A Poor Christmas Sermon**

30 December

Pastor's vacation

UP COMING EVENTS

Daylight Savings Time Ends— November 4

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



HCC Youth Group Meeting

The next meeting for the Hardin County Collective Community Youth Group is November 4 from 5-7:30 PM at Walnut Grove Church. All Middle School and High School Youth are welcome! See Michele Sherman with any questions.

Piano Concert –

A Taste of the Seasons

On Sunday, November 18, we'll be having a piano concert at 3pm. The program will last approximately 1 hour with several types of music being performed by Teresa (Secord) Broseke. Styles of music to be shared include patriotic, secular music, arrangements of hymns, blues/jazz, as well as Thanksgiving and even Christmas music! This is free of charge as we will have a free will donation basket to benefit SOUP.

This program is also being considered the kick-off for our church to participate in donating to "Angels for the Elderly." We will have boxes to hand out to those who are willing to take part. A list of items needed will be given and the concept is to add something to the box each day for a month. This gives plenty of time to get the boxes ready for Christmas.

Please mark your calendars to come enjoy what God has shared with Teresa so that we in turn can share our blessings with others.



Community Thanksgiving Meal

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical

Church Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to come eat at no charge.

Help is needed for people to cook and debone turkeys that have been donated (**turkey can be picked up at Helping Hands Outreach on Monday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.**) also there will be hams to bake **also that can be picked up at the same time as turkeys.** We also need people to donate mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cherry pie, or angel food cake. We also need people to deliver meals to the home bound, kitchen help serving and clean up. If you are interested in helping with any of these things there is a sign up sheet on the credenza in the back of the sanctuary. So if you are going to be alone on Thanksgiving Day, come join us for a Thanksgiving Meal. Blessing to all. If you have any questions, please see Heather Erwin or Jo Ann Erwin at 419-675-1965.

**PIANO
CONCERT**

A Taste Of the Seasons

Free - Public Welcome!!

November 18, 2018
3:00 PM
St. John's Evangelical Church
211 East Carrol Street, Kenton, OH

PosterMyWall.com

Poinsettias

The youth will be selling Poinsettias for Christmas as soon as we receive the information from Kroger's. Please watch for updates in the bulletin or contact the church office. Thank you for your patience and support!



Remembrance Service & Veterans' Day

A time of remembrance will take place at both services on Sunday, November 11 for those who have passed away since last year. We will also honor our veterans as Veterans' Day is on Sunday this year.



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life

**Salvation Army
Bell Ringer**

Volunteers Needed

Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring the bell at TSC (Tractor Supply Company) in Kenton on Saturdays starting 11/24 – 12/22 from 10 am – 7 pm. Volunteers can take 1-2 hour shifts or a group could sponsor a day. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. See Mary Ralston for details.

Decorating the Church

We will be decorating the church on November 25, following **BOTH** services. Some areas outside of the sanctuary can be decorated following the first service. Plan to stay and adorn the church in preparation for the birth of Christ. Luncheon to follow decorating after the second service. Come out for a great time of fellowship and fun!



Bus Riders Needed for Wednesday Nights

Start at 4:15, we make 3 rounds picking up, eat dinner, then 3 rounds for returns. Done by 8:15. Usually around 15 kids ride per round. Call Jane Donnelly 419-675-3560 or call church office for information.

Summary of Finances for September 2018

<u>Income:</u>	
Envelopes	\$20,793.00
Loose offering and faith time	\$ 567.00
Total Income	\$21,360.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Staff Expense	\$ 15,090.00
Administration Expense	\$ 651.00
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 9,295.00
WAM	\$ 51.00
Christian Ed	\$ 258.00
Video	\$ 173.00
Evangelism	\$ 408.00
Youth	\$ 0.00
Total Expense	\$ 25,926.00
BALANCE	(\$4,466.00)

Lake of Lights—Live Nativity

The church is scheduled to be the Live Nativity on Sunday, December 16 from 6-8 PM. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more information on how to volunteer that night. The youth program will receive a portion of the proceeds that night. Come out and support them that evening and see a great display of lights!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

The Christmas Eve Candlelight services on December 24 will include a contemporary style service at 7:00 PM and a traditional style service at 10:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

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.



Upcoming Dates

- November 4—5-7:30 PM HCC Youth Meeting
@ Walnut Grove Church
- November 10—11 AM—2 PM CEF Fundraiser
- November 14—5-7 PM Kid's Night—McDonald's
- November 14—6-7:30 PM MS Youth— Pizza Hut
- November 15—6:30 PM Women's Celebration
- November 18—3 PM Piano Concert—sanctuary
- November 22 — 11 AM—2 PM Community
Thanksgiving Lunch
- December 2—5-7 PM HCC Youth Meeting
@ St. John's
- December 9—6:30 PM Community Hymn Sing
@ First Methodist
- December 16—6-8 PM Live Nativity—Lake of Lights

Nominations Needed for Council

If you are interested in running for council, please contact one of the following people: Carol Wilcox, Nancy Rickenbacher, Mark Sherman, or Greg Martin.

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

The end of October is keeping our Youth busy. Oct 21st- Corn Maze if they attended church and Sunday class

Oct.25th- Trick or Treat Maze passing out popcorn or candy and helping with decorating and clean up afterwards.

Oct. 28th- Fall cleanup Day we will be helping wherever we are needed within the church.



It's November already?? I feel as if we blinked and the month of October has passed. Wednesday Night studies have really started opening all of our eyes, including our Youth. They are really opening up to one another. Our Bible study has really allowed us to have some deep conversations. We have reminded them that God has a reason for allowing things to happen... We may never understand His wisdom but we simply have to trust His will.

Hardin County Collective met last month at Camp Common Grounds in Dunkirk. We had hamburgers, hotdogs and the delicious cookies that they ladies from our congregation made. We truly appreciate your time and love that went into each cookie, God Bless each one of you. Our next meeting will be November 4th at Walnut Grove. The Youth are to wear all black for our activity that night. St. John's will be hosting in December, so lots of plan and ideas are in the works.

Be on the lookout for Poinsettia sales! After we get all the information we need, we will start selling before and after each service.

We will be taking a group of Youth and adult volunteers to help with the setup of the Lake of Lights in November. If you would like to volunteer your time please keep a lookout in the bulletin for more information. In December for the light show we will be working on Sunday December 16th from 6-9 pm. Please think about coming and joining us, the more the merrier.

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with THANKSGIVING. Psalm 69:30
The Youth wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.



Sunday School- We are having a great time each week with our crafts, lesson and songs. We thank Miss Hope and Miss Shannon for their continued effort preparing those lessons.

Wednesday Night-

We continue to have lots of kids each week. They are getting adjusted to the routines and adults that they are working with each week. This year, we have a large amount of 4-5th grade boys who can be quite challenging on anyone's patience. If they continue to disrupt, I will take them for their own small group lesson so the rest of the group can continue.

With this small group of boys, there seems to be at least one disciplinary issue to deal with each week and after their second 'round' of being sent to Miss Amy's office, parents will be called and told their child will need to stay home for one week. This has been done in the past and is usually rather effective.

Corn Maze Outing: We had a great time on our outing to the corn maze last Sunday. We had lunch together then were off to the maze. Thank you to the several adult volunteers that went with us that afternoon: Mary Ralston, Becky Rish, Dan Reel (Becky's husband), Trish Wilcox, Kevin Kapanka (driver), Alisha Kapanka, Pastor and Kathy Forester.

It was a cool afternoon but the kids stayed so busy they didn't seem to care.



I was disappointed that not more of our Wednesday Night kids came. They were invited to go, at no cost to them, but parents were told the kids had to attend church that morning. NOT ONE PARENT responded. We did have 6 of our younger St. John's member go though and they had fun!

Also, I stayed within \$5 of my original budget (\$250) that I planned to spend for the younger kids- We took everyone and had lunch for \$255.

We are beginning to work on our November trip to McDonalds and a possible trip to the Country Christmas at Marmon Valley Farms in early December.

Our trip to McDonalds will occur the Wednesday that the ladies are decorating the Fellowship Hall for the Women's event. Will have more info on Marmon Valley next month.





November 2018

Once again, we approach the end of the harvest season with Thanksgiving to our Creator for the many blessings he has bestowed on us. In the past you have read much in this article about the Thanksgiving Holiday and how much it is intertwined with our Faith and Gratitude

to God. This year the emphasis will be on a gift that has spread the love of God and just keeps on giving. In many of my articles you have read about the women of St. John's, from the German Mothers, Women's Circles, and Women's Ministry. Those of us who remember St. John's over many years realize that the women of our Church are the glue that God uses to maintain and reflect His Glory. They do the heavy lifting like building the Parsonage in the 1890s, feeding the hungry in the Depression, keeping the Faith during the wars and raising their children in the knowledge of Christ. It seems that there is one particular ministry that hasn't received its due in my writings and this is my humble attempt to rectify that omission.

Fourteen years ago, the Women's Ministry started the Women's Celebration at St. John's. This event was brought to St. John's by Barb Wingfield who experienced a similar gathering in another Church. It was an evening in which the Women could fellowship together and have a night out ahead of the normal Holiday exhaustion. There was to be no children, cooking or clean up; a night away from the routine. Since that beginning, our women have made it into so much more. We see the pride in creating the beautiful table arrangements, and the relationships that have developed with those outside of our Church who look forward to attending each year. It has become a tradition itself and one that has become ecumenical in that those outside our Church have hosted tables for many years. This Celebration was designed and continues to fund those in need. Thousands of dollars have been donated to support those battling cancer and recently to those battling the opioid epidemic. It is truly a communal meal that gives glory to God in so many ways.

Dedication has been a trademark of those who work to continue this tradition. All of us both at St. John's and in the community owe a debt of gratitude to the women who lead and work on this special evening. The time and effort entailed is significant. Within a short time, our Fellowship Hall goes from being the equivalent of a mess hall to a glittering display of table settings that surpass those of the finest dining establishments. To say that our women deserve this special night is an understatement.

Those who have been leaders and co-leaders deserve recognition for this great ministry: Barb Wingfield, Sharon Sturgeon & Julie Pfeiffer, Molly Wagner & Sue Sanders, Beryl Rogers-Dudek & Teresa Styer, Teresa Styer & Ranae Sherman.

This is the only meal other than Communion during our year at Church where the men exclusively act as servers to the women. I will say that the comradery found at the tables spreads back into the "service staff". It has become an event where we men have come to celebrate what our sisters in Christ have created to God's glory. May this year's Celebration be the best ever.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

Hymn Spotlight: Now Thank We All Our God

Author – Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649

English Translation – Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music – Joann Crüger, 1598-1662

Scripture Reference – Psalm 147



Upon hearing the hymn, we would never realize that this paean of praise was forged during times of tragic experiences. From some of the most severe human hardships imaginable during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) came this stately hymn, often called the national “Te Deum” of Germany because it has been sung on many occasions of national rejoicing.

Martin Rinkart, born on April 23, 1586, in Eilenberg, Saxony, Germany, was the son of a poor coppersmith. He was for a time a boy chorister in the famous St. Thomas Church of Leipzig, Germany, where J. S. Bach was later musical director. There Rinkart worked his way through the University of Leipzig and was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran Church. At the age of thirty-one he was called to be the pastor in his native town of Eilenberg. He arrived there just when the dreadful bloodshed was starting. Germany, the battleground of this conflict between warring Catholic and Protestant forces from various countries throughout Europe, was reduced to a state of misery that baffles description. The German population dwindled from sixteen million to six million. Because Eilenberg was a walled city, it became a frightfully overcrowded refuge for political and military fugitives from far and near. Throughout these war years several waves of deadly pestilence and famine swept the city as the various armies marched through the town, leaving death and destruction in their wake. The Rinkart home served as a refuge for the afflicted victims, even though it is said that Martin Rinkart often had difficulty in providing food and clothing for his own family. The plague of 1637 was particularly severe. At its height Rinkart was the only remaining minister, often conducting as many as forty to fifty funeral services daily...one being for his own wife. Yet, amazingly enough, he was a prolific writer of seven different dramatic productions on the events of the Reformation as well as a total of sixty-six hymns.

During the closing years of the war Eilenberg was overrun by invading armies on three different occasions, once by the Austrian army and twice by the Swedish army. During one of the occupations by the Swedish army, there came the demand that a large tribute payment be made by these already impoverished people. Rinkart interceded with the leaders of the army with such purpose, supported by the prayers of his people, that the tribute demand was finally reduced to a much smaller amount. It is said that when the Swedish commander would not at first consider Rinkart's request for a lowering of the levy, the pastor turned to his humble parishioners and said, “Come, my children, we can find no mercy with man; let us take refuge with God.” On his knees Rinkart led his parishioners in prayer and in the singing of a familiar hymn. This demonstration of spiritual fervency so moved the Swedish commander that he reconsidered and finally lowered the demands of the tribute payment.

Germany is the home of Protestant church music, and no hymn, with the exception of Luther's “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” has been used more widely in German churches than has this hymn. The fine English translation by Catherine Winkworth in 1858 has aided its popularity in the English-speaking countries as well as in Germany. This gifted English woman is also the translator of another well-known German hymn, “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty.”

The majestic tune for this text was written by one of Germany's finest and most prolific composers, Johann [Crüger](#), whose hymnal, *Praixx Pietatis Melica*, published in 1644, was the outstanding German hymnal of the seventeenth century. It had forty-four editions from 1644-1731. This tune with Rinkart's text first appeared in the 1647 edition of that publication.

The first stanza of this hymn is a general expression of gratitude to God for His “countless gifts of Love.” The second verse is a petition for God's continued care and keeping, with perhaps just a suggested hint of Rinkart's own personal hardships, “Guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills...” The final stanza is a grand doxology of praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - “the one eternal God.”

Thanksgiving erupts from this stately song. It has a majesty and a resolves that few other works can match.

101 Hymn Stories and *“Amazing Grace – 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions”* – both by *Kenneth W. Osbeck*.

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and voi - ces,
2. O may this boun-teous God Thro' all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, The Fa-ther, now be giv - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom His world re - joi - ces;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav - en,

Who from our moth-ers' arms Hath blest us on our way
To keep us in His grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The One E - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

St. John's Evangelical Church
Church Council Agenda
Thursday
September 13, 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

August 9, 2018 Minutes – Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as distributed. Council Vote, Motion carried.

REPORTS

- 1) Finance - Kristi Weaver
 - Meeting September 18th
 - Review of the financials – Committees have not been spending a lot, trustees are doing well, September is a big spending month with insurances due.
 - Have \$62,000 in the checkbook, but it is not all for operating expenses. \$6,900 is for the youth, \$1,300 for bed ministry. \$3,200 in the money market for youth still.
- 2) Christian Education - Amy Long
 - Provided summary for review prior to meeting
 - Sunday school is starting
 - Planning some events
 - Still need some table sitters, they only have to be there an hour
- 3) Youth Ministry—Michele Sherman
 - Provided summary for review prior to meeting
 - Heather and Michele teaching Sunday School
- 4) Women's Ministry - Kay Rush
 - September 22 have a dinner for Connie Harvey's family
 - September 30th the song fest for Payne Chapel Church dinner
 - Looking at getting a new stove in the kitchen half to be paid by Women's Ministry and half by SOUP kitchen.
- 5) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher
 - Meeting will be scheduled
 - Praise Team did a very nice job on Sunday at the Fair
- 6) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk
 - Employee Evaluations - in the process of completing, will wrap up by next meeting.
- 7) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox
 - Next Meeting - November 11, 2018 at 12
- 8) Trustees - Greg Martin Jim Bidwell Greg Liedel
Greg Martin:
 - Working on making bed pre-cuts
 - Painting of outside front entrance where there was leaks. Steve McCoy will complete it.
 - Jim Bramble – Will clean the carpet in Fellowship next week. Harry has started cleaning the chairs, Jim will be steam cleaning them and scotch guard them. Question if they are cleaning the back stairs.
 - Parking Lot – tentative date is October 1.
 - Ceiling in the back of the Sanctuary is being looked at being fixed. Will get bids so that it can be included in the budget for next year.

Greg Liedel:

- Bus – Working okay, will take it out next week to make sure it is okay. Have riders set up.

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Jim Bidwell:

- Farm – Hunting permits are in the office.

9) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Met on Monday
- 2019 Mission Schedule Set
- Suicide Prevention Walk – 9/23 1:30 – 3, putting up the tent and chairs.
- 10/25 is set for Trunk or Treat – discussion of ideas to implement for this year.
- Church Service Day on October 28th – Beds, Blankets, Clean –up outside, cleaning
- Update on Cruise in items - Tents – 6 spoken for, final one spoken for during meeting . Coolers – 3 available. 4 easy-up tents are gone.
- Community Thanksgiving – Motion made and seconded to allow the Community Thanksgiving at the church, Council Vote, Motion carried.

10) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Provided summary for review prior to meeting – no questions on report.
- Review of Northwest Ohio Association letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Retreat – November 3rd 9-12

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership Withdrawal letter presented– Paul & Barb Ritzler - Motion & second to accept, Council Vote, Motion carried.
- Alice Training – Hardin County Sherriff Deputy came in and gave some ideas for security issues and fixes we can make. Discussion if should have it and if all staff and council members should attend. Decision was to table the discussion until later.
- Dennis Johanson, Connie Havey relative, requests last supper painting returned to him which is currently hanging in choir room. He will pick up September 22 and take to his church. His grandfather painted. Decision to not proceed.
- Love Inc – Food Pantry meeting October 5th at 9 AM discussion on having meeting at the church.
- Information on the copier shared – it is 7 years old. Will need to be replaced. Need to consider a new one in the budget. Heather Erwin and Greg Liedel to look into. Kathy has asked to be included in looking into the copier as she uses it a lot.
- Letter read from Rosemary Fitzgerald regarding the playing of Taps, discussion about what was possible.
- Peggy Cahill is going to buy the roasters with the money raised from the tent sales.
- Questions about the curtains in back between sanctuary and overflow area. Tabled discussion until ceiling is repaired.
- Discussion of trampoline back on open lot, will need to say something again. Needs to be written communication.
- Discussion of keys and if we needed more, Trustees will look into getting more made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you from Kenton First UMC.
- Ohio Conference UCC Annual Gathering in Westerville– Sept 28th – 29th

Next Meeting: October 11, 2018 7:00 PM

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

Mission of the Month— Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.



*Child Evangelism Fellowship
Of Greater Findlay
Good News Clubs Invites You To...*

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, November 10, 2018
Doors Open 11 am - 2 pm
St. John's Church
211 East Carroll St., Kenton**

Lunch Tickets \$10 Per Person

For Tickets or Info Contact Cheryl Lee: 740-262-0939
Jerry Pfister: 567-674-6054 or Mike Todd: 419-957-0403
or email: cefogreaterfindlay@hotmail.com

Thank you for helping us reach children with a bountiful harvest!!!

**PROCEEDS BENEFITS
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Of Allen, Hancock, Hardin,
Logan, Marion, Putnam, Wood,
Wyandot & Union Counties**

September 23:	8:30 a.m.	57
	10:30 a.m.	78
September 30:	8:30 a.m.	60
	10:30 a.m.	76
October 7	8:30 a.m.	59
	10:30 a.m.	81
October 14:	8:30 a.m.	58
	10:30 a.m.	80

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.
- November 2: Salsa's—Kenton
- November 16: Skinny's—Kenton
- December 7: Henry's—Kenton
- December 21: Coonie's—LaRue



Happy 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.

November 13: Ella Marie Seyfang
c/o Serena Penry
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