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## **St. John's Evangelical Church Newsletter** July & August 2019

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**Church Social—July 11, 4-7 PM**

*Church Social*

All Church Social is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 from 4-7 PM.  
Menu includes: Sandwiches, noodles, salads, pies, cakes, Dietsch ice cream and drinks. Free Will Offering. Carry Out Available.

Come out for a great night of food and fellowship!  
Thank you to everyone that makes this event happen



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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

In the month of July, we good Americans celebrate our freedom. Sometimes, I think we forget what freedom truly means. For some people, freedom means doing what I want when I want to do it, but such a person is a libertine and not someone guided by freedom. Freedom simply means lacking restraint, which creates the opportunity to pursue a path that you so choose.

From the standpoint of our national identity, we need to look no farther than our founding fathers. They were more free as subjects to the king than they could have been by rebelling against him. Research and you will discover that they knew if their grand rebellion, at best, they would relinquish their freedom and endure the rest of their days in chains or behind iron bars. Most likely, they would forfeit their lives. Many did along with fortunes and other

elves. In other words, we should follow in His footsteps. When we are saved, we receive the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit grants to us freedom. However, that freedom is not to be used for our own selfish benefit. Instead, we are free to live the life of a servant just as Christ was free to come to this earth in the form of a servant.



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*For you were called to*  
**FREEDOM**  
*brothers and sisters,*  
only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,  
*but through love become slaves to one another*  
for the whole law is summed up in a single commandment:  
*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*  
Galatians 5:13-14

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opportunities. They put themselves and their families at risk along with their reputations and legacies. They did this to give freedom to others.

This is akin to the Christian understanding of freedom. **II Corinthians 3:17** reminds us that “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” God is the “most free” of all beings—perhaps the only that is truly free—and yet how did Christ (the Second Person of the Trinity) choose to reveal Himself when He came to the earth? He did so by taking the form of a servant (see the Christ Hymn in **Philippians 2:6-11**).

Just before introducing this hymn, Paul says in **Philippians 2:5** that we should have the mind of Christ within our-

Freedom means giving our lives away to others so that they may thrive and grow and live the blessed life. That is why missions is so important. Missions may mean supporting people who work directly in the mission

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field or care for the poor in our community. Missions may mean going overseas to share the Gospel there, or it may mean going to a neighboring community or state impacted by a natural disaster. Missions could be going next door or to a part of our town/community where there is a need. All these aspects of missions are summed up in Jesus' words to the Disciples in **Acts 1:8** where He describes the Spirit-led life of believers, which is a directive for the Church throughout the ages.

For many in our church, my family included, we take time for vacations in the summer months. However, we are never to take a vacation from church or our faith. (I hope you enjoy some Sabbath rest in the summer months be that at a picnic, during a hike in nature, or catching fireflies.) It's easy to get caught up in relaxing in the summer months. Some activities slow down. A lot of our St. John's Church programming looks as though it is planned around the school year. This year, Pentecost came in June, and it seemed like a chance to stop and catch our collective breath.

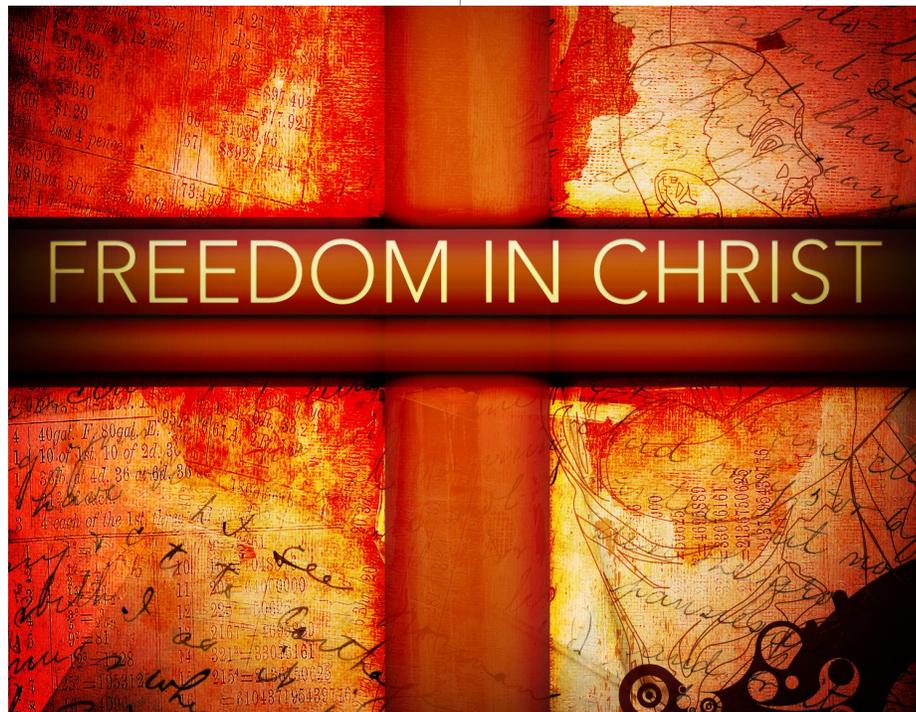
The day after Pentecost was the start of our Vacation Bible School. I want to say a big, "Thank you!" to all the leaders, staff, and volunteers who came together to make that program very successful this year. People gave hours to decorating, preparing, teaching, playing, serving, and cleaning up.

Most of all, people humbled themselves and served children and their families. I watched volunteers answer endless questions with patience and love. Teachers shared Bible lessons even when some kids had an eye on the door and were more concerned about what was for snack or if there would be water balloons at game time. Even when discipline issues arose, people resisted "putting kids in their place" and reminded the children how much they were loved and the belief that God and the members of this

church have in what they could be in Jesus.

These volunteers did this as a labor of love and were filled with joy. They looked forward to coming back night after night. Some took time away from their work. Families made sacrifices to make time to be here. Some stepped to the side so that others could stand in the spotlight and applauded the loudest as new leaders and teachers came to the fore.

It was a great joy to watch youth lead the children and members of our church know they were making a meaningful contribution for the sake of Christ. Many of helpers have a story or two about a kid that was so very grateful for Bible School as they had the chance to sing and dance, eat yummy food, hear about Jesus' love for them, and have someone give them a bit of one-on-one attention at times.



That was only possible because people used their freedom for what it was intended—to serve others. Instead of catching a ballgame or a concert, these individuals served kids and did this work with Christ-like love and joy. So, once again to all of them, I want to say, "Thank you!"

As **Hebrews 10:24-25** says,

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." And so, let us build on the work being done in the church by using our freedom to serve one another, and let us encourage one another to do even greater works in the freedom that is ours in Christ.

In Christian freedom,

*Pastor Randall*

## Summer Preaching

Pastor Randall is still seeking ideas and topics for summer sermons. Feel free to suggest songs and hymns also.



## Connection Ministry

See Pastor Randall if you would be willing to help plan social events that bring our church family together.

This announcement has been in previous newsletters with no response. This is an important ministry as the Bible States in **I John 1:7**: “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Having fellowship with one another should be a hallmark of the community of believers. Fellowship, at times, will challenge us, but it also encourages us. When we fellowship one with another, we pass along our values, and we demonstrate love to one another. Fellowship holds us accountable to one another, and it demonstrates our faithfulness to God and His Word.

Fellowship activities could take a wide range of possibilities. They could take place in the church or outside of the church. Activities could include people from outside of the church at times, be available to the whole church, or be designed for a limited number of people.

When we fellowship together, we join our hearts together; we strengthen the bonds that hold us together as the family of God. We share joys and concerns. Sometimes, we discover interesting and fascinating things about one another. We may even find out how much we have in common.

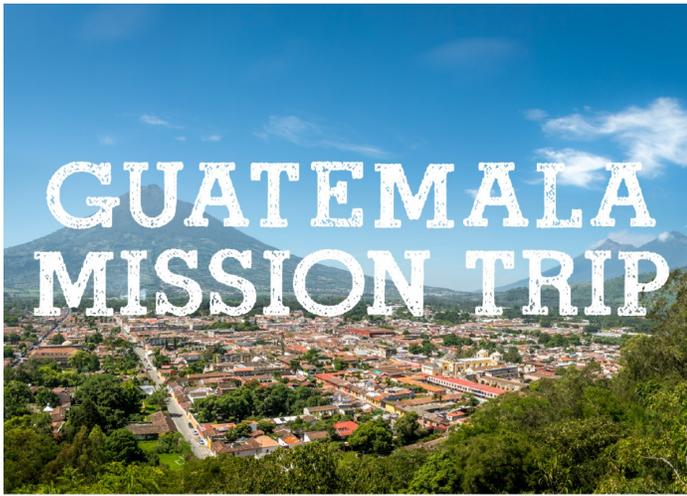
I know some fellowship activities have challenged me to try new things. Some of those I have enjoyed and looked forward to doing again. Some were—let me say—gladly tried...ONCE. With successes and failures, there has been laughter and fun. More than that, bonds were formed. People discovered joy and friendships were forged. Sometimes, people discovered that they had gifts to offer the church or felt included for the first time in the larger life of the congregation.

Please consider serving in this capacity. There is no obligation to stay involved. It

would be good to see more fellowship opportunities in the life of St. John's, and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

— OFFER —  
**hospitality**  
TO ONE ANOTHER  
WITHOUT GRUMBLING.

1 Peter 4:9



As you may have heard, St. John's is organizing a mission team that will go to Guatemala in late July 2020. Soon, you will be hearing about fundraising efforts. It takes a lot of funds to get a team to a foreign land, even for a short period of time. Additionally, we want to build a house along the Tracks for a family. This will cost \$6,000-\$8,000, and is an investment that will continue on for generations. A family will go from living in a shack to having a decent home.

The families that we will be working with most likely came to the Tracks outside of Guatemala City because of either the mudslides in the country side or they were escaping a period of violence in the countryside due to civil unrest. Those are the primary reasons though there are others. Along the Tracks, they are mired in poverty. They were fleeing something and arrived with little, so they created shacks with whatever material they could find.

God has blessed us so that we could help a family. We will be working with Pastor Walter and the Ministerios Camino de Luz (the Ministry of the Way of Light). I have been privileged to work with Pastor Walter, his church, and its affiliated school. Also, we will be connected to the missionary David Beam and taking part in his outreach: The Shack Attack, where one shack at a time falls and in its place a house arises as a blessing to a family and the community.

Recently, David (on the right in the photo) shared a story about Don Julio (photo: left). Here is David's recent post on Facebook:

If you have been with us along the Tracks in Guatemala City, you probably have met Julio, an old man with a smile and grateful heart who lives in a very small house that we have painted for him and made the roof higher and put in a bath-



room. Julio is lonely after the death of his wife Victoria, but nevertheless greets us with a smile and thankful words for the food we help him with. Julio is a gentle soul that has special place, a mansion, awaiting him in heaven!

With previous teams with which I have traveled, we helped raise the roof of his home and provided medical attention to his wife. In spite of his circumstances, Don Julio (Don is not his name but a term of respect akin to the English sir) has an infectious joy in his heart. He doted on his wife even when she was ill and bed-ridden. With no material means to help anyone, the community has loved and supported him because of the generosity of his heart.

Don Julio and many other like him are the reason I go on mission trips. As I stated at the beginning, mission trips are costly. It's hard work at times and safety can be a concern. So, why do people go, and why do churches send teams? First and foremost, it is a calling. God sends His people to be present with others, proclaim the Gospel to them and provide material aid. Some of that work can be done through mission agencies, missionaries, and direct contact with the indigenous Christian community.

Still, there's something to be said about presence. The Gospel would not have the same power without the Incarnation—God clothed in flesh, walking and talking in our midst. The same is true about mission work. It's one thing to send a

gift and well wishes. It's another thing to sweat and bleed and suffer with brothers and sisters in Christ. (Ask me about my flesh being pierced on one trip... maybe that story should show up in a sermon.)

David once told me that the best way I communicated the gospel to people along the Tracks had nothing to do with my few sermons in the church. Rather, it was working in drenching rain and hauling dirt in a wheelbarrow for hours, refusing to quit when many others did. A few in our team stood in solidarity and suffered alongside our sisters and brothers so they

could be blessed. It was a small part of my life, but it hopefully left a lasting impact.

Please pray about going. Please give generously. Please keep your church family in Guatemala and around the world in prayer. Ask God which part of the family we should be visiting and how we should come alongside them.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Randall*

Summer Bible Study 2019

**I Am—Ego Eimi**

**In Matthew 16**, Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ. In verses 13-20, the story is told:

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

“Who do you say I am?” is still asked of us as Christians today. It does not matter what other people might say in response. It matters what the believers believe. We will close our study by looking at **John 8**. There in the 58th verse, “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’” Not, I am this or I am that; just simply, I AM. He is stating His nature—He was, He is, and He forever will be.

Still, in His life upon this earth, Jesus demonstrated attributes that He wants us to know and to understand. He wants us to be participants in His divine life. He wants us to ingest His wisdom so we can live out the life to which we were called

by His Father. His attributes give us understanding, strengthen our faith, and provide comfort.

Come to our study the following Wednesdays at 7pm in the Chapel. Discover how you would answer Jesus when He says, “Who do you say that I am?”

Bible Study Dates, Passages, and Focus

July 03—No Bible Study—enjoy the 4th

10 July—**John 10:11-21**

**“I am the Good Shepherd”—John 10:11, 14**

17 July—No Bible Study—Pastor Vacation

24 July—No Bible Study—Pastor Vacation

31 July—**John 11:17-25**

**“I am the Resurrection and Life”—John 11:25**

07 August—**John 14:1-14**

**“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”  
—John 14:6**

14 August—**John 15:1-17**

**“I am the True Vine”—John 15:1, 5**

21 August—**Revelation 1:4-20; 21:1-8; 22:10-15**

**“I am the Alpha and Omega”  
—1:8 (17); 21:6; 22:13**

28 August—**John 6:60-71;  
18:33-40**

**Who is this Jesus?**

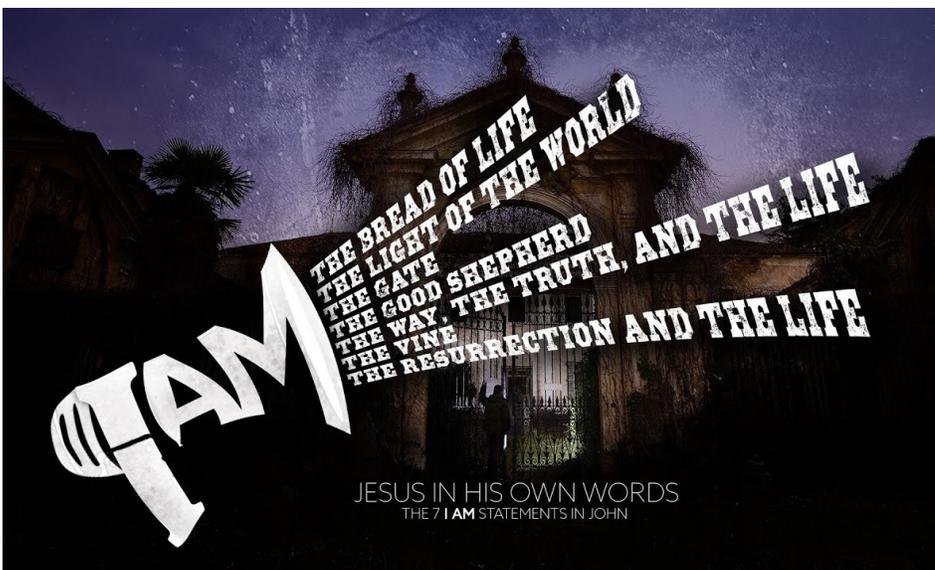
**John 8:48-59**

**“Before Abraham was, I AM”—  
John 8:58**

Hope to see you at the study!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Randall*





## Church Social Need Update

We still need the following items donated:

- 15 pies
- 2 cake

If anyone can provide, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office at 419-673-7278 or stjohnskenton@gmail.com.

**Donated items need to be at the church by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, July 9.**

**Pies and Cakes need to be at the church by 12:00 Noon Thursday, July 11th (day of social).**

## Tailor Made Life Group Update

They will not meet again until July 18, 2019. We would like to extend an invitation to all who are crafty to come join us. You can bring any craft project you want to work on. We enjoy getting to know each other better. We usually meet on the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 at the church.

## Doll & Daughter Tea Party Volunteers Needed: August 3 from 5-6:30

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin across from the office for the Tea Party. Areas needing help are ice cream cone making, nail polish station, friendship bracelet making, building a bear for you doll station, decorate a doll t-shirt station, food & drink, and stand by photo booth. If you have any questions, please see contact Trish Wilcox.



## Join Us for Our Doll and Daughter Back to School Tea Party

**When: Saturday August 3, 2019**

**From 5:00pm to 6:30pm**

**Where: St. John's Evangelical Church Fellowship Hall  
(211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH 43326)**

**Who: Kids: K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Please Pre-Register by July 29, 2019 at**

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=53211>

**What:** Bring Your American Girl Doll or Your best doll to share a night out with your doll. Come make Ice Cream Sundaes for you and your doll, Get your nails done with your doll, Make friendship bracelets for you and your doll, Build a bear for your doll, Decorate your doll a t-shirt. We will also have a photobooth set up for you and your doll to get pictures. Come out and have a night of fun with your dolly. ©

We will serve Ham and Cheese Slider Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies, and Popcorn, Juice, Milk, and Water.



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**Save The Date!** **Save The Date!**

*Launch  
Women's Conference*

Join us for an evening of Inspiration and Fellowship....

Music by Jeremy Liles  
Speaker Shannon Maier

Planned for November 2, 2019 7pm St John's Evangelical Church  
More Information to Follow

# July and August Children's Ministry

Greetings St. John's! Thank you St. John's for making "In the Wild" VBS possible this year! Thanks to all my "In the Wild" VBS helpers and leaders. On opening night of VBS, I only had 37 kids pre-registered. We ended up having 60 - 65 kids each night Zooming In and Focusing in on Jesus! We had a fantastic turn out and it looked like all the kids, helpers, and adults had a great time! I had 36 awesome volunteers help out this year. They are all amazing! We could not have done this without many, many great people who gave their time and talents to share God's word with many local children. We believe that this made an impact on many children while they were here. I can't wait to see what next year brings for VBS! So this year we made a total of \$800.00. Quest Federal Credit Union agreed to match whatever we made for the week. This will be split between Mason Bloom and Noah Gwynn who are fighting or have fought cancer. So, each family will get \$800.00. God is good all the time!!

I want give a special shout out and thanks to all helpers and leaders of "In the Wild" VBS 2019 below:

Shane Harkenrider	Rae Maurer	Carol Wilcox
Kay Schriber	Toni Pfister	Hope Cauley
Sharon Martin	Kristi Weaver	Monica Stephan
Angel Forester	Jennifer Stayman	Autum Brown
Haelynn Brown	Natalie Horton	Nancy Weaver
Kathy Forester	Alisha Kapanka	Maddie Shanks
Haven Dyer	Donovan Weaver	Dylan Mouk
LeVern Weaver	Landon Dillard	Ayden Dillard
Owen Styer	Gus Forester	Heather Erwin
Jo Ann Erwin	Cheryl Brooks	Janet Jones
Tom Maurer	Michele Sherman	Randall Forester
Mary Ralston	Kay Shirk	Jane Donnelly

## Businesses:

Graphic packaging - cups, plates, bowls

Hempy Water - donation of water

Quest Federal Credit Union - for matching our offering to be split between Mason Bloom and Noah Gwynn.

**Church, Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer! We need you!** We need volunteers for the Wednesday night program next year! I currently need 2 teachers. It's only an hour and a half of your Wednesday night and we will feed you an amazingly wonderful dinner! If you don't eat, we only need you for 1 hour on a Wednesday Night.

We need a volunteer to be a Sunday School teacher for grades 3 - 5<sup>th</sup>. This will take place on Sunday between services from 9:30am to 10:15am.

We need a volunteer to be a Kid's Church Teacher for grades K - 5. This will be during 2<sup>nd</sup> service from 10:50am to 11:30am.

We need a volunteer to be a back-up person to sit in the nursery in the 8:30am service or the 10:30am service.

**Please see Trish Wilcox if you are interested in volunteering for anything or email me at [TrishWilcox5@gmail.com](mailto:TrishWilcox5@gmail.com) or [trishielynn25@yahoo.com](mailto:trishielynn25@yahoo.com)**



Our archives contain a lot of information on the families of our members. In preparing to move some of this material into the library to make it more accessible, I chanced across a journal. It was written by my Grandfather, Rev. Herbert E. Pfister, during the years following his retirement up to just before his death at age 83 in 1970. He wrote and kept it with specific instructions it should be given to St. John's after his death. It includes records of marriages, baptisms, and funerals conducted at various Churches including St. John's during that period. Hope the following excerpts will give you insight into some of our members past and those whose names might be familiar.

#### Weddings:

- Sept. 24, 1960 Guy Eugene Hord & Miss Julie Ann Easterday at our home. Witnesses Sidney Liles, Wilbur Graham
- Dec. 30, 1961 Neil M. Simpson & Patricia M. Hughes at home of Wm. Alexander, Kenton
- May 25, 1962 Lowell T. Kitchen & Miss Jeanne Marie Gerling at our home
- September 16, 1962 Dr. Calving G Jackson & Miss Marjorie E. Ramage at home of John Lichty
- August 28, 1965 Frank L. Haudenschild & Mrs. Alice A. Hamilton at our home
- May 27, 1967 Joseph Rall, Jr. & Miss Margaret D. Born at her home in Kenton
- April 23, 1969 Larry O. Treen & Miss Shirley Ann Stinson

#### Baptisms:

- Rutledge, Mrs. Bertha, nee Newland-born May 10, 1877 Logan Cty., Oh. Baptized 6/30/61 at Best Rest Home. She quite ill. Imogene Friedel's mother
- Feb. 17, 1963 Deborah Anne child of Merle Edward Diets and Joanne Louise Diets nee Koch. Born Feb 17, 1952 in Kenton, baptized Feb 17, 1963 in the home of Rev. H.E. Pfister, Kenton also baptized the mother Joanne Louise at same time.
- March 29, Easter Sunday, 1964, Tirey Nelson child of Louis E. Lathan and wife Joanne Latham nee McKinley born August 12, 1963
- Funerals: (note: there are so many Rev. Pfister was known as the burying preacher. This nickname started in the 1920s when he performed funeral services for women of ill repute much to the annoyance of some in the congregation. His counter to the criticism was "They are also God's children and deserve a Christian burial.")
- June 13, 1960 W. P. (Pete) Siemon 76. Born Feb 27, 1884 near Kenton. Lifelong member of Goshen St. John's Church. Many years a school teacher-also active in his later years in local politics-holding office many years. One of his finest attributes he never forgot names, friendly to ALL irrespective of politics, church or color. The same friend after political defeat as when a winner. Without a doubt he knew and called on more county residents than any person of his time. A big hearted, dependable friend.
- April 10, 1965 Schindewolf, George William 88, Born Jan 11, 1877 in Hardin Cty, O. where he spent all his days as farmer, in brick and tile business, operating from his own farm implement business. Was life-long member of St. John's Church, Kenton. His parents faithful members, they were Wm. Schindewolf & Elizabeth (Ramage). He one of most loyal members of church during my 24 yr. pastorate, he never failed to be at church for every funeral held there. Was married to Bessie Stewart March 2, 1904 to this union was born the daughter Edna, now Mrs. Elmer Kaylor. His wife died July 25, 1959. She like he very active in Sunday School, women's organizations & church work. He suffered from a heart also a kidney condition. In San Antonio Hosp. both times for treatment. He went peacefully to sleep Wed. April 7<sup>th</sup> (Note along side "Our real loyal friends.")
- June 14, 1968 Briedenbach, Mrs. Henry nee Mary Casper 95, born Sept 8, 1872 to John M. & Wilhelmina (Eibling) Casper. She lived all her days in Hardin Cty., most of them on farm. Was married Oct 31, 1895 and he died April 29, 1934. He was the glad hand shaker "Welcomer" at Sunday School and Church for many years. She peacefully departed this life June 11, 1968 at Antonio Hosp. Their daughter Pauline most faithfully devoted to her mother in spite of her own physical impairment. The son Paul, now of Dayton, o. The daughter and son bother were faithful in S.S as pianist and he as flutist in orchestra. She worked closely with Mrs. H. E. Pfister in S.S. & church work. Paul and Katherine Briedenbach have 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters; also surviving one sister Mrs. Kathy Schaefer of Williamstown, also a few nephews and nieces. Rev. Koch officiated and H.E. Pfister shared in the services. (Note along side "Family were very good friends").

If you find this kind of history of interest, there are over 239 funerals listed in this journal. It is a small part of our archive and soon you should be able to browse through many of the church records.

Jerry Pfister, Historian



Another year of VBS has come and gone. This year the Youth were a big part of opening and closing of each night. They learned choreographed songs, skits and helped in the class-

rooms. Decorating was more this year as well and I think it all turned out great with the help from the Volunteers we had. A huge thank you to all that helped the week of VBS, a true blessing to the young hearts that we got to serve. We are already looking forward to next years theme. The biggest blessing from the week was all the kids coming together to raise money for the two boys in our community battling cancer, Mason Bloom and Noah Gwynn, at the end of the last night we were a little over \$800. But what's even more amazing is that Quest Federal Credit Union was going to match our total! God is God! A great year of VBS in the books!

Hardin County Collective group is planning a Mission project camp. We will be at camp June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. This is located in Dunkirk at Camp Common Grounds. The Youth are planning to work hard to make a difference in the lives of the people within the community. St. John's will be hosting packed lunches and a dinner on Thursday. Thank you to all that have helped with this, you're a true blessing to the Youth and myself, I couldn't have made all that food alone. THANK YOU!

*"Serve whole heartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." Ephesians 6:7*

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



The church is currently looking for some volunteers who would be willing to sit in the nursery during the 8:30 & 10:30 services. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office.

## 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 10:45 am to car-pool. Please note time change for out of town meeting. Still eating at 11:30 am.

July 5: Royal Buffet—Kenton

July 19: Boy Scout Lake—Bring own lunch & drink

August 2: Acheson's—Lakeview

August 16: Mimi's at the Lake—Russells Point

September 6: Not meeting due to fair

September 20: Coonie's—La Rue

October 4: Mr. Cheezy's—Dunkirk

October 18: Eagles—Kenton



## 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.

**Mission of the Month—  
July—Fairhaven  
August—Silent Night Bed Ministry**

**Fairhaven Life Enrichment Fund  
Upper Sandusky, OH:**

Since 1916, Fairhaven Community has maintained a tradition of providing compassionate health care and senior living services in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

**Silent Night Bed Ministry**

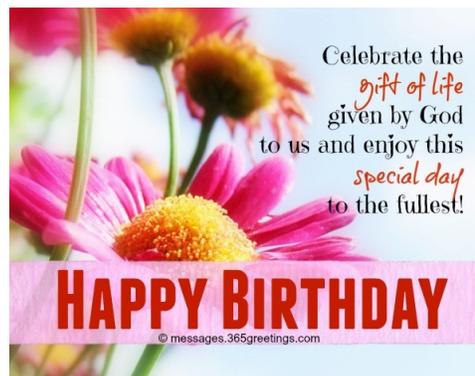
Silent Night Bed Ministry began after a Youth Mission Trip where the mission team built beds for children in Belize who never had beds before. The team soon learned that this is not an isolated problem, as we have children in our very own community who are sleeping on floors and couches every night. So the church started raising money to build beds locally and have managed to supply beds to children throughout Hardin County by working together with local agencies to help those in need.

If you would like to help build beds or make blankets for the beds, please contact the church office at 419-673-7278 or [stjohnskenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnskenton@gmail.com) for more information. We also need help delivering beds periodically so if you would be like to be on a contact list, please turn Thank you for your support!



**Church Staff:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester  
 Youth Ministry: Michele Sherman  
 Children's Ministry: Trish Wilcox  
 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



**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.

- July 2: Jack Draper  
805 Vernon Street  
Kenton, OH 43326
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805 Vernon Street  
Kenton, OH 43326
- July 12: Carole Spillman  
PO Box 143  
Kenton, OH 43326
- August 17: Bill McNamee  
105 Aleutian Circle  
Kenton, OH 43326
- August 28: Robert Height  
115 Harding Avenue  
Kenton, OH 43326

St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday  
May 9, 2019  
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

- April 11, 2019 Minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Russ Cahill

- Review of the numbers – Loose offering seems to be down, but the envelopes seem to be okay. Seem to be staying okay within budget. Interest on the parsonage is up. Nothing stands out as an issue at this time.
- Discussion of setting up the account at Quest– they needed the tax id number, and board minutes. Meeting tomorrow to do it.
- Mission trip income has a line item set up 4.03.00 for Missions Special that we think it will be okay to use as the team starts fund raising.

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Trish Wilcox – Report distributed for review prior to the meeting. Discussion of the year end party.
- Michelle Sherman – Report distributed for review prior to the meeting.
- Really need a lot of volunteers next year put up a board with the needs.
- Review of the Christian Board Committee – Russ suggested one change that he communicated to Hope already. – Everyone agreed it looks good with that change.

3) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- Making Noodles - June 6, 2019
- OSU Banquet - May 21, 2019 – Russ started discussion on the oven and the temperature gauge. Going to see about having the people come out while cooking for the OSU Banquet to see what is going on. Will be contacting the salesman as well.
- Mother's Day Handouts - Pam Bramble taking care getting something to passout.
- Set up sheep banquet for next spring.
- Getting ready for social. Will have ice cream this year.

4) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Memorial Day – Pastor will be in the parade.
- Confirmation – June 9<sup>th</sup> – Having them confirmed at 1 service. And introduce them at the second service.

5) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- Nothing to report

6) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Met

7) Trustees - Greg Martin Jim Bidwell Greg Liedel

- Stone and trees done
- Lines are done in the parking lot
- Ordered the router and things for AV – working on getting it installed.
- Still do not have prices on microphones and batteries
- Going to look at the projector in the Fellowship Hall
- Ceiling in the overflow is being worked on.

- Church Pews – Supposed to stop on the 15<sup>th</sup> to look at them.
- Discussion if we should put out the future projects we may want to work on in bulletin.
- Discussion of the hot water heater in the kitchen. Looking at price for tankless hot water heater.
- Bus Inspection - Bus passed first time
- Farm Income was received

8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Met Monday
- Want to start planning the mission trip and discussion of fund raising.

9) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Report distributed for review prior to meeting
- Discussion of the band that asked about coming and performing at our church – it is the week before the fair so not good timing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Baptismal Heater – Russ is going to look into getting it fixed for the Confirmation Class to get Baptized.
- Lock Down – Been locking the doors during the week.
- New Front door Keys- made and handed out. Still looking into the photos of the items.
- Discussion of the Alice training – Would like to have Shawn the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Kristi to discuss with him to see if that works.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Confirmation Sunday – June 9
- Graduation Sunday – June 9
- Church Social - July 11, 2019 (Thursday)
- Request from Ministerium to collect shoes for Fellowship of Christian Farmers during May. These shoes are then sold in places like Kenya, Haiti, and South America. Fellowship of Christian Farmers then use funds to purchase items to help farmers in rural communities. Verbal okay by Council.
- Love Inc. Golf Scramble – June 29, 2019 – Looked up that we sponsored a hole last year. Decided not to sponsor this year as discussed that Jane Baker is sponsoring in the name of the church.
- Abe Oats wants to come and talk about veteran benefits –updates during announcements – verbal okay that it is okay for him to come discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dana Musser transferred her membership here to St. John's from Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019 7:00 PM

LORD'S PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made and seconded to adjourn, council vote, meeting adjourned.



**Upcoming Projects**

The board discussed some upcoming projects. A list is started below if anyone would like to donate towards a project. For more information, please see a council member.

Thank you for your continued support!

- Audio Visual—monetary needs for equipment
- Pews in Sanctuary– some starting to come apart
- Carpet in Fellowship Hall—replace with a more suitable flooring



## Christian Education Volunteer Areas

(Please check areas you would like to serve.)

### Christian Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Kid's Worship Teacher during 2<sup>nd</sup> service as a fill in once a month from 10:50 to 11:30am.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Helper back up

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher Grades 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> once a month as a fill in from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full time Sunday School Teacher Grades 2 -5<sup>th</sup> every Sunday from 9:30 – 10:15

\_\_\_\_\_ Full time Kid's Worship Teacher during 2<sup>nd</sup> service after Children's message

### Wednesday Kid's Night

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Driver-CDL required backup.

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Helper one Wednesday a month for 1 hour.

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Helper every Wednesday for an hour K -2

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus Rider

\_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen help

\_\_\_\_\_ Table Helpers (eat with Kids)

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Group - Interested in leading life group

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_