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What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad
- Anonymous



Summer Newsletter Schedule Change—
Due to staff schedules, we will be doing a combined July/August edition. Any questions, contact the church office. Thank you!

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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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This year, Pentecost falls in June. Personally, I believe this is the best time to celebrate Pentecost as Ash Wednesday falls in early March. Alas, I'm not allowed to set the date as I wish, so we're stuck with a moving date tied to the wrong calendar and set by a formula that few understand.

Now that I have set aside my above aside, I want to remind you that Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. By dying on the Cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins. In rising from the grave, He opened the gates of eternal life to us. In ascending, He allowed the Holy Spirit to come to us. In the sermons on the Farewell Discourse this year, we learned about Jesus' teaching on the Holy Spirit (Paraclete). You can refresh your memory by reading **John 14:16-18; 14:25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15**.

There are many passages in the Bible that speak of the Holy Spirit. One of my favorites is found in the Old Testament in the book of **Ezekiel**. There in chapter **37** we hear the story of the Valley of Dry Bones. There the Lord by the Spirit of the Lord (v 1) takes Ezekiel to the valley filled with dry, lifeless bones.

There, Ezekiel prophesies to the bones and they come to life by the power of the Holy Spirit. The bones are reconnected in their proper place, sinews and muscles come upon them, and finally life is breathed into them. As this story end, the Lord reminds Ezekiel that life can come out of apparent death, order out of chaos, when the Lord comes into a situation.

God tells Ezekiel essentially, "Never give up." The people of God felt dry and lifeless, but revival and revitalization were just a breath (of the Holy Spirit) away.

The same is true today, which reminds me of something special we will do on Pentecost Sunday.



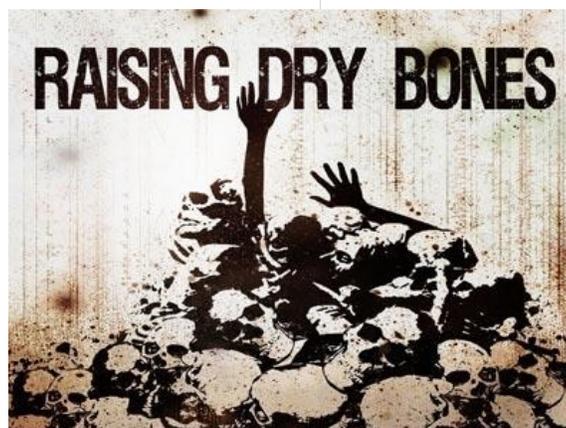
On June 9th, we will confirm four new members of our church. They have received guidance and instruction from Miranda Strous who has done an outstanding job with the four youths. Every class I have ever overseen, I ask a

question of them all at the beginning and the end of the course: Why do you want to join the church?

This year, the answers centered on feeling the presence of God here. This is the place where these youth have encountered the Spirit of God moving, which has brought them joy. They feel called to be a member here, to serve here, and to continue to grow in faith here. They see what is possible and what is present. With them and the Spirit's help, we can see dry bones rise and miracles happen.

While most people stop reading **Ezekiel 37** when the story of the Valley of Dry Bones ends, there is more to the story, especially as it pertains to the Holy Spirit. In the second half of **Ezekiel 37** (verses **15-28**), Ezekiel is commanded to get two sticks on which he inscribes a particular name on each. After he does that, he is to bind the two sticks together. God says this is a symbol of how He will repair the broken nation and bring the people together as one people. He will even bring the people who have been scattered to foreign lands and will bring them home.

This is a powerful image, and it is an end that we need to pursue. When the Holy Spirit is at the core, there is unity, and there is oneness of purpose. The Devil brings division and sin separates with seemingly insurmountable barriers. When the Holy Spirit enters the equation, walls tumble down, dividing lines are erased, and unity is built under the headship of Christ. As Ezekiel prophesies by repeating the



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words of God: "My servant David (Christ) shall be king over them, and they shall have one shepherd (again, Christ)" (v 24). This will be done through God's everlasting covenant with His people (v 26).

This whole chapter reminds believers that God is not just present in the spectacular moments. Yes, God is there when the dry bones rise and the Holy Spirit comes for the first time as a tongue of fire alongside the sound of a mighty rushing wind. God also works in the everyday events of our lives and history. God draws people out of their wandering and brings them back home. God's desire is to overcome our sinful proclivity to division by giving us a heartfelt and Spirit-led drive toward unity in Christ (see **Ephesians 4:1-16**).

Do you feel that pull in your bones? If you do, you are sensing the Holy Spirit. Pentecost isn't just a day in the life of the church each year, but it's also the longest season of the Church Year. The Season of Pentecost is represented by the color of green on our altar while the Day of Pentecost is represented by the color red.

The Season of Pentecost is the longest season of the Church Year because it centers on the Church and the shared life of God's people—those called to serve. It is the season when the Church is to focus on the spiritual growth of believers and how they are to serve in the world. It is a reminder to every Christian that they are part of the priesthood of all believers and that God has entrusted to them the sacred duty of advancing His kingdom in this generation.

We are the Ezekiels of our day, speaking life-giving words to a valley of dry bones. We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to those mired in sin and hopelessness. Led by the Spirit, we bring order to chaos, and we share love and peace with those who have known hatred and discord.

We pray like the disciples awaiting an in-breaking of the Holy Spirit. We will never give up hope, and we will never give in to despair. We know that God desires us to be faithful in

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CHURCH:
MAKING AND MATURING
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

this generation. As He has saved us from our sin, so He desires to save others. Pentecost reminds us of our call AND our empowering to do this great work.

We are God's partners in ministry: in the church; in the community; and in the world. Our service impacts lives. Through us and by the power of the Holy Spirit, people come to receive salvation, grow in the faith, and find their passport stamped for eternity as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit is the great unifier and comes to bring us the gift of unity. If the Spirit is in us, we will work for unity within the local church as well as the Church universal while we are driven to bring others into that relationship as well.

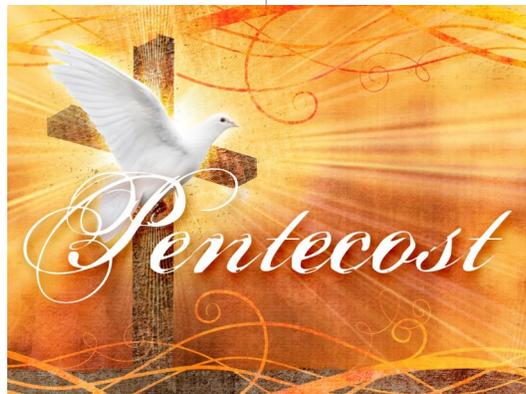
We may wish to see these things occur through spectacular events and moments, and they may. I pray for revival to sweep our land and that it would start in our town and county. However, we need to be prepared for the long haul and labor daily to lead one more person into a relationship with Christ. We should find joy in helping one person discover their name written in the Lamb's book of life (**Revelation 21:7**) as much as seeing hundreds of people fall to their knees in repentance.

The Spirit will guide us to discover that joy and to serve in such a way to bring it about. It happened 2,000 years ago on the day of Pentecost, and it will continue this day in the season of Pentecost as God's people remain fully Spirit-led.

Come, Holy Spirit, be our guide this day and forevermore!

With the Spirit's leading,
Pastor Randall

**And I will make
them one nation
in the land . . .
and one King shall be
King to them all . . .
I will cleanse them . . .
and I will be their God.**
Ezekiel 37:22, 23



Preaching Series

With Pentecost on June 9th, we complete our study of the Upper Room Discourse in the Gospel of John. Jesus' teaching there was not just for the Disciples long ago. It is a passage for the Church throughout the ages, and as we will see on Pentecost Sunday, Jesus had in mind the Church of today.

It is apropos that we conclude the study on the day we confirm new youth as members of our church. When Jesus prays in **John 17**, it is not just for Himself; it is not just for the Disciples and their ministry; it IS for the generations who would follow the message of Jesus who would have no direct, physical connection to Him..

This series is not about what Jesus said, but about what He is saying to us. It's not a call to the Twelve Disciples alone; rather, it is a call to those who want to follow Jesus today. It is absolutely about faith—Jesus faithfully following the Father, the Disciples faithfully emulating their Savior, the Son, and every believer since who is willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit, our Helper, our Friend, our Advocate—the Paraclete.

Come, Holy Spirit, be our guide, and guide our youth and new members of our fellowship that we all may faithfully serve as Jesus did in accordance with the desire of the Father. Amen.

02 June Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: **I John 5:9-15**
 John 17:6-19
Sermon: **Father, Keep Them**

09 June Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

Scripture: **Revelation 22:12-21**
 John 17:20-26
Sermon: **Talking About**
 My Generation

16 June

Scripture: **Revelation 22:1-5**
 24th Psalm
Sermon: **The Heart of Worship**

See also **Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 22:4**

23 June

Scripture: **Mark 11:20-26**
 Colossians 3:12-17
Sermon: **Why Recovery?**
 Why Small Groups?
See also **Ephesians 4:2-3**

30 June

Scripture: **Acts 3:1-10**
 Luke 3:10-17
Sermon: **How Shall We Serve?**
 What Shall We Give?

Summer Preaching

There is still time to submit topics and scriptures for summer sermons.

Connection Ministry

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



give to the mission trip. If the mission trip were part of the budget, this would be a different issue, but even then, I believe we as believers need to give to the whole church and not just our pet projects.

For me, receiving funding from the church is humbling and exhilarating. It stirs my soul to stand in front of a congregation in a foreign land and tell them that first and foremost I come to them in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Close to that feeling is the reality that I come with the support—financially and prayerfully—of my home church and home community. I tell people that without your support I could not go and would not go. No matter how much I may desire to go and serve on mission trips, I will only go if called by God AND supported by a local church and other committed believers. There is such a power in that testimony—our whole team stands with the local/native church in worship and alongside them in service held in the hand of God and uplifted by our home church. This is a blessing and a foretaste of the community of God in glory where there are people from every tribe and tongue and nation (**Revelation 7:9**).

Besides needing help with fundraising, it would be great to have someone who could facilitate purchasing our airline tickets to

and from Guatemala. This has been time-consuming for me, and I am not always sure I am searching in the right places. Any support in this area would be an answer to prayer.

Lastly, whether you are going or not, I beseech your prayers. Pray for doors to open that we could minister with the power of the Holy Spirit and the will of God to be done. Pray for people to hear the call to serve and for those who are called to be protected from all fear and doubt and any attacks

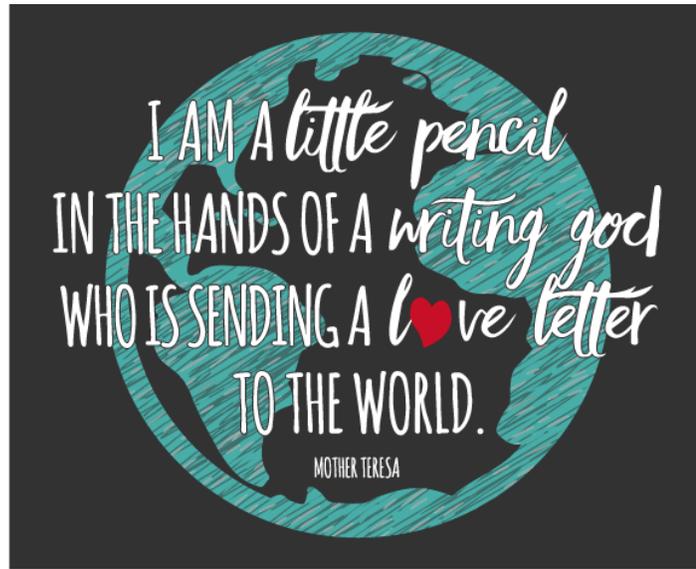
from Satan or his minions. Pray for the community where we are going that our work may have a lasting impact for the sake of the kingdom of God.

I am hoping and praying that my whole family can go on this trip. It makes me proud as a father and a pastor, but it also brings some cares and concerns as a father and a pastor. Still, it is worth it to go. I see both sides. In the end, I feel the Holy Spirit calling us to go as a family and to bear witness as a family. This may be the only opportunity the four of us have to go together, and it brings me joy to do this with a team from St. John's. I hope and pray that you will be a part of the team: first and foremost in prayer; hopefully, secondly with financial support; and thirdly, if you feel so called, by participating.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Randall

We are still in the process of organizing the team for the mission trip to Guatemala. We are planning to leave on the 24th or 25th of July 2020 and returning the following Friday or Saturday. While St. John's is sponsoring the trip, we are open to any Christians joining us who want to work with us and our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Expressing interest does not commit you in any way. It seems like we will not be able to purchase airline tickets until September, so that is when we will need firm commitments and be holding people to making deposits. Right now, we are in our planning stages for fundraising. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved with fundraising that would be great. In an ideal world, the people of God would give so generously to the mission and budget of the church that there would be enough excess giving to cover the trip. In **Exodus 36**, the people gave too much for the construction of the Tabernacle that Moses had to command people to STOP giving [**Exodus 36:6**].



It's every pastor's dream to have to tell people to stop being so generous. I hope that day arrives here. Until it does, we are planning to fundraise for the mission trip. I expect people to give first to the church and to not hinder the ministry here by diverting giving to the mission trip. After you have given to the Lord for the support of the local church, then you may



Summer Bible Study 2019

I Am—Ego Eimi

In **Mark 15:39**, we read: “And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way he breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!””

The way He lived and the way He died pointed to the reality of who Jesus was as the centurion proclaimed. Jesus spoke of who He was. In the Gospel of John, He used the phrase “I AM” or “Ego Eimi” in the Greek to reveal who He was. This summer, we will walk through those passages in **John** and **Revelation** to see how Jesus spoke of Himself.

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Ego eimi in Greek looks like

At the end of the study, we will ask, “Who is this Jesus?” How does this self-revelation of Christ impact who I proclaim Him to be? Can I proclaim with the centurion, “Truly this man was the Son of God”? If I do, how does that impact my walk with Him now and for eternity?

Please join the conversation on the following Wednesdays at 7 PM in our Chapel.

Bible Study Dates, Passages, and Focus

June 05—**John 6:22-71**

“**I am the bread of life**”—**John 6:35, 48**

June 12—No Bible Study—Vacation Bible School

June 19—**John 8:12-30**

“**I am the light of the world**”—**John 8:12; 9:5**

June 26—**John 10:1-10**

“**I am the door**”—**John 10:7**

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**

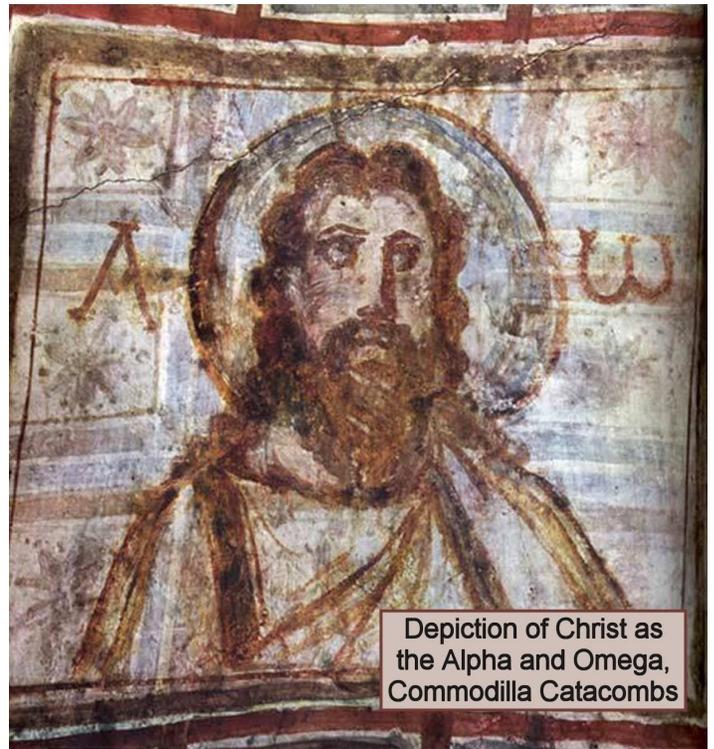
“**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**”
—**John 14:6**

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**



Depiction of Christ as the Alpha and Omega, Commodilla Catacombs

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



Making Noodles for Social

Noodles are going to be made on Thursday, June 6 at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall for the church social. If anyone is available, please come out to help with this project.

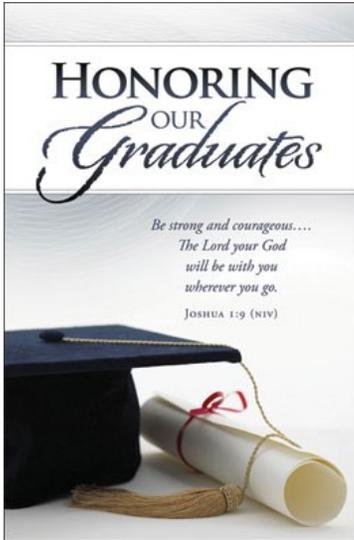
HCC Youth Summer Camp



Hardin County Collective Service Retreat on June 19-22 out of Camp Common Grounds! It's a great way to give back to the community and support those around us while also having some great fun! There's multiple projects to be able to choose from, each one a bit different from the others! And, parents are invited to join us the evening of the 22nd for our closing service to wrap up the week!

Cost will be \$20/camper and will include lunch/dinner, and a camp T-shirt. (if your not able to swing this please just contact Michele Sherman directly so ALL youth can attend)

You can register using this link <https://forms.gle/KtqovitQtNxHQRjy5> or by calling 567-674-7902 for more information. **Deadline to register is June 7.**



Graduation Sunday – June 9

We are looking for all members who are graduating from high school, college, or trade school for recognition on June 9. Please contact the church office with name, school graduating & future plans.

GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. titus 3:5

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation Sunday & Reception (Meet & Greet)

Confirmation Sunday will be on June 9 (Pentecost). We have four youth to be confirmed: Angelica Forester, Natalie Horton, Dylan Mouk and Issac Oreglia. A reception (meet & greet) will be held in the fellowship hall between services so you meet the confirmands.

New Member Class

If anyone is interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Randall or the church office. Thank you!



All Church Social

St. John's Evangelical Church

*Fellowship Hall—Air Conditioned
211 East Carrol Street
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Thursday, July 11, 2019

4:00—7:00 PM



Menu: Sandwiches, Noodles, Salads, Pie, Cakes, Dietsch Ice Cream and drinks

Free Will Offering



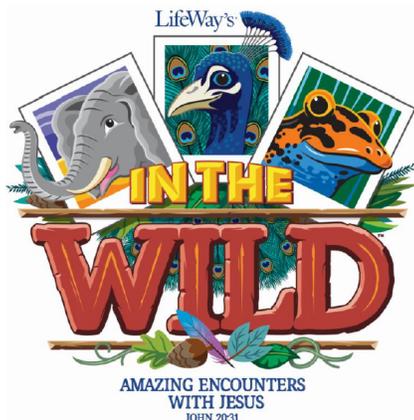
Everyone is invited to fellowship and eat some of the **BEST** home cooking in Hardin County!

**Carry-Out Available
419-673-7278**

O taste and see that the Lord is good...

Join Us for VBS

Music - Missions - Crafts - Snack



June 10-13

5:45-8 PM

Preschool (potty trained)
through Grade 5

Vacation Bible School at St. John's Evangelical Church

This summer your children will gas up the all-terrain vehicle and head out on a wilderness adventure like no other. As they get up close and personal with the elephants, polar bears and penguins they will focus on some real-life encounters with Jesus!!!

If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by June 3 at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=51763>. Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Hope to see you all there!!!

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VBS Volunteers: A list of volunteer spots are available on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please prayerfully consider where you can help out. VBS is June 10-13 from 5:45 – 8 PM. Volunteer areas are: greeters, registration, Bible story K-2, Bible Story 3-5, Games/crafts K-2, Games/crafts 3-5, Games K-2, Games 3-5, snack area in fellowship hall, kitchen, Bus Driver/rider, AV Tech, Opening & closing in sanctuary.

VBS Volunteer Meetings: Volunteers will have 3 more meetings to help prepare for VBS. If you cannot make all meetings, that is fine. We just love you being able to volunteer.

June 3: 6-8 PM (Chapel) decorating church

June 5: 6-8 PM (Chapel) decorating church

June 7: 6-8 PM (Chapel) final preparations



June 2019



In all of your years of being Church members how many times have we heard the phrase “Time, Talents and Treasure” during pledge drives? Probably so often that we tend to gloss over this requirement of scripture. This article is not meant to shame anyone who is tardy, but rather show the conviction of our members over the generations who have been exemplary in sharing their “three Ts”. The following are a very few of the examples in the history of St. John’s including young and old giving of themselves regardless of social position or wealth.

In 1884 Misses Eva and Augusta Bloom walked the County collecting a fund toward the purchase of a new pulpit Bible which they presented to the Church along with a balance of \$17.70. This was a considerable sum in those days and the Bible will be on display hopefully this summer. Two very young ladies on a mission that required a lot of walking, courage and faith.

In 1892 the Ladies Aid Society took on the project of building a new parsonage. They overruled their male counterparts insisting on a brick structure over the cheaper frame alternative. This parsonage was actively used as until 1960 and then as an annex until being demolished for the New Addition which was dedicated in 2004. A gift that served for well over 100 years.

Our current sanctuary which was dedicated in 1903, drew support from the entire congregation and of the then staggering cost of \$29,810.78, required only a mortgage of \$10,000.00 which was totally paid by 1918.

1933 “Since last fall and continuing thru the school term from 90 to 160 undernourished children of the Kenton schools were fed a substantial hot meal each school-day.....practically all of the food was donated; all cooks and helpers volunteers; ..Lee Baker of our church deserves mention for his fine record.” He never missed a day.

1934 “thru the tireless efforts of Mr. E. B. Philips McKittrick Hospital was saved for our community.”

1939 The Penney a Day Club ...with 164 members provided funding for the 100th anniversary.”

1960 bequests from Eva C. Breidenbach and Perle Gookenberger helped purchase a new parsonage on Barron St.

1995 The Congregation purchased a new pipe organ at a cost of over \$189,000. Randy, Robin and Rodney Rogers donated a 5th rank of pipes in memory of Winifred Rogers.

2002-2004 Examples of Congregants who went above and beyond for the construction of our new addition may be found in the pictures next to the rooms and elevator they funded.

There are far too many examples of the gifts recognized and anonymous for this short article. Today we have a congregation that is continuing the commitment of “Time, Talents and Treasure” to the Glory of our Savior. To the volunteers who labor and those who reject their salaries as a blessing to the Body of Christ, our sincere thanks. We are truly blessed to be part of our strong tradition.

Jerry Pfister, Historian





June Children's Ministry

Hello St. John's! What a great turn out for the end of the year Wednesday night kids program! It rained and we still had lots of fun and fellowship. The bus garage worked out great! We had around 100 plus people come celebrate this year. I would say the bounce house was a huge success for the kids and some adults.

A huge Thank-you to all of those who volunteered to serve food or work in other areas for this event! A big Thank-you to all of those who donated for this event. Those who donated were as follows: Hempy Water, Kroger, Quest Federal Credit Union, Walmart, Graphic Packaging, and our Church.

Church, Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer! We need you! We need volunteers for the Wednesday night program next year! I need 2 teachers! It's only an hour and a half of your Wednesday night and we will feed you an amazingly wonder 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 - 5th. 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 2nd 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

Vacation Bible School 2019 - We need lots of help for VBS this year. Please take a look at the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office and sign up for something you'd like to do. Vacation bible school runs on June 10th - 13th from 5:45pm to 8pm each night.



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 - 5th grade

Please Pre-Register by July 29, 2019 at

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

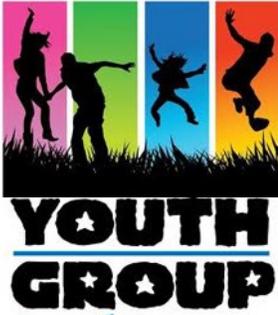
What: Bring Your American Girl Doll or Your best doll to share a night out with your doll. Come make Ice Cream Sundaes for you and your doll, Get your nails done with your doll, Make friendship bracelets for you and your doll, Build a bear for your doll, Decorate your doll a t-shirt. We will also have 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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Is summer finally here?! Although some days with more sunshine would be nice. Due to the rain our end of the year Wednesday Night party got moved into the bus garage. It actually worked out perfectly, and we had a great turn

out. Everyone enjoyed their time socializing, eating and games. Thank you to everyone that came and helped support our kids/youth. You are greatly appreciated. All of our Wednesday Night volunteers are invited to dinner at the church on May 28th at 6:30pm. Trish and I couldn't have made this year a success without all of your help and dedication. Thank you!!

Hardin County Collective had our Senior Night on May 5th and we got to recognize Haleigh (St. Johns) and Abby (KFUMC). It was a beautiful day for a cook out with our family and friends. Our next meeting will be our Summer camp at Camp Common Grounds in Dunkirk from June 19th-22nd. Please let me know if your Youth would like to attend, this is a great way to give back to our community.

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, *‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*” Acts 20:35

HCC Youth Camp Dinner Needed

The churches that participate in the Hardin County Collective Youth Group are each going to take a night during the week of camp in June and provide & serve dinner for the participants. The night that St. John's is responsible for is Thursday, June 20. The meal would be served at 5:15 PM. If you can help out in any way, please contact Michele Sherman at 567-674-7902.

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 11 am to car-pool.

June 7: Longhorn—Roundhead

June 21: LaPizzaria—Huntsville



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.





Free Summer Lunches for Kids

18 and younger!

Dates: June 10 - July 25, 2019

Monday- Thursday

Food



Fun!

Sponsored by the USDA and
Kenton City Schools

No RSVP needed - just come and eat!

Contact: Regina Comstock RD LD at
419-673-7248.

Wharton Park Shelter
11:00-11:30

Forest Court Apt.
11:30-12:00p

Mary Lou Johnson
Library
12:00-12:30

Table One
Restaurant
12:00-12:30

Kenton Pool
12:30-1p

Laugh & Learn
(Westview)
12:30-1p

Mission of the Month— Gideons



The Gideons International
Spreading the
Good News

Gideons International distribute Bibles and New Testaments around the world. Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others.

For this reason, they focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are printed in more than 90 languages and are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people, who may be searching for answers, will have the ability to encounter the Word of God.

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

Summary of Finances for April 2019

Income:

Envelopes	\$19,664.00
Loose offering and faith time	\$ 518.00
Total Income	\$20,182.00

Expenses:

Staff Expense	\$ 13,962.00
Administration Expense	\$ 1,423.00
Utilities and Maintenance	\$ 4,159.00
WAM	\$ 51.00
Christian Ed	\$ 488.00
Video	\$ 102.00
Evangelism	\$ 126.00
Total Expense	\$ 20,311.00
BALANCE	(\$129.00)

Youth – Has own money – not part of budget \$677.00

St. John's Evangelical Church
Church Council Agenda
Thursday
April 11, 2019
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Carol Wilcox President

OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Randall

- Shawn Dyer Report on Alice Training
- Marvin – Discussion of missing key and potential re-keying the front door.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Pastor Randall

OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Kristi Weaver

- March 14, 2019 Minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver & Russ Cahill

- Review of finances – Note that there was a large yearly donation in January.
- Did get the Farm Income, have over \$80,000 in Money Market. Russ Cahill moved to put \$50,000 in a CD. council vote, motion carried.
- Discussion of Finance Meeting – Cashed in stock for use for AV, also got a donation from the Roger's family, and with Russ's donation we have about \$3,800 specifically for AV use.

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox

- Report distributed for review prior to the meeting.
- Planning for next year already

3) Youth Ministry—Michele Sherman

- Report distributed for review prior to the meeting.
- Not sure how many are going to camp
- Heather Erwin is teaching Sunday school

4) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- OSU Banquet scheduled
- Social planned July 11, 2019
- Ag Banquet in the Fall

5) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Question about when is the Memorial Service – usually in the fall
- Easter is planned.

6) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- Discussion of what have we done for mileage or hourly rate for errands. Decision is for using hourly rate.
- Discussion of the salary and what constitutes a salaried employee vs. hourly.

7) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Next May 5, 2018

8) Trustees - Greg Martin Jim Bidwell Greg Liedel

- Oven thermostats have arrived and installed.
- Hill removed between parking lots, the stone is ordered.
- Black top is cracking, will have to seal it. Looking into if there is a warranty on it.
- Russ Cahill sealed the joints
- Church Pews – Church Interiors – will come and look at the pews.
- Red car parked in the parking lot – will give the office the owner's phone number if it needs to be moved.

- Question of who will be on the account at Quest for the on-line giving for AV. AV will create the app to be on the webpage. Heather Erwin and Carol Wilcox said they would be on the account. “St John’s E church” will be the name on the account. For now any money that goes into it will be transferred to the AV fund.
- Audio Visual – Met with Jeff Howard and Richard on Tuesday to review the network. Will upgrade everything in the room downstairs, replace the Fellowship Hall Router, the AV room Router, reviewed the computers that needed updated. Will use the donated money discussed in the Finance report to upgrade everything listed in this report.
- 4k upgrade – asked the AV department to give an estimate on what the cost would be. Once we get the estimate we will discuss how to cover the cost.
- Have a bid on the striping – estimate is only \$500
- Question on the copier in the office – not doing anything now.
- Bus – Ready for inspection. Make sure you fill it with fuel when you bring it back.
- FFA borrowed the old tables for their banquet.
- Farm Income came in as mentioned in Finance

9) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Service Day – April 28
- Had first mission trip meeting.

10) Pastor’s Report - Pastor Randall

- Report sent for review prior to meeting.
- Big Brothers/Big Sister’s came and talked to Pastor Randall about trying to work together.
- Potential vacation dates
- Discussion of a potential church picnic or bowling activity

OLD BUSINESS

- Baptismal Heater
- Ceiling Work Begins April 29, 2019
- Passion Play April 18, and 19th
- Easter April, 21, 2019
- Community Worship April 14, 6:30

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of taking photos of everything in the church and doing an inventory of the items. Discussion of companies that do imaging of the items that you have. Jane and Donna know what Silver there is from cleaning it, and will make a list of it for us.
- Discussion of when to lock the doors and who should be responsible for it.
- Confirmation Sunday/Pentecost – June 9
- Celebrate Recovery Request to use the chapel from 6:30 -8 PM the second Monday of each month for the rest of the year in addition to the Tuesdays. Heather Erwin motioned to allow them to use the chapel for this additional request, second Nancy Rickenbacker, council vote, motion passed.
- Russ Cahill will be working on fixing the bi-fold door in the chapel.
- Grant request discussion

Next Meeting: May 9, 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



Volunteers and Donations Needed

It is time again to plan for the upcoming All Church Social. It is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019, with serving between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The social has been a success in the past several years only because of **YOUR** help. We again are asking for donations of foods and monies to help with this event. We also need as many helpers as possible on the day of the social to prepare and serve the food as well as set up for and **clean up after the social**. If you are able to help in any way, please let the church office know by returning the Volunteer postcard as soon as possible.

The following items are needed:

Cakes (*all kinds*)—6

Cheese Cakes—2 (9 x 13 size)

Home Made Pies (*all kinds*) - 45

Hamburger—30 lbs.

Decaf Coffee—1 Large can

CASH to purchase chicken and advertising.

- **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*).**

(Complete and detach below volunteer/donation card)

Thank you for all your continued support. Remember, this all church social works only because you are willing to help and make it the success it has been in the past. We do need your continued support.

I will donate the following for the Church Social:

I am willing to work (*please mark which apply & times available*)

_____ Prepare Food on Wednesday, July 10 starting at 1:00 PM

_____ Help Serve Food from 4:00 - 7:00 PM

_____ Clean-Up 5:30 PM - ?

Name

Phone Number