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211 E. Carrol Street  
Kenton, Ohio 43326  
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## **St. John's Evangelical Church Newsletter** September 2019

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## **FREE Movie Night**

**September 28 - 6 PM**

**St. John's Evangelical Church**

**(211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH 43326)**

**Everyone Welcome! Snacks provided.**

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# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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As the children head back to school, I have to admit that I did not keep up with my summer reading assignment. In many years, I have read a book in the summertime that combined fiction and faith. I wanted to read something that delighted my soul as much as it illumined it.

Just since coming to Ohio, I have read Marilynne Robinson's Gilead, Elie Wiesel's The Night Trilogy: Night-Dawn-Day, Flannery O'Connor's Wise Blood, and Shusaku Endo's Silence. I have always enjoyed these reads however long it might take me to complete. Some people would notice the beat up edges to the pages of my books or catch me trying to read a page or two at a time between other activities.

Somehow, I would find the time to finish the book I started. This year, I did not even start. Perhaps, it was because of the theology book I'm still poring over. Perhaps, it was the long trip in the middle of my summer. Perhaps, it was just laziness. I have a lot of excuses, but not a single good reason for not taking the time to read a good book this summer.

I say all this to encourage you to pick up and read a good book. Hopefully, I've given you some good suggestions above. I'd encourage you to read the book for the sheer joy of doing so. Maybe, you would like to get a group together here at the church to read and discuss a book.

I am sure we could create a great list from which to choose. Another great book that I read recently

is entitled Godric by Frederick Buechner. I have heard a lot about Mr. Buechner through the years, but had never read any of his books. The most I knew about him was through the title of an album by Daniel Amos: *Mr. Buechner's Dream*.

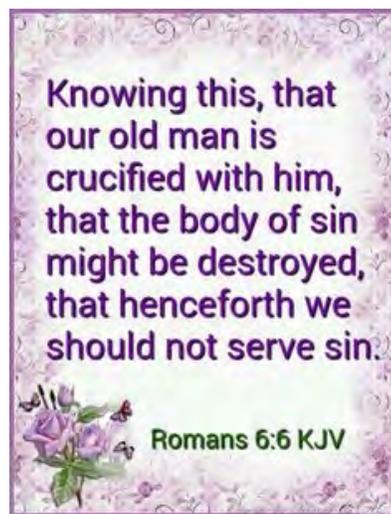
One summer, I picked up Godric and decided that would be my read for the next few months. I am so glad did. I never would have thought that the life of a Christian hermit who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries could be so riveting.

Søren Kierkegaard once wrote, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." The novel Godric plays with this theme. I hope I'm not giving too much away, but the story is told from the vantage point of Godric as he is living his unredeemed life in the past. He was a pirate and a many of many carnal desires.

Along side those passages of the past are scenes of Godric living the life of a pious ascetic whose devotion to God is venerated by his contemporaries. The novel unfolds jostling the reader between two times and two states of the same man. There is the sinner on his way to redemption, and then

there is the reluctant saint, who, more than regretting his past, is embarrassed by all the accolades that are cast his way as he knows he is inwardly still a sinner—the old man has not completely died within him (see **Romans 6:6**).

One of the great things about a good story is that it teaches us something about ourselves. Godric captures the human condition in such a telling and profound way. A story that takes place nearly a millennium ago and was written nearly forty years ago



speaks freshly to this day.

How many Christians today are hindered by thoughts of what they have done in their past? How many of our lives mirror

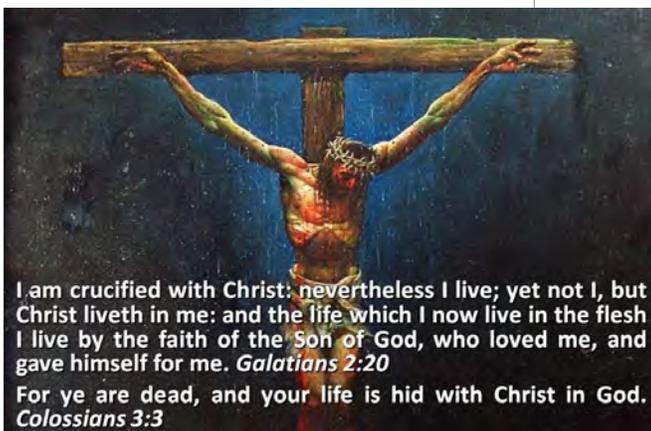
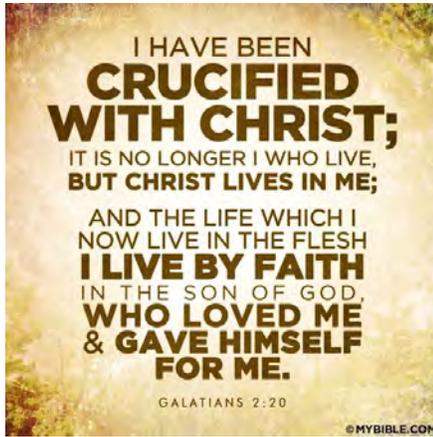
Godric's? Towards the end of the story, Godric cries out to God. His prayer could be a prayer of many of us: "Dear Lord, strew herbs upon my hermit's dreams to make them sweet. Have daylight mercy on my midnight soul."

Here is a man esteemed for his faith. He is known for the outward fruit of that inward faith. Yet, he has this insecurity about him. There exists in him a reluctance to fully accept the forgiveness that is his through the shed blood of Christ. How many of us fully accept our forgiveness? How many of us feel as though grace alone is sufficient to wash us clean?

I don't think this was new to Godric. Read the scripture passages

in the insets on this page and the previous one. How often does Paul come back to the notion of crucifying the old man? We confess

that when we are baptized the old self dies—drowned in the waters. What arises from beneath those waters is the new self enlivened by the Holy Spirit.



## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH:

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We never confess that simply because we have accepted the gift of new life that we are then meant to be sinless beings. And that's our struggle. As **Romans 7:19** puts it: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing." If we do not change now, we then begin to wonder if we ever could. Could God ever love a sinner such as I? How could Christ die for someone like me? If I am truly saved, why do I not live a better life for Jesus? If I loved Jesus and am led by the Holy Spirit, wouldn't I flee from sin more readily?

This is our battle. It is continuous; it is fierce; it is relentless. Yet, we need to continue to fight the good fight. The victory itself is already won. Christ paid the price for our freedom. Still, we are called to continually choose to daily pick up our cross and follow Him (**Luke 9:23**).

In doing so, we are NOT earning our salvation. We are, however, choosing to live for Christ. In doing so, we affirm the work of Christ and faith given to us through His Word. We also are choosing to faithfully serve as He calls us to do and to refuse to wallow in our sin. Christ beckons us to come forth and live the abundant life (**John 10:10b**).

May our faith be greater than our doubts or fears. May it be said of us as it was for Godric at the end of his life: "When he was assailed by doubts and fears and temptations, he was ever strong in Christ."

In Christian love,

*Pastor Randall*

## Preaching Series

01 September

Scripture: **Amos 7:10-17**  
**Matthew 8:28-34**

Sermon: **With These Two Hands**

See also **Matthew 10:5-15**

What do we do with our hands, our labor, our vocation? Are we a blessing? The sermon title comes from the song *With These Two Hands* by Jon Bon Jovi.

08 September

Scripture: **Isaiah 61:1-11**  
**I Thessalonians 4:3-7**

Sermon: **Human Worth**

The value of a life/soul should be evident to us all, but this sermon is necessitated by recent events in the news. Slavery, child trafficking, and sexual exploitation have made headlines because of a high profile individual who purportedly enslaved many. Unfortunately, this is not a rare occurrence in this age.

From 15 September until the end of October, the sermons will revolve around our varied callings to serve the greater church. This can be found in **Ephesians 4:11-12**: “And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

15 September

Scripture: **Ephesians 4:1-14**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

Sermon: **APES in the Midst**

22 September

Scripture: **Galatians 2:11-21**  
**Matthew 9:9-13**

Sermon: **Old Story, New Style**  
**Apostle v apostle**

29 September

Scripture: **I Kings 19:9-18**  
**Mark 2:18-22**

Sermon: **What’s Right & True?**  
See **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**

06 October

Scripture: **I Chronicles 16:7-36**  
**Luke 10:1-20**

Sermon: **Come on People Now**

13 October

Scripture: **II Corinthians 1.3-11**  
**John 21.15-21**

Sermon: **From Hope to Hope**

20 October

Scripture: **Isaiah 29:17-24**  
**Luke 13:22-30**

Sermon: **Architect of the Good News**

27 October

Scripture: **Numbers 11:23-30**  
**Mark 10:35-45**

Sermon: **More than a Monkey’s Uncle**  
See **Deuteronomy 1:13;**  
**30:19b-20; Joshua 24:14-15**

# Guatemala Mission Trip—July 25-August 1 2020



## How YOU can help...

1. M&M (Mission Money) or Pill Bottles—fill with quarters or any type of bills or checks—All donations are appreciated
2. Donate Spare Change and Place in our Change for a Change Water Jugs (currently located at Welcome Desk in lobby & back of Sanctuary)
3. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast—September 15 from 9:30-10:30 am in the fellowship hall between services. Come out for Breakfast!
4. Charlie's Kettle Corn Fundraiser—Starting presale week after Hardin County Fair and will be selling on Saturday, September 28 in front of Sherwin Williams. Watch for more information.
5. Fuelmart Community Cause Rewards Fundraiser—Month of October. If you use Fuelmart, please pick up a key tag at the church to use for the month of October. They sent us 40 tags so they will be limited to the first 40 people who will use them. The mission team will earn 5 pints for every dollar spent on select merchandise and 1 point for each gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel. Every 1000 points = \$10.
6. Selling snacks and drinks at the Women's Conference on Saturday, November 2. We may be asking for donations of goodies to sell that evening.
7. Pray for our team members: Jane Donnelly, Angel Forester, Augustin Forester, Kathy Forester, Randall Forester, Jay Garmon, Shane Harkenrider, Alisha Kapanka, Anna LaWarre, Abigail Penhorwood, Shawn Penhorwood, Mary Ralston, Becky Rish, and LeVern Weaver.  
It is not too late to join! Contact the church office if interested.

### Trip Cost per person

Airfare: \$1000 approx.

Ground Costs: \$500

Construction cost of home: \$6,000-\$8000  
(depending on size of family)

Total Cost Per Person: \$2,000 estimated

The balance of the Home Construction cost not raised will be divided between team members. If you know of anyone that is willing to help out in any way, please contact the church office or one of the mission team members.

**Thank you for your continued Support!**

**All You Can Eat  
Pancake Breakfast**

**St. John's Church**  
**September 15, 2019**  
**\$7.00**  
Suggested donation

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am  
In the church  
fellowship hall  
between services

Meal includes:  
Pancakes, Sausage  
and drink

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All Proceeds  
Benefit Guatemala  
Mission Team

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## September 8- Fair Week—One Service

Due to the activities and service at the fair on Sunday, September 8, we will have one worship service at 8:30 am with the praise team leading.

### Wednesday Night Program (Disciple Me) News

On September 11 from 4-7 pm Trish and Michele will be in the church lobby to register kids for the upcoming year. They will help complete permission slips & authorization forms. Kickoff Night is Sept. 25 for both Elementary age and Middle School Youth Group.

### Hardin County Collective Youth Group

Save the date! Hardin County Collective will be having our first meeting of the school year here at St. John's on Sept. 22nd from 3-7pm. All Youth are welcome to attend. We will be having dinner, fellowship and a video scavenger hunt

### Fairhaven Harvest Fest

Fairhaven Harvest Fest is September 26 from 10am – 2 pm. Public Welcome! Lunch available from 11:30am—1:00 pm. They will have a live auction (10:30-11:30); Bake Sale, and entertainment from 1-1:30 pm. Fairhaven is located at 850 Marseilles Avenue, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

### Charlie's Kettle Corn Fundraiser

The Guatemala Mission Team will be selling Charlie's Kettle Corn. Presale orders will be taken starting the week after the Hardin County Fair and on Saturday, September 28 in front of Sherwin Williams. Mission team makes 40% of all presales & sales on September 28. Please plan on purchasing. Charlie's does not increase their prices for fundraisers.



### Alice Training

On Sunday, September 29 at Noon in the fellowship hall Officer Shawn Dyer will be presenting a 40-60 minute presentation on Alice Training. This is open to anyone. There will be soup and dessert served at the beginning of the presentation. If you are attending and are able to bring soup or a dessert, please indicate on the sign-up sheet which will be placed in the back of the sanctuary.

### Fall Serve/Cleanup Day

The Fall Serve Cleanup day is Sunday, October 27. We will worship together at 8:30 am followed by service projects and lunch. Please plan on attending worship even if you cannot stay for the projects. More details to follow regarding projects.

### Other Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Bell Choir Begins:** September 10 at 6:45 PM

**Myers Life Group Begins:** September 10 at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall

**Chancel Choir Begins:** September 11 at 7 PM

**Safe Sanctuary Training:** September 11 at 7PM or September 13 at 6 PM. Both are in the fellowship hall and food is provided. You only have to attend one. If you cannot make either, please contact Trish Wilcox so you can find another time to go over information.

**Suicide Prevention Walk:** September 21, 1:30-3 pm— church parking lot

**Jr. Church - 2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** begins September 22

**Sunday School grades 2-5:** begins (9:30) September 22: between services

**Kid's Night & Middle School Youth:** Begins September 25

**Launch Women's Conference:** November 2 at 7 pm (6 pm doors open) Tickets available online \$10 or at the door \$15

**CEF Fundraiser Banquet:** November 9: 11 am – 2 pm— fellowship hall

**Women's Celebration:** November 21 at 6:30 pm— fellowship hall



## 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.

September 6: Not meeting due to fair

September 20: Coonie's—La Rue

October 4: Mr. Cheezy's—Dunkirk

October 18: Eagles—Kenton

Save The Date! Save The Date!

# Launch Women's Conference

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
7pm St John's Evangelical Church, Kenton, Ohio



Musical Entertainment, Jeremy Liles Speaker and Life Coach, Shannon Maier

All Women and Teens Invited!!

Doors Open at 6pm- Come Early for Merchandise and Fellowship  
Presale Tickets available for \$10 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) or at the door for \$15  
For More Information, Stay Tuned To [stjohnskenton.org](http://stjohnskenton.org)



In researching our early records I have found a number of untranslated Church Records and Council Meeting Notes. Due to the difficulty in translating German script from the 1800s, many unsolved mysteries await. That gets us into the subject of what names are associated with our current members lineage. This is a confusing area since our immigration officials often spelled in English what they heard on the official records versus what was written in the ship's passenger manifest. For example, when my Great, great Grandfather immigrated Philip Held became Philip Hill. The point of all this is twofold; 1<sup>st</sup> to gain your support for getting the old books translated (and I have a source in Germany expert in that skill who is associated with a major University) and 2<sup>nd</sup> to highlight the story of a family of our loyal members whose name got through almost unscathed.

### **Scheidemantel; the Germanic meaning "*the one who lives in the pine forest at the frontier*"**

Names with 13 letters are unusual and I haven't found any others in our Church records.

Andres Scheidemantel was born February 20, 1821. He married Elizabeth Bollander on September 14<sup>th</sup> 1851. Both appear to be born in Germany per our church records. Although I can't translate the rest of what is evidently a description of their parents and places of birth, our records indicate they had 4 children. He was a signatory to our Constitution in 1858 having moved to Kenton from Cincinnati where his son Jakob was born in 1852. In another twist of names Andres is shown as Andrew in the 1861 lists of the Kenton Grove of Druids (a fraternal order not the ancient theology). We may reliably know this is Andres since the other officers are on our Church roles. Andrew (Andres) passed away in 1873 and was buried (Andrew is on his tombstone) in Grove Cemetery. A daughter Emma shows being born on April 12, 1859 with a note made that she passed away June 9, 1950. She is one of two Scheidemantel women pictured in the 1910 German Bible Class which resides on our library/archive wall. Just to show how easy it is to miss spell a name; our earlier historians substituted a "U" for the "EI" in a listing which accompanies the picture.

I know Dorothy Hogue is a descendent so her family has been active in our church since the 1850s. We are so blessed by her service, and there are certainly other Scheidemantel offspring in the county so please let me know. I hope to be able to have a more complete information when the records are translated.

Jerry Pfister, Historian



## September Children's Ministry

Greetings St. John's! Wow, what a fast and busy summer! On August 3, 2019, I had our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Doll and Daughter Back to School Tea Party. Thank you to all of my wonderful volunteers who made this possible! We didn't have that many girls show up due to lots of other fun summer activities going on, but the girls that did show up had so much fun and got to bring home lots of fun things, like bracelets that they made for themselves and their dolls and doll t-shirts that they decorated and teacup suckers, candy, and cookies. My girls had so much fun! Thank you St. John's for allowing this to happen. Lots of fun and fellowship for sure. There are pictures of our doll party on a bulletin board across from the church office if you would like to take a peak.

**Church, Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer! We need you!**

- I need one teacher on a Wednesday night just "1" Wednesday a month for "1" hour for grades K-2. This is from 5:45pm to 6:45pm.
- I need a volunteer to run a game for kids K-2 on a Wednesday for "30 minutes". This is from 6:15 to 6:45pm
- I also 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.

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

**Welcome back fall! On September 25, 2019**, I am so excited to kick off another year of our Wednesday Night Program also known as our Disciple Me Program. I can't wait to help shepherd these children toward Christ! These kids will experience joyful learning, exploring, and growing together in God's love. Kids who are in Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to learn about the life of Jesus, have dinner, meet new friends, and have fun. There is no cost to join and we invite all children to come and learn. Our St. John's bus picks up at various stops in the community. **On September 9, 2019**, Michele and I will be traveling out to Sciota Village and Forest Court to pass out flyers inviting all children to our Disciple Me Program. **On September 11, 2019**, from 4-7pm, I will be holding a meet and greet for all Wednesday Night kids. I will be helping them get signed up for the program and filling out all forms needed to get started.

**On September 22, 2019**, we will be starting up Jr. Church. This will be during 2<sup>nd</sup> service right after the children's message. The time will be approximately 10:50am to 11:30am. For the 1<sup>st</sup> few months, we will be focusing in on some kids of the Bible. The idea is that sometimes kids think they have to be grown ups for God to use them, but the Bible is full of stories of kids that God used. Just a couple of examples are: **John the Baptist**-Sometimes we think that we have to be a grown up to find our purpose. But kids will learn that God has a plan for their lives right now. Luke 1:5-23, 39-45, 76. 80. **Joseph**-Sometimes we think we have to be a grown up for God to see us. But kids will learn that God is there protecting and providing for them right now. Genesis 37:12-36, Joseph sold into slavery. We will also talk about Miriam, Samuel, David, Josiah, Jesus, and You! The rest of the year we will be learning about the 66 books of the Bible. Each week kids will learn about a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions to help them remember what each book is about. Kids will learn how many books are in the Bible(66), how many are in the Old Testament (39) and how many are in the New Testament (27). God says the Bible is like a sword. Just like a sword takes practice to use, we need to practice using God's word. One of the ways we can do that is by knowing what God has included in the Bible for us to know and where we can find it. These lessons are for ages 6-12 years old.

**On September 22, 2019**, we will also be starting up Sunday school for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The 1<sup>st</sup> few months the kids will be learning Proverbs for Kids. We will be covering 12 Proverbs that are statistically the most popular with youth ministries and parents. There are 915 verses in the Book of Proverbs and we are going to cover 12 geared toward children. Here is where Proverbs come in. God has seen the denial of ultimate truth (which, in essence, is denial of Him), and He has not left us without a compass. He has given us thousands of Bible passages to determine truth and fallacy, right and wrong, and the Proverbs are a most straightforward example of them. The rest of the year, we will be focusing on a lesson series of "All the facts about". Examples are All the facts about Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, King David, Moses, and Jesus. Well, along with all of the fall programs, comes a lot of volunteers. I will be holding a Safe Sanctuary training for all of my volunteers with dinner provided on September 11, 2019 at 7pm and September 13, 2019 at 6pm. We will be covering all of St. John's Safe Sanctuary Policy. We will also be updating anyone needing a background checks. Thank you so much to all of my volunteers who serve their time! God Bless you all!

Another school year has begun which means all our activities are getting ready to begin back up. I'm excited for another great year. This Summer we had a lot that went on as well.....

Hardin County Collective had a Service Retreat camp this summer where we served all over Hardin County. It was a great experience for the Youth to get out of their comfort zones and to give back. I believe the biggest impact was our last day where the Youth spent the day at the nursing homes. They spent time with others and even prayed with them! God truly worked on each one of them that weekend. We will be starting back up our monthly meetings Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> here at St. John's with a video scavenger hunt at 3pm.

Our Middle Schoolers attended Camp Cotubic again this year and really enjoyed their time spent there. They had great fellowship with new friends and can't wait until next year.

Youth Group on Wednesday Nights will be starting back September 25<sup>th</sup>. Times have changed a little this year, we will be starting at 6:15pm and ending at 7:45pm. We will begin with eating and fellowship after. I can't wait to see some familiar faces that we haven't seen all summer and also meet new.

High School Youth group will be beginning this fall as well! We will begin meeting Sunday evenings. This worked better for our older Youth. Please continue praying for this group. Our first night will be October 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7pm.



The church will be having an Indoor Trick or Treat Maze on Thursday, October 24 from 6:30—8:00 PM following the parade in town. The committee is asking for volunteers of individuals or families to be in front of different decorated doors inside the "L" shape corridor from the East door entrance to the North door Sunday School rooms door. We have 10 inside spots available. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary if you would like an inside spot to pass out candy. We are also asking that you decorate your door as well if you are able. If not able, we will decorate for you. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet as to whether or not you will decorate. You can come early that evening (would like them done by 6) or during the office hours that day from 9-1. If you still want to park outside with your car as in the past, cars must arrive no later than 6:00 PM. And must stay parked until 8:00 PM for the safety of the children. All other participants are asked to park in the South parking lots. Donations of candy WELCOMED! A bin will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for candy donations! If you have any questions, please contact Mark Sherman, Heather Erwin or the church office.

Trick or Treat Maze at  
St. John's Church!



October 24, 2019  
6:30—8:00 PM

Come out for a great time—  
treats, snack, & fellowship



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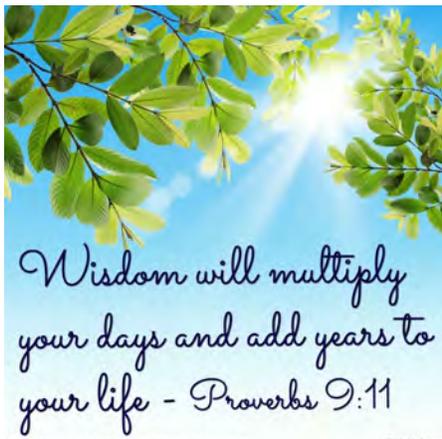
## Birthday Blessings (over 80 yrs. Young)

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

September 5: Barb Breidenbach  
11927 Hillcrest Drive  
Kenton, OH 43326

September 10: Dan Bushong  
7280 Township Rd.  
Alger, OH 45812

September 23: Marion Anderson  
C/O Blanchard Place  
825 Richard Lane  
Kenton, OH 43326



### 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

## Mission of the Month— September - Heifer Festival, Richwood, OH



Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

Heifer International is a nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients must agree to "pass on the gift" by sharing animal offspring, as well as the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families.

### Heifer Festival

**September 28, 2019 11am-4pm**  
**North Union Elementary**  
**Free Admission Free Parking**  
**Richwood, Ohio**

<p><b>Food (Tri-Rivers)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pulled Pork</li> <li>Chicken &amp; Moo-dles</li> <li>Pie</li> <li>Hotdog and Chips</li> <li>Hot and Cold Drinks</li> </ul>		<p><b>Things to Do</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Games with Prizes</li> <li>Vendors</li> <li>Crafters</li> <li>Cake Walk</li> <li>K9 Activities</li> <li>Teddy Bear Surgery</li> <li>Silent Auction</li> <li>Coloring Contest</li> <li>Farm Animals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within the Grain</li> <li>Ralphie and the Now</li> <li>Forgotten</li> <li>NU Age</li> </ul>		

[www.heiferfestival.org](http://www.heiferfestival.org)  
**Benefits Heifer International**



# **Fall Clean up/Serve Day**

**Sunday— October 27, 2019**

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

**10:00 am—12:00 pm: Service Projects**  
Projects to be announced

**12:00 pm: Lunch**

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



St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday  
June 20, 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

- May 9, 2019 Minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver/Russ Cahill

- Review of reports – Income is up \$400 over last year. Review of the summary sheet and how it was a plus \$3k for the month. Russ will do a projection after finishing June as we are 6 months in. Do not feel that we have a problem.

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Children - Trish Wilcox – Report distributed for review prior to meeting
- Youth - Michelle Sherman – Report distributed for review prior to meeting
- Going to review Safe Sanctuary
- Trish and Michelle taking some time off in July to even out the extra hours from VBS.

⇒ Christian Ed Board Report– Natasha Dyer

- She has been working to build up Adult Education within the church. Review of a Women's workshops that she went to and how she would like to bring one to St. John's. They are Journey Living Ministries. Proposal of November 2 – doors would open at 6 – goes from 7-9, theme would be "Launch", verse is Luke 5:4. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door, and proceeds go back to Journey Living Ministries to sustain other events. Would like to have the event in the Sanctuary. Discussion on what the capacity limit is in the Sanctuary. Would like it to be a community event to get many women to come – hopefully to fill the sanctuary to capacity. It is a church event; therefore, we don't feel we need to vote on the rental. Discussion that we feel we should cover the AV charge. Also Christian Education has line 5.26.60 for Special Programs that has a remaining balance of \$1,410 for the year if they need to spend funds. Also discussed with Heather and how it could be part Evangelism as well. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with planning the event, council vote, motion carried.

3) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- Social is July 11<sup>th</sup>

4) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Have made arrangements for when Pastor is on vacation.
- Asked to review the services for the fair week.

5) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- Started to do reviews already

6) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Next meeting is August 18th

7) Trustees -

A. Russ Cahill

- Thanks to Mark for fixing the Baptismal
- Kitchen Oven – Called the owner of the company that sold the oven to us. Had a different company come and work on it. The stove is working better, will know better after SOUP next week.

- Used donation from Marilyn Klingler to buy a commercial grade cleaner as was put in the bulletin last week. Cleaned the one back classroom, it cleaned very well. Amplifier in the fellowship hall is not working, got a new one installed, and using the rest of the donation from Marilyn to cover most of it.
- Projector – Going to order a new bulb.
- Ordered the batteries for the headsets.
- Carol had called about the weeds in front of the church, Deb and Russ came up and weeded and trimmed the bushes. Found out the facing is coming off some of the brick on the new building. Are looking into it and what we may have to do to fix it.
- Church Pews – 382 feet of pews – they come in disassemble, take them back, sand, fix, stain, etc. Estimate is \$38k to refurbish and \$120k for new pews. Discussion of fixing the nails sticking out for now, and coming up with a plan for the future to bring to the congregation at the next congregational meeting.

B. Greg Liedel - Bus – low water light came on, and Jim has an anti-freeze for it. Need to try to take the lettering off while it is summer.

C. Jim Bidwell – Farm – going to check into the CPR ground letter that was received.

#### 8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Discussion that we need to vote on having a mission for 2020. A motion was made and seconded to approve the mission. Discussion – they need to have passports, etc. Have had a meeting have 9 people from the church interested. All the money needs to be in by February/March for the July mission. Suggestion to get the insurance as well. Council vote, motion passed.
- Have not met – Hoping to have a pool party again. May support the women’s event Natasha is planning.
- VBS money – Raised for Mason Bloom and Noah Gwynn. Matched generously by Quest.
- Need to set up fundraising for the mission trip.

#### 9) Pastor’s Report - Pastor Randall

- Distributed for review prior to meeting
- Discussed throughout the meeting, no additional questions noted.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Baptismal Heater - fixed
- Church Social - July 11, 2019 (Thursday)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- St. John’s 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019 – put it in the bulletin, and if we want to plan for something for the 200<sup>th</sup> need to think about it in advance.
- Awnings need to be cleaned. Trustees will plan on using a power washer, and will check the spouting at the same time.
- Harry taking 4 weeks vacation, need someone to backfill. Have some covered. Need to figure out the week of the fair.
- Discussion of how other churches have the groups that use their facility help with taking care of the grounds. Asking trustees to come up with the list of things that need done that we can ask the groups to help take care of.
- Asked Finance to start thinking about Stewardship.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019 7:00 PM

#### LORD’S PRAYER

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

**Council Reports:** A question has been asked about the reports submitted for council and not included in the minutes. This information is just too lengthy to include with minutes. Council reports submitted by the Children’s & Youth Minister and Pastor area always available for viewing in the church office. The Children’s and Youth reports contain the same information as provided in the monthly newsletters. The Pastor’s Report also includes council devotions. Council meetings are open to members to attend. If you have any questions, you are welcome to talk to a council member, Pastor Randall or the church office.

St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday  
July 18, 2019  
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Carol Wilcox President

OPENING PRAYER - Mark Sherman

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Read prior to meeting

OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Kristi Weaver

- June 20, 2019 Minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver/Russ Cahill

- Review of reports- 6 month report and projection of December end – Review of insurance cost and believe it is just timing, review of the other categories and the year end projection. Income appears to be up this year compared to estimated budget, but some give annually. Will keep reviewing to make sure we are on track. We have had some good donations that have paid for some larger projects.
- The e-account was set up. Need to make sure that Richard gets it set up on the website and Facebook.
- We have 5 bags for the bank.
- \$3,239 Social Income day of Social, we also had some cash donations after, plus some pre-offerings gross income was about \$3,500.
- Wednesday Night food money comes from Welter Money. Spent \$389 so far year. Have plenty for the Fall.
- Youth have \$1,338 earned this year plus the money saved from the prior years. Russ Cahill will get new figures from Kay and Kristi Van Buskirk will go over it with Michele and Trish during their reviews.
- Bed Ministry has \$2,700 to use.
- Got the money back from the stove repair.

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Off for July
- Women's Speaker organized by Natasha Dyer – "Launch" will be on November 2nd

3) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- Ag Banquet – December 7th
- Lamb Banquet – March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Meet July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussion of where to designate Social Money and who decides. A motion was made and seconded that we put the money towards the house building on the Guatemala Trip. Discussion of wanting to wait until we know for sure that they are able to go to Guatemala. Discussion that it may not be good designate to that without announcing that prior to the Social. Discussion of idea of splitting the amount instead potentially between AV and Drug Court. Vote on putting Social Money toward Mission trip– Motion failed. A motion was made and seconded to spend half the money on AV and half toward Recovery Court. Discussion – we need to make sure designate proceeds prior to Social next year. Council vote, motion carried.

4) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Nothing to report

5) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- Started to do reviews already

6) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Next meeting is August 18th

## 7) Trustees -

### A. Russ Cahill

- Concern brought up about the balcony and what can be done with the curtains being down. Ideas of doors, plexi-glass, putting the curtains up all discussed. Decision of putting a rope up to keep people out of balcony.
- Discussion of the thermostat in the hallway. Harry is regulating the heat by opening doors, and it is working okay.
- The Awnings – going to see if he can use a step ladder to power wash instead of using a lift.
- Hot Water heater – working okay now so we can wait to replace it.
- PA system is working in the Fellowship. The only problem is the switch on the wall, so need to remember to turn it off. Discussion of putting a switch cover on it.
- Has a bulb for the projector in the Fellowship Hall
- Pews – Asked the company for more information and they did not respond. Russ is going to try to fix the ones himself that have nails sticking out. Explanation of how some are separating and we still might want to think about a long term plan.
- Harry is on vacation – Jim Bramble is filling in.
- There is a bat poop in the entryway on the west side where wedding parties take pictures, asking the trustees to clean the area.

### B. Greg Liedel - Bus – Still need to remove the UCC from the bus

### C. Jim Bidwell – Farm –

- Met with the Soil of Conservation, going to renew with the Soil of Conservation. Got a hold of Buchenroth to do work on the waterways. It will be about \$11,000 to do it. Jim has filed for the Government help, and they should pay half of it. They were put in in 1999, and it has been 20 years so it needs re-done. Want to do it this year as it is not planted.
- Member asked about putting up a blind in the woods. Discussion that we think there are tree stands in the woods. Discussion if we have signs posted, and putting one up. Discussion about needing to be a member or with a member to hunt. Discussion if we need to have separate permission to have stands. Review of the form and suggestion of changes. Jim and Russ will go out to the woods to check what is there. Discussion of running the form by Terry when the changes suggested are made.

## 8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Doing movie night September 21 – popcorn and lemonade
- Proposed missions of the month for next year shared
- Discussion of making some new shirts to sell. Will bring the design to council.
- Next meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Tabled Pool Party for this year, and will plan for July maybe for next year or when VBS ends.

## 9) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Distributed for review prior to meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Alice Training – Just want a presentation, no demo, open to everyone.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of the letter received by council – Note that when reports are distributed for Council to review prior to meeting, they are then covered in the newsletter in detail under the Youth, Children's and Pastor's report. These reports are always available upon request in the church office.
- E-mail from Pastor on the evangelism opportunity – discussion of there being videos to watch. Suggestion to have during the retreat.
- Received information received on doing pictures and new directory– lack of interest in a new directory, so will not do.
- Discussion of the Mission Trip questions have been asked about what is “covered” by the church. Reviewed past history that Pastor's time was covered on church sponsored missions, it was not deemed a vacation. Discussion that the trip and that they are keeping track of the fundraisers and are sharing equally among those helping with the fundraiser. Also the team is tracking if there are specific donations for members. Discussion that the church will not “cover” trip cost for members out of the budget other than the \$100 scholarships are available for church members. We will support them with fundraising and other activities for the Mission Trip.

Next Meeting: August 8th, 2019 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn and seconded. Council vote, motion carried.

LORD'S PRAYER