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St. John's Evangelical Church Newsletter October 2019

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The church will be having an Indoor Trick or Treat Maze on Thursday, October 31 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 31, 2019
6:30—8:00 PM**

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



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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

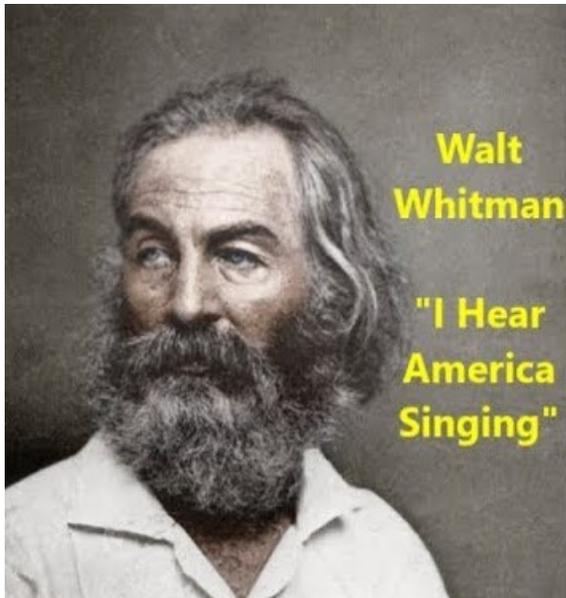
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One of the things you may not know about me is that I love poetry, especially American poetry. Anne Bradstreet, the Puritan poetess, showed me how to combine faith with learning and insight to create beauty and art. Once I was hooked on good poetry, that new love took me outside of my comfort zone and introduced me to new (to me) voices. One person that resonated with me and so many others was Walt Whitman, whose work was introduced to me through popular culture (the Robin Williams' movie *Dead Poets Society*) as well as scholarly pursuits.

Some have discounted

Uncle Walk, as he is affectionately known to me, because of his lifestyle, beliefs, or even his wild, untamed coif. Still, he speaks to something greater and deeper in his works. He understood America in a profound way too. In many ways, he captured our national motto *e pluribus unum* ("out of the many, one") in free verse by celebrating the individual who is then part of a greater whole.

While Whitman was known for long and expansive poems, one of his best and most beloved works covered eleven lines and captured the idea of diverse individuals being bound into the greater whole of this land. That poem was *I Hear America Singing* and



was published in 1860 in Whitman's collection of poems **Leaves of Grass**.

I Hear America Singing by Walt Whitman

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear;
Those of mechanics--each one singing his, as it
should be, blithe and strong;
The carpenter singing his, as he measures his plank
or beam,
The mason singing his, as he makes ready for work,
or leaves off work;
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat
--the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck;
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench--the
hatter singing as he stands;
The wood-cutter's song--the ploughboy's, on his way
in the morning, or at the noon intermission, or at
sundown;
The delicious singing of the mother--or of the young
wife at work--or of the girl sewing or washing--
Each singing what belongs to her, and to none else;
The day what belongs to the day--At night, the party
of young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing, with open mouths, their strong melodious
songs.

There is much that can be said about this poem, but I want to focus on just a couple of attributes. One, for a work penned in the mid-19th century, it was rather progressive and forward thinking. While dated in some of its terms, the poem includes the work of women on par with their male counterparts. Whitman had this wonderful sense that all work and its varied workers should be esteemed on par with one another. He saw equal value and beauty in the diverse people of whom he wrote at a time when people divided individuals based on class, gender, and race. Even those who wanted at best to what amounted to "equal but separate" in many spheres came no where close to what Whitman envisioned and to what he challenged his readers aspire.

Think about the setting into which this work entered the public consciousness. The nation set on

the cusp of civil war—then nation was figuratively at each's others throats and would literally be so shortly. Whitman himself knew that his beliefs and attitudes and behaviors could very easily leave him ostracized from many in society, and yet he believed in his fellow man. That's the second thing I want to point out in this poem: the incredible optimism that undergirds this work. Uncle Walt refused to give into cynicism in spire of man's inhumanity toward man displayed in the thoughts and attitudes of the day along with the support of the "peculiar institution" of slavery.

Walt Whitman heard America singing long ago. To me, his work challenges me to hear similar songs in this day. Christ, when He walked this earth, valued contributions and faith from people who appeared to be outside of the covenant. Can I do the same as Uncle Walt and my Savior? In spite of all her flaws, Whitman believed in America and her people. Despite our fallen nature, Jesus saw the best in us. When Jesus delivered the Great Commission, which is part of the backdrop for our current sermon series, in **Matthew 28:16-20**, the scripture says in verse 17, the disciples "worshiped Him; but some doubted." And still, Jesus entrusted the work of building the kingdom to those eleven guys. Do I still believe in our nation as Whitman did? Do I have the faith in my fellow kingdom workers as Jesus did?

Our world is fraught with many perils, dangers, and snares. All too easily, we could become a group of cynics who retreat to the safety of our sanctuary. Or, we could choose a different attitude and stance. We could listen and hear America singing. We could find beauty and dignity in others, even those that disagree with us.

We can refuse to assign blame or to cast aspersions on others. We can start to that within the household of God. The theme of our current sermon series is about discovering our personal inclinations spiritually, but the majority of the time will be about recognizing and celebrating those who have a different bent from ourselves. In rejoicing and celebrating those different from ourselves, we also acknowledge that they add something to ourselves and more importantly to the body of Christ.

We need each other. In these times we, DESPERATELY need each other. Any one of us who stands on our own or in our pride is destined to fall and to fail tragically. Our only hope is first and foremost in Christ from a vertical standpoint. Horizontally, our

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

hope is in standing together. We must zealously fight to defend one another's dignity and contributions to the greater. We must begin to hear and understand that within the Church, and then we must begin to articulate that to the world through our actions as much as our words.

Ultimately, we want to move this conversation into the wider spheres of our community and our world. We need to proclaim a modern retelling of *I Hear America Singing*. Again, as we shift our attitudes and our inclinations, we need to give new life to these new beliefs. We need to demonstrate tangibly as often as we speak of our insights and our values. We need to be the salt and the light of which Jesus spoke in His Sermon on the Mount (see **Matthew 5:13-16**).

In other words, we need to swim against the tide as Jesus did in His life and ministry and as Walt Whitman did in his life and writings. Where others want to divide over differences and to halt progress, we want to draw others together in the unifying force of Christ's love and we want to initiate new and profound expressions of that love that will bless our communities for generations to come. Pursuing love is harder than pursuing hate just as it is harder to be a peacemaker than it is to be a person of wrath and anger. Still, what last longer? The empire that crucified Jesus fell while His kingdom lives on; the anger and hatred of Whitman's age has dimmed though it flares up in our generation yet Whitman's words shine brighter and have more force of a hundred who would oppose him.

May we stand in love and seek unity. May we find beauty in one another, especially those different from us but equally called into the household of God.

In Christian love,

Pastor Randall

Preaching Series

September 15th, we kicked off a new sermon series that will reach 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?**
Prophet

See **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**

06 October

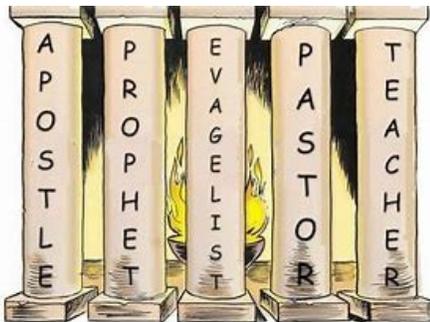
Scripture: **I Chronicles 16:7-36**
Luke 10:1-20

Sermon: **Come on People Now**
Evangelist

13 October

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

Sermon: **From Hope to Hope**
**Pastor/
Shepherd**



20 October

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

Sermon: **Architect of the Good News**
Teacher

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

November shall be month of rejoicing and celebrating around the **Psalms**, the hymnbook of the Bible.

03 November

Remembrance Sunday

Scripture: **Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Sermon **Thankful for the Saints Departed**

10 November

Scripture: **Psalms 107:1-9, 39-43**
II Corinthians 6:1-13

Sermon: **Thankful for**
the Present Saints



17 November

Scripture: **Psalms 40**
I Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon: **Thankful for the**
Persevering Saints

24 November

Scripture: **Psalms 136**
Sermon: **So Thankful**

Guatemala Mission Trip—July 25-August 1 2020



How YOU can help...

- 1. Fuelmart Community Cause Rewards Fundraiser—Month of October (10/1/19-10/31/19).** If you use Fuelmart, please pick up a key tag at the church to use for the month of October. They sent us limited tags but if you do not have a tag, you can still earn points by using the phone number 724-290-3651. You however, cannot use your key tag at the pump. You must go inside the store and prepay for your fuel. Make sure to present your card at check out to earn points. The mission team will earn 5 points for every dollar spent on select merchandise and 1 point for each gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel. Every 1000 points = \$10. Fuelmart in Kenton is located at 302 S. Detroit Street, but can use at any location if are traveling.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Chicken & Noodle Luncheon: December 15 from 11 am—1 pm** in the church fellowship hall.
- 4. M&M (Mission Money) or Pill Bottles—fill with quarters or any type of bills or checks—All donations are appreciated.** These are now free and are located at the Welcome desk or church office.
- 5. Donate Spare Change and Place in our Change for a Change Water Jugs** (currently located at Welcome Desk in lobby & back of Sanctuary)
- 6. Pray for our team members: Jane Donnelly, Angel Forester, Augustin Forester, Kathy Forester, Randall Forester, Jay Garmon, Alisha Kapanka, Anna LaWarre, Abigail Penhorwood, Dexter 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.

Shop at Fuelmart & Support the Guatemala Mission Team during the month of October
Pick up a Key tag from St. John's Church today!
Fuelmart is located at 302 S. Detroit, Kenton, OH

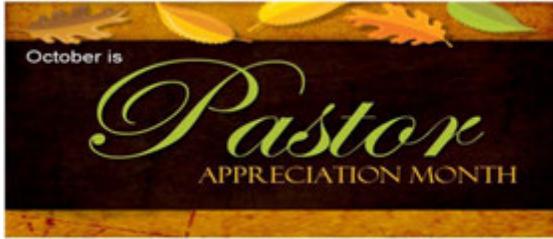
Earn unlimited points and redeem for money!

+5 Points	For every dollar spent on select merchandise at Fuel Mart.	
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Thank you for your continued Support!

Upcoming EVENTS



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

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.

Special
Congregational Meeting



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On Sunday, October 27 following the 8:30 am service there will be a special congregational meeting regarding the need to repair pews which were built in 1892.

Chancel Choir Cantata



This year the chancel choir will be doing a Cantata on Christmas Eve at the 10:30 PM Candlelight Service. If you would like to join them for this performance, practice will be each Wednesday from 7:45 – 8:15 PM. All are welcome! See Dave Beazley with questions.

Trustee News—Borrowing items

A new sign out sheet has been placed in the office if anyone is going to borrow any item from the church. Items will be signed out and signed back in. Any questions. Please see Jim Bidwell or Russ Cahill. Thank you for your cooperation.

Items for Sale

The trustees and AV Department cleaned and have items for sale available for members first. They are located in the back of the sanctuary in the left room. Prices are on most items and all money will go towards AV equipment. Some items included are: drum set, printers, computer desk etc. There are also 2 large floor TVs available for free. These are located downstairs. You must be able to move them. **All items bought as is.** If you are interested in an item(s), please pay the office or see Jim Bidwell or Russ Cahill.



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Fall Serve Clean Up Day: October 27 (8:30 am Worship Service)

10:00 am service projects followed by lunch

Special Congregational Meeting: Oct. 27 after 8:30 service, topic – repairing pews

Trick or Treat Maze: October 31 from 6:30 -8 pm

Launch Women's Conference: November 2 at 7 pm (6 pm doors open)

Tickets available online \$10 or at the door \$15

Memorial Sunday: November 3 at both services

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

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

Chicken & Noodle Fundraiser Luncheon: Dec. 15 from 11am – 1 pm- FH

Taste of Italy Valentine's Dinner: February 15 at 6 PM – Fellowship hall

Presale tickets only – watch for more information



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.

October 4: Mr. Cheezy's—Dunkirk

October 18: Eagles—Kenton



Save The Date!

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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 or at the door for \$15

For More Information, Stay Tuned To stjohnskenton.org



As many of you know St. John's has been associated with Child Evangelism Fellowship for many years. St. John's has since its founding placed emphasis on the education of youth on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since I started volunteering for this outreach, I became aware of the interesting origin of the organization and wanted to pass along how this ministry started.

Child Evangelism Fellowship, also known as *CEF*, is a Bible-centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the local church for Christian living. *CEF* has over 2,900 missionaries overseas, approximately 2,200 of whom are nationals. In the USA and Canada 700 full-time workers and an estimated 40,000 volunteers serve the ministry.

CEF was founded by Jesse Irvin Overholtzer in 1937. Growing up in a religious family, Jesse at the age of 12 was convicted of his own sin and sought counsel from his mother. He was told, "Son, you are too young." It wasn't until Overholtzer was in college that he heard the Gospel and trusted Christ as his Savior. Later as a pastor Mr. Overholtzer read one of Charles Spurgeon's sermons which stated, "A child of five, if properly instructed can as truly believe and be regenerated as an adult." The Lord used this statement in Mr. O's life to lead him to begin the ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship* when he was 60 years old.

The ministry has grown into the largest evangelistic outreach to children in the world. *CEF* is currently ministering in countries around the world and in every state in the U.S. In the last ministry year our workers worldwide reached over 25.4 million children! *CEF* is committed to reaching 15 percent more each year.

Our local chapter founded in Forest 45 years ago, now serves a 9 county area. We are now ranked in number of children reached as larger than 46 of the 50 states. We could not have accomplished this without God's providence of which St. John's has been a portion.

Please note the amazing linkage to the Gospel. Thwarted as a child, a man becomes a Christian and inspired by the words of Spurgeon begins a ministry at age 60 that spreads the Gospel throughout the world. Brothers and Sisters, it is never too young or too late to become a servant of God.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Greetings St. John's,

Welcome to the month of October! Below is a little something to think about this month if you are carving out pumpkins with your children or grandchildren or simply just decorating with a pumpkin.

How do you choose your pumpkin for Halloween? Do you know that God chose you to be his very own?

"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight" (Ephesians 1:4). On the outside, our pumpkin might look strong and beautiful. But, after cutting off the top, we look inside and see that it is full of slimy gunk. Similarly, on the outside, we may look good, but God can see inside our heart: "The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart: (1 Samuel 16:7b),

All of us have "gunk" inside. The Bible tells us: "There is no one righteous, not even one" (Romans 3:10). As we remove the inside of the pumpkin, we learn good news. God can make us clean on the inside! The Bible teaches: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

As we carve a happy face on the pumpkin, we are reminded of the joy that God gives us. The Bible says: "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

As we place a candle or a light inside the pumpkin, we are reminded that Jesus doesn't want to leave us empty inside, He wants to fill our hearts with His love and His light: "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts" (2 Corinthians 4:6a). And remember, we need to let our light shine for others to see: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

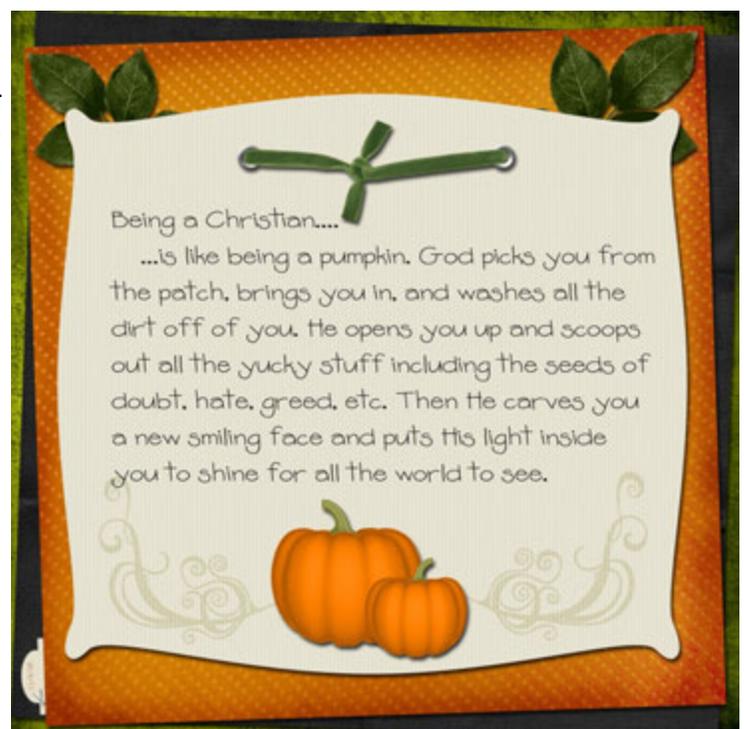
So, we have officially kicked off the Disciple Me Program (Wednesday Night Program). I can't wait to see how we shepherd these children toward Christ! These kids will experience joyful learning, exploring, and growing together in God's love. Kids who are K-5th grade are welcome to learn about the life of Jesus, have dinner, meet new friends, and have fun. There is no cost to join and we are always looking to have new kids join. We invite all children to come and learn. Our St. John's bus picks up at various stops in the community. St. John's members are always welcome to help out on Wednesday Night's. If interested, please contact Trish Wilcox at 567-674-1733 or email me at trishielynn25@yahoo.com.

On September 22, 2019 we kicked off Jr. Church during the 2nd service. All children are welcome to attend. This is from 10:50am to 11:30am every Sunday. We are focusing 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.

On September 22, 2010 we also kicked off Sunday School for grades 2nd through 5th grade. The kids are learning about some Proverbs of the Bible. We are covering 12 Proverbs that are statistically the most popular with youth ministries and parents.

Thank you to all those volunteers who attended the Safe Sanctuary training! Thank you Volunteers for volunteering! You are greatly appreciated!

God Bless you all! Trish Wilcox





Happy October! While your Youth is busy planning their best costumes for Halloween, we hope you take a second or two this month to Trick-or-TREAT yourself (maybe with an extra nap or your favorite snack?), because you all are incredible.

Wednesday Night Youth will be digging into a new curriculum called Grow this year. The month of October we will begin a 4-week study on identity called “The Haves and Have-Nots.” How many times have you compared yourself with someone else today? Seriously — see if you can count. Whether it’s their stuff, their looks, their skills, or their popularity, we can’t help but notice all the things other people have, and how those things compare to all the things we wish we had. But in this 4-week series, we’re going to focus on four things that God has given to every single one of us. You have a past, you have today, you have a future, and you have a family. All four of these things make you valuable and uniquely you.

Hardin County Collective will be meeting October 6th at Camp Common Grounds in Dunkirk from 5-730pm. This group meets once a month.

High School Youth will be starting on October 20th. We will be traveling to Furry Tail Farms for a Corn Maze. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

Parents, you can’t do this alone. You need other adults to help you love and influence your youth. One thing we try to do for your family is to connect your youth with adults who love them and who can be trusted. If you haven’t met some of the adults who invest in your youth at church, this month is a great month to meet them!

Chicken Noodle Lunch



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Fellowship Hall**

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All proceeds benefit the
Guatemala Mission Trip



Menu

*Chicken and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Green Beans
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Drink*

*Adults— \$9
Kid’s under 9—\$3*

An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year’s foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus’ name, I pray.

Amen.

St. John's Evangelical Church
Church Council Agenda
Thursday
August 8, 2019
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Carol Wilcox President

OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Randall

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Pastor Randall

Historian – Jerry Pfister

- Needs to go through the files in totes still, and would like another 4 drawer cabinet for filing the papers. He needs to sort through the bins and file the items. If we don't find one among the people at the meeting, then we will put it in the bulletin.
- Would like to get budget put in for next year to include translating the minutes from original council meetings. He has found a person that can translate them for us. He wants to spread it out over 3 years to work on getting them translated. Estimate of \$1,000 a year over 3 years. Will be noted for the Finance committee to include in the budget for next year.
- Would like to display the confirmation pictures occasionally in the skylight room.
- Idea to move some of the historical items to the library room and put some fresher things up.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Kristi Weaver

- July 18, 2019 Minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver/Russ Cahill

- Review of the expenditures, the giving, the categories.
- Discussion of Richard setting up the Facebook account. Discussion of the e-mail that is needed. Heather is following up with Richard on the bank information needed.

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Trish Wilcox & Michelle Sherman – off for July
- September 11th having a meet and greet.
- September 25th first night
- Met with Hardin County Collective – having a scavenger hunt September 22 and St. John's will be the home base. Talking about a mission trip in June. Going to the Urge Concert the 18th of August.
- They plan on helping with the Halloween maze again on October 31

3) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- September 26th is Fairhaven Harvest /Fall Festival – serving ice cream.
- Funeral for Lester Clark
- Banquets scheduled mentioned in last meeting, nothing else new.

4) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Will discuss the fair week with Kendra
- Fall Clean-up is October 27th. Will have 1 combined service.

5) Personnel Committee - Kristina VanBuskirk

- Working on reviews

6) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- Met August 18th

7) Trustees -

A. Russ Cahill

- Power Washed the East Awning okay, but when power washed the North Entrance Awning and it fell apart. Need to get it replaced. Took it down and have it with someone to see about getting a new one for approximately \$200-300. Painted all the black posts while the awning is down.
- Church foundation – Bricks that are falling off, got an estimate from Grindell to fix it \$3,280. Will work on getting it fixed.
- Balcony (rope off) – Looked to find the ropes – 6 foot is the smallest. There are retractable ones that might work better. They are safety so they will be break away. Cost is \$33 a piece. Discussion of the drapes and if they needed to be put back up.
- Stove burner update- have not had a problem since it was fixed.
- Refrigerator quit working – Think that it is the thermostat, have it scheduled to be looked at.
- AV storage side rooms – Carol had talked to Natasha Dyer about using those rooms for the women's event. Russ will discuss with AV the possibility of getting the one room cleaned out.
- Working on getting the mics ordered.
- Wifi bleeds out into the community – discussion if we need to change the password.
- Bus- Jim and Russ took off the UCC off the bus logo. Fixed the walk in door for the bus garage.
- Sign out sheet in the office if you use the trailer, grill, etc.

B. Jim Bidwell – Farm

- Farm – Meeting was this week, passed out the updated hunting form that they are working on for this year. Found 15 tree stands. Have 24 acres to hunt, so feel that we need to limit the number of stands for safety. Had 19 hunting permits last year. Terry Hord is working on redrafting it for us. Going to announce that we need people to remove them by August 31st or have their name on the stand by that time. Check the bulletin for the announcement.
- Got new signs to put up on the farm about hunting with permission only.
- Contacted them to start the waterway, will try to get it done this year.

8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Checked the calendar and are going to have the Pilgrim's Progress September 21st, but that is Homecoming, so moved it to September 28th. Will provide popcorn and lemonade.
- Question about kitchen utensils and appliances if they don't sell – would they like to have them to pass out.
- Clean up planned for October – need to finalize the work plan for that day.
- Halloween Maze planned for October 31.
- Have 5 potential beds to pass out – need to order some mattresses, mattress pads and pillows.

9) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Report distributed for review prior to meeting.
- Blessing of the back packs – will be this weekend.
- Hosting a youth hot dog roast.
- Appreciate the way everyone stepped up while gone on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Baptismal Heater – Wanted to make sure the electrical issue had been taken care of as we have to manually fill the tub.
- Alice Training - Discussed with Shawn Dyer, will get a date and will set up sign up schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

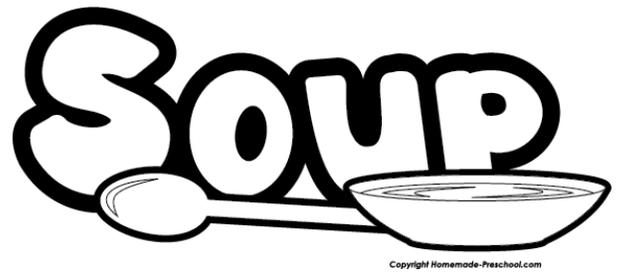
- Church contacted by Jennie Schaub about buying the house between church parking lot and bus barn- church had expressed interest in the past. She thought Rex was going to ask \$90,000 for it. Needs new furnace. Vote to not do it.
- Active/Inactive Member list – would like to establish a committee to review the member list. Would like Kay, JoAnn, Nancy, Carol, will follow the constitution on what is active/inactive.
- Mission trip team – will want to do a tailgate, and other fundraisers like a popcorn fundraiser, pancake breakfast. Keep praying for the team. Have 11-12 planning for the trip.
- Discussion of front porch.

- Church Pews – Russ tried to repair, passed out pictures to show us. They are in worse condition than he thought. Review of the Church Interiors - remove pews, fix – at least \$36,115 using the existing ends. Had issues with them returning calls, getting quotes etc. Got another person to come in this week to look at them. He said all the center supports are broken plus issues with the feet. Pews need to be taken apart and fixed plus several other steps including sanding, staining, lacquer. Estimate is \$76,325. Would do it in two sections – would take about 2 months per section. Discussion that if we fix them they will last a long time. New pews would be about \$150k. Discussion of do we want to wait until January or have a special meeting. Discussion of having the company do one pew for \$2,500 as a sample as to his work before signing on to do the entire set of pews. Discussion that there are 80 feet of pews upstairs. Heather A motion was made and seconded to pull the worst pew for them to fix for \$2,500. Council vote, motion passed.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019 7:00 PM

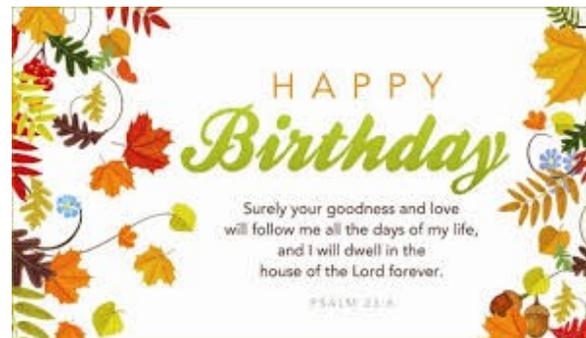
ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn and seconded. Council vote, motion carried.

LORD’S PRAYER



**Mission of the Month—
October -
S.O.U.P. (Some of Us People)**

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



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

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

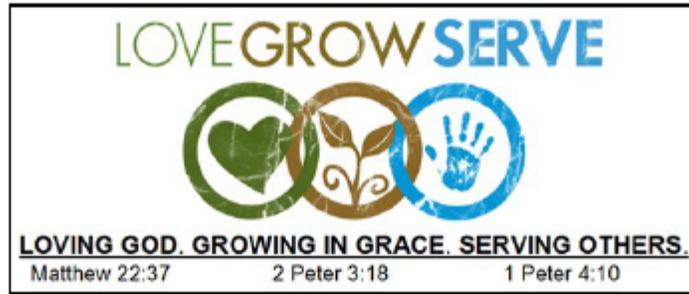
October 7: Doris Heilman
601 Madison Ave.
Kenton, OH 43326

October 21: Willis Anderson
16805 CR 144
Kenton, OH 43326

October 29: Shirley Bushong
7280 Township Road 120
Alger, OH 45812

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



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.

