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COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN FATHER

F Freedom came with a price, the price of Christ blood shed on the Cross.

O Our Lord and Savior saved us all from our sins.

U Unrighteous we may be, but the grace us God set us free.

R Rely on God, He will show our paths.

T The truth is in God's Word, the Bible, His Holy Book.

H Helping one another along the way.

O Obedient to what God wants us to do.

F Father, Creator, God is He.

J Jesus died for our sins.

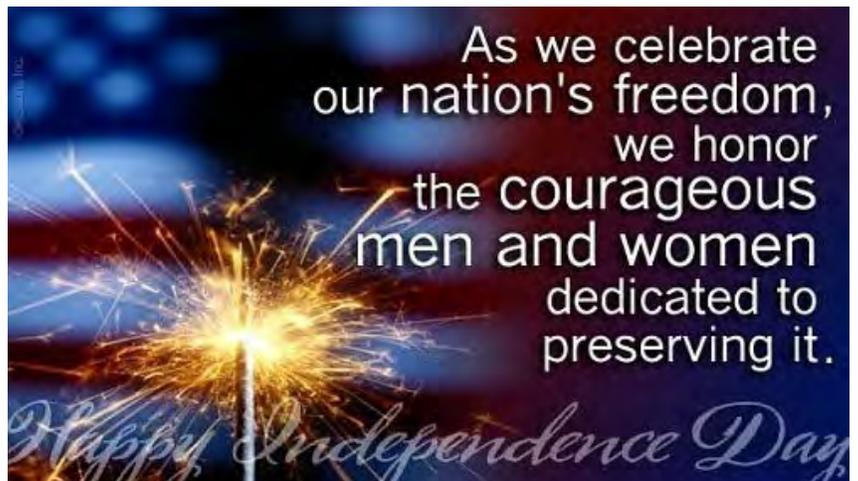
U United one day, we believers will be in Heaven.

L Love one another as Christ loved us.

Y You are a special creation made from God, our Heavenly Father.

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Happy 4th of July!



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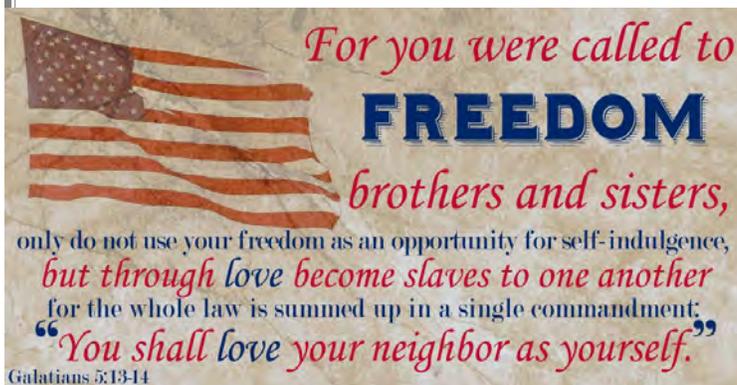
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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Jesus, Matthew 22:37-40

Last month, I compared last year's journey with Jesus in the Upper Room in the Gospel of John with this year's walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to His Ascension in the Gospel of Matthew. Well, I'm going to do that again this month. Last year, in July's newsletter, I included the following graphic with my reflections.



It's amazing how these themes keep coming back in important ways. God grants us freedom in Christ, but we are never to use our freedom to glorify ourselves. As Paul puts it in **Galatians 5**, we are not to use our freedom for self-indulgence. Rather, he says, you are to love your neighbor as yourself, which harkens back to our verses at the beginning of this page.

When Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment, He harkened back to **Deuteronomy 6:5—the Shema**—when Moses instructed the Israelites to love God with their whole being—



their heart, soul, and mind. Then, He twins that with a command from **Leviticus 19:18**. Once again, we are told to love our neighbor as ourselves. It's in the Old Testament. It's on Jesus' lips and falls from Paul's pen in the New Testament.

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, Jesus' naming of the Great Commandment and its close second, cuts us to the quick. It humbles us as we are left out of the equation. The Great Commandment has nothing to do with us. Rather, it demands everything of us. It is the high calling of being a sacrifice for God's glory and the benefit of others. The Great Commandment calls us to follow in our Savior's footsteps.

Instead of calling us to do something important with our lives or to follow our bliss, it calls us to give our whole self away. It calls us to serve and not be served. Jesus said this in **Matthew 20:26-28** when He reminded His disciples that to be great in the Church meant to serve others as He Himself did.

In recent days, we are seeing how intensely people are lining up with their tribes. Rhetoric and protests may only escalate as we draw nearer to the election and may continue long after no matter who comes out the victor. We have been on this trajectory for quite some time. The value that we ascribe to others has been increasingly diminished over the past several decades. As our words have become more coarse, it has become easier and easier to inflict violence on those “on the other side” of issues or on those that are not like us.

Jesus taught us to never devalue “those people”; rather, He called us to love our enemies (**Matthew 5:43-48**).

When Jesus washed the disciples' feet in the Gospel of John, He even did so for Judas. Are we willing to love as Jesus loved? Are we willing to do what Jesus did?

If we are, we will put His teachings into practice. Last month, I used this space to

remind you of Jesus' teaching in **Luke 14** where Jesus said that we are to invite the 'broken'—the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind—to our feasts. In **Matthew 25:31-46**, Jesus says that what determines our entrée into the eternal kingdom of the Father is whether we cared for the "least of these"—the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

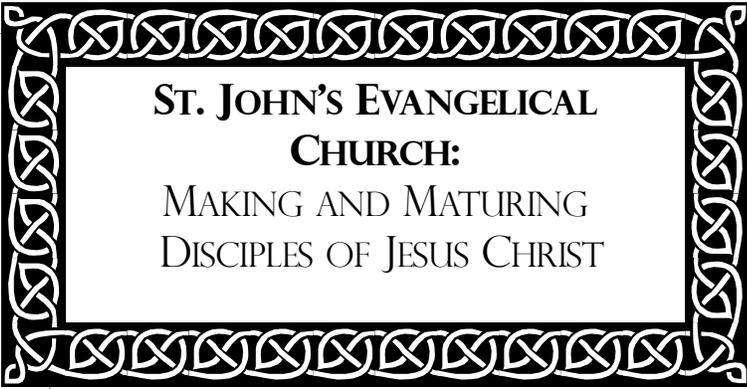
Fulfilling these decrees of Jesus means laying aside personal needs and desires and putting others first. It means God takes center stage of our heart, mind and soul. He should be at the center of all we love, all we think about, and all we desire to be at our core. Then, it means seeking to be a blessing for others.

But that's not how our world works. People seek for their personal benefits in this world. They defend the needs of their family and friends. If they are truly generous, they will defend people who are like them, who share their values, or who belong to their "tribe." Who protests for the other person's rights? Who will speak for those on the margins? Who would dare sacrifice themselves for a cause that is not their own or from which they will not benefit?

We see such secular/worldly thinking entering the church. Jesus foretold that many would have their love grow cold (**Matthew 24:12**) because the way of faith would be difficult. Our sin nature turns our desires inward and to ourselves. It makes us want to demand our rights. We want to be fed good things and let other people starve. However, the Christian demands that we go hungry so that others may be fed.

As we reopen the church and engage in ministry, what role will you play? Will you invited people to know Christ and to come worship here and to join with us in ministry? Will you seek to build people up in their faith? Will you share your faith with the people you meet in Kenton and Hardin County? Will you join with us in ministry to the "least of these"?

If you see a gap in the life of the church, will you seek to fill it or will you criticize? If we don't have the program or style of worship that you desire, will you walk away or will you help us to develop something better? Will you join the ministry of the church for what you receive from that labor or will you do those good works to glorify God and to bless your neighbor? Are you living out the Great



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

Commandment (and its close second) because it is your calling, or will you live with a carnal/worldly mindset? Will you seek to build unity that glorifies God, or will you join the chorus of naysayers who want to dismantle the body of Christ here?

Jesus' teachings are really basic. He began His ministry by saying "Repent [change course], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" [**Matthew 3:2**]. At the close of His ministry, He gave us the Great Commandment. In it, He was simply saying, "Love God and love your neighbor and everything else will fall into place!" In **Matthew 25:31-46**, He taught that the way into Glory comes by being compassionate and sharing good gifts with those in need—food for the hungry, drink for the hungry, clothes for the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned.

That's a short and doable list. Can we at St. John's Evangelical Church commit ourselves to accomplishing those items in the previous paragraph? Can we say that we will be defined by those traits? Will we become known as a people sold out for Jesus and His narrow way (**Matthew 7:13-14**)? Or will the world see us as no different than themselves—dividing along tribal lines and personal desires? Will they see us protesting for our rights and needs to be fulfilled or will they come to know us as Protestants—those who protest the ways of this world and its earthly corruption and who stand for God, His justice, and the blessings of others whether it benefits us or not?

Let us strive to be true Christians who humble themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Jesus each and every day in each and every way we can (**Matthew 16:24-28**).

In humble service,
Pastor Randall

Community Is . . . Doing Difficult Things

By Bret Lamsma

<https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/community-is-doing-difficult-things>

Scripture Reading — **Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

⁷ And He called the twelve and began to



send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Our high school youth group doesn’t spend a lot of time sitting in a classroom. We do plenty of learning, and we do that by being active in our community. We prepare our students for what they will experience as best we can, and we debrief after we are done, but most of the learning is in doing things together. And many of those things can be difficult. Our goal is to learn how to love people the way Jesus called us to, so

we take every opportunity we can to practice love.

This means interacting with immigrants, refugees, homeless people, and other marginalized folks in our community. It means sharing God’s love with people in our church community in out-of-the-box ways. For many of our students and leaders, these are new things. And all of us are apprehensive at best when we begin. But for us, it is the best way to teach our students about God’s love in extraordinary ways.

When Jesus sent out His disciples, I think He had some of the same thoughts in mind. He sent them out together to do difficult things. He sent them out to preach and to heal. I’m sure they were apprehensive at first. But when they came back, they had amazing stories to tell of God’s power displayed in their world.

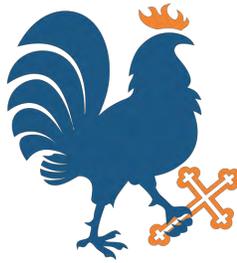
Community does that together. It goes and does difficult things together—all the time witnessing the amazing work of God in the world around us.

Prayer

Father, send us into the world together, in Your name, to love people and to witness Your power at work through changing lives. Amen.



Upcoming Worship



Well...we've returned to worship, and it is different. We now have one worship service. We are trying to unify the congregation. Due to some recent changes, our worship leaders are from the traditional service. We would like to have the ability to offer contemporary worship as well, but we need leadership. If we continue with one service, the desire is to blend worship most weeks with the opportunity to have some contemporary services and some traditional services. This change is due to current circumstances, we [the leadership of the church] are open to new and different ways of worship here at St. John's. We could return to multiple services, or we could have special services, or it could be something new.

Whatever may come, the main question is: Will we be faithful to the calling God has placed on our lives? That is one of the reasons the rooster is returning as a symbol for our church. It represents Peter's denial of Jesus. It represents how Christ had to go to the Cross lonesome and in despair. These are difficult times in our church, in our community, in our nation, and in our world.

Will we continue to go forward even with the weight of that difficulty and pain falling on our shoulders? Will we remain faithful to the end or will we stop because we feel the burden too heavily?

What we witness in Jesus' journey to the Cross is His incredible love and His immense faith in His Father. He remained obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit even when it looked like utter foolishness to do so. Bereft of any support from even His closest friend, Jesus continued forward and did not lose heart or faith. May we continue on that path likewise in these days.

We trust that one day, the rooster that was a symbol of shame initially will later demonstrate that we have something glorious to crow about as Jesus will bring about His great good works. As He rose from the grave and bestowed the Spirit on the early Church, He will likewise pour out His Spirit upon us that we may go forth to proclaim the Good News and bring others into a relationship with Him.

05 July

Scripture: **I Peter 4:7-11**
Matthew 26:30-46

Sermon: **No Matter What**

12 July

Scripture: **Genesis 9:1-7**
Matthew 26:47-56

Sermon: **Put Away Your Sword**

19 July

Pastor Vacation
Preacher: Hope Cauley

26 July—This was the Sunday I was to be in Guatemala with the Mission Team. On the first Sunday in August, I am keeping the theme of missions for the message. I can find a scripture and theme, or we could have a prayer and praise Sunday. If you have any suggestions, feel free to forward them to me (Pastor Randall).

We're all in this together. We just need to keep our focus on Christ and follow in His footsteps. As long as we seek to do what He did in keeping the Great Commandment (and its close second)—loving the Father with our whole being and our neighbor as our self—we will find a way to navigate these difficult times and arrive on the other side to find a great land of promise that God has waiting for us.

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Passion Play Costumes

If anyone still has their costume from the Passion Play, please return it as soon as possible to the church. Nancy will return to the prop room for storage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you in advance!

Hardin County Collective Kick off

Hardin County Collective Youth Kick Off event is July 25 from 6-10 PM at the Kenton City Pool. This is for youth grades 6-12. Dinner provided. You will need to have a ride home

Big Brother Needed in Kenton area

J is an active, nine year old boy who loves to play tackle football! He likes to be outside. He has three siblings. This is a good family looking for strong support for J. It would be nice to find him a strong male role model with whom he can play and be a kid. A couple would also be a great match for him as he would benefit from a strong family bond. If interested or need additional information, please contact John Neville, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters at 419-222-8500 or jneville@bbbsallen.com.



Song Requests

Seeking suggestions for hymns and praise songs – feel free to leave in the collection baskets or contact the church office at 419-673-7278 or stjohnskenton@gmail.com.

VBS Donation Request

Donations accepted for any construction type things for decorating. May include: safety glasses, safety vests, hard hats, plastic fencing, plastic blueprints, safety signs etc. Please place your donations in the tote beside the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary. See Trish Wilcox or Michele Sherman with any questions.

Collecting Donations for Kenton Nursing Rehab Ctr.

KNRC has responded to a request of how the community can help. Here are a few donations that they are in need of: Crafts, Snacks, Yarn, Cards, and Handwritten letters. A tote will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations or can be dropped off at the church office.

Join Us for VBS

Music - Missions - Crafts - Snack



September 19-20

3 - 6 PM

Preschool (potty trained) through Grade 5

Vacation Bible School at St. John's Evangelical Church

This fall we will build on the love of Jesus. So, grab your hard hat and tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. During VBS, kids will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by September 16 at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=54591>. Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Hope to see you all there!!!

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**Mission of the Month—
Fairhaven Life Enrichment Fund**

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



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:

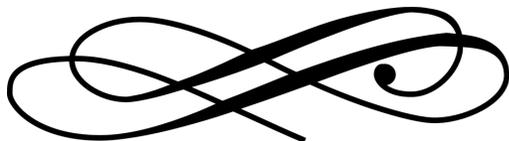
If out of town, meet at St. John's, corner of Wayne St. and E. Carrol St. to carpool. They leave sharply at 10:45. Still eating at 11:30 am.

July 3: Boy Scout Lake—Kenton (bring own lunch/drink)

July 17: Acheson's—Lakeview

August 7: Cranberry Resort—Huntsville

August 21: LaPizzaria—Huntsville



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
 Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley
 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



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Scioto Valley Cook out: July 11 from 1-3 pm

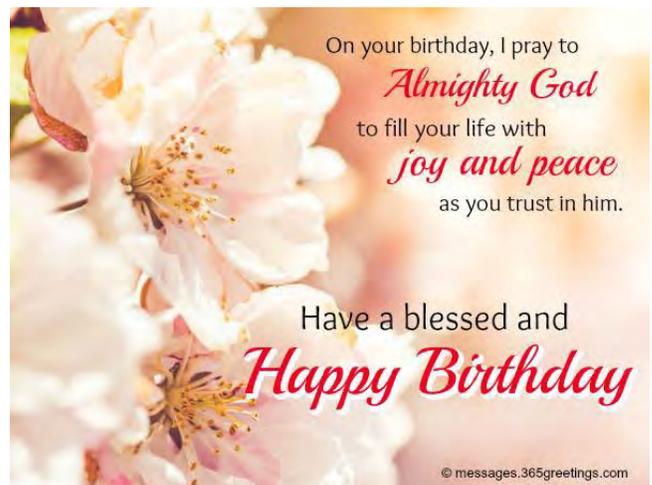
All Church Social— July 16

Forest Court Cook out: August 1 from 1-3 pm

Mystery Party (K-5th grade): August 9 from 3-5 pm

VBS— Concrete & Cranes: Sept. 18 & 19 from 3-6 pm

Disciple Me Programs Resumes: September 23



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

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

July 2: Jack Draper
805 Vernon Street
Kenton, OH 43326

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805 Vernon Street
Kenton, OH 43326

July 12 Carole Spillman
PO Box 143
Kenton, OH 43326



This month I thought I would digress from my normal article to give a glimpse of life on the farm in Hardin County in the 1890s. I know July is not as popular as June for weddings, but this is certainly not a normal year. I hope you enjoy the commentary of Mary Casper Breidenbach as told to her daughter Pauline in 1966. Mary was born in 1872 in Washington Township, Hardin County. The following is quoted from this hand typed recollection

“I DO”

“Weddings in our community were of the home variety. No bridal gown and veil, just a new dress, a bit fancier than usual but practical so it could be worn for church, etc. However, a wedding was a gala occasion with relatives and friend invited from far and near. The ceremony took place at high noon and was followed with an elaborate dinner. Sister Lizzie was the first of our family to marry, and having only one table, the guests were served 16 at a time, as one group finished the table was cleared, dishes washed, and the table prepared for the next group. This continued the entire afternoon until everyone was served. (buffet method was unknown) This same procedure was also followed on a smaller scale for family get-togethers, men were served first, then the ladies, and the children had to wait for the last table.

But to get back to this wedding; preparations for the meal took quite a bit of doing, 20 cakes and 60 pies were baked in our kitchen by us. I don't recall how many chicken were required, but they were cooked, not cut up in that big kettle out of doors, then stuffed with dressing and roasted in the outside oven. The same amount of food was prepared for Tena's wedding but mine was a smaller affair, I had only 15 cakes and 30 pies.

Some of the pastries were reserved for the belling which took place late in the evening when the young folks of the community would gather with cow bells, sheep bells, pans on which to hammer, even guns; anything with which to make a big noise. This racket would continue until the bride and groom made their appearance and invited the crowd for refreshments. The men were given cigars by the groom.

We six girls all had weddings except Katie, her marriage took place when father was very ill so it was kept as quiet as possible.”

Mary Casper married Henry Breidenbach on October 31, 1895. They had four children, two died in infancy, Pauline and Paul survived to adulthood. Henry died in 1934 and Mary in 1968. They are buried in Grove Cemetery along with Pauline who passed away in 1984. Pauline attended St. John's and left the account of her Mother's life to the Church.

Contrast this to weddings today. Mary made a comment that those were wonderful times but she wouldn't want to go back.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

Easter flowers refunds: If you ordered an Easter flower this year, orders were not placed due to COVID and closing of the church building. If you paid with a check, they will be destroyed. If you paid by cash, money will be refunded. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Sherman at 567-674-7902 or the church office at 419-673-7278. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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Michele also continues to provide videos for the youth on the youth Facebook Page each week. Thank you for your continued dedication to the youth during these times when they cannot meet in person.

St. John's Evangelical Church
Church Council Agenda
Thursday, May 14, 2020– Zoom meeting
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - Carol Wilcox, President

OPENING PRAYER - Pastor Randall

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Pastor Randall

OFFICER'S REPORT

Secretary's Report - Kristi Weaver

- April 23, 2020 minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

1) Finance - Kristi Weaver/Russ Cahill

- April was a good month – a lot of envelopes came in. Only down \$8,453 for the year.
- Check book has \$13k in it now
- No questions noted

2) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Reports submitted for review prior to the meeting.
- Pushed Bible School to a Saturday and Sunday in September
- Still going to try to do some outreach over the summer, will have to see if it will be feasible.
- Health department has sent out something about large group meetings, and will have to keep an eye on the guidelines for activities as we open back up.

3) Women's Ministry - Kay Rush

- OSU Banquet. June 4 – will have to continue to evaluate

4) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Met, will discuss after deciding to come back

5) Personnel Committee - Jerry Pfister, chairperson

- Kendra Dilts resignation as Praise Team leader.

6) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- May 17, 2020 – will meet by Zoom if needed

7) Trustees—Russ Cahill, Greg Liedel, Greg Martin

- Getting ready for opening – 12 hand sanitizers installed, let him know if we need to order more.
- New lights installed, still training on the software
- Working on cleaning the carpets
- Will need to know when we plan on opening to turn things back up
- Need to have water run periodically so that it is not stagnant in the pipes, and should not drink out of the fountains until it is flushed well.
- Quality Mechanic contract – proposal for \$100 less than last year. Have 30 days to let them know. Got another vendor set up to come in and give a proposal. Discussion of what the maintenance contract includes. Discussion of changing of the filters and how often it happens and how difficult it can be to change.
- Bus - Inspection, BMV opens back up on May 26. Will have to see when we can get in. Need to check with Jane if she has set it up.
- Farm – nothing to report at this time

8) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Refunded the mission team and sent the rest to Guatemala
- Will be looking to do something around the community

9) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Discussion of the reserve chaplain position. Carol called to find out more about it.
 - 1 week a month drill – can be done on Saturday
 - 2 weeks each summer – could be broken into 4 hour blocks
 - Amendment to covenant with the church – could be called up and would need to be covered
 - Have to have a great relationship with the church
 - Would be eligible for health care
 - Review board is in June
 - Will set up meeting to discuss it

OLD BUSINESS:

- Safety of Church Alice Program – tabled until we make decisions about opening
- Rental agreements – wait until later
- Survey – Need to review as a group in person, discussion of if we should use this survey or come up with a different survey, but would like to table it for now until we can meet in person to discuss. Most churches do them every 10 years. Discussion that we need to focus on opening first, then work on a survey possibly for August or September.

NEW BUSINESS:

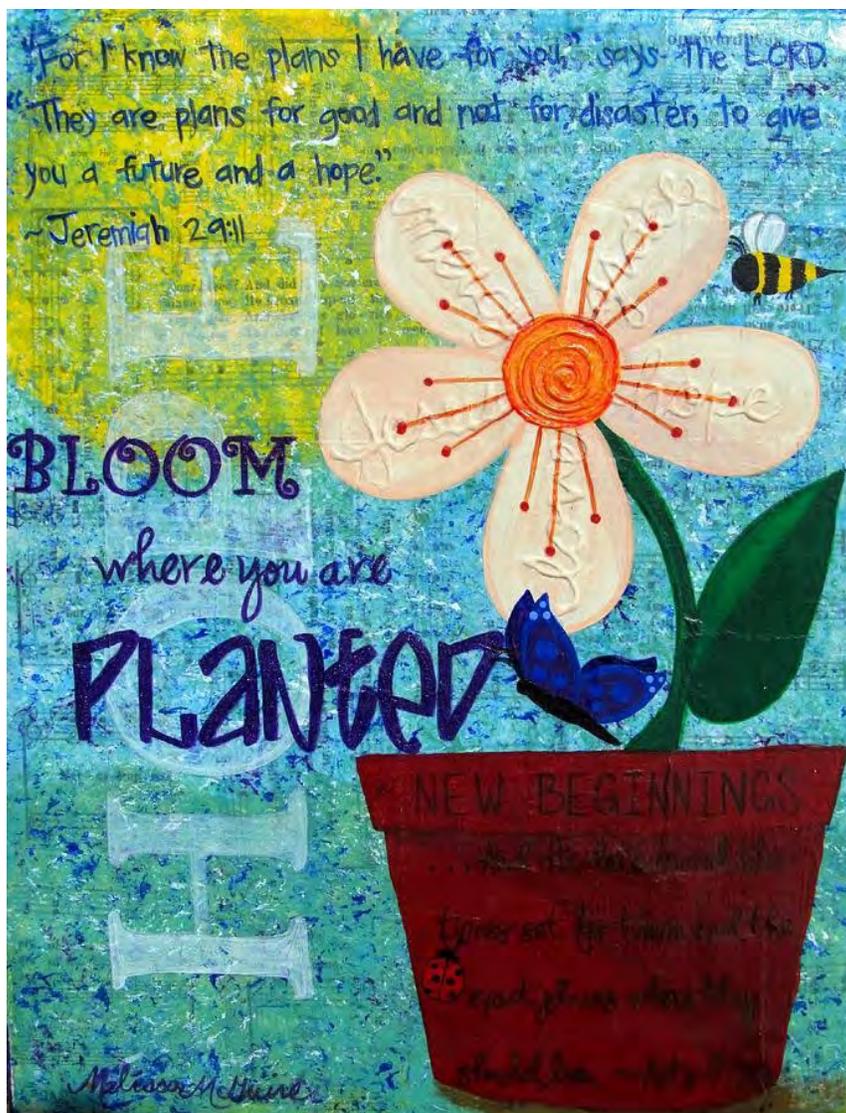
- Church Services Start up –
 - Options – 1 service, no Sunday School, no coffee hour, no choir, no nursery, no passing of the offering.
 - Most churches are waiting until end of May or beginning of June
 - Motion made & seconded to open the church for worship only on June 7. Council Vote, motion carried. Discussion of 1 service at 9 AM. Need to have one primary entrance and one exit. Will have a thermometer. Have ordered the pre-packaged communion, but it will not be in until end of June.
- June Wedding – question if they were using any other part of the church, how many people, need to see what the state will allow
- Groups Meeting – not allowing inside right now, NA is using the parking lot and are bringing their own chairs.
- Church Social - July 16, wait until next meeting
- SOUP- nothing in May (Helping Hands no longer doing lunches) June- depending on status at time- possibly do take outs from church- in one door out another. Don't want anyone to come into church, it would be an outside pick up only.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: June 11, 2020 7:00 PM

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

LORD'S PRAYER





Hello St. John's Family! I hope you all are doing well. Maybe it is because I am getting older, but time seems to fly by! Here we are in July and the summer is half way over! For the month of July, I want to challenge you kids to be kind and do random acts of kindness. Complete as many acts of kindness as you can using the calendar below. Mark them off the list as you complete each act of kindness.

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| July 1: Do a good deed for a neighbor | July 11: Donate a book |
| July 2: Share your favorite toy with your sibling or parent. | July 12: Give a smile |
| July 3: Donate unwanted toys or clothing. | July 13: Open the door for someone |
| July 4: Give a high-five to a family member | July 14: Write a letter to someone just because |
| July 5: Forgive a mistake | July 15: Offer your seat to someone |
| July 6: Give a compliment | July 16: Let someone go ahead of you in line. |
| July 7: Make a card for a friend or a family member | July 17: Invite someone to play |
| July 8: Make a thank you card for a community or church member | July 18: Do something for your Mom |
| July 9: Offer to do a chore around the house. | July 19: Do something for your Dad. |
| July 10: Give a hug to a family member. | July 20: Praise GOD |
- *July 21-July 31- Create your own acts of kindness and add them to the list.

I don't have a lot for the newsletter. I am still posting some video lessons for the month of July online on my St. John's Children's Ministry Facebook page. You are all invited to come take a sneak peak at the page or have your children follow along with some of the video lessons. Natasha and Hope are taking the month of July and August off as far as Sunday school videos are concerned. They will be starting Sunday school back up the first week of September. Hopefully we are back in the classrooms for this. If not, they will continue Sunday school video lessons online starting the 1st week of September. I encourage you all to come take a look at our St. John's Children's Ministry Facebook page.

The church has opened back up. Praise God! I have missed my church and church family! Although we are not having Sunday School, Jr. church or the nursery right now, you are welcome to grab a "Busy kid friendly bag" for your child during service. These are located as soon as you walk into the sanctuary. I put crayons, biblical related coloring sheets, word searches, and crossword puzzles. I also placed a snack and a pipe cleaner so they can twist it into different shapes. I just wanted something to keep the children busy but also biblical related.

On July 11, 2020, I need volunteers to serve food at forest court and interact with some kids. I am cooking out hotdogs, putting them on a hotdog bun, wrapping them in aluminum foil and taking them out to Forest Court to hand out. We are going to take food, drinks, balls, and bubbles and have a cook-out at Forest court. Anyone is welcome to participate. Depending on what covid-19 looks like, we might be just serving food with our masks on and talking to families instead of interacting with games. Only God knows where we will be at in this crazy time. We are also doing the exact same thing out at Scioto Village on August 1st. I am talking with Miss Jane now to see if she can drive the bus over to these locations on July 11 and August 1.

I wanted to let you all know that I applied for a Grant for the Wednesday Night Kids. It got approved. The Hardin Community Foundation gave me \$1000.00 to buy school supplies for the Wednesday kids and any hats, gloves, and coats that they might need for winter. I will be distributing the school supplies the 1st week of August and the hats, gloves, coats the 1st week of December. God is so good all the time! Amen.

I just want to praise God for His mighty power and perfect love. I want to thank God for promising to always be with us. I am asking God to heal those who are sick, to comfort those who are afraid, and to protect those in the medical field. I am asking God to give leaders wisdom, to forgive our sins and to heal our nation, and to use the church to share His love. I want to ask God to bring revival through this time. Amen

I hope you all have a blessed month and hope you all are enjoying your summer. Take care and God bless!

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