

*St. John's Evangelical Church  
211 E. Carrol Street  
Kenton, Ohio 43326  
(Non Profit Organization)*

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## **St. John's Evangelical Church Newsletter** November 2020

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### **Preparing the Church & Our Hearts for the Celebration of Christ's Birth**

We will be decorating the church on November 22 after the church service for Christmas. Plan to stay and help adorn the church in preparation for the birth of Christ. Watch the bulletin for more details. The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 29.



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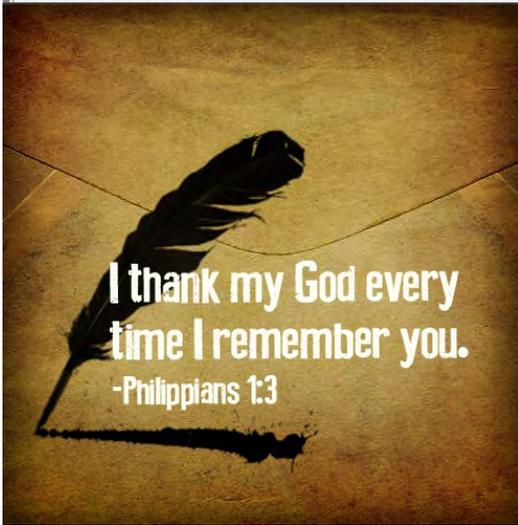
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November 2020

## The Pastor's Page



November is a month for Thanksgiving. We thank God for all of the blessings we have received. We praise God by giving good gifts into His service by stewarding those blessings for the benefit of the Church and the wider communi-

ty. Additionally, based on what I wrote for the Word for the Day in the Kenton Times on October, I want take time this November to give thanks for you, just as Paul did for His church family in Philippi (see image above).

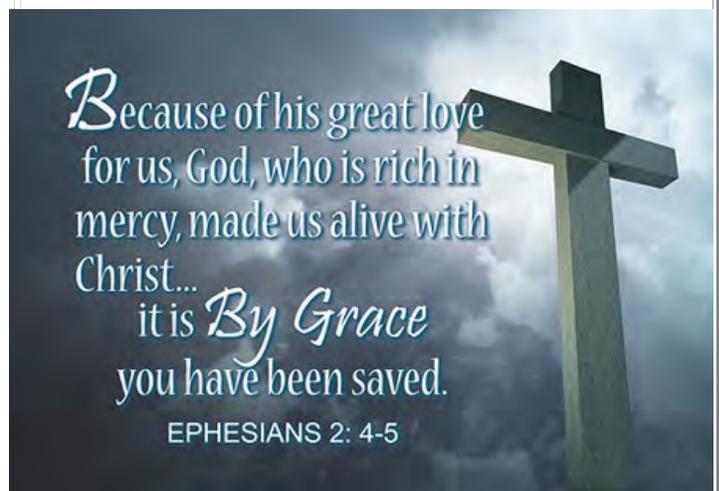
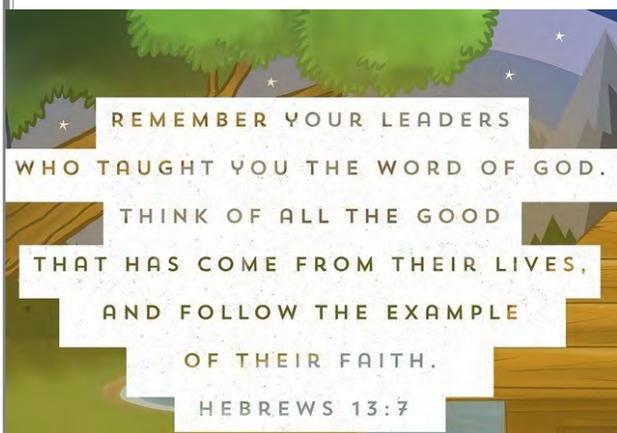
At the bottom of this column is **Hebrews 13:7**. The verse comes from a section on sacrifices pleasing to God. There, the author of the Book of Hebrews gives an encouraging command to the readers. The author asks good Christians to remember their leaders who passed on the word of God to them. This is a verse that is relayed to congregations quite often in the month of October. If you didn't already know this, October is set aside as Pastor Appreciation Month. Also, in the middle of October, I celebrate my birthday. It may seem self-serving that I gratuitously share those facts with you, but there is a deeper purpose in mind.

I am not soliciting any gifts or congratulations for those of you who may have missed those two events. Yes, I've survived to my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, which I am sure would come to the surprise of many who witnessed the recklessness of my youth, but I do not

deserve any special accolades. All that I am and all that I have accomplished is a

testimony to God's graciousness and the love of good family, friends, mentors, and peers throughout the years. Like any good Christian, I know that "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). Especially I, amongst all others, have no room to boast on this account.

Nothing that I ever was commended me to God. In fact in that same chapter of Ephesians, it points to my personal confession. I once was dead in my sins and trespasses and followed after the prince of the power of the air (**Ephesians 2:1-3**). As someone dead in sin, I lacked the capacity to know any good or to even hope for a better way of life. In such a state, I lacked the capacity to hear anything good in the Good News or to even reach out for the life-line that the Gospel is to those perishing in the cesspool that is the Sea of Sin in which we reside apart from God. Thankfully, God interjected His big but into the equation: "**But** God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (**Ephesians 2:4-7**).



## The Pastor's Page

Because of God's great love, I stand as a Christian. Because of God's mercy and grace, I am a new man and am destined for indescribable blessings upon blessings. Because of the Holy Spirit and His divine will, I am able to perform those good works ordained for me at the foundation of time (**Ephesians 2:10**). Still, when it is all said and done, I am simply a sinner saved by grace—another human being redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. I am nobody special. I do not deserve any recognition for reaching my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. I deserve no accolades for serving as a faithful pastor as I have only done my duty (see **Luke 17:10** below).



All this brings me back to October being Pastor Appreciation Month and the month of my birth. Each Sunday last month, you the members of St. John's Evangelical Church celebrated me as your pastor. You, my sisters and brothers, have taken **Hebrews 13:7** to heart and wanted me, the church, and the community to recognize what God has done in my life and how my faith demonstrates the efficaciousness of God's love in transforming a sinner into a saint for the greater good and the furtherance of His divine plan.

As an aside, I know efficacious is a big word, but it's a good church word too. Efficacious means something abstract creates a desired result. In this case, it refers to God being effective in carrying out His design. As it says in **Ephesians 2**, all that we are is the result of the Father's work through the Son by the Holy Spirit. Any good we do is the result of the effectiveness of God working out His plan.

You were much too kind and gracious in my opinion. For that, I must say humbly, "Thank you." Our Women's Ministry here has been diligent in remembering me as their pastor and reminding me how appreciated I am each October. This year, they definitely went above and beyond. Each Sunday featured a testimony from a member about how they esteem me and my calling to ministry and this church. The fact that the testimony was paired with a sweet dessert for me and my family to enjoy was

an added bonus. I appreciate serving the Church, and I am grateful that God has brought me St. John's and Kenton. I look forward—Lord willing—to decades more of service here. Additionally, because someone leaked that last month was my 50th birthday, I received many wonderful gifts, cards, and well wishes.

I can never thank you enough. You have made me feel deeply appreciated, and you made my birthday quite memorable. In my opinion, you have been more than gracious in the years gone by. This year, you have definitely outdone yourselves. Again, my heart overflows with gratitude when I think of your kindness, generosity, and love in Christ.

I share this not to express my gratitude to you, the wonderful local congregation I serve. Also, I am not looking for any more accolades or well wishes as my cup overruns with both. Rather, I share this to encourage you to celebrate your faith by celebrating those around you. As you have remembered me as your pastor, remember other church and ministry leaders by demonstrating your appreciation for them this month. If you are a leader, take time to opine as I have done here about the joy it is to serve this congregation and encourage your friends in this church and the people with whom you minister.

Lastly, if you know someone who does not know what it is to be a Christian or a part of a local church, offer God's grace and mercy to them through Christ. After all as **Ephesians 2:10** states, you are God's workmanship. Another way of translating that is: "You are God's masterpiece." Others are as well, and we have the joy-filled opportunity to invite them to be blessed as we are. The second half of **Ephesians 2:10** says that you are destined to do good works and that has been a part of God's plan from the beginning. It's humbling to be a part of that plan. It's also overwhelming with joy and love. Some of that joy and love comes down from Heaven above while a great deal of that joy and love comes from the Church family that celebrates us and who we have the opportunity to celebrate in return.

Pastor Appreciation Month came and quickly went. However, we are moving into a season of Thanksgiving which doesn't have to stop after the leftovers are gone and pumpkin spice disappears. Appreciation is a gift that can be given any time of the year and should flow freely from our hearts and mouths. What you, my sisters and brothers here at St. John's have begun this month, I pray will continue on and on and on not just here but in many other places as well. Thank you, God bless, and continue to celebrate our faithful church family members.

In humble service,

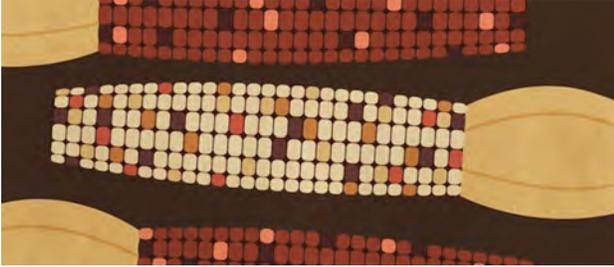


*Pastor Randall*

P.S. If you would like someone in particular to celebrate, I know for a fact that our church secretary (and my wife) will join the Nifty Fifty club on the 15th of November.

# What Is Thanksgiving Day?

FROM [Stephen Nichols](#) NOV 22, 2019



Thanksgiving is an American holiday that stretches all the way back to a time long before America became a nation. The Pilgrims landed in 1620. They faced brutal conditions and were woefully unprepared. Roughly half of them died in that first year. Then they had a successful harvest of corn. In November of 1621 they decided to celebrate a feast of thanksgiving.

Edward Winslow was among those who ate that first thanksgiving meal in 1621. He noted:

“Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we gathered the fruit of our labors. ... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want.”

In addition to the fowl eaten that first Thanksgiving, the Indians also brought along five deer as their contribution to the feast. Presumably they also ate corn.

Over the centuries, Americans continued to celebrate feasts of thanksgiving in the fall. Some presidents issued proclamations. Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation for a perpetual national holiday set aside for thanksgiving. In 1863, with the nation torn apart by the Civil War, he declared:

“I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

So we have a holiday of thanksgiving born in and further nurtured during times of great adversity and struggle. We might think that times of adversity and challenge would spawn ingratitude, while times of prosperity would spawn gratitude. Sadly, the reverse is true. A chilling scene from the animated television show *The Simpsons* demonstrates this. Bart Simpson was called upon to pray for a meal, to which he promptly prayed, “Dear God, We paid for all of this stuff ourselves, so thanks for nothing.”

Prosperity breeds ingratitude. The writers of the Heidelberg Catechism knew this. Question 28 asks what it benefits us to know that God creates and sustains all things. The answer is it gives patience in adversity and gratitude in prosperity. Moses also knew this. In Deuteronomy, he looks ahead to times of material prosperity for Israel, then sternly warns, inspired by the Holy Spirit, not to forget God. “Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth’” ([Deuteronomy 8:17](#)). We did this all ourselves. Thanks for nothing.

Human nature trends toward ingratitude.

Another culprit breeding ingratitude is our entitlement culture. Simply put, why should we be grateful for what we deserve and what we have a right to? I was owed this, goes the culture, therefore why would I say thank you?

A third culprit concerns what UC Davis professor of psychology Dr. Robert Emmons calls the “to whom” question. In his scientific study of gratitude, Emmons came to the realization that gratitude raises a singular and significant question:

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When we say thank you, to whom are we grateful?

The interesting thing here is that if we trace this “to whom” line of questioning back, like pulling on the threads of some tapestry, we find a singular answer at the end of each and every thread. The answer is God. To whom are we grateful? We are grateful in an ultimate sense to God.

Our Benefactor does “good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness” ([Acts 14:17](#)). Theologians call this common grace. God as creator cares for all His creation and provides for our needs. He gives us our very lives and our very breath.

Our Benefactor also does good by giving His most precious gift, the gift of His Beloved Son. Theologians call this saving grace. Gifts often cost the giver. What a costly gift the Father has given us in sending the Son. So Paul exclaims, “Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” ([II Corinthians 9:15](#)).

When we consider God as the “to whom” we are thankful, we may well be seeing both the necessity of thanksgiving and the eclipse of thanksgiving. As culture veers more and more towards a secular state it shrinks back from gratitude. So vainly we think we did this all ourselves. So wrongly we think we deserve, or even have a fundamental right to, all of this. We also know what is at the end of the string if we pull on it long enough. We know that we will be confronted with a Creator. We know we will be accountable to a Creator. Saying thank you means we are dependent, not independent. We would rather be ungrateful. Paul says we know God from all the evidence He has left of Himself, but we don’t want to “honor Him or give thanks to Him” ([Romans 1:21](#)).

Then the downward spiral begins. A culture of ingratitude careens ever downward into decline.

We should not be counted among those who see the fourth Thursday in November as nothing more than a day of football and over-indulgence. We should be thankful for one day set apart to consider all that we have and realize that all that we have has been given to us. Of course, such gratitude should in no wise be limited to one day out of 365.

Having been imprisoned for one year, four months,



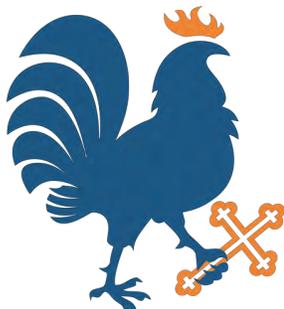
and eighteen days in a Nazi cell measuring 6 ft. x 9 ft, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote what is certainly a reminder of the meaning of the Thanksgiving holiday:

“You must never doubt that I’m traveling with gratitude and cheerfulness along the road where I’m being led. My past life is brim-full of God’s goodness, and my sins are covered by the forgiving love of Christ crucified. I’m so thankful for the people I have met, and I only hope that they never have to grieve about me, but that they, too, will always be certain of and thankful for God’s mercy and forgiveness.”

Dr. Stephen J. Nichols is president of Reformation Bible College and chief academic officer for Ligonier Ministries, and teaches on the podcasts 5 Minutes in Church History and Open Book..

## Upcoming Worship

In a year filled with a pandemic, economic upheaval, and riots in the streets of our nation, we can use something to celebrate. If you read the first couple of the pastor's pages, you would see how much I



celebrate you my church family. Even without the gifts and well wishes, I would be celebrating you.

In a year, where church attendance has decreased, we need to recognize how blessed we are. God has indeed been generous to us. Even though this is a year where the faithful have been shaken, we are still standing. Thankfully, we stand on the solid rock of Christ, the Chief Cornerstone who sustains us (**Matthew 21:42**).

Christ sustains us and upholds us. While 2020 has been difficult and many of us are looking forward to bidding it adieu, I believe we will be coming into a new season where we realize how much this year has taught us and caused us to grow in the Spirit. This is a time to sow seeds for a future harvest.

Our stewardship theme this year is Growing in Generosity, Rooted in Faith. In worship in November, we will look back and celebrate our roots, and we will look forward to growing upward to God while spreading our branches and caring for others in ministry while we bear fruit.

Come and worship. Come and celebrate. Come to be in the presence of God. At the end of the month, we will welcome a new Church year with the beginning of Advent. Hopefully, it will be the start of many great new beginnings in the days ahead.

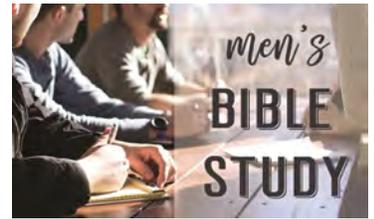


- 01 November      Communion  
Remembrance/Memorial Sunday  
Scripture:      **John 24:25-31**  
                         **Romans 13:1-14**  
Sermon:         **Give Respect and Honor**
- 08 November      Stewardship Kick-Off  
Scripture:      **Colossians 2:6-7**  
                         **Luke 11:1-13**  
Sermon:         **Give Good Gifts**
- 15 November      Stewardship Sunday  
Scripture:      **Ephesians 3:14-21**  
                         **John 6:15-21**  
Sermon:         **Knowing the Right Response**
- Another reading to consider  
                         **II Samuel 11:1-15**
- 22 November      Thanksgiving Sunday  
                         Christ the King Sunday  
Scripture:      **Ezekiel 34:11-24**  
                         **Ephesians 1:11-23**  
Sermon:         **Following Christ our King**
- 29 November      First Sunday of Advent  
                         *Pastor Vacation*  
                         *Suggested scripture and theme*  
Scripture:      **Isaiah 64:1-9**  
                         **Mark 13:24-37**  
Sermon:         **Prepare Us for the Day**

# Upcoming EVENTS

## Community Men's Bible Study

A Community Men's Bible Study meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at St. John's Church Chapel.



## Daylight Savings Time Ends— November 1



## Remembrance/ Memorial Sunday

We will have the remembrance/memorial service to remember those who have died in the last year. The service will be November 1.



## Youth Poinsettia Sales



Poinsettia orders are due November 1. Due to Covid-19, there will be a basket in the back of the sanctuary to run in your order forms and payment. Thank you for supporting our youth.

## Chancel Choir

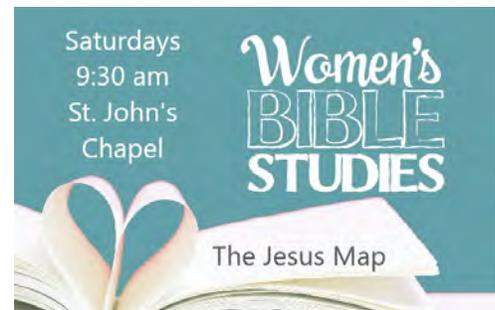
Choir will practice once a month on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month at 7:30. The first practice will be October 28 and they will sing on November 1.

## Hardin County Collective Youth Group

Hardin County Collective will meet on November 8 from 5-7 pm at Kenton CMA Church. All Youth grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. No bus running, will need own transportation.

## Community Women's Bible Study

A Community Women's Bible Study meets on Saturdays at 9:30 am and has moved to the church Chapel due to the cold weather. The study will begin with topics from The Jesus Map. The Jesus Map brochure traces 52 key biblical accounts in the life of Jesus – from the time and location of His birth, early life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. The brochure includes Scripture references that link to beautiful maps of Israel and Jerusalem in the time of Jesus. For more information or to order a free copy of the brochure, visit: <https://ptv.org/nna/the-life-and-path-of-jesus-brochure/>. Anna also has brochures.



## Bus Driver Needed- Wednesday Nights

Bus driver needed for the Wednesday Night Program a couple times a month from 5-7 pm. Please see Jane Donnelly or Trish Wilcox for more information.

## Youth Donation Request

If you have any of the following items you would like to donate, the youth group would greatly appreciate it: Pool Noodles, Christmas Inflatables that no longer inflate (small holes etc.), golf balls. Please see Michele Sherman will any questions.

## Kudo Studio Needs

Kudo Studio is in need of tin coffee cans, small vegetable size cans (15 oz), and Large Christmas ornament bulbs. Please see Hope Cauley.

## Confirmation Class Interest

Anyone interested in participating in a confirmation class in the fall please contact the church office or Michele Sherman.

## 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.

November 6: Our Place Family Diner—Kenton  
(formerly Basil's)

November 20: Ralphie's—Kenton

#### 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  
Janitor: Denny Sprang

## Mission of the Month—

### Child Evangelism Fellowship

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered 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 Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Findlay Good News Clubs

## Grab & Go Chicken Dinner

1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll

**Saturday, November 14th**  
Pick Up Time: 12pm to 2pm

**St. John's Evangelical Church**  
211 East Carrol St., Kenton, Ohio  
Minimum Donation \$10 Per Person

**For Tickets or Info Contact:**  
Jerry Pfister 567-674-6054  
Cathy Morris: 419-835-2982  
Mike Todd: 419-957-0403  
or email: [cefogreaterfindlay@hotmail.com](mailto:cefogreaterfindlay@hotmail.com)

Thank you for helping us reach children in our communities

## 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.

November 20: Carolyn Brown  
15258 TR 195  
Kenton, OH 43326





November 2020

November has always been a time of Thanksgiving for the bounty of God at the end of harvest. Historically it has also been the time for our annual stewardship campaigns at St. John's. Back during the early decades at the Church the traditional 10% tithing was common practice and covered the operating costs of the church even with less than 75 members. When extraordinary expenditures needed to be funded in the 1860s, the needs were met by having a "party". The following from our Church Council Minutes:

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1865

The church council gathered and it was discussed there should be held a party with dinner at Shrovetide(\*) in Kraulus and Steiner Hall, which the purpose of paying of the debt of the congregation and that the church can keep its property. The discussion should be brought before the congregation.

Attested Konrad Zulauf

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1865

The church council gathered with the members of the congregation and President John Pfeiffer called the meeting to order. The discussion of 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan was brought before the congregation and after discussion it was accepted unanimously. It was also decided that a committee with 7 men and 7 women should be named. The men were Andres Scheidemantel, Lazarus Zugschwert, Siegmund Kreienbihl, Andreas Roeder, August Treger, Heinrich Preis and Peter Yogler. The women were Lehne Zugschwert, Mrs. Preis I, Mrs. Preis II, Mrs. Timmler, Susanna Beiker, Mrs. Blum and Mrs. Dorn III. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attested Konrad Zulauf – Secretary

The party, which the church council organized during Shrovetide had the following revenue and expenses.

Admission money for the party \$153.45  
The same through A. Treyer 12.00  
Money from the auction 8.60  
Mr. U. Gerlach 4.14  
E. Blum .50  
Taylor and Scheidemantel in drinks 21.38 (\*\*)  
Revenue of the postcards 6.25  
Stated carrier money 2.00  
Total: \$208.32  
Expenses of the Trustees,  
Hall rental \$9.50  
A. Traeger for work 2.50  
Cards .75

**Surplus \$195.57**

(\*) Shrovetide is the period prior to Lent. (\*\*) Probably beer.

In today's money that is a profit of \$3,093.92 or roughly what our annual Social makes in a good year. I might add the party in 1866 in which the drinks were prohibited, made \$269.93 or \$4,270.29 in today's dollars.

St. John's, like many old churches in our denomination, has benefited greatly from prior practices and by bequests from loyal members. Indeed, today we are greatly blessed by farm income that enables us to do much more evangelism. I found it is the same in the Cincinnati church, which my Great grandfather started, that only continues to exist and operate a shelter through bequests made over a century ago.

We have been very blest by our previous generations at St. John's. Let's make sure it continues for the next generations.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday, September 10, 2020  
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

- August 13, 2020 minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

2) Finance - Russ Cahill

- Giving has gone down recently significantly
- Over budget in the bus, have had several categories under budget due to the shutdown, as long as we keep the expenses down we should be okay.
- Will plan a meeting with finance committee soon.

3) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Reports to review prior to meeting
- Distributed updated forms – question on if it should be updated for the name for the child's name on the Covid form, think we need the children's name listed printed and a printed name for the guardian.
- Would like to start Wednesday program when school starts back up. The health department has okayed the plan with the appropriate mask mandate based on age. Discussed how long the bus needed to wait after spraying, and options for the seats.
- Question on starting Sunday school. Two classrooms –
- A motion was made and seconded to allow the Wednesday youth and children's programs as proposed and approved by the health department, and the Sunday school that is a small group as presented. Council vote, motion carried.

4) Women's Ministry - Toni Pfister

- No Women's Celebration

5) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Going to find someone for the vacation days
- Several appreciated that we had communion again, need to explain it right before it next time
- Dave would like to see about starting choir again
- Still looking for someone to take over praise music

6) Personnel Committee - Jerry Pfister, chairperson

- Working on evaluations

7) Pastoral Relations - Carol Wilcox

- November 8, 2020

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

- Audio Visual –

i) The new iPad is purchased

ii) The floodlight power is fixed had to add 2 breakers

iii) Got a price on upgrading the equipment and wiring is \$15,578 – can either ask for donations, or think about it for the 2021 budget.

iv) Got a new countertop for the AV equipment

- Looking for an automatic opener for the handicapped at the East door– having someone come bid it from Columbus
- Carpets are all cleaned, starting on the chairs, windows are cleaned.

- Bus – new batteries installed
- Farm – one hunting permit signed so far
- Bed parts are on a pallet ready for
- Church inventory – Heather was going to do the inventory
- Going to use old copier for choir
- Going to put out some pew cushions

9) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- No report – working on the mission of the month for 2021

10) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Hardin County Talks – reached out to support, they have set no meetings at this time
- Revive Ohio - need 3-4 churches to be part of it
- Hospital visits – rules are different at the different hospitals, please make sure you check with the hospital
- People are looking for fellowship ideas, but it is hard right now with trying to be socially distant and responsible.
- There was someone expressing interest in setting up another mission trip. Will bring it up to the Mission and Evangelism.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Safety of Church Alice Program – still holding
- Rental agreements – still holding
- Camera for Jerry Cross Park – never got back to us
- Discussion of cameras – cost more than thought

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shannon Cavinee – membership removal request- out of area & not moving back – A Motion made and seconded to accept the membership removal request from Shannon Cavinee. Council vote, motion carried.
- Request from Dave for choir to come back – have 10 people that would sing, will set up 1 row of chairs. If they are doing the social distancing and want to try it, then they can. We can revisit if it is not working.
- Survey – They have one, the committee has to proof it, and will have it to council to review at the October meeting.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2020 7:00 PM

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

LORD'S PRAYER



**When We See The Harvest**  
**By: Susan Nikitenko**



A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn; A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned. With bright colored leaves, a fall festive blend; A wonderful time for families and friends. A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain; A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains. A big harvest moon-way up in the sky; A harvest of blessing that God has supplied. Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord; He has showered His blessing here in our world. But have we been faithful, and have we been true? Have we put God first in all that we do? A harvest that God sees is not food or crop; Not pumpkins, or grain, not apples that drop. But God sees the harvest of souls needing him; A harvest of people who need saved from their sin. A harvest of souls and a harvest of love; A harvest of mercy from our father above. When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eyes; And share with the nations the life He supplies.

Kids Busy Bags: Remember kids to pick up your busy bags on the way into church. They are located at the door to the right as you walk into the Sanctuary. Please take these home with you when you are finished. We do not want them back. I do put a snack or two in the bag for the kids since we do not have donuts in the morning anymore. If you would like to donate a snack, please drop off in the church office Monday – Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm. Thank you so much!

St. John's Children's Ministry Page on Facebook: I will update on Wednesday Night Kids announcements or Sunday School announcements on this Facebook page and also on the remind app. If you would like to be added to my remind app., just text me your phone number at 567-674-1733 and I can add you.

Sunday School at St. John's: Sunday School has started back in the classrooms! If you have a child K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, they are welcome to attend every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00am. We have 7 kids attending right now. The children will be able to attend service with their family from 10:00 to 11:00am. Pk-1<sup>st</sup> grade will meet with Miss Hope in her room. She will take their temperature before entering the room. The child will put some hand sanitizer on before entering the classroom. The preschoolers will be learning a solid foundation in God's word by learning the top Bible stories, including Old testament Bible heroes, Jesus' miracles, Christmas story, Easter story, and much more! 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also be learning some solid foundation in God's word with Miss Natasha. They will meet at 9:00am in the Middle Classroom. If there are over 6 kids, they will meet in the chapel so the kids can safely social distance.

Wednesday Night Kids Program: Our 1<sup>st</sup> night was on September 30, 2020 at 5:30pm. We are so excited to be starting this Wednesday night program! We have made the night shorter than normal. We are doing everything possible to stay safe and healthy. If you have a child K-5<sup>th</sup> that would like to join our program on Wednesday nights, please call me at 567-674-1733 or stop in the church office Monday – Friday from 9:00 to 1:00pm and pick up a kids packet to fill out. We do have a bus route, so we can pick up and drop off your child. The "New" Wednesday night will look a little like this: We bus in the kids. They eat dinner in the fellowship hall. They walk over to the Sanctuary and have a seat. They listen to a Bible story and stand up and participate in a few worship songs. This is lead by Kristi and Donovan Weaver. They then exit the church and head back home. Jane Donnelly drives the bus. Our bus rider helpers this year are LeVern Weaver, Mary Ralston, and Shane Harkenrider. We are looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> volunteer willing to ride the bus and take the temperatures of the kids before entering the bus. We might be sending home some take home crafts this year.

Nursery: The Nursery is still closed.





We know the holidays are a busy time for you and your family, so let's get straight to the point. Here's everything you need to know about our ministry this month!

### **Here are a few things coming up in our ministry . . .**

Next month, we're getting students together for a fun night of games, food, and miniature golf — but it's mini golf like you've never seen it before. Keep an eye out for the date!

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>- deadline for Poinsettia orders

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>- No Wednesday Night Youth, due to Parent/teacher conferences

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>- H.C.C Meeting @ Kenton Christian Missionary Alliance Church, 5-7pm

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>- No Wednesday Night Youth, Thanksgiving Break

### **What we're Teaching this month...**

A 4 week series, on Loving Others. You hear a lot about “cancel culture” these days. It's what happens when swarms of people on the internet band together to call out, shame, or even “cancel” someone. And while there are definitely times when people or systems need to be called out and held accountable, we can all be a little too quick to be cruel to each other — online and offline too. In this 4-week series, we'll get introduced to a few people from Scripture whose stories show us that humans have always struggled to choose love instead of hate. This problem isn't a new one, but through the stories of Jesus, a few outcasts, a king, and a shepherd, we'll see that God is challenging us to love people who aren't like us, love people who are in need, love the people we envy, and love the people we want to hate.

### **Tip of the Month**

Teenagers can be pretty mean. Whether it's fake friends, gossip, bullying, rumors, or even more serious concerns like racial or sexual harassment, teenagers deal with a lot — sometimes as victims and sometimes as perpetrators. So, what can we do? Here are a few ideas: 1. Call it out. 2. Provide support. 3. Help them manage their emotions. 4. Build their confidence. 5. Intervene when necessary.

### **Question of the Month**

We're always trying to better understand what it's like to parent a teenager. So, here's what we're wondering: **What's the BEST thing about parenting your teenager right now?** Email us your answers at [michellesjyouth@gmail.com](mailto:michellesjyouth@gmail.com)

