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

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# **Annual Congregational Meeting**

## **January 31 @ 11:00 am**

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, January 31, pending COVID restrictions. The Annual meeting will begin in the sanctuary following the service approximately at 11:00 am.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending. We will update you with any changes. Any questions, please email or call the office at 419-673-7278.



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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

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**One year ago, I beseeched you to hold fast to the command in Psalm 46:10: BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD.** When I wrote those words, I never knew how much I would be forced to remain still in 2020—a year filled with dreams deferred, trips untaken, in-person visits forbidden, life lived socially-isolated. It was also a year to pray, to seek, and to focus on God. Like so many others, I have wrestled with God throughout these days and long nights. I have wept, I have struggled, and I have seen faith grow in the light of God's love.

This year, as we turn the page and enter into a new year and hopefully a new season, I hope we move closer to God's heart as well. As with every new year, I am encouraging you to resolve to read through the Bible this year. In this newsletter, you will find a reading plan. Utilize or find another. Do as I do and start in **Genesis** and continue until you reach the end of the **Revelation**. Read it or listen to it. Whatever course you choose, resolve to dwell in the Word of God in 2021.

2020 has been a season of wandering in the dark for many of us. Thankfully, the Bible reminds us often of how we shall see a great light (**Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16**) and how Christ is the Light of the World (**John 1:9; 8:12**). For a new year, I am asking that we as a church turn to a new psalm. **Psalm 27** begins: "The LORD is my light and my salvation." God's love is personal and wants to be known.

How amazing is that fact? God created the universe and watches over it. He didn't simply set things in motion and walk away. He designed everything with a plan in mind. He exists beyond the farthest galaxy swirling through space, and He is involved in the movement of the subatomic particles. God knows your destination (**Psalm 90:2**), and He knew you before the moment of your birth (**Jeremiah 1:5**).

2020 was not a surprise to God as it was to us. When I arrive in Glory, I will surely ask how COVID19 and mos-

quitoes fit into the divine plan, and I am sure I will be set straight! Having faith does not mean that we have all the answers, but it does mean we are in relationship with the ONE who does.

As David begins the **27th Psalm**, not only does he begin by saying the LORD is my light and salvation, but he then asks, "Whom shall I fear?" as he acknowledges that God is a fortress who protects. He concludes verse 1 by saying, "So why should I be afraid?" And then he answers that question.

He's afraid because he has enemies in this world. Being a person of faith does not protect us from trials and tribulations. Sometimes, it multiplies those struggles (**John 16:33**). As Jesus reassured His disciples that He was greater than the problems of this world (again **John 16:33**), David reminds Himself that God is greater than the enemies who encircle Him.

*A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psalm 27:1

Love of Faith



Knowing that truth and slapping it on our chests embossed on t-shirts or on our cars printed on bumper stickers does not mean that it has taken root in our souls. Just as in the Parable of the Sower (**Matthew 13:1f; Mark 4:1f; Luke 8:4f**), having the Word in the soil of our souls does not lead to a harvest. Sometimes, we find ourselves to be rocky soil or parched soil. With fear and trembling, sometimes we discover that our faith isn't as strong as we imagined.

2020 has shaken our faith. Are we fruitful wheat or are we tares that look the part but have no substance (**Matthew 13:24f**)? Throughout the past few years, I have been encouraging others to help find ways to build fellowship here at St. John's Church. I have wanted to build bridges between generations and worship styles and whole myriad of other issues that have caused people to cast groups into us v. them or the family of God and the dreaded "those people." Such divisions come to the chagrin of God and run counter to His Word. More than

bridges, I hoped to build the bonds of fellowship (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).

While I still believe fellowship is an important “growing edge” for the future health of St. John’s, I think we need to return to another theme from the beginning of my ministry here amongst you: discipleship. Reading the Word is a discipline of the faith as is prayer. There are many other disciplines—a list of them may be found on page five. Also, you may turn to a couple of books by Dallas Willard to start practicing the disciplines of the Christian faith: **The Divine Conspiracy: Jesus’ Master Class for Life** or **The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives**.

One of the blessings of social isolation is that it forces us to turn our lives toward our one true Friend, God (**John 15:13-15**). As we spend time with Him, we learn from Him and His heart becomes our heart—the very opposite of **Isaiah 55:8**. We realize that, even when we feel alone, God still hears our heartfelt cries and answers us by His mercy (**Psalms 27:7**).

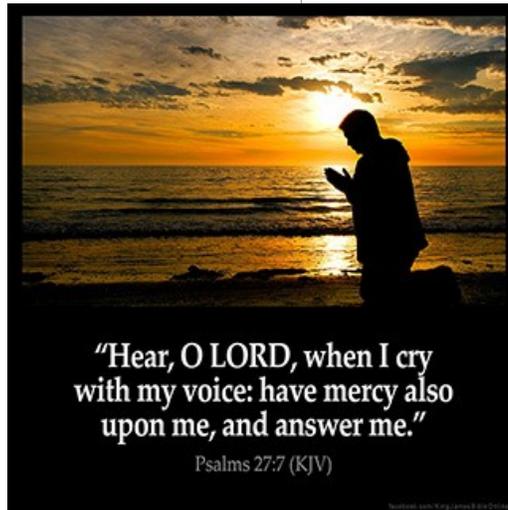
Small Groups (or Life Groups as we have called them here) are important to foster growth in the disciplines as they hold us accountable. I encourage you to find a prayer partner, a Bible study buddy, or someone to hold you accountable for your spiritual walk in 2021 or create a small group of fellowship.

The Spirit blows where it will (**John 3:8**). Our Men’s Bible Study is a testimony to this. It is led by someone not from our church as is true of over half of our participants. We have been as wandering Arameans. We lost our home at Henry’s. At that time, we were averaging 5 or 6 on Saturdays. We moved to McDonald’s Playland and actually accrued new members. With COVID restrictions we moved to the Jerry Cross Park and then the church’s chapel. Now, we meet Our Place Family restaurant. We still average 8-10 with a couple of men sitting out for health concerns.

How did we grow? We were humble and obedient. We

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proclaimed like David that God is our fortress. When tough times came, we remained faithful. When enemies came and drew numbers from our rank, we prayed, studied the Word, and sought for the face of God. God heard our prayers and sent men who joined us—some for a season, some intermittently, and some who have grown to be steadfast brothers.



**“Hear, O LORD, when I cry  
with my voice: have mercy also  
upon me, and answer me.”**

*Psalms 27:7 (KJV)*

The same can and will happen in our church and the larger Church. Growth isn’t about increasing numbers of people in the pews. Church growth is predicated on spiritual growth. Like a tree (**Psalms 1; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Isaiah 61:3**), we need to grow our roots deep in the LORD and His Word before we can grow upward, be clothed in verdant leaves, and produce the fruit of righteousness (**Jeremiah 12:2; Ezekiel 17:23; Matthew 7:20; John 15:8**).

Like a tree, the process is not fast. It begins as a seed in the darkness and covered as though in a grave (**John 12:24-26**). The seed has to cease to be a seed to become a tree. The old has to be shed to gain the new (**II Corinthians 5:17**). This is a season of shedding the old—old hang-ups, old sins, old traditions, old commitments to this world and self-reliance. In its place, we are to seek nothing but the will of the LORD and His face that we may dwell with Him forever (**Psalms 27:4**).

While 2020 may seem like a lost year in so many ways, let us begin 2021 by seeking what is good and true and what will stand forever (**Ephesians 5:7-10; Philippians 4:8**). Let us seek the LORD and His protection that comes in His abiding presence. May you have a fruitful year of pursuing the LORD!

Standing on the Rock and in the Word,

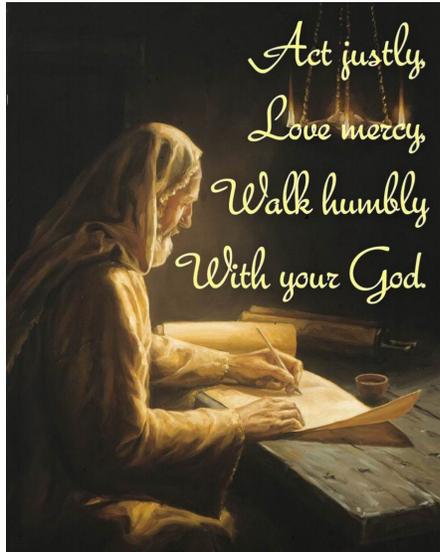
*Pastor Randall*

## Preaching Series

In my opening pages, I wrote about 2020 being difficult and focused on COVID. Another major topic of 2020 was the social unrest within our nation and around the world. From different areas, we heard calls for justice and reform. Sometimes those calls came with conflicting voices or goals in mind. Sometimes, calls for a more just society came along with violent protests.

Whatever your thoughts about the social upheaval, as Christians, we are called to build a more just society and to bring the kingdom of God to bear upon all aspects of our society and culture. As such, we cannot turn a deaf ear to the plaintive cries nor can we simply seek to create a society molded in our image. We are to be Christ-bearers in this regard—to bring His love and His justice.

To truly lead that conversation and work, we need to be grounded in a biblical view of justice. There are many places in scripture to which we could turn. The prophets are a good place to do that. Like us, they spoke to a people who were grounded in the Word and built a society based on scripture. Somewhere along the way, they had lost their way. In response, God raised up prophets to call people back and to pursue justice—God’s justice—so that their society could flourish.



Such flourishing was meant not only for God’s people as it was to impact the whole world. Likewise, our working for justice is not about demanding our rights but it’s about letting justice flow like mighty waters (**Amos 5:24**), covering, refreshing, and reshaping as it may.

May God’s justice reshape us into His people, and by extension, may His justice renew His Church and revive our nation.

03 January

Guest Preacher: Shannon Maier

10 January

Scripture

**Micah 1:1**

**I Corinthians 1:26-31**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

Sermon

**To Little Children**

17 January

Scripture

**Micah 1:2-16**

**Matthew 11:20-24**

Sermon

**Woe to You**

24 January

Scripture

**Micah 2:1-13**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

Sermon

**What Is This**

**Generation Like?**

31 January

Scripture

**Micah 3:1-12**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

Sermon

**Never Satisfied**

## Christmas Gratitude

As with every Christmas, I am deeply touched by your generosity, kindness, and love. This year, I have been blessed to see your faith in action as you supported this church through difficult circumstances. As we wrestled with how to be the church amidst lockdowns and social distancing, you remained generous in spirit as you shared thoughts and concerns and questions with loving kindness. You worked with the church leadership even when you may have disagreed with decisions or policies or the fact that we did not conduct our ministry as other churches did.

Most of all, you were a people of prayer who supported the church and one another as you prayed for guidance and direction. With all the upheaval of 2020, the church remained a

haven of peace as God's people sought to come together and find a way to navigate the turbulent waters.

Personally, you have been a blessing to me and my family. Augustin is seeking direction for what to do and where to go after he graduates. Angelica has endured testing and multiple surgeries. I am humbled

at how you, the family of God, have offered support, gentle advice, and ongoing prayer for us—especially my children.

We have truly been blessed to serve here at St. John's Evangelical Church this year. When Christmas came, you have blessed us with cards, gifts, and sundry tokens of your affection. Ministry is a joy when shared with such a loving gaggle of saints. We appreciate all that you have done for us in 2020 and all that you have done for the Lord.

Your love, your gifts, and your presence in our lives have indeed made our Christmas merry and bright. 2020 was indeed different, but you helped to make it memorable (in a good way) and special for us. For that, I thank you and offer my gratitude.

May the Lord bless you and yours!

With Christ's love,

Pastor Randall

Representing Kathy, Augustin, & Angel



**Psalm 27**  
**The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
3 Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
4 One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.  
5 For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
6 And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
8 You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."  
9 Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the Lord will take me in.  
11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of  
the Lord  
in the land of the living!  
14 Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

## A LIST OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

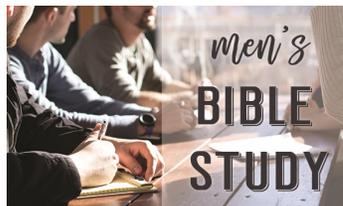
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Worship	Open Myself to God	Relinquish the False Self	Share My Life with Others	Hear God's Word	Incarnate the Love of Christ	Pray
Celebration	Examen	Confession	Accountability	Bible Study	Care of the Earth	Breath Prayer
Communion	Journaling	Detachment	Community/Small Group	Devotional Reading	Charity/Compassion	Contemplation
Count Your Blessings	Rest	Discernment	Hospitality	Examining our Narratives	Humility	Conversational Prayer
Gratitude	Retreat	Reconciliation	Service	Meditation	Justice	Fasting
Rule of Life	Self-Care	Secrecy	Spiritual Direction	Memorization of Scripture	Stewardship	Intercessory Prayer
Sabbath	Simplicity	Silence & Solitude	Unity	Reading a whole book of the Bible	Truth-Telling	Praying Scripture
Worship	Unplugging	Submission	Witnessing			Prayer Walking

# Upcoming Events

## Community Men's Bible Study

A Community Men's Bible Study meets Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant (formerly Basil's).



## Community Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is currently not meeting due to Covid Concerns. We will provide updates when they are available. Thank you for your understanding and stay safe!

## 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.

All luncheons are currently on hold due to Covid concerns.

## Mission of the Month— Jamie & Susan Range



Jamie and Susan Range left Bolivia in July 2016, but did not leave Pioneers. They have moved back to the states and are excited to transition into a ministry focus within Pioneers, a ministry that equips people to understand and reach out to Muslims. Bringing to the team (Encountering the World of Islam) our experience on the field, we will help develop curriculum in Spanish, teach, and build the program in Central and South American countries, while based in Colorado. Jamie's job is to be facilitator for this region.



## 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.

- January 7: Harold Brown  
15258 TR 195  
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- January 9: Paul Rickenbacher  
20551 SR 67E  
Kenton, OH 43326
- January 29: Juanita Rader  
14415 TR 265  
Kenton, OH 43326

### Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester  
Youth Ministry: Michele Sherman  
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



Happy New Year! We can't wait to get started on a new year of ministry with you and your teenager.

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

Next month, we're planning our Winter Retreat with Hardin County Collective. The retreat is designed to help your kid connect with God and with their small group. Stay up to date by following the Youth Facebook page, (St. John's Kenton, Ohio Youth Group). As of right now things change day to day but we continue to try to move forward with His guidance.

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

We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest — it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it's difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 4-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God. Through Nehemiah's story, we'll see that big difficulties can inspire God-sized goals, you are designed for God-sized goals, God gives us strength to pursue God-sized goals, and God-sized goals require God-sized gratitude.

**Tip of the Month**

We probably tell our kids that they can change the world, but do we mean "someday" or "today"? And are we actually giving them the tools they need to become the leaders we say they can become? Here are a few things we can do to help every teenager learn to lead right now: 1. Let them lead (and serve) now. 2. Give them responsibility. 3. Help them develop leadership skills. 4. Celebrate their efforts.

**Just a few words.....**

I just want to say Thank you! Thank you to everyone that has stepped up and helped where they were needed. This past year has been tough and unpredictable but we all came together as One. I can't tell you all enough how much you are appreciated and loved! Please if you feel the calling to help with our kids this new year, please don't hesitate to reach out. It is a true blessing to work with them and they bring so much joy to your life. God has big plans for these kids and we are a stepping stone for them to know Him more. God Bless you all and I hope this New Year brings Joy, Hope and Peace.





As we continue to wrestle with pandemic impacts and changes in government, we need to realize that since our beginnings as a Church, we've dealt with a lot of life's capriciousness. We have reviewed before the long serving Pastors in our long history, but now let's look at the shortest serving Pastor at St. John's. Jacob Friedrich Hemperle was born 1 Oct 1837, in Blankenloch, Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He served only three months before dying suddenly at age 34 (actually 33 years and 9 months despite what his tombstone records).

His tenure was so short that a gap in our records exists for that year in the official church records. The following is from our recently translated Council records from 150 years ago.

**1 Feb 1871**

*During a meeting at the house of President Jakob Hass it was decided that the position for the pastor should be advertised for in the paper. Pastors of the United Synod should contact them. The salary for the year should be \$400 in addition to free boarding and compensation through the congregation in Goshen.*

*Attested Konrad Zulauf*

**Kenton, 9 April 1871**

*The congregation gathered today, with President Jacob Haas presiding, to elect a new pastor. Heinrich Loeffert was declared Secretary. Mr. Pastor Friedrich Hemperle was elected pastor unanimously.*

*Wilhelm Ochs – Sr*

**Sunday, 16 April 1871**

*The above-mentioned Mr. Pastor F. Hemperle started his ministry in our St. Johannes parish.*

*Wilhelm Ochs – Sr.*

**On 1 July 1871** Pastor Friedrich Hemperle died and was buried on 20 July in our Johannes Parish. His death was announced in the "Westbote" in Columbus, OH.

*Wilhelm Ochs, Sr.*

This advertisement for a new pastor ran for four weeks in the Westbote, the largest of the German language newspapers in Columbus. Rev. Hemperle's grave is in section 4 row 11 of Grove Cemetery. He is surrounded by many of the Church members that he served.

Unfortunately, we know little about him other than we assume from his marker he was unmarried and perhaps had no family on this side of the Atlantic. A case of a ministry cut short by death. His successor Pastor Eisenhauer, started in September of that year. In the-24 year period between 1857 and 1881, St. John's had 12 pastors. Can you imagine the turmoil of that time in our history, abolitionism, Civil War, Financial crashes and that period also included two votes to disband the Church? How blessed we have been since those turbulent times. Let's resolve to be thankful to God for our many blessings of stability and brotherhood we now enjoy.

Jerry Pfister, Historian

**Predigerstelle vacant.**  
 Da die deutsche vereinigte evangelische protestantische St. Johann. ed Gemeinde von Kenton, Garbin County, Ohio, predigerlos ist durch den Tod des Predigers F. Hemperle, so sind darauf reflectirende Prediaer hiermit ersucht, sich so bald als möglich um die Stelle zu bewerben. Aber nur Prediaer, welche mit guten Zeugnissen versehen sind und zu einer vereinigten evang. prot. Synode gehören, können berücksichtigt werden. Der Gehalt des Pastor Hemperle war \$400 nebst freier Wohnung und Nebengebühren.  
 Auch ist noch eine 4 Meilen entfernte Gemeinde in Aussicht zu bedienen. Weitere Auskunft geben die Unterzeichneten:  
 Sigmund Kreindiehl, Aelt.  
 Georg Reisch, Schatzm.  
 Wilhelm Ochs, Secr.  
 Reisetkosten werden nicht vergütet.  
 Kenton, O., Juli 19. 1871.



St. John's Evangelical Church  
Church Council Agenda  
Thursday, October 8, 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

- September 10, 2020 minutes – Motion to accept minutes and seconded, council vote, motion carried.

REPORTS

2) Finance - Russ Cahill

- Treasurer's report and Balance Sheet e-mailed out for review prior to the meeting.
- Review of the income – total about \$13,000 down
- Review of expenses -Staff salary are down, most other expenses down
- Having 60 -78 people on Sundays
- Meeting October 13
- Stewardship all set

3) Christian Education—Trish Wilcox-Michele Sherman

- Lots of good things going on with the kids program – Wednesday night kids have started up, Sunday school started up
- Question on the nursery opening up, and decision is not to open it right now.
- Youth went well last night
- Have had some HCC meetings
- Michele is doing an on-line devotional with the youth

4) Women's Ministry - Carol Wilcox

- Did do the Pastor appreciation
- Paid for the sheets, pillows, and mattress covers, and bedding for the Silent Night Bed Ministry

5) Worship, Arts & Music - Nancy Rickenbacher

- Dave and Pastor Randall met with James about doing some praise and worship service. Discussion of a budget for guest musicians that has not been used. Motion to bring James Rostorfer as a guest musician from budget line item 5.27.26 at \$50 to max \$75 per Sunday for up to two Sundays per month was made and seconded, council discussion, council vote, motion passed.

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 – got a price of \$15,578 to upgrade the equipment, helping with the Wednesday night kids program
- Automatic door opener on the east door – got a quote of \$4,087.84 plus about \$200 in electric. Have a generous donation to cover it and potential for a grant.
- Had the boilers inspected and had to have 2 gas lines replaced \$375-\$400 to replace it. Quality will have to fix it and then inspect the boilers again.
- North door was not shutting again, had it looked at again.
- Bus - have an ongoing problem with the door opening
- Farm – Signed 3 hunting permits, may have a few more

9) Missions, Evangelism - Heather Erwin/ Mark Sherman

- Trunk or Treat – using the east and north parking lot – will put up a sign up
- Set up the 2021 missions of the month – doubling up the Bed Ministry and the Angels for the Elderly next year

10) Pastor's Report - Pastor Randall

- Report distributed for review prior to meeting
- Revive Ohio – Church from Ada requested a meeting
- Would like to think about a sabbatical in a few years, it would take a plan to pay
- Discussion of the keys for AA
- Question on the Safe Sanctuary Policy and background checks– A motion was made and seconded that we allow an individual to volunteer for kids night as given tasks by the church, and moving forward each individual volunteer will be reviewed case by case with the same procedure that no violent offenses, sexual offenses, crimes against the elderly or children, or gang affiliations will be immediately disqualified, council vote, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Safety of Church Alice Program
- Rental agreements
- Church inventory – Shawn offered to help Heather

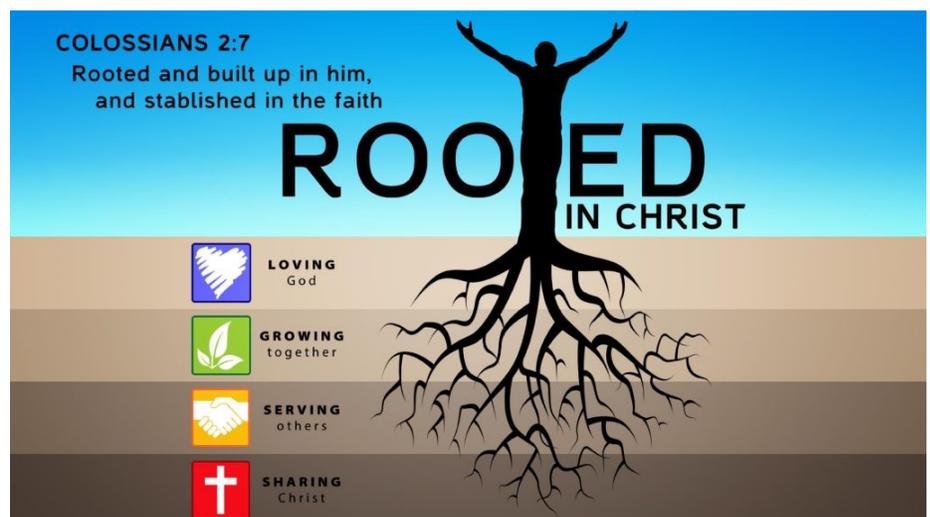
NEW BUSINESS:

- Review of evaluation created by the Survey Committee of Peggy Cahill, Donna Myers, Kim Wirbel, Terry Hord, Pam Miller, and Jerry Pfister
- Question about if there is any UCC requirement – and there is none
- Discussion of what it means to be a member of the church, the committee is having an issue with looking into what is active. Need a new system to help with this task.
- Discussion of the timing to send out, will probably not be until next year
- Need to make sure that we announce in newsletter, bulletin, service, etc.
- Summary –
  1. Council needs to decide who
  2. Council needs to decide when
  3. Council needs to decide if we want to update the software – important no matter what
  4. Council need to look at by-laws and constitution and see if we want to update it on what is a member
- Council to review and decide next month
- NA Key Change – discussed in the Pastor's report
- Safe Sanctuary Question - discussed
- Committees – Budgets for next year – turn in if you have a request
- Nominating Committee – Mark and Shawn will be on the committee

Next Meeting: November 12, 2020 7:00 PM

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

LORD'S PRAYER





## Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan

these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year.

To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day.

The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year.

The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined,

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(September continued)

Job	Reflection	Isaiah
21		
22	37-39	8
23	40-42	9
24	Titus	10
25	Jeremiah	
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