

# St. John Mennonite Church

## Staff

Tyler Macke, *Pastor*  
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Paul Ginther, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
Grace Brooks, *Director of Children's Ministry*  
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Lisa Gratz, *Administrative Assistant*  
Lauren Macke, *Worship Coordinator*  
Dean Luginbill, *Custodial Supervisor*  
Dan Amstutz, *On-Call Visitation*

## Elders

Matt Robb, *Congregational Chair*  
Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz  
Neil Reichenbach, Gregus Smith, Steve Dean

## Ways To Connect at St. John

Pioneer Clubs - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm | 3 yr. old-6th Grade  
Jr. High Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm  
Sr. High Small Groups - Sundays 6-8 pm  
SJMuniversity - A ministry for college students  
Cell Groups - Sundays 6 pm at your group location  
Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays 9-11:15 am  
ManIIMan - Bible Study and Events for men

## Outreach Opportunity

**Hygiene Bags to Haiti**  
Saturday, November 7 • 9:30 am  
SJM | Northview

Help is needed to pack the hygiene bags which will be going to Haiti in February. These bags will be given to young ladies in Haiti, by those who will be going on a mission trip with Mission Possible, which includes several from St. John. For questions contact Pam Macke or Bettina Schroeder.

## This Week Please Remember Dale & Jody Davis

Dale, Jody, and Zachary serve with ABWE in Togo, West Africa. Currently, they are working on a hospital in a community made up of mostly Muslims in northern Togo. This hospital is called Hospital of Hope. Many in the community have not had access to health care previously. Pray that God would allow them to get spiritual needs met as well as their physical needs.

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(our website is mobile friendly)



## Welcome to St. John Mennonite Church

We're glad you joined us today as we worship God together and learn from His Word. If you are visiting, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and pick up a welcome bag.

## Today

### First & Second Service

Welcome & Greeting  
Praise & Worship  
Intercessory Prayer  
K.I.C.K. Dismissed (2nd Service)  
Offering  
Message  
Response  
Sending

Absentee Voting | Church Office  
New Members Lunch • 12:30 pm  
College Lunch • After 2nd Service  
Home of Steve & Joy Reichenbach  
(9655 Bixel Road, Bluffton)

## November 1, 2015

## Tonight

### Sr. High Connections 6-8 pm

Join us for a time of fellowship and hear the powerful testimony of Josue Gomez, our special guest speaker! We will also eat some food and have fun! Mark & Julie Yoder's Home. (Bluffton)

## Service Times

First Service - 8:30 am  
Sunday School & ABF Classes - 9:45 am  
Second Service - 11:00 am



**"Join with Christ in Building His Church"**

## A Few Family Matters

### Video—Potential Elders

Current Elders, Matt Robb and Gregus Smith, have faithfully served and ended their three-year term. Thank you, Matt and Gregus! Therefore, there are two Elder positions open. Randy Keeler and Jason Yost are being considered for serving as an Elder. **If you are not familiar with either Randy or Jason, there is a short video that you can view on our website—under the Leadership page.** If you'd like a DVD format, please contact the church office.

### Elder Positions

Part of the process is to receive comments from the congregation after they have reviewed the Biblical requirements listed in our Constitution, Article VI: Section 1:1, 2. Please place any comments in the grey box on the Reception Desk – and please **sign your comments**. Input deadline is TODAY. May we serve God well together!

### Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, November 15 • 6 pm | SJM Sanctuary**

Join us in order to understand more about the happenings at St. John.

- Devotions
- Minutes Approval
- Acceptance of New Members
- 2016 Budget
- Election of Open Positions | Elders: Randy Keeler & Jason Yost  
Deacons of Missions: Steve Amstutz & Steve Reichenbach
- Search Committee Update
- Reports—ABF, Cell Groups, Marriage Enrichment, Missions, Trustees, Worship
- Congregational Concerns
- Closing Prayer

*The proposed 2016 Budget is available on the Reception Desk. Absentee Voting is available in the Office today and next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.*

**Youth Ministry** details at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)

**Connections** events are all about building deeper relationships with one another and a great place to invite friends! When you come you can always expect lots of food, drinks, and a basement for games. Basically it's a place to chill and have fun!

**Jr. High Connections • Paul Ginther's Home** (11375 Phillips, Bluffton)  
Friday, November 6 • 8-11 pm  
Friday, November 20 • 9:30-11:30 pm (after HS Basketball Games)  
Friday, December 4 • 9:30-11:30 pm (after HS Basketball Games)

## This Week

### Monday, November 2

Elder Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Tuesday, November 3

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen  
PrimeTimers Fellowship • Noon • MP Room  
Facility Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Wednesday, November 4

F.E.A.S.T. • 5:45-6:30 pm • MP Room  
Pioneer Clubs • 6:45-8:15 pm • SJM  
Jr. High Bible Study • 6:45-8:15 pm • SJM  
P.O.W. • 6:45 pm • Rooms 207 & 208  
ManIIMan Bible Study • 6:45 pm • SJM Northview

### Sunday, November 8

"Fight and Flight: Sin Competes and Blames" *Gen. 4:3-9*  
Child Dedication • Both Services  
Joint ABF • Jayne Russell, SEND | Marissa Burkett, H2O  
Kid's Choir • 10:45 am  
Absentee Voting • Church Office  
Sr. High Small Groups • Your Group Location

## Upcoming Events

### Child Dedication Service

**NEXT Sunday, November 8 • Both Worship Services**  
If you are interested in participating, contact Grace Brooks or the church office at 419-384-3680. More information at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org).

### Operation Christmas Child 2015

Collecting shoeboxes thru November 22.  
Look for the collection table in the Fellowship Hall.

## Children's Ministry

### Pioneer Clubs 2015-2016

"Parables Series"

**THIS Wednesday, November 4**  
**6:45-8:15 pm**

**Pioneer Club Helper Needed**  
• 4th Grade Boys—helper

**F.E.A.S.T.**  
**This Wednesday, November 4**  
**5:45-6:30 pm • MP Room**  
Bring your family and eat with us!

### Volunteers Needed

#### Nursery:

- 1st Sunday Odd Months (1st service)
- 3rd Sunday Odd Months (1st service)

#### Children's Church:

- 3rd Sunday | 2 Yr. Old Even Months
- 5th Sunday

### Kid's Choir • Next Sunday

**K-5th Grades • 10:45 am**  
Meet in 1st Grade Sunday School Room.  
Parents pick up your child in the Choir Room after service.



**International Day of Prayer  
Sunday, November 1, 2015  
10 Ways to Pray for Our Persecuted Family**

**I Commit to—**

1. Pray that persecuted believers will sense God's presence (Heb. 13:5).
2. Pray that they will feel connected to the greater Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:20, 26).
3. Pray that they will be comforted by God when their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness (2 Cor. 1: 3-5).
4. Pray that they will have more opportunities to share the gospel (Col. 4:3).
5. Pray for their boldness to make Christ known (Phil. 1:14).
6. Pray that they will forgive and love their persecutors (Matt. 5:44).
7. Pray that their ministry activities will remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them (Acts 9:25).
8. Pray that they will rejoice in suffering (Acts 5:41).
9. Pray that they will be refreshed through God's Word and grow in their faith (Eph. 6:17).
10. Pray that they will be strengthened through the prayers of fellow

**Lead Pastor Search Update:**

**WE ARE GOING LIVE ON NOVEMBER 1!**

The time has arrived to actually receive and screen applicants for our Lead Pastor position. The summarized job description which we are utilizing for various online job postings is available at the Reception Desk in case you know of someone who might be interested. Most of the information an applicant needs regarding our church can be found on our website with a special Employment page that has links to key church documents and other websites pertinent to our surrounding communities and schools. Upon request, Search Committee members will make available candidate packets containing the church documents posted online. We are excited to be on this journey but realize we cannot do it without the prayers of the body. To that end, pray fervently for God's appointed pastor to stand out clearly among the many applicants that we review.

# Sermon Notes

November 1, 2015  
**Detox: Freedom From Sin**  
Brad Moore

**Desire: Sin Starts Small**  
*James 1:14-15*

## Focus for Prayer

**Jeff Laing** (*Loss of Mother*)

**Shirley Schneck** (*Loss of Husband*)

**Bob Lee**

**Dean Basinger**

**Aaron Wannemacher**

**Future Lead Pastor & Family**