

# St. John Mennonite Church

## Staff

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## 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

### Haiti Sewing Class Prep Day

This Friday, December 11 from 9 am-3 pm

We will be getting projects prepared for our ladies sewing class in Haiti. We need volunteers who enjoy simple cutting, ironing, and packaging, as well as fun, fellowship and food. Please come and help out for as long as it works in your schedule. Bring a snack to share and soup will be provided for lunch. Also, bring scissors, roller cutters, and cutting mats if you have them. Please RSVP to Liane Thompson at 419-234-2967 in order to know how many to plan for. **You can donate items as well: Thread | T-shirts (L & XL) | Money (to help buy supplies for sewing kits).** Donated items can be put in the box in the Fellowship Hall. You are a blessing to our sisters in Haiti!

## This Week Please Remember

Justin, Elya & Caleb Kantner | SIM Paraguay

Please be praying for the Kantners as they are raising support and working towards making Paraguay their permanent home.

- Pray**
- For their studies and preparations.
  - That the needed funds will come quickly.
  - Praise God that He is using this family to build His Kingdom in Paraguay.

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(our website is mobile friendly)



# THE LIFE Of Christ

## 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

### Advent

#### First & Second Service

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

#### Lunch with Jay & Grace Brooks

After 2nd service | MP Area  
Join us for lunch as we celebrate together in thanking Grace. Come show your love and appreciation to Grace. All are welcome!

## December 6, 2015

## Tonight

### Sr. High Christmas Party

6 pm

Mark & Julie Yoder's Home  
*See details inside the Bulletin*

## 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*

### **Search Committee Process**

### **Children’s Ministry Deacon/ness Position**

Interested in serving on the search committee for the Children’s Ministry position? Look for information on the Reception Desk. Questions? Contact Tyler Macke at [tmacke@stjohnmennonite.org](mailto:tmacke@stjohnmennonite.org) or one of the Elders. Deadline is tomorrow.

### **Interim Co-Directors of Children & Family Ministries**

Please welcome our co-Directors of Children & Family Ministries, Rachel Antrim and Lindsay Clevidence. They began working/training at St. John on Tuesday, November 24th. Stop by the office when you get a chance and welcome Rachel and Lindsay as part of our Office staff.

### **Email Notice**

To contact Rachel Antrim or Lindsay Clevidence with Children’s Ministry, please use [sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com).

### **White Gift Offering**

During the December ABF classes, we will collect our annual “White Gift Offering” for our missionaries and their children. It is our Christmas gift to them. It will be divided equally among our missionary families with each missionary and child receiving a certain amount.

## *Congratulations!*

We welcome Tyler John, son of Eric & Megan Wentz, born December 2. Tyler weighed 8 lbs. and was 20” long.

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

### *Sr. High Christmas Celebration • TONIGHT • 6 pm*

On behalf of all the Sr. High Leaders, we would like you to be our guest of honor at our 2015 Sr. High Christmas Celebration! Please join us for dinner and entertainment at the home of Mark & Julie Yoder. (8180 Rockport Road, Bluffton)  
The occasion is formal, so please dress accordingly.  
Parking is available at Ebenezer Church beginning at 5:30 pm.

**Jr. High & Sr. High SpringHill Registration has officially begun!**  
Visit the church website for details and registration instructions.

## **This Week**

### **Monday, December 7**

Adult Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room  
Elder Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

### **Tuesday, December 8**

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen  
Search Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room

### **Wednesday, December 9**

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

### **Sunday, December 13**

“John the Baptizer” *Luke 1:39-80*  
Communion  
Kid’s Choir & Bell Choir | Both Services

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Kid’s Choir & Bell Choir**

Sunday, December 13 during both services.

### **Christmas Adult Choir**

The choir will sing December 20 in both services.  
Practices are: Monday, December 7 & December 14 at 7 pm in the Choir Room.  
If you would like to participate, contact Lauren Macke.

### **Christmas Eve Service**

Thursday, December 24 • 8 pm  
Join us we celebrate the birth of our Savior.  
There will be plenty of singing as we lift our voices to the Lord!

## **Children’s Ministry**

### **Pioneer Clubs 2015-2016**

“Parables Series”

**THIS Wednesday, December 9**

**6:45-8:15 pm**

### **Pioneer Club Helper Needed**

• 4th Grade Boys—helper

### **Volunteers Needed**

#### **Nursery:**

- 1st Sunday Odd Months (1st service)
- 3rd Sunday Odd Months (1st service)
- 5th Sunday (2nd 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.

# Sermon Notes

December 6, 2015  
**The Life of Christ**  
Tyler Macke

**Family History**  
*Matthew 1:1-17*

## Lead Pastor Search Update

We want to extend our sincere thanks for the prayers that have been lifted on behalf of the pastor search process. While this can be a difficult and time intensive process, we know that in God's strength we are able to complete the task before us. We are also thankful for the bond of unity that is among the team as we deliberate together. It continues to be a joy to serve together. The committee has been very active since our last update, both as individuals and as a team. Since going live on November 1, we have reviewed and researched 35 résumé submissions, watched/listened to numerous messages of applicants, and categorized individuals according to the job description parameters. We have had phone conversation with a few candidates of interest and hope to continue this process over the next week or two before the busyness of Christmas is upon everyone. We take delight in knowing that the individual who will serve at St. John has already been called out by God. We must simply remain faithful by seeking and listening for the will of God to be revealed in our conversations with applicants. Thank you again for continued prayers and blessings to all of you this Christmas!

## Focus for Prayer

Roy Warnecke  
Bud Clymer  
Margie Geiger  
Carrie Miller  
Marv Schwab (*Loss of Father*)

Bob Lee  
Dean Basigner  
Aaron Wannemacher  
Future Lead Pastor & Family