

St. John Mennonite Church

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Tyler Macke, *Pastor*
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Matt Robb, *Congregational Chair*
Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz
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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

Boys Clothes Needed For Bolivia

We are collecting summer clothes for boys ages 3—18 years old. These clothes will be going to Cristo Viene Boys Home in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. This is a home that works with abused and neglected children. We will be filling our bags for checked luggage. Help us fill our bags. If you are interested in donating clothing or want further information please contact Becky Gambrell or Raquel Bruno at 803-391-2423.

This Week Please Remember

Andy & Pam LaBreche | Share Education in Timisoara Romania

Andy is a teacher. Pam maintains the library. Andy has been experiencing some heart issues.

- Pray**
- For Andy as they seek the right course to help him.
 - For his energy level to return.
 - For Pam as she works at the Areopagus Library and works on dissertation.
 - As they travel to serve in other places such as Budapest and Croatia.
 - Prase as they have had opportunities help Serbian refugees.

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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 First Service

Welcome & Greeting
Praise & Worship
Advent Reading—"Joy"
Offering
Message
Communion
Bell Choir & Kid's Choir
Sending

Second Service

Welcome & Greeting
Bell Choir & Kid's Choir
Praise & Worship
Offering
Advent Reading "Joy"
Message
Communion
Response
Sending

December 13, 2015

Rejoice with Joy
that is inexpressible.



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"

New here?

White Card

We would like to know who you are and how to pray for you. The White Cards are located in the pew backs. Fill one out and drop it in the offering bag.

A Few Family Matters

Email Notice

To contact Rachel Antrim or Lindsay Clevidence with Children's Ministry, please use 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.

Lost & Found

Please check this area (behind where the Greeters stand) for items you may be missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for their visits, prayers, cards and thoughtful words during the passing of my dad. You have been a blessing to us. ~The Schwab Family

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

**Save
The
Dates**

Sr. High

**Dare 2 Share • March 4-6, 2016
Summer Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016**

**Spring Hill Winter Retreat January 29-31, 2016
Jr. High & Sr. High SpringHill Registration has officially begun!**
Visit the church website for details and registration instructions.

Jr. High Bible study is on break until January 6, 2016.

**This
Week**

Monday, December 14

Elder Meeting • 6 pm • Conference Room
Council Meeting • 7:30 pm • Conference Room

Wednesday, December 16

P.O.W. • 6:45 pm • Rooms 207 & 208
Adult Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room

Sunday, December 20

"Angels & Shepherds" *Luke 2:1-20*
K.I.C.K. Children's Church
Adult Choir | Both Services

**Upcoming
Events**

Christmas Adult Choir

The choir will sing December 20 in both services.
Practice: Wednesday, December 16
7 pm | Choir Room

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!

Church Office & Building Closed

Thursday, December 24 at Noon.
Friday & Saturday, December 25, 26.

Children's Ministry

Pioneer Club 2015-2016

Note: Pioneer Club is on break and will not meet again until January 20, 2016.

Family Skate Night
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
6:30-8:30 pm
Grove Skateland

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 & Bell Choir • TODAY
Participating in both services.

Sermon Notes

December 13, 2015
The Life of Christ
Tyler Macke

John the Baptizer
Luke 1:39-80

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

Kaylee Luginbill
Silas Yau
Roy Warnecke
Bud Clymer
Margie Geiger

Carrie Miller
Bob Lee
Dean Basinger
Aaron Wannemacher
Future Lead Pastor & Family