

# St. John Mennonite Church

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## Elders

Matt Robb, *Congregational Chair*  
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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

Ron & Donna Schumacher | Wycliffe Bible Translations, Philippines

- Pray**
- As they both are checking the New Testament as it nears completion.
  - For materials that are needed for translators to make it safely to the Philippines.
  - Praise that Ron got the help he needed for the eye trouble he was experiencing.

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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.

## December 20, 2015

### Today

#### First & Second Service

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

In this the **Love** of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world.

### 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

### 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're missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

### Address or Email Updates

Have you recently changed address/email/phone and haven't given it to the church office? Email [office@stjohnmennonite.org](mailto:office@stjohnmennonite.org) with the update.

### End of Year Giving

All offering/donations received/postmarked on or before December 31st will be credited as a 2015 tax year donation. Those received/postmarked after December 31st will be credited as a 2016 donation. Please plan your end-of-year giving accordingly. Thank you!

### White Roses

The bouquet of white roses is in memory of the many loved ones that our church family has lost this past year. Our prayers and thoughts are with you throughout this season. If you have lost a loved one this year, please take a rose home after the service today.

### In Loving Memory

The cross of flowers is in memory of Sarah Ginther.

## Youth Ministry

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

### Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service • 8 pm • SJM  
Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.  
There will be plenty of singing as we lift our voices to the Lord!

Office closes at Noon for the holiday.

### Friday & Saturday, December 25 & 26

Church Office & Building closed.  
Merry Christmas!

### Sunday, December 27

"Jesus Is Baptized" | Mark 1:9-11  
Kid's Choir

**Upcoming  
Events**

### Church Office & Building Closed

Thursday, December 31 at Noon & Friday, January 1.  
Happy New Year!

### Family Skate Night

Wednesday, January 20  
6:30-8:30 pm | Columbus Grove Skateland  
Free! Invite your friends and family.  
Everyone is welcome!

## Children's Ministry

[sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com)

### 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  
Columbus 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**  
**NO Choir Next Sunday**  
**K-5th Grades**