

# St. John Mennonite Church

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## Elders

Steve Dean, *Congregational Chair*  
 Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz,  
 Randy Keeler, Neil Reichenbach, Jason Yost

## 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

### TP For Haiti

Something many of us may not think about on a daily basis is our bathroom luxuries, such as toilet paper. You may not even think of it as a luxury until you consider the alternative of using a rock or leaves. Many people in Haiti don't use toilet paper due to not being able to dispose of it properly. A project is being started to help offer a more hygienic option to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. 7x7 squares of flannel cut with pinking shears. These will be able to be washed and reused. The mission teams going to Haiti in February will deliver the flannel squares. If you are able to help, contact Bettina Schroeder.

## This Week Please Remember Women's Resource Center of Hancock County

**Today is "Sanctity of Life Sunday"**. Please pick up an empty baby bottle in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will bring it back sometime in the next six weeks FULL! We as a church are supporting Women's Resource Center, our community's pregnancy resource center that shares the truth and love of Christ in a life-affirming ministry. Please involve the whole family in filling the baby bottles with coins, bills or checks (to *Women's Resource Center*). Thank you!

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# 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 & Second Service

Welcome & Greeting  
 Praise & Worship  
 Offering  
 Intercessory Prayer  
 Message  
 Response  
 Sending

#### Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am  
 Fellowship Hall

\* Parents pick up your child after service.

**College Lunch • After 2nd Service**  
 Home of Steve & Joy Reichenbach  
 (9655 Bixel Road, Bluffton)

### January 17, 2016

### Tonight

**Sr. High Small Groups**  
 Your Group Location

### 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?

#### Website

If you are new to St. John, check out our church website at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org) (our website is mobile friendly).

### A Few Family Matters

#### Minutes/Financials Available

The December 14, 2015 Council Minutes and the November, 2015 Financial Report are available in either of the brochure holders. If you would like additional financial reports or documentation that was noted in the minutes, please contact Dave Tuttle (Treasurer).

#### Sanctuary Renovation—Fund Drive

We are currently taking donations for the renovations in order to replenish the Trustee’s Designated Fund. The goal for this fund drive is \$25,000. Please write ‘Sanctuary Project’ in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

#### Items Needed for Haiti

Several teams will be going to Haiti again during the month of February. The following is a list of medications still needed. If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the bucket at the church Main Entrance **by Next Sunday, January 24**. Thank you!

- Aleve
- Prilosec
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Clotrimazole Cream
- Vitamins with Iron (No Gummies)

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

*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.

**Sr. High Small Groups Tonight | Your Group Location**

**Jr. High Bible Study Wednesday • 6:45-8:15 pm | SJM**

### This Week

#### Wednesday, January 20

Family Skate Night • 6:30-8:30 pm • Grove Skateland  
Jr. High Bible Study • 6:45 pm • SJM  
P.O.W. • 6:45 • Rooms 207 &208

#### Sunday, January 24

“Teaching: Not Many Find the Way” | *Matthew 7:13-14*  
Worship Services resume in Sanctuary  
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall  
Benevolent Offering  
Sr. High Small Groups • Your Group Location

### Upcoming Events

#### Sanctuary Renovations

During the month of January the project to refresh the sanctuary is taking place. Worship Services will be held in the Multi-Purpose Area (Gym) TODAY. The plan is to resume Worship Services in the sanctuary NEXT Sunday, January 24.

#### Membership Classes

Sundays, February 7, 21, 28 • 9:45 am  
We are offering Membership Classes for those of you who desire to join the St. John community as a member. If you are interested, call the church office or contact Tyler Macke.

### Children’s Ministry

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

#### TODAY

#### Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall  
1st Service: 3 yr. old-5th Grade  
2nd Service: K-5th Grade

#### Kids Musical Coming!

May 1, 2016

*“Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace”*

All practices will be during our Kids Worship Services on Sunday mornings. With questions contact Candice Luginbill or Marcia Phillips.

#### Volunteers Needed

##### Nursery:

- 3rd Sunday Even Months
- 5th Sunday

##### Kids Musical Helpers

Contact Rachel or Lindsay if you are interested in volunteering.

#### Family Skate Night

**THIS Wednesday • 6:30-8:30 pm**  
Grove Skateland  
Bring your family! Invite your friends! Everyone is welcome!  
This is a free event.

#### Pioneer Club Resumes

**NEXT Wednesday, January 27**

# Sermon Notes

January 17, 2016  
**The Life of Christ**  
Gary Harpst

**Teaching: Blessed are the Poor**  
*Matthew 5:1-12*

## Lead Pastor Search Committee Update

After a couple weeks respite from the search process, we have re-engaged our efforts as we explore and dialogue with individuals. At this stage in our search, we have identified candidates of interest with whom we intend to move to a deeper level of communication. As we move through the suggested steps in the process, we are being careful not to simply check off tasks but instead to seek God's confirmation in the next steps that we take. We continue to be thankful to serve on this committee and count it a joy to be called to serve in this capacity. Please continue to pray for unity among our committee, for the candidates as they seek confirmation from God about moving forward with us, for the ministries in which they currently serve, and for God to prepare our hearts for new leadership when God calls out the pastor which he has chosen to lead this body of believers.

Jason Yost, Mark Yoder, Angie Basinger, Kathy Steiner,  
Scott Gratz, Kent Cherry, and Scott Basinger

## Focus for Prayer

Family of Margie Geiger  
Kaylee Luginbill  
Roy Warnecke  
Bud Clymer

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