

St. John Mennonite Church

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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

Housing For College Chorale Students

The Chorale from Grace University of Omaha, Nebraska will be in concert at Yoder Hall, Bluffton University, on Monday, March 21 at 7 pm. Lodging and breakfast the next morning is needed. The choir members may be picked up at Bluffton University after the concert on Monday night and dropped off at Ebenezer Mennonite Church at 9 am on Tuesday morning. The church will be open at 7 am if you need to drop them off early. If you can help, there is a table with sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Corinne Lee at 419-302-6244 or daclee@roadrunner.com.

This Week Please Remember Mission Possible

Please pray for Mission Possible in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Pray for the students in the schools, the Leadership training for adults that are being used as pastors, nurses, and educators in their own land. Also pray for the Mission Possible staff in Findlay. Pray that God continues to use this ministry to educate for service. May God's Kingdom grow in both numbers and in depth of knowledge. To hear more about what God is doing through this ministry, join us next week at the Mission Festival!

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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 & Second Service

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

Benevolent Offering

Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall
* Parents pick up your child
after service.

Membership Class • 9:45 am
Office 207

Elders in ABF Classes

Children's Ministry Volunteer
Training • 12:15-3 pm

February 28, 2016

Tonight

Sr. High Small Groups
At 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"

A Few Family Matters

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.

Church College Scholarships

Applications for our church 2016-2017 College Scholarships offered by St. John Mennonite are now available in the church office. For more information, visit our website or contact Randy Keeler, chair of the church College Scholarship Committee (keelerr@bluffton.edu or 419-302-4666). Deadline for submitting applications is THIS Monday, February 29.

Everence • Apply For 2016 College Scholarships

If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. Submit your application by February 29, 2016. More at everence.com/scholarships.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 20 • 6 pm | SJM Sanctuary

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

- Devotion
 - Minutes Approval
 - Acceptance of New Members
 - Vote—Constitutional Amendment
 - Search Updates—Lead Pastor, Children & Family Ministry
 - Reports—Audit, Finance, Facilities, Technology, Children's, Youth,
 - Visitation & Care, Leadership & Discipleship
 - Old Business/ New Business
 - Congregational Concerns & Closing Prayer
- Absentee Voting will be available in the Office on Sundays, March 13 & 20.*

Q&A on Constitutional Amendments

Sunday, March 13 • 9 am & 11 am • Conference Room

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Sr. High → **LIVE IT UP! Dare2Share • March 4-6, 2016**

Visit the church website for more info!
Deadline to register: **TODAY**, February 28

Save
The
Date

Sr. High

Summer Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016

Sr. High Small Groups • Tonight | At Your Group Location

Jr. High Bible Study THIS Wednesday.

**This
Week**

Monday, February 29

Worship Planning Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 5

Men's & Women's Breakfast • 8-10 am • SJM

Sunday, March 6

Mission Festival 2016 • Herve Pierre Speaking
Joint ABF • 9:45 am • Mission Possible
Membership Class • 12-3 pm • SJM
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall
Sr. High Connections • 6 pm • Mark & Julie Yoder's

**Upcoming
Events**

Passion Week Service • Wednesday, March 23 | SJM

Join us in worship and contemplation of the Sacrifice that has redeemed our sinful souls!

*Choir Practices for this service: March 7, 14, 21
7-8:30 pm in the Choir Room*

Rally Point • Celebrating 10 Years Of Ministry!

Thursday, March 10 • 6:30 pm | Free Event!
Axis Building at Lima Community Church
Email rallypoint@live.com or call 419-229-4444.

Children's Ministry

sjmkids@gmail.com

TODAY

Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

Note

1st Service Kids

Meet in Fellowship Hall

2nd Service Kids

Meet in Basement RM 303

* Parents pick up your child in Fellowship Hall.

Kids Musical Helpers Needed

Contact Rachel or Lindsay if you are interested in volunteering.

F.E.A.S.T.

THIS Wednesday, March 2

5:45-6:30 pm • MP Area

Bring your family and eat with us!

**Pioneer Club | "Parables"
Wednesday • 6:45-8:15 pm**

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.

Sermon Notes

February 28, 2016
The Life of Christ
Paul Ginther

The Cost of Discipleship
Matthew 10:37-39

Mission Festival 2016 March 5-6 Mission Possible “Hand Up” not “Hand Out”

Saturday, March 5 • 8-10 am | SJM

8-9 am—Men’s & Women’s Breakfast | MP Area

- Mission Possible staff will be speaking

9-10 am—Herve speaking to the men | MP Area

- “The cost of being in ministry, choices we have to make.”

9-10 am—Mirlande speaking to the women | Fellowship Hall

- “The cost of being in ministry, following your husband.”

All are welcome to join us for breakfast! See the table in the Fellowship Hall to sign up. **Childcare is provided!**

Sunday, March 6

Herve will preach in both worship services.

9:45– 10:30 am—Joint ABF with Mission Possible

- “The Importance of Leadership”

10:30-11 am—Mission Festival Displays | MP Area

- 11 Mission Agencies will be represented

March 13

ABF Classes Meeting in regular classes (since Joint ABF is on March 6)

Lead Pastor Search Update

After multiple conversations and seeing various applicants rise to the top of our list, God moved us to seek out a couple specific pastors. At the same time, God was moving these individuals in different directions. While it would be easy to look at this as a setback, we choose to embrace the perspective of answered prayers. As such, we have “cast the net” again to reach new applicants for consideration in our search. We realize that the pastor search committee is tasked with surveying available applicants and narrowing the list of qualified individuals, but ultimately we are thankful that God is in control of selecting our next lead pastor. We want to ask the church to give thanks with us because God is moving in mighty ways. Pray for the heart of the individual God is calling to minister at St. John. Keep praying for God to be revealed while we wait patiently for his clear direction. In last week’s message, we were personally challenged to ask God how he was using a time of waiting in our own lives to refine us and to reveal his character. The same question can be asked as a church body. How is God refining us as a church while we wait and how does he want to reveal himself to us?

Focus for Prayer

Joe Habegger
Esther Gambrell
Aaron Wannemacher

Future Children’s Director
Future Lead Pastor
Search Committees