

# St. John Mennonite Church

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Tyler Macke, *Pastor*  
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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

### 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 earlier. 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](mailto: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 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 Mission Festival 2016

### First & Second Service

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

**Joint ABF 9:45 am**  
"The Importance of Leadership"  
Mission Possible &  
Mission Festival Displays

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

**Membership Class • 12-3 pm**

## March 6, 2016

### Tonight

**Sr. High Connections**  
6-8 pm  
Mark & Julie Yoder's

### 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.

### 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

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

### Easter Choir Practice

In preparation for Easter, St. John will be hosting a **Passion Week Service**, Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm (*this service does not take the place of the Community Good Friday Service, which is at Grace Mennonite Church this year*). The choir will be singing in the Passion Week Service as well as Easter Sunday. If the choir interests you, we will be practicing the following dates: **March 7, 14, 21 | 7-8:30 pm | Choir Room**

**If you are gifted in acting or musical ability and are interested in serving God's people at St. John in this way**, please contact **Lauren Macke** at [laurenmacke@icloud.com](mailto:laurenmacke@icloud.com) or call at 419-303-3878.

**TIME CHANGE • NEXT Sunday, March 13 • Spring ahead 1 hour!**

### College Care Packages

We are putting together care packages for our college students. See the table in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Save  
The  
Date

*Sr. High*

**Summer Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016**

**Sr. High Connections • Tonight • 6-8 pm • Mark & Julie Yoder's Home**  
**Jr. High Bible Study • THIS Wednesday | SJM**

**This  
Week**

### Monday, March 7

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

### Tuesday, March 8

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen  
Children's Search Committee • 7 pm • Office 207  
Missions Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Wednesday, March 9

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

### Friday, March 11

Jr. High Connections • 9-11 pm • Paul Ginther's

### Sunday, March 13

"Promiscuous Woman Brought to Jesus" *John 8:12-20*  
Q&A • 9 & 11 am • Conference Room  
Absentee Voting (in the Office)  
Membership Lunch • 12:30 pm • Fellowship Hall  
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall  
Sr. High Small Groups • At Your Group Locations

### Passion Week Service • Wednesday, March 23 | SJM

Join us at 7 pm in worship and contemplation of the Sacrifice that saves us from our sin and secures our salvation!

### Rally Point • Celebrating 10 Years Of Ministry!

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

**Upcoming  
Events**

**Children's Ministry**

[sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

**COMING! March 30**

**Pioneer Parables  
Program & Party!**

6:45-8:15 pm | SJM

ALL PARENTS are welcome to join us for our final night of Pioneer Club until fall!

**Kids Musical!**

May 1, 2016

**"Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace"**

# Sermon Notes

March 6, 2016  
**Mission Festival**  
Herve Pierre | Mission Possible

## Mission Festival 2016 Mission Possible “Hand Up” not “Hand Out”

### TODAY

Herve Pierre 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

### Next Sunday, 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

Janice Newton  
Joe Habegger  
Esther Gambrell  
Aaron Wannemacher

Future Children’s Director  
Future Lead Pastor  
Search Committees