

# St. John Mennonite Church

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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, NE will be in concert at Yoder Hall, Bluffton University THIS Monday, March 21 at 7 pm. **Lodging for 2 more students is still 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, contact Corinne Lee at 419-302-6244 or [daclee@roadrunner.com](mailto:daclee@roadrunner.com).

## This Week Please Remember Brad & Debbie Dukes | CRU

This week please pray for Brad Dukes and his family working on the campus of University of Toledo with "CRU". He requests special prayer for an upcoming Easter week outreach this week called "Chalk-n-Walk" that will be on campus March 22. This is an opportunity for Christian students on campus to share their faith in a unique way. Brad asks us to pray 'students would take bold steps of faith to engage their friends and classmates on campus with the gospel.'

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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.

## Palm Sunday

### First & Second Service

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

### Kids Worship Service

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

Preschoolers (2-4 Yr. Old)  
Singing in 2nd Service

Absentee Voting  
Church Office

College Lunch • After Church  
Home of Steve & Joy Reichenbach  
(9655 Bixel Road, Bluffton)

March 20, 2016

## Tonight

Congregational Meeting  
6 pm • SJM Sanctuary

## 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 accepting donations to replenish the Trustee's Fund. Please write 'Sanctuary Project' on the memo line of your check.

### Congregational Meeting • TONIGHT • 6 pm | SJM Sanctuary

Join us in order to understand more about the happenings at St. John. *Absentee Voting will be available in the Office TODAY, March 20.*

### Passion Week Service & Communion • March 23 • 7 pm

In preparation for Easter, St. John will be hosting a **Passion Week Service**, **THIS Wednesday** at 7 pm. Join us in worship and contemplation of the Sacrifice that saves us from our sin and secures our salvation!

### College Care Packages

Want to donate? See the table in the Fellowship Hall.

### Child Dedication

Although there **will not** be a dedication service on Mother's Day this year, Child Dedication is important to us and our desire is to incorporate this special moment more often into our church services. If you would like to have your baby or child dedicated at some point, please contact Lindsay at [sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com) or call the church office.

### Minutes/Financials Available

The February 8, 2016 Council Minutes and the January, 2016 Financial Report are available in either of the brochure holders. If you would like any additional financial reports or documentation that was noted in the minutes, please contact Dave Tuttle (Treasurer).

**2015 Annual Reports** are available on the Reception Desk.

## Youth Ministry

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

Youth  
Summer  
Trips

### Jr. High I ReGen Youth Convention • July 5-9, 2016

ReGen 2016 Anabaptist Youth Convention  
Taylor University, Upland, IN.

### Sr. High I CIT Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016

Center For Intercultural Training | North Carolina

**See the back of Sermon Notes for more details on these trips**

**NO Sr. High Small Groups TONIGHT** • *You are welcome to check out the Congregational Meeting at church tonight!*

**NO Jr. High Bible Study THIS Wednesday** • *You and your family are invited to join us for the **Passion Week Service**.*

This  
Week

### Monday, March 21

Easter Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room  
Passion Service Practice • 7:30 pm • Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 22

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen  
Pastor Search Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room  
Ladies Prayer Fellowship • 7 pm • Office 207

### Wednesday, March 23

Passion Week Service & Communion • 7 pm • SJM

### Friday, March 25

Good Friday Service • 7:30 pm • **Grace Mennonite Church**

### Easter Sunday, March 27

"Resurrection" | *John 20:4-10; 21:12*

Benevolent Offering

Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall

Upcoming  
Events

### Kids Musical • "Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace"

**Sunday, May 1 • 11 am & 6 pm | SJM**

The children will be presenting a **Stomp Musical** about Joseph, a man who chose to trust God in a crazy world. Join us as we learn more about our faithful God!

### Abundance 2016 • Women's Conference

Friday & Saturday, September 30—October 1, 2016  
Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum

In Jesus we have everything we need. **Abundance** is a two-day event in which you will be reminded that Jesus is more than enough. [www.lifeway.com/abundance](http://www.lifeway.com/abundance)

## Children's Ministry

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

TODAY

### Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

### Please Join Us! 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!

**NO Pioneer Club  
THIS Wednesday.  
Join us for the  
Passion Week Service.**

Note

**NO Kids Worship Service  
Easter Sunday**

# Sermon Notes

March 20, 2016  
**The Life Of Christ**  
Tyler Macke

Jesus's Friends  
*John 15:15*

**SJM | Youth**



**Sr. High Summer Mission Trip**  
**June 23-30, 2016**

In 2006 God opened the door for our youth group to serve alongside Andy Labreche, missionary in Romania. It was quite the trip! Well, ten years later the Lord has opened another door, again with Andy Labreche. This time not in Romania but in North Carolina at the CIT (Center for Intercultural Training) where Andy also serves as a professor. CIT is dedicated to training and equipping cross-cultural workers and their families for cross-cultural ministry. On this 28 acre campus, which is located near the mountains of western North Carolina, Andy has shared with me several maintenance needs which I believe by God's grace we can meet. Please begin praying about this opportunity and if the Lord would call YOU to join our work team this summer.



**Jr. High Summer Trip**  
**July 5-9, 2016**

Join us at RenGen 2016 for the first North American Anabaptist Youth Convention at Taylor University, Upland, IN! We are gathering together across many denominations to celebrate Jesus Christ and the mission He has given us. This is a time of calling and commitment for all ages and a celebration of new life and transformation.

**More information regarding BOTH trips will be posted on the church website SOON. In the meantime mark your calendars to save these dates!**

## **Kids Musical • May 1, 2016**

The children are presenting a "stomp" musical and we are in need of some "instruments". The following is a list of USED items we would greatly appreciate:

- Cookie Sheets
- Metal Cake Pans
- Metal Wash Boards
- Wooden Spoons or Wooden Drum Sticks
- Toy Xylophone
- Wooden Stick Brooms
- Tire Hub Caps and Rims
- Metal Trash Cans

If you have any of these used items and are willing to donate, please drop the items off in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Candice at 419-969-4782 or Marcia at 419-371-3445.

## **Focus for Prayer**

Janice Newton  
Joe Habegger  
Aaron Wannemacher

Future Children's Director  
Future Lead Pastor  
Search Committees