

St. John Mennonite Church

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

On Target Work Project

On Saturday, April 16, there is a workday planned at On Target near Canfield OH. The work day will include the following projects: Painting | New ceiling | Complete exterior metal siding, soffits, gutters | Demolition work | Odd jobs
Consider going out to Canfield to help Steve & Barb Scott in their ministry at On Target and also enjoy a day of fellowship. If you are interested in this work project, contact Dwain or Sandy Hall at 419-234-8114 or 419-615-5655.

This Week Please Remember Yeugen & Natasha Shatalov | CCX Ukraine

Please pray for the Shatalov's as they minister to college kids via mentoring, Bible studies, and special retreats and conferences. Pray as many of the students are troubled and hurting with lots of questions. Pray they can find true peace and answers they need in Christ. Pray they continue to grow and share their faith with fellow students, family, and friends.

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(our website is mobile friendly)



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.

April 3, 2016

Today

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

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

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

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.

Child Dedication

Sunday, April 24 during both services.

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 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.

Baptism

If you are a Christ-follower and are ready to take this step, we invite you to go public with your commitment to Christ. Contact the church office if you desire to be baptized.

White Card

We would like to know who you are and how to pray for you. The White Cards are located in the pew backs. Fill one out and drop it in the offering bag.

Youth Ministry

details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Youth Summer Trips

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

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

Sr. High | 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

This Week

Monday, April 4

Elder Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room
VBS Meeting • 7 pm • Office 207

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

P.O.W. • 7 pm • Conference Room
Kids Musical Practice • 7-8 pm • Choir Room

Sunday, April 10

“A Part of the Bigger Plan” | *Ephesians 1:8-14*
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall
Elementary Kids Singing in 2nd Service

Upcoming Events

ManIIMan

ManIIMan Bible study begins Wednesday, April 20 (more details to come)

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 all we need. **Abundance** is a two-day event in which you will be reminded that Jesus is more than enough. www.lifeway.com/abundance

Children’s Ministry

sjmkids@gmail.com

TODAY
Kids Worship Service
8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

Child Dedication
Sunday, April 24
Both Services

Contact Rachel or Lindsay if you would like your child dedicated or have questions

Volunteers Needed

Nursery:

- 1st service | All Sundays
- 2nd Service | All Sundays

Sunday School:

- Substitutes | All Sundays | All Ages

If you are able to serve in Children’s Ministry, contact Rachel or Lindsay.

Elementary Kids Singing
Next Sunday, April 10
2nd Service

Sermon Notes

April 3, 2016
Ephesians
Andy Borgelt

Union With Christ
Ephesians 1:3-8

Focus for Prayer

Gary Luginbill (*Loss of Mother*)
Lynn & Liane Thompson
Janice Newton
Joe Habegger

Aaron Wannemacher
Future Children's Director
Future Lead Pastor
Search Committees

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!

Lead Pastor Search Update

As mentioned at the congregational meeting, we see God moving even while restarting the process. Since our previous update, we have reposted the position on various ministry job listing sites and have been encouraged at the response with over 20 new applicants. We are in the process of narrowing the field for those candidates that meet the basic criteria. At this stage, researching and reviewing messages is our priority as we continue to filter any new applicants. We again want to thank the congregation for continued prayers. We were all encouraged at our last meeting by one of our committee members who reported that two individuals made it a point to assure him that they were praying for us regularly. This can be a reminder to us all that we must continually put our trust and confidence in God who is sovereign over all things. Pressing onward and looking upward!