

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

Mennonite Memorial Home Volunteer Opportunities

The Mennonite Memorial Home is very grateful for the time and effort that volunteers so graciously give. There is a need for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Your volunteering enhances the lives of our elders so please, consider how you can help! See the church bulletin board for details. If you are interested, contact MMH at 419-358-1015.

This Week Please Remember Julie Stratton | Global Disciples

Julie will be traveling to Thailand the last week of April until May 12th with Global Disciples. They will be meeting with international staff to do training and planning for the next fiscal year. They will also be hearing testimonies of how God is working in the least reached areas of the world. Please pray for Julie and her family as they will be apart. Also, pray for safety in travel for all involved, especially those traveling from third world countries that have to apply for Visas. Global Disciples has seen an average 25,800 new believers per year come to faith in Christ, be discipled and baptized. Through partnerships, more than 4,980 new fellowships of believers have been planted.

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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 17, 2016

Today

Both Services

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

*VBS Offering Taken After Service

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 up to \$25,000. To date, we have received \$10,345. Please write 'Sanctuary Project' on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

Child Dedication

Sundays, April 24, May 15, June 12 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.

College Scholarship Fund

We are accepting donations to cover the students that will receive scholarships in the 2016-2017 academic year. If you'd like to donate, please note "college scholarship" on the memo line of your check.

Everence • Free Educational Webinars in April

Everence® Financial will present free informative webinars on April 25, 27, and 28 from 2-8 pm. Topics include: **Estate planning basics, An overview of Everence, and Donor advised funds.** For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at melissa.short@everence.com, (800)222-5054, or visit our website at www.everence.com/direct.

Minutes

The March Council minutes and the February Financial report are both available in either of the brochure holders.

Congratulations!

We welcome Ezri Sue Haselman, daughter of Bud & Chelsea Haselman born April 8, 2016. Ezri weighed 9 lbs. and was 20 1/2" long.

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Youth Summer Trips

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

Taylor University, Upland, IN

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

Center For Intercultural Training | North Carolina

Registration has BEGUN! Register at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Sr. High Connections • NEXT Sunday, April 24 • 6-8 pm • Yoders

This Week

Monday, April 18

VBS Meeting • 7 pm • Office 207

Tuesday, April 19

Pastor Search Committee • 8 pm • Conference Room

Wednesday, April 20

P.O.W. • 7 pm • Conference Room

Kids Musical Practice • 7-8:30 pm • Sanctuary

ManIIMan • 7 pm • SJM | Northview

Sunday, April 24

"Working From Grace" | *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Child Dedication • Both Services

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

Upcoming Events

ManIIMan • THIS Wednesday, April 20 • 7 pm

There are no coincidences. God has great plans for us even when we don't see them. Join us on Wednesdays in a study of the life of Joseph out of Genesis and see how great things can be accomplished thru one man that decided to trust God in any circumstance.

Hymn Sing • Sunday, May 1 • First Service

Be thinking of a favorite hymn you'd like to request.

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

Sunday, May 1 • 11 am & 6 pm | SJM

Rally Point Chicken BBQ

Sunday, May 1 • 11:30am-1:30 pm • SJM | Gym
Proceeds will go toward YFC summer camp. Tickets are \$8.00. Contact Ruth Herron at 419-296-5550.

Miracle Camp • Time To Register!

K-4th Grade • August 7-13 | August 7-10 | August 10-13

5th-6th Grade • July 31-August 6

Register online at www.miraclecamp.com

TODAY

Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

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

Registration Has Begun!

Kid2Kid Camp

Deep Sea Discovery

June 15, 29 July 20, 27 August 3

VBS • Submerged

July 10-14

Register online

www.stjohnmennonite.org

See table in Fellowship Hall to volunteer

Sermon Notes

April 17, 2016
Ephesians
Gary Harpst

The Power Inside
Ephesians 1:15-20

Focus for Prayer

Gary & Laura Luginbill
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 for RenGen 2016 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.

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

To register for either of these summer trips, go to our website at www.stjohnmennonite.org

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!