

# St. John Mennonite Church

## Staff

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Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz,  
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## Ways To Connect at St. John

Children's Programs - Sunday School, Kids Worship, Pioneer Club  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Programs - Sunday School, Bible Studies,  
Connections, Summer Mission Trips

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  
P.O.W - Prayer On Wednesdays 7 pm- Conference Room

Visit [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org) for more information

## Outreach Opportunity

### Mission Possible

A team is going with Mission Possible to Haiti from May 12-19. We are requesting donations of used Large or X-Large shirts which will be used to help teach the Haitians how to quilt rugs. You may drop off your donated shirts in the bin located in the SJM Fellowship Hall. **If you wish to donate, please have your shirts dropped off by THIS Wednesday, May 11.** The team will be leaving on May 12 and will be taking the shirts with them. Thank you for helping!

## This Week Please Remember

Mike & Audrey Todd | CEF

Please be in prayer for Mike and Audrey Todd working in our area with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Praise God that this year, 1,400 children have attended Good News Clubs. 90 of them have chosen Jesus! Pray for summer teams that they are putting together, and the training and scheduling. Please pray as they seek to reach over 5,000 children this summer via clubs, VBS, fairs and festivals.

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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.

May 8, 2016

### First & Second Service

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

Joint ABF  
9:45 am | Gym  
Haiti Reports

Happy Mother's Day  
with Love

### 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 \$11,195. Please write 'Sanctuary Project' on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

### College Scholarship Fund

We are accepting donations to cover the 15 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. For more info, see the Bulletin Board.

### Dessert Auction • Benefiting the Kantner family's move to Paraguay Sunday, May 22 • 7 pm • SJM I Gym

You are invited to this special and fun-filled evening! Friends of Justin, Elya, and Caleb Kantner are having a dessert auction as a way to gather family, friends, and prayer partners together to hear about their ministry, and help them reach their full financial support. You do not need to bring a dessert to attend; however your donation of a dessert to be auctioned is appreciated. If you plan to bring something for the auction, email Sarah at [thejebsons@yahoo.com](mailto:thejebsons@yahoo.com).

### Financial Peace University 2016

The 9-week course starts Sunday, June 19 at 9 am at St. John Mennonite Church (Office 207). There is a cost of \$99 to cover class material. To register, email [cshomaeker@stjohnmennonite.org](mailto:cshomaeker@stjohnmennonite.org). Childcare is available, if needed. A FREE Class Preview (no registration needed) will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 9:45 am in Office 207 (childcare available).

### Thank You!

I wish to thank my church family, St. John Mennonite, for all your prayers, cards, and support through my illness. You are all such a blessing to me. Janice Newton

**Youth Ministry** details at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://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 I North Carolina

**Registration has BEGUN!**  
Register at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)

**This  
Week**

### Monday, May 9

Elder Meeting • 6 pm • Conference Room  
VBS Meeting • 7 pm • Office 207  
Council Meeting • 7:30 pm • Conference Room

### Tuesday, May 10

Missions Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Wednesday, May 11

P.O.W. • 7 pm • Rooms 207 & 208  
ManIIMan • 7 pm • SJM I Northview

### Sunday, May 15

Power Through Prayer | *Ephesians 3:14-21*  
Child Dedication  
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am

**Upcoming  
Events**

### Free Everence Webinar • Basics of Medicare

Wednesday, May 11 at 2 pm or 8 pm — your choice. Topics: when and how to enroll, what is and is not covered, filling the coverage gap and navigating the Medicare alphabet, and other resources to help you make informed decisions. To register, contact Melissa Short at [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com), 800-222-5054 or go to [everence.com/direct](http://everence.com/direct).

### REFIT®

REFIT® Workout Classes will be held in the gym on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 am and Tuesdays/Wednesdays from 7-8 pm. See bulletin board for info.

### Golfers Needed • Fund Raiser for Rally Point & YFC

Friday, June 17 | Sycamore Springs  
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](http://www.miraclecamp.com)

**Children's Ministry** [sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com)

**Note:**

**TODAY**  
NO Kids Worship  
Service

**Child Dedication**  
**Next Sunday, May 15**  
If you are interested  
contact Lindsay Clevidence

**Registration Has Begun!**  
**Kid2Kid Camp**  
**Deep Sea Discovery**  
June 15, 29 July 20, 27 August 3  
9-11:30 am

**VBS • Submerged**  
July 10-14  
6:30-8:45 pm  
**Register online**  
[www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)

# Sermon Notes

May 8, 2016  
Ephesians  
Dick Potter

## The Gospel Privilege *Ephesians 3:1-13*

The Apostle Paul mentions the Privilege it is to be a servant of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Three privileges are considered in this passage.

### Our Relationship with Jesus (Eph. 3:1-8)

- A Servant (Acts 26:16; Eph. 3:7)
- Prisoner (Eph. 3:1; 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:8)
- Gift of God's grace (Eph. 3:2, 7)
  - Grace (v. 2)= Mystery revealed
  - Grace (v. 7)= Ministry entrusted
- Unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 1:3, 18; 2:4, 7; 3:16)

### Our Relationship as the Church (Eph. 3:9-12)

- A Servant
- A mystery (Eph. 2:12-14; 3:4-6)
- God's eternal purpose (Eph. 3:10, 11)
- A testimony of God's wisdom to the Heavenly beings (Eph. 3:10)
- Approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)

### Our Relationship with non-believers (world)

- We are their Servants (1 Cor. 9:19-23; 2 Cor. 4:5)
- Their Condition (2:12-14)
- We live for "the sake of you Gentiles." (3:1, 2, 8, 9)

## Focus for Prayer

John Miller  
Gary & Laura Luginbill  
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, but not in Romania. This time we will be serving 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

We are going on a road trip and you are invited to join us as we travel to Taylor University for this year's 2016 Summer ReGen Youth Convention—DARE GREATLY! This will be a great opportunity to get away and hear more about the amazing love Jesus Christ has for you, the abundant life He wants for you, and the mission He has given you! This week will be packed with great speakers, worship, learning labs, fun activities, and of course lots of food and caffeine! **We would love for you to join us this summer!**

**REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

**To register for either of these summer trips, go to our website at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)**

## Girlfriend Getaway to Hocking Hills!

Hey Ladies! Come join us Friday-Sunday, June 24-26 for a weekend of hiking and ziplining in Hocking Hills! All women college-age and up are invited to attend as we enjoy time together in God's creation! Flyers are on the Reception Desk or contact Cindy Schneck for details ([cschneck@embargmail.com](mailto:cschneck@embargmail.com) or call/text 419-348-2827). Space is limited. Sign-up today!