

St. John Mennonite Church

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Outreach Opportunities

Campus Life Youth For Christ Bluffton & PG Middle School

Bluffton & PG Middle School Youth for Christ/Campus Life is in need of ministry leaders (volunteers) for their weekly clubs. We are looking for high schoolers through older and wiser adults who are willing to share 1.5—2 hours per week with local middle schoolers. Contact Gwen Sprague at Gwendolyn.yfc@gmail.com or (567) 204-3780.

Echo Ranch Work Team

We are taking a work team to Alaska in either July or September to build a new chapel at Echo Ranch. If you are interested in being part of this work team, contact Mahlon Geiger at 419-792-0041.

Focus for Prayer

Jana Huber

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Jennifer Higley

Aaron Wannemacher

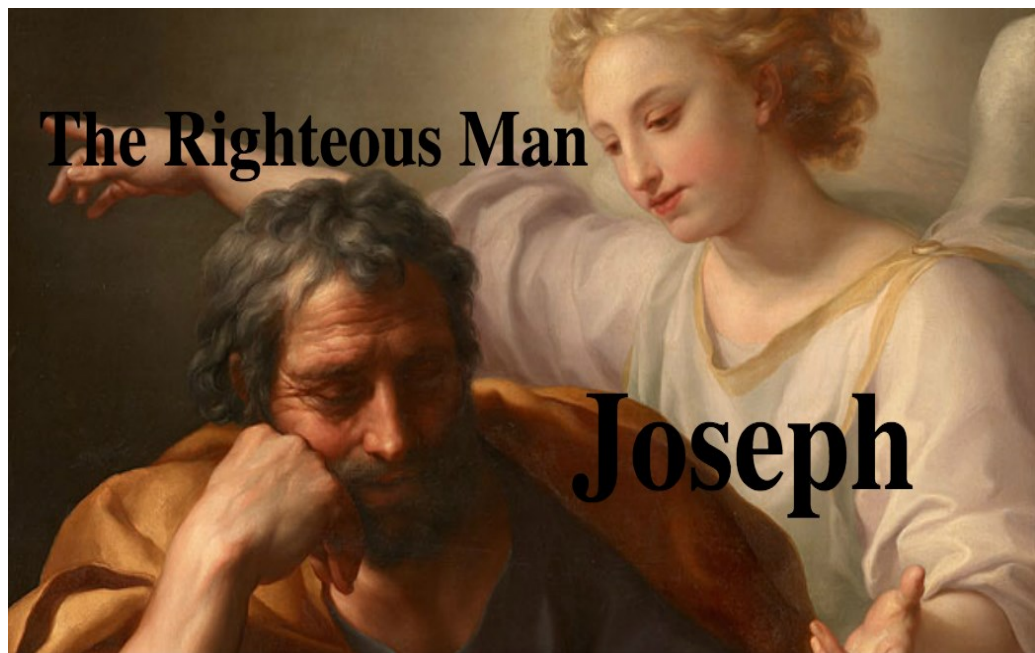
This Week Please Remember Women's Resource Center | Findlay, Ohio

Please pray for Women's Resource Center as women that come to the center are facing a difficult time in their life and may be considering abortion.

Pray For:

- The women who come may get the hope of Christ and the help they need.
- The young parents getting parenting help through the diaper program.
- The women who come in for weekly Bible studies that they find Christ.
- The staff and volunteers as they use the resources they have to bring Christ to all who come to WRC.

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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.

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

TONIGHT

Sr. High Christmas Celebration

6 pm
 Mark & Julie Yoder's Home

Kids Choir Practice
 6 pm • Sanctuary

Worship Service

Welcome & Greeting
 Praise & Worship
 Advent Reading
 Intercersory Prayer
 Offering
 Message
 Response
 Sending

TODAY

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

White Gift Offering

During the December ABF classes, we will collect our annual "White Gift Offering" for our missionaries and their children. It is our Christmas gift to them. It will be divided equally among our missionary families.

Sunday Morning Hospitality

If you have the gift of hospitality and are looking to get involved in a ministry at St. John, we would love to have you be a part of our Sunday Morning Hospitality Ministry. We have one opening for someone to serve every other month. For more information, contact Bev Robb at 419-957-1541.

VBS & Kid2Kid Camp 2017

We are starting to form a Planning Committee for each of these summer programs. Planning meetings will begin in January. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees please contact Rachel at rantrim@stjohnmennonite.org or Lindsay at lindsaysjmkids@gmail.com.

Choir Practice • 7 pm | Choir Room

Monday, December 5 & Tuesday, December 13
The Choir will sing in both Worship Services on Sunday, December 18.

Everence

The **seventh and final** resource in the '7 steps to integrating faith and finances' educational series, 'Connect my faith with my charitable giving plan' is available in the Everence display racks across from the library. This provides biblical perspective on the topic of generosity, and practical ways for you to maximize your gifts to causes and organizations dear to your heart. We encourage you to take a little time with these resources as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Sr. High Christmas Formal • TONIGHT • 6 pm

On behalf of the Sr. High Leaders, we would like you to be our guests of honor at our **2016 Sr. High Christmas Celebration**. Join us for dinner and entertainment at the home of Mark & Julie Yoder. Look for more info through Facebook.

Save the Date

SpringHill 2017 • March 10-12 • For Both Jr. & Sr. High

Club 2 | Jr. High Bible Study

Wednesday • 7-8:30 pm • Paul Ginther's House

This Week

Monday, December 5

Adult Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room
Elder Meeting • 7 pm • Conference Room

Tuesday, December 6

Primetimers • Noon • Gym
Facility Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room

Wednesday, December 7

Awana • 6:30-8 pm • SJM
P.O.W. • 6:45 pm • Conference Room
Jr. High Club 2 • 7-8:30 pm • Ginther's

Sunday, December 11

Matthew 2:13-18
Kids Worship Service • Fellowship Hall
College Lunch • After 2nd Service • Reichenbach's Home
Kids Choir Practice • 6 pm • Sanctuary
SH Small Groups • 7 pm • Yoder's

Upcoming Events

PrimeTimers Christmas Party • 12 pm | Gym

THIS Tuesday, December 6
Come join us for a fun Christmas Celebration with lunch, Christmas carols, games & prizes.

Christmas Eve Service | Saturday, December 24 • 8 pm

Join us for Christmas cookies after the service.

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25 • 10 am
One combined Worship Service (*NO ABF/SS, childcare*)

New Year's Day Worship Service

Sunday, January 1 • 10 am
One combined Worship Service (*NO ABF/SS, childcare*)

Children's Ministry

sjmkids@gmail.com

TODAY

Kids Worship Service

Children are dismissed during 2nd Service. Please pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall after service.

WEDNESDAY

AWANA Clubs

6:30-8 pm

Bring a Friend Night

Register online

www.stjohnmennonite.org

Kids are welcome to join at any time.

TONIGHT

Kids Choir

6 pm • Sanctuary
K—6th Grade

Volunteers Needed

Sunday School:

- 2 Yr. Old I Helper Every Other Month
- 4th/5th Grade I Helper

Awana:

- Subs

If you are able to serve in Children's Ministry, fill out a Connection Card or contact Rachel or Lindsay.

Sermon Notes

December 4, 2016

Matthew

Paul Perkins

The Righteous Man Joseph *Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon Notes

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
Matthew 5:3-6

CONNECTION CARD

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

KID'S NAMES (AND AGES):

WEBSITE: www.stjohnmennonite.org
FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/sjmchurch

Please drop this card in an offering bag,
or place it in the Main Office.

SEE OTHER SIDE 

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NEXT STEP?

CHECK THE ONES THAT APPLY TO YOU:

- HOW DO I **FOLLOW CHRIST?**
- I'M NEW!** HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. JOHN?
- I'D LIKE TO **SERVE** IN ONE OF THE MINISTRIES:
 - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 - YOUTH MINISTRY
 - WORSHIP MINISTRY
 - WELCOME MINISTRY

We will contact you using the info provided on the reverse side.

BAPTISM

I AM READY TO GO PUBLIC WITH MY FAITH

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

WRITE YOUR REQUEST IN THE SPACE BELOW