

# 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](mailto: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 [ASAP](mailto:ASAP) at 419-792-0041.

## Focus for Prayer

Wayne Huber & Family      Autumn Sprunger

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

Please pray for the 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)

# We Three Kings



## 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 11, 2016**

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**"Rejoice in the Lord"**

**TONIGHT**

**Sr. High Small Groups**  
 7-9 pm  
 Mark & Julie Yoder's Home

### Worship Service

Kids Choir  
 Welcome & Greeting  
 Advent Reading  
 Praise & Worship  
 Intercessory 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.

### End of Year Giving

All offerings/donations received/postmarked on or before December 31st will be credited as a 2016 tax year donation. Those received/postmarked after December 31st will be credited as a 2017 donation. Please plan your end-of-year giving accordingly. Thank you.

### 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](mailto:rantrim@stjohnmennonite.org) or Lindsay at [lindsaysjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaysjmkids@gmail.com).

### Choir Practice • 7 pm | Choir Room

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.

## Thank You!

Thank you and God bless you to all who helped during my medical incident last Sunday. I am feeling very blessed that I only have a broken bone in my hand. *Winford Bauman*

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

Save the Date

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

**Sr. High Small Group | TONIGHT**  
7-9 pm • Mark & Julie Yoder's House

**Club 2 | Jr. High Bible Study**  
Wednesday • 7-8:30 pm • Paul Ginther's House

**This Week**

### Monday, December 12

Council Meeting • 7:30 pm • Conference Room

### Tuesday, December 13

Adult Choir Practice • 7 pm • Choir Room  
Missions Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Wednesday, December 14

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 18

*Matthew 2:16-23*

Adult Choir Singing  
Kids Worship Service • Fellowship Hall  
College Lunch • After 2nd Service • Reichenbach's Home

**Upcoming Events**

### Christmas Eve Service

**Saturday, December 24 • 8 pm**

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

### 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](mailto: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**

*Crazy Hair Night*

**Register online**

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

Kids are welcome to join at any time.

### Volunteers Needed

#### Sunday School:

- 2 Yr. Old | Helper Every Other Month
- 4th/5th Grade | 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 11, 2016

**Matthew**

Paul Perkins

**We Three Kings**  
*Matthew 2:1-15*

# 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](http://www.stjohnmennonite.org)**  
**FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/sjmchurch](http://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