

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 from July 23-29 to build a new chapel at Echo Ranch. If you are interested, contact Mahlon Geiger **ASAP** at 419-792-0041 so we can plan ahead accordingly.

Focus for Prayer

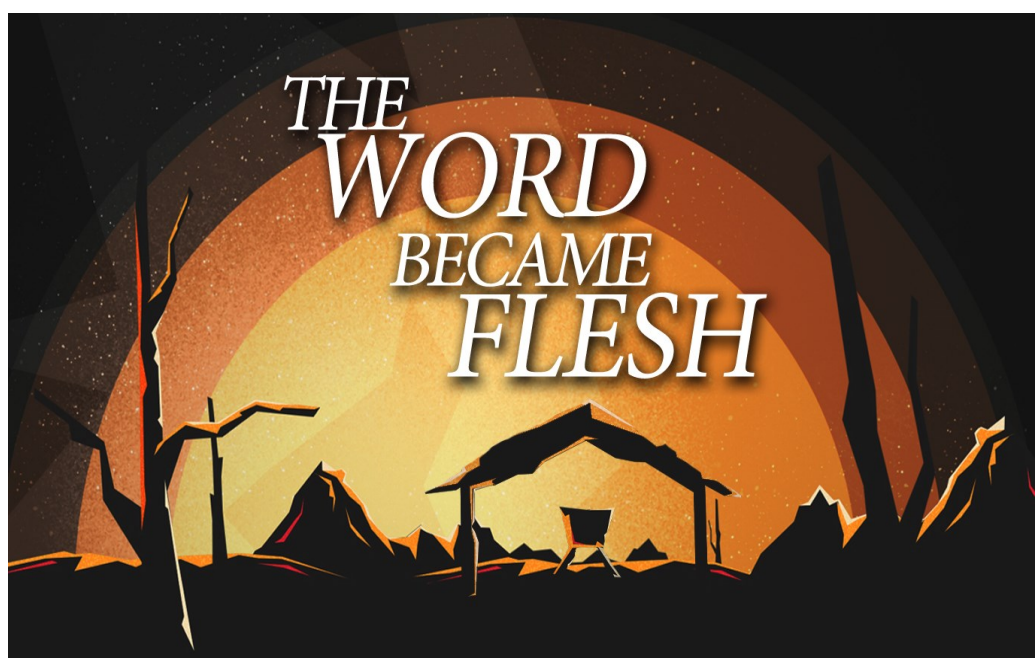
John Benedict
 Karen Weaver

Wayne Huber & Family
 Autumn Sprunger

This Week Please Remember Teams Going To Haiti | Mission Possible

Please be praying for teams going to Haiti next month. Each person going is also involved in the preparations; some are gathering materials and supplies, some are planning the education they will teach, others are planning menus and getting groceries. All are praying that God would use their time in Haiti to bless and bring others to Christ. Please join those who are going with Mission Possible teams next month as they seek God's protection, His unity of spirit, His wisdom and His love for others.

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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 25, 2016

Worship Service

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

Benevolent Offering
 Offering taken after service.

White Rose

If you have lost a loved one, please take a rose home after the service today.



Merry Christmas

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 December we are collecting our annual "White Gift Offering" for our missionaries. It is our Christmas gift to them. It will be divided equally among our missionary families. You may drop your donation in the offering bag (please note "White Gift" on the memo).

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 2017

We are starting to form a Planning Committee for VBS. Planning meetings will begin in January. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Rachel at rantrim@stjohnmennonite.org.

Lost & Found

Please check this area (restroom area under the Sanctuary) for items you are missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

White Roses

The bouquet of white roses is in memory of the many loved ones that our church family has lost this past year. Our prayers and thoughts are with you throughout this season. If you have lost a loved one this year, please take a rose home after the service today.

Minutes / Financials

For the most recent Council Minutes and Financial Report, see our website under Leadership/Church Leadership Team Tab.

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Save the Date

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

This year there's a limited amount of space available and we will only be able to accept the **first 55** Jr. High & Sr. High students who register online. So please visit the church website, look at the information, and register soon.

Sr. High Small Groups are on holiday break the next 2 weeks.
Small Groups will resume Sunday, January 8

Club 2 | Jr. High Bible Study is on holiday break this week.
Club 2 will resume NEXT Wednesday, January 4.

This Week

Monday, December 26
Office & Building Closed

Wednesday, December 28
P.O.W. • 6:45 pm • Conference Room

Friday, December 30
Office & Building Closed at Noon

Sunday, January 1 • New Year's Day
One combined Worship Service • 10 am
(NO ABF/SS/Childcare)
Communion

Upcoming Events

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, January 2 • 12-6 pm • SJM Gym
Stop by the gym at St. John Mennonite to donate blood. If you have questions, contact Jackson Ridge.

Monday, January 2
Office Closed

Children's Ministry sjmkids@gmail.com

TODAY
NO Kids Worship Service

NO AWANA Clubs
THIS Wednesday

*Enjoy the Holiday Break
with your family.*

**AWANA Clubs will resume next
Wednesday, January 4.**

Register online
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 25, 2016

Matthew

Paul Perkins

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-18

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