

# 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 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

Jodi Faine	Tom & Earnie Modd	Karen Weaver
Wayne Huber & Family	John Benedict	Autumn Sprunger

### This Week Please Remember Rally Point I Lima, OH

Please be praying for Jared & Amy Diller and family as well as Ruth Herron and Lynn Thompson as they continue to work with young people at Rally Point.

#### Pray:

- For volunteers that are building relationships with kids.
- For the kids that come to be interested in trusting Christ and grow in Him.
- That the kids will make wise life-choices and be protected from evil.

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 (our website is mobile friendly)



Blessed Are The  
**MERCIFUL**

**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.

**January 8, 2017**

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

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**TODAY**  
**Joint ABF**  
 9:45 am • Gym  
**YFC**  
**Door offering to YFC**

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

**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

### VBS 2017

We are forming a Planning Committee for VBS. If you are interested in serving on this committee, join us on Monday, January 23 from 7-8 pm in the Conference Room or contact Rachel at [ranrim@stjohnmennonite.org](mailto:ranrim@stjohnmennonite.org).

### 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.

### Prayer Request Communication

If you have an urgent Prayer Request and would like the church body to pray, it is our desire to communicate your request. Call Lisa Gratz in the Office at 419-384-3680 (Office Hours are Monday—Friday, 9 am to 3 pm). After Office Hours, call or text Pastor Lynn Thompson at 419-890-6234 and the Prayer Request e-mail will be sent out as soon as possible. If it is not urgent, call or e-mail the Office ([office@stjohnmennonite.org](mailto:office@stjohnmennonite.org)).

### Greeter Sign-Up

It is time again to sign up as Sunday morning Greeters. Each ABF has been given a specific month to greet. You will find the sign-up sheet in your classroom. Please sign your name on the date and entrance you choose. Greeters are an important part of the body of Christ as you have the opportunity to reflect Christ to all who enter the doors of St. John.

### Apply for 2017 Everence College Scholarships

If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2017-18 school year. Applications are due by February 28, 2017. Learn more at [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships) or see Peggy Reichenbach for a copy of the application.

**Youth Ministry** details at [www.stjohnmennonite.org](http://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 | 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, January 9

Elder Meeting • 6 pm • Conference Room  
Council Meeting • 7:30 pm • Conference Room

### Tuesday, January 10

Missions Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 11

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, January 15

Kids Worship Service • Fellowship Hall  
College Lunch • After 2nd Service • Reichenbach's Home  
SH Small Groups • 7 pm • Yoder's

**Upcoming Events**

### ABF

Our regular ABF schedule will resume NEXT Sunday, January 15. ABF is from 9:45-10:45 am.

### College Lunches Resume

NEXT Sunday, January 15 • After 2nd Worship Service  
Home of Steve & Joy Reichenbach  
(9655 Bixel Road, Bluffton)

### Kids Musical Kick-Off

Sunday, January 22 • 6-7 pm • Choir Room  
K-6th Grade  
Anyone who is interested please come!

**Children's Ministry**

[sjmkids@gmail.com](mailto:sjmkids@gmail.com)

### TODAY

#### Kids Worship • K-3rd Grade

Kids will be dismissed during 2nd Service.

Parents pick up children in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

### Volunteers Needed

#### Awana:

• Subs for *January & February* | All Ages

#### Nursery Workers:

• 5th Sunday | All Services

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

### WEDNESDAY

#### AWANA Clubs

6:30-8 pm

#### Winter Wonderland Night

Wear hats, scarves or gloves. Bring a new hat, scarf, gloves or mittens to donate to the homeless shelter.

#### Register online

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

Kids are welcome to join at any time.

# Sermon Notes

January 8, 2017

**Matthew**

Paul Perkins

**Blessed Are The Merciful**  
*Matthew 5:7*

# 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