

St. John Mennonite Church

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Outreach Opportunity

Haiti Mission Trip

During the month of February, 2018, teams will be serving in Haiti with Mission Possible. If you are interested in going to Haiti to serve on one of the teams, there will be a brief informational meeting TODAY in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 2nd Service. If you have questions contact Pam Macke at 419-615-8606.

Focus for Prayer

Tom & Sharon Clymer
 Jean Shaneyfelt

Rhonda Harpst
 Dale Inkrott

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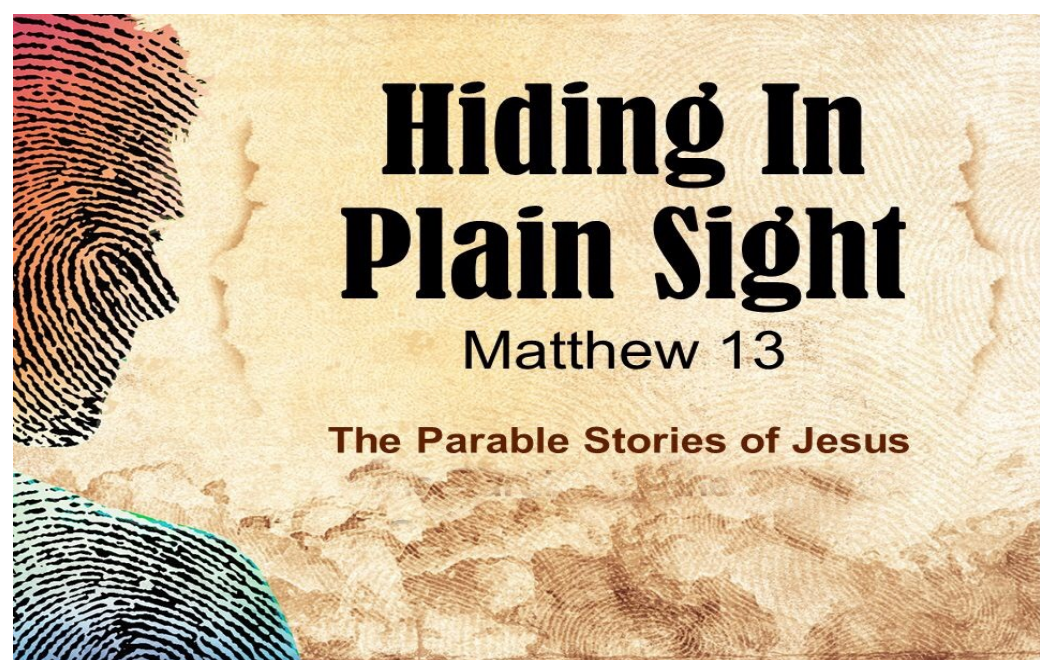
This Week Please Remember Dennis & Cindy Wiens | SAT-7

Pray for Dennis Wiens and the team of workers bringing satellite TV to help displaced Syrians. One channel is called SAT Academy. This provides education for some of the 13 million displaced children that can't go to school. It is reported that over 8 million of these children suffer from the toxic stress brought on by all the violence they are constantly exposed to. As Dennis writes, "we are trying to help these children get their childhood back."

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 (our website is mobile friendly)



Hiding In Plain Sight

Matthew 13

The Parable Stories of Jesus

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.

Worship Service

Welcome & Greeting
 Praise & Worship
 Prayer
 Offering
 Celebrating Advent
 Message
 Response
 Sending

Today

Kids Worship

11 am • Sr. High Room
 (MP Room 420)

December 10, 2017

TONIGHT

Sr. High Small Groups
 At your group location

Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 24

10 am Combined Service
 (No ABF/Sunday School)

8 pm Christmas Eve Service

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

College Lunch

SJM College Lunch TODAY. Lunch is served after second service at Steve and Joy Reichenbach's home (9655 Bixel Rd., Bluffton).

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.

Teams Going To Haiti in February

See the back page of the Bulletin under Outreach Opportunity for details.

Lost & Found

Check the area under the Sanctuary (1st room to the right) for items you may be missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

End of Year Giving

All offerings/donations received/postmarked on or before December 31st will be credited as a 2017 tax year donation. Those received/postmarked after December 31st will be credited as a 2018 donation. Please plan your end-of-year giving accordingly. Thank you.

Connection Card

We would like to know who you are and how to pray for you. The Connection Cards are located on the Sermon Notes page of the Bulletin. Fill one out and drop it in the offering bag.

Books Available

The staff of SJMchurch have selected some of their favorite Christian books and made them available to you "at cost". Check out the Book Table in the Library. The prices are Amazon prices. "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight." Proverbs 4:7

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Club2 • THIS Wednesday • 7-8:30 pm at Paul Ginther's home

NOTE: Club2 will *not* meet next Wednesday or the following Wednesday. We will resume on January 3.

Sr. High Small Groups

PG Guys • Sundays • 7-8:30 pm • Luke Neuenschwander's
Cory Rawson Guys • Sundays • 7-8:30 pm • Luke Neuenschwander's
BHS Girls/Guys • Sundays • 7-9 pm • Yoder's
PG Girls • Wednesdays • 7-8:30 pm • Angie Basinger's
CG Guys • Thursdays • 3:15-4:15 pm

This Week

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

Awana • 6:30-8 pm • SJM
Club2 • 7-8:30 pm • Paul Ginther's
Prayer On Wednesday • 7 pm • Conference Room

Sunday, December 17

Regular Services

Upcoming Events

Adult Christmas Choir

This year we are singing on Sunday, December 24 for the combined 10 am service (no 8:30 or 11 am service times). Rehearsals are as follows in the choir room:

- Tuesday, December 12 • 7 pm
- Tuesday, December 19 • 7 pm
- Sunday, December 24 • 8:45 am, Sanctuary

If you can make at least two practices, it is definitely worth coming and taking the opportunity to lead worship with us Christmas Eve morning. If you are interested in singing, simply show up to a practice and be ready to worship! Questions? Contact Lauren Macke or Jim Oberhaus.

Sunday, December 24

10 am Combined Service (No ABF/Sunday School)
8 pm Christmas Eve Service

Inside-Out Women's Event

Save the date! Thursday, January 25 • 7 pm • SJM Gym
More details coming soon!

Children's Ministry sjmkids@gmail.com

AWANA
Wednesday Night • 6:30-8 pm
Christmas Party Night

NOTE:
Awana will *not* meet next Wednesday or the following Wednesday. We will resume on January 3.

Ministry Needs:

- Sunday School Helpers
- Sunday School Sub Teachers

Child Dedication
If you are interested in having your child dedicated during a Sunday morning worship service, please contact Lindsay Clevidence.

Sermon Notes

December 10, 2017
Matthew
Paul Perkins

Hiding In Plain Sight
Matthew 13

Sermon Notes

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?
*How did you hear about SJM?

- 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