

St. John Mennonite Church

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Outreach Opportunity

GARAGE SALE—Fundraiser

St. John Mennonite is hosting a **Furniture & Home Goods Garage Sale**, Saturday, January 6 from 8 am-4 pm. All the money raised will go towards funding surgeries for Mission Possible students in Haiti. **How can you be involved?** Donate items for the sale—We are accepting couches, chairs, outdoor furniture, tables, lamps, rugs, home goods (no clothes). Items not sold will be donated to Restore (Lima, OH). You can drop off your items at SJM, Thursday, January 4, 6-8 pm and Friday, January 5 from 8 am-5 pm. Then come on out on Saturday, January 6 to see what treasures you can find! Questions? Contact Pam Macke (419-422-3364) or Lisa Gratz (419-615-0285).

Focus for Prayer

Tom & Sharon Clymer	Rhonda Harpst	Jedd Emans
Jean Shaneyfelt	Dale Inkrott	Autumn Sprunger

This Week Please Remember
Justin & Elya Kantner | SIM in Paraguay

Pray for Justin, Elya, and Caleb. They ask for prayer specifically for Elya as she has experienced health issues that have required surgery. Pray she has a quick recovery. Pray for the Kantners as they continue to adapt to a new culture and new language, and for Justin as he develops his optometry practice in Paraguay. Pray for the family as they celebrate the holidays away from friends and family.

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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.

December 17, 2017

Worship Service

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

Today

Kids Worship

11 am • Sr. High Room
 (MP Room 420)

NO College Lunch

Lunches will resume on
 January 14, 2018

Next Sunday

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

Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Worship Position

The Elders and Church Council have approved the search committee who will be seeking God's will in regard to the next Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Worship. We are asking you to pray along with us as we go through this process. Resumes will be accepted through **December 31st** from those interested within the congregation and those who you might know who have an interest. Please submit resumes and questions to Marcia Phillips mphillips@stjohnmennonite.org. Job descriptions are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Search Committee Members: Pastor Paul, Kent Cherry, Rachel Antrim, Christy Dean, Scott Basinger, Marla Stone, Gary Clevidence, and Marcia Phillips.

White Rose

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.

Office Move

The Administrative Office is now located at the end of the south entrance hall, across from the Lead Pastor's office.

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.

Minutes / Financials

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

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.

Outreach Opportunity

SJM is hosting a Furniture & Home Goods Garage Sale to raise money to fund much needed surgeries for Mission Possible students in Haiti. See the back of the Bulletin for details and how you can help.

Youth Ministry details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

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

This Week

Tuesday, December 19

Brass Practice • 6 pm • Choir Room
Adult Choir Practice • 7 pm • Sanctuary

Friday, December 22

Office & Building Closed at Noon

Sunday, December 24

Combined Worship Service • 10 am
Adult Christmas Choir Singing
No ABF/Sunday School
Candle Light Christmas Eve Service • 8 pm • SJM

Upcoming Events

Inside-Out Women's Event

Thursday, January 25 • 7 pm • SJM Gym
Join us for a time of dessert and to hear information about our next women's 6 week Small Groups. Our guest speaker, Gina Burns, will share her story of loss and heartache. She speaks transparently about her choices and God's faithfulness through the power of prayer and the redemptive work of the cross. Invite your neighbors and friends! Sign-up coming soon.

Men's Winter Event • Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, February 1 • 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Arthur-Lugibihl Community Center
ALL men are invited to come! (even if you don't play cornhole). Harlan's BBQ Chicken dinners provided (\$5 donation at the door). Each cornhole team is guaranteed 3 games. Excessive prizes for winners; cheap, tacky prizes for runner-ups. Find a teammate now! Stay tuned for how to register your team. Open sign-ups for Winter/Spring 2018 6 week Small Groups will be available at this event. Questions? Email Tyler tmacke@stjohnmennonite.org.

Children's Ministry

sjmkids@gmail.com

AWANA NOTE:

Awana will *not* meet THIS Wednesday or the following Wednesday. We will resume on January 3. Enjoy the Christmas holiday with your family!

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 17, 2017
Matthew
Paul Perkins

The Sower and the Seed
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