

Cross Connection
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 2021

Bible Study with Pastor Steve
"Gospel of John"
Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Church Parlor
Please join us!

ST. JOHN'S THRIFT SHOP
COAT GIVEAWAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO HELP
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
VOLUNTEER TO SET UP
CHURCH BASEMENT
CALL MARY 937-492-8047

Church Cookout

Sunday, October 24
After 10:30 am Service
Please come and bring a
side of your
choice.



Reformation Day, October 31
Wear RED to Worship



This month I have marriage on my mind. On the first weekend of October I get to do my first wedding here at St. John's. It is wonderful thing that we are moving beyond the restrictions of COVID-19 and returning to a time of joy. Clara and Brandon are a wonderful couple and I am honored to be a part of their combining of lives, of pledging a commitment to one another and of weaving God into this new relationship.

Also in October, my son Noah is getting married. This hits me in an entirely new way. Over the years I have been a part of dozens of weddings (maybe approaching 100). I have done weddings for sisters and my brother Phil. I have helped with nieces weddings and friends and parishioners. I have yet to work with my children. I have been asked to preside at the ceremony and I am honored and thrilled but it all hits me much closer to home.

Marriage is a gift from God that brings us together with another in a way that is closer to Eden than we will ever achieve otherwise. Marriage is a gift from God that helps us to shine together, for each other and for the world, with God's love and care. Marriage is a gift from God that I am honored to be a part of and I pray for Clara and Brandon, for Noah and Allyson, that God's presence will go with them to their joy as they begin their lives together.

This month I also get to remember my ordination. On October 6 I will have been ordained for 30 years. It seems like a long time when you say it but it feels as fresh and new as when it first happened. I want to thank all of you at St. John's for recognizing God's call to me as you called me to be pastor. My ordination means very little if I have no place to be pastor, so thank you for being a part of my ministry and for sharing your mission here at St. John's.

In this month when we celebrate the Reformation, our heritage as Lutherans and God's amazing grace for us all, may you who all find joy in our gathering, in our working together, in our sharing God's love. May the peace of Christ go with us all.

Pastor Steve

New Member Welcome

On Reformation Day, October 31, we will welcome New Members into our congregation family. If you have been attending St. John's and would like to join us, please contact the church office. We ask you to meet with Pastor Steve on Sunday, October 9 and Sunday October 24 between services so that we can answer all you questions. We are excited to welcome you into our family.

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you believe it's October? I feel like I was just doing my newsletter article for July! I love October! The first full month of Autumn, which I love, football weather, looking forward to the baseball playoffs, (wish the Reds were there) the leaves changing to the beautiful colors, and those leaves falling. Of course, I'm not really nuts about the number of times Steve and I have to rake our yard since we have four large oak trees in it!! But it's also the time when flowers and the aforementioned trees go to sleep for the colder time to await their rebirth in the spring!!

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month!! Time to break out your PINK!!

Wired for Christ, originally known as the YAG Band, began 13 years ago. It's also the 8th anniversary of Steve and me taking over PB & J. If you're a youth and have an interest in joining Wired for Christ, please contact me here at the church at 937-492-8047. And if anyone has interest in joining PB & J, please contact me at the same number. Thanks!

Sunday, October 31, is Reformation Sunday!! Please don't forget to wear RED!!

"Take hold of My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ~Matthew 11:29



Happy Birthday, Brother!!

Love in Christ,

Lori



We had a successful fall/winter change over at the Thrift Shop in September. Customers are excited about the new items on the shelves and racks and sales have been good. We are also looking forward to our 2021 coat give-away Saturday October 9th. If you are able to help with the coat give-away, please contact Mary at 937-492-0337. Any help would be much appreciated.

People who visit the Thrift Shop come from many different situations. Some are well off and enjoy the fun of thrift shopping. Others come because the Thrift Shop has items that they can afford on limited incomes. And still others come because they need a little assistance or they've gotten to know the volunteers and enjoy the interaction. And some who walk through the door just need our prayers... even though they may not be aware of it.

A young woman who came into the Thrift Shop recently only asked to use the restroom. Her slurred speech, unsteady walk and glazed eyes were signs that she was most likely under the influence of some drug. She didn't cause any trouble, was polite and said thank you before she left. We pray that God will watch over this young woman and help her come to understand that only he can provide the peace and happiness she may be desperately searching for.

Please keep the Thrift Shop and those who enter here in your prayers.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

Mary Cooke

St. John's Thrift Shop Hours

Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm
937-492-0337

Worship Services at Dorothy Love

In order to provide communion for St. John's members who live at Dorothy Love, a monthly worship service is scheduled. All residents are invited to attend, and members of St. John's are encouraged to come and accompany a family member or friend.

The service is scheduled with Pastor Steve Edmiston.

Dorothy Love Retirement Community

Tuesday, October 19

10 a.m.



St. John's Church Council

September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President, Bill McCroskey

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Additions to agenda include 1) changing US Bank chick signers, and 2) nominating new committee members at congregational meeting. *Bill McCroskey motioned to approve as submitted, Phil Kocher seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Hubert transfer to St Jacob in Anna. *Pastor Steve made motion to approve, Norb Mertz seconded. Motion passed.

US Bank signers: Recommendation to remove Steve Holt and Barbie Covault, replace with Steve Edmiston and Lynn Pitchford. Discussion on appropriate personnel ensued. *Tina Ike motioned to replace as recommended, Myron Koester seconded. Motion passed.

Nominating committee members/congregational meeting: Discussion concerning replacing outgoing council members Bill, Grant, Sharon, Reece, Deb. Outgoing members to approach potential replacements so we have a pool of people to vote for at congregational meeting in November. Discussion ensued for date of congregational meeting. *Grant Covault moved to set Congregational meeting on November 14th after a single 9:30 service, Bill McCroskey seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Restarting activities: Sunday school has restarted. Community meals – Darin is working with Mercy Mission House to organize a relationship. Offering plates have restarted. Hymnals are out.

Constitutional Revisions: Cosmetic changes with the core info staying the same. Pr Steve will explain at start of church why we are updating the constitution/bylaws. We will email copies to congregants and provide copies at back of church.

*Phil Kocher moved to approve constitution be presented for congregational vote, Darin Davis seconded. Motion passed.

Monitors: Council reviewed the documentation to present to congregation concerning the installation of monitors. *Bill McCroskey moved to accept the donation from the Memorial Committee contingent upon congregation approval; Tina Ike seconded. Motion passed. *Bill McCroskey moved to approve the letter created by a small committee with information on monitors and photo representation of location – to be presented to congregation via regular mail and email; Linda Fogt seconded. Motion passed. *Pr. Steve moved to add a vote to approve installation of monitors to the November Congregation-meeting agenda; Bill McCroskey seconded. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. *Pr. Steve moved to approve as submitted, Bill McCroskey seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. *Myron Koester moved to accept the report as submitted, Joyce Fishbaugh seconded. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Steve: Report reviewed by Pastor Steve and enclosed hereto.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: No report submitted.

Thrift Shop Report: Mary's report presented by Linda Fogt and enclosed hereto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education & Youth: No report. Sunday School started with 4 kids.

Evangelism: Gift bags are out. Cards for Christ are in process. Cook out on Oct 24th at church.

Finance: First draft of committee budgets due by next meeting.

Music & Worship: No report.

Parish Life: No report. Reviewing golf scramble.

Property: No report.

Stewardship: No report. Goal to get people involved more than asking for funds.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEVOTIONS: Phil Kocher

INFORMATION:

Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Community Meal: Reevaluate to couple with Mercy Mission House.

Newsletter deadline: Sept 22nd

Next Council Meeting: October 11th 7pm. Committee meetings during 6-7pm hour.

ATTENDANCE:

Grant Covault, Darin Davis, Pastor Steve Edmiston, Joyce Fishbaugh, Linda Fogt, Tina Ike, Phil Kocher, Myron Koester, Bill McCroskey, Norb Mertz, Reece Pitchford. Excused: Jacob Cook, Jeff Fannon, Sharon Koester, Katy Leonard, Deb Mertz.

St. John's Info

Fall Fest

DNZPJ
ROREL

K C A R N I V A L F K
A C O R N H A R V E S T W
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Acorn
Apple
Autumn
Caramel Apple
Carnival
Corn

Fall
Festival
Gourd
Harvest
Hay Ride
Leaves

October
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Squash
Straw

Joy Circle

Meeting: Oct. 19, 21

Sewing Circle 9 am

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Altar Guild

Janice Davis

Jane Stewart

Lynn Pitchford



Funeral:

Thad Ball

Saturday, September 25

Presided by:

Pastor Cheryl Siegenthaler

Wedding

Clara (Snavley) & Brandon Maurer

Saturday, October 2

Happy 30th Ordination Anniversary

Pastor Steve Edmiston!

October 6



is a music ministry, created in 2019,
that aims to inspire people thru
God and music to overcome life's challenges!

The 2nd concert will be held on Saturday, October
30th at 7 p.m.

at The Historic Sidney Theatre.

The band, Disciple, has been chosen based on their
ability to inspire people thru their testimony and their
song lyrics to overcome life's challenges- depression,
anxiety, anger, fear, guilt, loss, addiction, etc. It is a
FREE concert promoted and funded by individuals and
sponsors. The vision of "Lift It Up" is for this to be
an annual event thru sponsorship and donations.

For more information go to our website:

liftitup-sidney.weebly.com



or send an email to
liftitupsidney@yahoo.com
or like us on facebook



Cards from Christ

Do you feel special when someone takes the time and effort to send you a greeting card? Now is your chance to make others feel special and to pass on God's love.

St. John's will once again be collecting Christmas cards for the 'Cards from Christ' effort. "Cards from Christ" is Ohio's Christmas Cards for Inmates ministry. Its goal is to provide a Christmas card to all incarcerated men and women in the Ohio prison system. In 2020, this ministry delivered Christmas cards to 60 different facilities. We would like to again help them reach their 2021 goal of 50,000 cards. The numbers of facilities and cards associated with this ministry are amazing. But when you consider that these numbers represent the numerous times that one person is telling another person that they are special in God's eyes, it's even more amazing.

We will be collecting cards between now and December 1 in drop off boxes in the sanctuary entrance. You are encouraged to sign the cards with your first name only or 'Your Friend' or 'Your Brother/Sister in Christ'. And you are welcome to include encouraging messages. Please remember that not all recipients will be Christian but all will respond to kindness. Most importantly ... please pray that each card goes to the one who needs it the most, even if that person feels they need it the least.

Since these cards are going into the prison system, there are some rules ... no envelopes (just cards), no trifold, no pockets, no pop ups, no glitter, no loose pictures or messages, no trinkets or gifts, no full names (just first name, please), no addresses and no phone numbers.

If possible, please rubber band your cards or place them all into a larger envelope with a count. There will be a collection box for signed cards and a second box for unsigned cards. It's fine if you would like to donate cards but prefer not to sign them. We'll see that they are signed before being sent.

Over the past several years, the members of St. John's have generously supported this ministry. And with your help, we hope to do the same again this year. So please consider joining this effort to tell others that they are special in God's eyes.

JOIN US
as we walk for the millions of
human trafficking victims across
the globe.

OCT 16, 2021

Learn more + register locally:
A21.ORG/WALK

**11:00 a.m. on Sidney
Court Square**

WALK FOR FREEDOM @A21CAMPAIGN @A21

When we show up for the freedom of others, we show up for the world we want to see. A world where justice, human dignity, and freedom prevails.

Your steps matter. Your voice matters. For those enslaved in your city, and around the world.

<https://a21.org/sidney>

SLAVERY STILL EXISTS

Pam Wagner is the contact person. If you have questions, please call her at (937) 726-9571.

Mercy Mission House Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering, once a month, to **drive those in need to and from the Mercy Mission House for lunch or supper**, please contact the church office. The vehicle used is similar to our church van. There are two pick up/drop off places in town. They are putting together a schedule when volunteers have signed up.

The Mercy Mission House will be opening in October. It is a great way to serve the community and make new friends.

**ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

120 W. WATER STREET
SIDNEY, OHIO
45365

PHONE: 937-492-8047
FAX: 937-492-2462
HTTP://WWW.SIDNEYSTJOHNS.COM

**ST. JOHN'S
THRIFT SHOP**
319 SOUTH OHIO AVE.
SIDNEY, OH 45365
PHONE: 937-492-0337

WORSHIP SERVICES:

SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30
AM

*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20

Please pray for our Homebound Members and mail them a card to:

Doris Conrad, 2360 Wapak Ave. #106, Sidney, Oh 45365
Helen Dill, 15100 Birchaven Lane, Apt. 116, Findlay, Ohio 45840
Mildred Hughes, 2016 Fair Oaks Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Erika Montgomery, 2333 Apache Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Rhonda Vance, 1302 Spruce St., Sidney, Oh 45365
Karl & Jean Reinhardt, 2515 Apple Ridge Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Dorothy Love, 3003 W. Cisco Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Residents:

Norma Durnell-W15, Gail Shively-A01,
Marilyn Brulport-E14, and Christine Weber-A03

Dorothy Love Apartments:

Fran Brockman, 2500 N. Kuther Rd., Apt. 224
Wayne Brockman, 2500 N. Kuther Rd., Apt. 317
Ruth Weimer, 2500 N. Kuther Rd., Apt. 223

Dorothy Love Homes:

Jerry Gibbs, 701 Bennett Circle & Shirley Gibbs-E09
Jeanne Mears, 408 Holmes Place

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh

Residents: Teresa Fultz

Masonic Home, 421 Hillman, 2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45504

Resident: Patricia Ann Fogt

Landings of Sidney, 1150 Russell Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Resident: Vivian McDermitt, Room 603

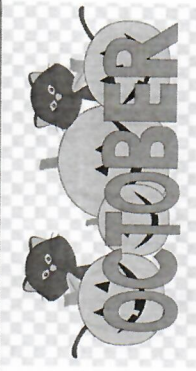

Piqua Manor, 1840 W. High St., Piqua, Oh 45356


Resident: Paul Shreffler

*God's Vision,
Our Mission*

*At St. John's, we are given the opportunity to worship
God, study His Word, and serve Him in many capaci-
ties, while at the same time enjoying Christian fellow-
ship. Please consider ways that you can get involved!*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
3 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am WFC, 9:30 am	4 Staff Meeting, 9 am AA, 12 pm	5 PB&J, 5:30 pm	6 AA, 12 pm Catechism, 6:30 pm	7 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	8 Office Closes, 1 pm AA, 12 pm	9 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm Mauer-Snavley Wedding
10 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am WFC, 9:30 am	11 Staff Meeting, 9 am AA, 12 pm Committee Mtg, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm	12 PB&J, 5:30 pm	13 AA, 12 pm Catechism, 6:30 pm	14 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	15 Office Closes, 1 pm AA, 12 pm	16 Worship, 6 pm
17 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am WFC, 9:30 am	18 Staff Meeting, 9 am AA, 12 pm	19 Dorothy Love, 10 am JOY Circle, 1 pm	20 AA, 12 pm Catechism, 6:30 pm	21 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	22 Office Closes, 1 pm AA, 12 pm	23 Worship, 6 pm
24 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am WFC, 9:30 am 31 Reformation Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	25 Staff Meeting, 9 am AA, 12 pm	26 PB&J, 5:30 pm	27 Quilting Circle, 9 am AA, 12 pm Catechism, 6:30 pm	28 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	29 Office Closes, 1 pm AA, 12 pm	30 Worship, 6 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Reece Fannon Reece Pitchford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike & Karen Wise	2 Starlett Clement
3 Steve Cartwright	4 Maxine Byler	5 Steve Russell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan & Michala Hall	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David & Janet Martin	7 Jenny Jones Joyce Fishbaugh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom & Rita Curtner	8	9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob & Kelly Leonard
10	11 Jill Bisbee Larry Hall	12 Janice Rediess	13	14 Lori Fultz	15 Bob Cook Janet Martin	16 Mildred Hughes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert & Starlett Clement
17 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack & Barbara Roeth	18	19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul & Betty Baker	20 Haiden Kelly	21 Karen Green	22 Olivia Pitchford	23 Rhonda Roeth
24 Alice Wilson	25 Dean Fannon	26 Grace Martin Ella Wiford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan & Vicki Elsner	27 Steve Blatchly Emma Hurley	28	29 Bryce Fultz	30 Sharon Curtis
31 Cindy Ohlsen Thomas Seving Michael Sparks 