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Perhaps one of your new year's resolutions for 2011 was to find a quiet time for daily devotions. These days there are so many excellent resources for people on the go. There are devotional books just for women, for men, for older folks, and for teens. My advice is to find a devotion that <u>you</u> like, that you find meaningful, and stick with it. In fact, I would really appreciate it if you would let me know what devotional resource is really meaningful for <u>you</u>! This year, I'm using a resource called *Bread for the Journey, A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith* by Henri Nouwen, a very gifted and wise priest and author. Each day is like finding a little gem that you can pick up and take with you.

I'd like to share with you one of his "gems" of wisdom that spoke to me, and I hope it will be helpful to you!

"Many voices ask for our attention. There is a voice that says, 'prove that you are a good person.' Another voice says, 'You'd better be ashamed of yourself.' There also is a voice that says, 'Nobody really cares about you,' and one that says, 'Be sure to become successful, popular and powerful.' But underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, 'You are by Beloved, my favor rests on you.' That's the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice, however, requires special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen. That's what prayer is. It is listening to the voice that calls us 'my Beloved.'''

Henri Nouwen entitled that day's devotion "The Still, Small Voice of Love." My hope and prayer is that you find a daily devotional that you like, and that you spend time each day listening to God's still, small voice of love!

2011 HOMEPLATE

Tickets are available for the 2011 Homeplate event with the Detroit Tigers on Saturday, May 14th at



Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals. The program prior to the game begins at 12:30 pm. Members of the Detroit Tigers, coaches, and broadcasters speak about their faith in Jesus Christ. After the program, an on-the-field baseball clinic will run from 2:00 to 3:15 pm. Everyone gets a meal coupon for the concession areas, too. Then stay for the game, which begins at 4:05 pm.

Tickets are \$27 per person. Call the church office as soon as you can to reserve your tickets, or email us at <u>office@firststjohn.com</u> Based on last year's attendance we only ordered 15 tickets. Nine have already been reserved, so if you want to go, call soon!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FATHER / SON BANQUET

Join us at the Father/Son Banquet on Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00 pm. ALL men of First St. John are invited.

Our speaker will be Ron Rightnowar, Director of Athletics/Admissions at Toledo Christian School. Ron is a former pitcher for many minor league teams (including our own Mud Hens) and also pitched in the majors for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Tickets can be purchased after services on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

Ticket Prices		
Adults	\$8.00	
Children 4 to 12	\$6.00	
Children 3 & Under	Free	

Join us for a great evening!

—Pastor Blohm

MEMORIALS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of <u>Larry Haar</u> by M/M William Nelson. In memory of <u>Warren Danekind</u> by Bob & Sherrie Haar. In honor of <u>Pastor Blohm's</u> 20+ years of ministry at First St. John by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of <u>Warren Danekind</u> by Gene Hagedorn.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of Mary Farkas by Sandy White. In memory of Patricia Fejes by Sandy White. In memory of **Warren Danekind** by Bill Fischhaber, Katherine Kuhn, Lawrence Jacob, Helen Bossert, Marilyn Cashen, Donna Spychala. Mrs. John McKinney, Anne McLaughlin, Bob & Theresa Ello, Don & Ann Lieder, Leona Arnold, M/M A. John White, Lou & Jean Snyder, Dan & Ruth Petersen, Virginia Schlicher, Pastor & Ilean Labuhn, Helen & Rex Powers, Jerry & Ginny Nissen, William & Julie Moritz, Tim & Gwen Willson, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Ken & Gail Howell, Chuck & Jane Neal, George & Elaine Ackerman, Jean DeWitt, Jeanne Winziler, John Eirsenhart, M/M James Lang, Evanka Dimitroff, Bob & Greta Zwinck, Ada Kreger, Esther Bell, Elaine Gladieux, Eleanor Symington, Norman Nitschke, GAF Retirees, Dean & Sharon Gilbert, Louise & Jim Sommers, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Martha Mevers.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of <u>Warren Danekind</u> by Bill & Cathy Caldwell.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES – EVENING WITH TONY CAMPOLO

LSS celebrates its centennial at its annual meeting on March 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons. Guest speaker is Tony Campolo, a media commentator on religious, social and political matters. He's penned 38 books, such as "Choose Love Not Power" and "Connecting Like Jesus."

Doors open at 5:30 pm, program begins at 6:00 pm. Easy, free parking. Reservations for the 5:30 dinner meeting are \$25 with RSVP requested by March 7th using Master Card or Visa. Call 419-243-9178 to register.

DARTBALL TOURNAMENT



First St. John dartball teams #1 and #2 have their tournament here at First St. John on Monday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

2011 WELCA ROSTERS

New 2011 rosters are in the lounge. You can find them on the table by the window near the library.



MIRIAM CIRCLE NEWS— MEETING DATE CHANGE

Our February meeting is Wednesday, February 9th at 9:30 am (note the date change from the first to the second Wednesday of the month). Please mark your calendars.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep current information for office records, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605 or e-mail us: office@firststjohn.com

Name	
Address	
City, State Zip	Phone

MEMBER UPDATES



Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

- 1-16-11 *Tucker Eric Schuffenecker*, born Aug. 10, 2010 to Eric and Brandy (Howard) Schuffenecker. Sponsors are Paul and Andrea Warner.
- 1-23-11 Benjamin Michael Knittle, born Oct. 7, 2005, Skylar Joann Victoria Hall, born July 22, 2007, and Payton Marie Hall, born Oct. 29, 2008 to Derick and Shanna (Knittle) Hall. Sponsors for Benjamin are Daniel and Emily Knittle. Sponsors for Skylar are Brian and Amanda Dekay. Sponsors for Payton are Steven and Amanda Knittle.
- 1-30-11 *Cooper Richard St. Julian*, born March 15, 2010 to Jonathan and Stacy (Hall) St. Julian. Sponsors are Stacy St. Julian and John C. Wagner.

Marriages None.

Deaths

1-23-11	Annabell Szabo
1-24-11	Raymond Zimmerman
1-25-11	Kathryn Webb

Transfers to/from St. John: None.

DAYSCHOOL NEWS

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What does it mean to be loved by God?

He loves you 'cause you're in His heart. — Alaysha

It means that we love Him back. — Nick

We can talk to Him and love Him forever because He can grow in our heart and I want Him to stay in there forever and ever and ever! — *Rebekah*

He made us for our families and He loves us. — *Hannah*

I love Him with all my heart and joy. -Josh

MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, & friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages, and remember to pray for them, too!

TSgt Kevin Fouty 2412 1st Ave. N. Great Falls, MT 59401

SGT Nick Grady 2711B Chow Circle Kailua, HI 96734

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson 521 Pine Forest Trail Orange Park, FL 32073

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc 78382 Dukewood Trail Yula, FL 32097

2LT Michael R. Pavley 104th Transportation Co. Shindand AB APO AE 09382

Matthew Phillips 2611 10th Ave. S Suite 2 Box 263 Great Falls, MT 59405

Captain Lindsey Rowland 237 Bartlett Dr. Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

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ELDERS FOR FEBRUARY			
 6th 	<u>7:45 am</u> Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	10:15 amBernie ErdmannLinda Erdmann	
 13th 	Jeff Smith Jim Swanson	Mike Winslow Dick Haar	
▲ 20th▲	Darold Henninger Eric Johnson	Lynn Folk Bill Nelson	
▲ 27th▲	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	

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Crisis Prayer Chain List

This list is for those who need our prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is contacted :

> **Chris Bloomfield Bill Ehrsam** Sheena Fox Michelle Hoyng Kay Johnson **Bill Meyers Lindsey Steele Family of Kate Webb Raetta Zeisler**

Chronic Prayer List

This list is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off the list after three months unless one of the prayer chain contacts has been contacted about special/continuing circumstances:

> Chelsea Bell Jordyn Beckhusen **Richard & Marjorie Counterman Donald Curtis Jackie Curtis** Allison Deckleman Kris Ensign Jerry Gears Family of Clayton Groll Susan Schumaker Gunter Sally Hartzell **Cindy Knavel Robin Kovesdi** Paul Kuhlman George "Skip" McCullough Sam Mousa Julie Kutchenriter Nowicki **Charlie Ohllson Janet Roberts Richard Rohloff** Fred & Hilda Saelzler Larry Sanders Ian Vargo Jane (Folk) Vargo Phyllis Wagner Bob & Kate Webb Candy Webster Family of Seybert Williams III **Terry Williams Ruth Zeithlow**

Please check the list and let any of the prayer chain contacts-listed below-know if individuals can be moved off the list.

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or cabbey@jcrinc.com

419-691-3410 Lynn Folk Donna Koehn 419-693-5030 Ada Kreger 419-693-1549 Gloria Ross 419-836-7166

WANTED: SCRAPBOOKERS. **CARDMAKERS, & CRAFTERS**

Join us in 2011 for Crafter Saturdays, a great opportunity for dedicated time to work on your favorite craft hobby while enjoying the company of friends from your church family. Our next meeting is Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 pm. Bring your supplies and materials and meet in the lounge for a day of crafting (whatever your craft is) and socializing. Scrapbookers, cardmakers, jewelry makers, knitters, etc. are all welcome. Bring a sack lunch and drink and make a day of it. Dates are planned through 2011, except for June, July and August. To sign up or for more info, call Connie Koch at 419.693.1774.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2011 have been stored away. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please call Toni in the church office to arrange pick up. If you don't have offering envelopes but would like some, please call Toni in the church office to arrange it. Thanks.

DAYSCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST ST. JOHN MEMBERS

Beginning February 1st, First St. John members and those who have children currently enrolled are invited to enroll their children for the 2011/2012 school year. All children who will be age 3 by September 30, 2011 are eligible to attend. If you're interested and/or would like more information, please call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480.

FROM ONE OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS—

A WAY TO HELP MERCY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN TOLEDO:

B.G.S.U. Dance Marathon & Bike for Tikes

Dear Friends and Family of First St. John,

Every year, Bowling Green State University holds a huge philanthropic event called Dance Marathon, which helps raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. BG's Dance Marathon is responsible for raising money that goes to the Mercy Children's Hospital in Toledo. Over the past 16 years, BG's Dance Marathon has raised 2.2 million dollars that has gone directly to helping children and the Mercy Children's Hospital and their families. In addition to dancing, many students choose to ride their bikes from Cincinnati to Bowling Green as a way to help raise money while Dance Marathon is going on back in BG. So, this year (my freshman year) I have decided to take on the bike trip and do my part to help raise money for the kids in need.

If you are able to make a donation, it will go toward helping children overcome life altering and terminal disease as well as educating the families and friends of these children so they may better understand and handle their child's unfortunate situation. If you choose to make a donation you may do so either online or by sending a donation through the mail. (Donation directions are on the back of this page if you receive the newsletter via "snail mail" or in a separate document if you receive the newsletter by email).

If you have any questions about Dance Marathon, the Bike for Tikes ride or how to donate, please feel free to contact me at **cfolk@bgsu.edu** or **419.309.8409**. BGSU, the Children's Miracle Network and I all appreciate donations of any size.

For the Kids!

Chelsea Folk

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 10)

Board of Education (continued)

- End of Year Kindergartners Church Service in September.
- To invite confirmands from 5-10 years back for a luncheon or reception after church service.
- The Vineyard Adult bible study held next to lounge reported 11 in attendance for the first Sunday. A very nice turnout!
- Sunday School parents socializing in the waiting area are now having a Bible study with those interested. Jamie Blazevich helped put this together; 15 were in attendance. Great Job!

Asked Maintenance if they could hang coat hooks or rack in the waiting area of the Sunday School for parents' coats.

<u>Elders</u> – Still looking to fill two more vacancies. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be willing or our "next generation," please call Bernie Erdmann or the church office.

<u>Property Mgt.</u>—Built new Christmas tree stand in the old kitchen for the new Christmas tree. Installed a new faucet for the Altar Guild room sink.

Note to Altar Guild members: Please make sure if you use the back door in the Altar Guild room that it is shut tight and locked. A dead bolt may need to be installed.

<u>Pastor Report</u> – Norma's (our organist) brother has had brain cancer and he would like to come and share his testimonial with our congregation. Keep Barb Shellhammer in our prayers – she had fallen down the stairs and has broken her arm.

<u>New Business</u>—A suggestion was made to have a "donation box" in the church for those visitors who wish to donate; also, a pamphlet to hand out either on a monthly or quarterly basis that lists our activities.

Thanks to Bill & Cathy for opening their home to our Council members and guests and for the delicious dinner!

Meeting adjourned by Bernie Erdmann

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Fussell

QUILTING WORKSHOP

Ever wanted to learn how to quilt? Join our First St. John quilters on Saturday, February 19th from 10:00 am to noon.



Learn the fundamentals of quilting and find out how those beautiful quilts are made! Light refreshments will be served.

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8th at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.



DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

This scholarship helps members of First St. John who will attend college for the 2011/2012 school year. Money is supplied from proceeds of the David Winslow Memorial Golf outing held each summer, along with donations from church members. This year, we've moved up the deadline to March 30th and we plan to award up to three scholarships. Applications are in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by March 30th to be considered.

FIRST ST. JOHN COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENTS

We have some beautiful 24K gold-on-brass ornaments commemorating First St. John's 150th anniversary. They are available in the church office for \$15 each. We will also sell them at the special events we have planned for this year.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



We next meet on Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 am at the American Table

restaurant on Wheeling near Navarre. (Note the change from the first to the second Saturday for this month.) Join us for fellowship, a short devotion, and some good food to start your day. Need a ride? Call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510. He'll be happy to pick 7 you up. Thanks!

The Lutherans are Here! From the Cemetery Mouse

Mousing with the Lutherans has been good. The eight founding families* have brought some comforts to this desolate swamp. Chapel construction on the east one acre of Doerfler's ten acres was completed. The Dedication was celebrated on the first Sunday after Trinity, 1861. (First Sunday after Trinity will be June 26th in the year 2011.) Construction for the Home for Orphans started a few months later.

The joy of celebration turned to reality when a late July birth was buried in early August, 1861. Three more children followed in 1862. It was mid 1863 before anyone over 15 years old was buried and then the age was only 44 years. Life on the frontier was harsh.

The Orphan's Home was dedicated on July 7, 1862. Mrs. Henry Blankemier and her daughter Catherine were left in charge at the Home. Pastor Doerfler remained at Salem Church.

Meanwhile, the St. John congregation sent a call to Pastor Karl Beckel, a long time friend of the Doerfler's from the Wisconsin frontier. Pastor Beckel, a Loehe "Sendling" and first graduate from Wartburg Seminary was installed on July 31, 1862. He and his wife and two surviving children most likely stayed at the Home until the St. John parsonage and first school house were completed for \$861.25.

The annual operating budget was less than \$40 per year, not including the pastor's salary since it and other special projects were financed by specific pledges in those days. Unfortunately, the pledges for the parsonage and school were short by \$552.58. An Angel in the form of Friedrick Clausing personally financed this and many other projects over the years.

Pastor Beckel also was appointed superintendent of the Home, but his first task was to complete the Congregational organization. The early acts of the congregation were not recorded and are known only from other sources. The congregation was incorporated on June 22, 1863, and the one acre of land was transferred on July 4, 1863 for \$35. All the records are written in the German language as was the preaching of the Word. (English did not appear until after WWI and the 1920's.)

The eight founding families grew to 23 by 1864. There were 25 (male) voters and 124 souls. Baptisms were 10, one of which was from a non-member family. Two were confirmed. There was one wedding and eight burials, one of which was a non-member. At this time St. John had a parochial school with 49 children from member families and 15 from non-members.

Late in 1868 "it was decided, because of the small size of the church: that on the south side of the church, 12 feet of addition with a window on each side be put up. To raise the cost, a list of subscriptions has been established." (As of January 2011, the subscription list or any cost records have not been located.)

Also, a small steeple over a bell house was built on the roof over the church door. (A 4' x 6' shelter in front of door did not come until 1893.)

The Way It Was!

P.S. Thanks to the Lutherans and their comfortable accommodations, I now choose to leave the cemetery and become the self-appointed Church Mouse.

From the CHURCH MOUSE:

*The founding families were signed by eight men, seven of which were married and signed "und Frau." as was the German tradition. The names in German, with Frau/Wife added in parentheses, are as follows: Johann Friedrick Clausing und Frau, (Anna Engel); Johann Christoph Ackermann und Frau, (Rebeca); Leonhard Schmidt und Frau, (Anna Margaretha); Johann Friedrick Wilhelm Bitter und Frau, (Sophia); Friedrick Koehne und Frau, (Sophia Katharna); Heinrik Koehne und Frau, (Augusta); Johann Didrich Koehne und Frau (Anna); Heinrich Tietgen, ledig, (single). Six other signatures were added at the constitution signing and were probably considered "charter members." They are as follows: Gottlieb Ackermann und Frau, (Louisa); Martin Moritz und Frau, (Anna Maria); Karl Wittenberg und Frau; Conrad Schmiedlin und Frau, (Sophia); Carl Moll und Frau (Sophia); (illegible) Voigt und Frau.

Sources: Salem and First St. John Records, Lutheran Home (Pastor Labuhn), Wartburg Seminary, Nineteenth Century Lutherans in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan (C. Umhau Wolf).

FIRST ST. JOHN DAYSCHOOL NEWS



I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known throughout all generations. -- Psalm 89:1

WOW... this year is moving by quickly! It is always a bit sad when you reach this point of the school year and realize you have to prepare to say goodbye to children who have captured your heart! The developmental growth we have seen in each of them is very exciting...it is such a joy to witness. And we are always so proud of them.

Your help is needed in spreading the word about the quality education we provide at First St. John Dayschool. Enrollment for the 2011/2012 school year begins February 1 for members of First St. John and those students currently enrolled. Registration opens to the public March 1. We will have an open house from 6– 8:00 p.m. on March 1 for those children considering joining us for 2011/2012. Word of mouth has always been our best advertisement. Registration forms are available in the church and Dayschool offices. Please share them with friends and neighbors!

I also want to share a few good reasons to choose First St. John Kindergarten and Preschool:

- Christian Education
- Highly qualified teachers (We have 2 teachers per classroom, and I cannot begin to express how exceptional I feel they are. Feel free to visit the class and see for yourself.)
- Small class size (We are committed to keeping each of our kindergarten classrooms at a maximum of 18 children.)
- Affordable all day, every day kindergarten with the option of before and after care
- Well rounded, self contained program
 - ♦ Physical Education
 - ♦ Outdoor Exploration and Play
 - Addresses Ohio Content Standards along with meeting the needs for cognitive, physical, emotional, social, creative, and spiritual development
- Safe, loving family environment with all who come in contact with children, rooting for their success
- Nutritious snacks and lunches provided daily in a stress-free environment
- Many opportunities for family involvement,

sending a clear message to children that who they are and what they are learning are important.

- Mixture of teacher-directed and child-directed instruction
 - \diamond One-on-one instruction
 - ♦ Small group instruction
 - ♦ Whole class instruction
 - ◊ Center time learning experiences
- Various teaching strategies, tailored methods and materials to accommodate children's different learning styles – Differentiated Instruction
 - Visual Learner more likely remembers what is seen than what is heard
 - Auditory Learner remembers best what is heard
 - ◊ Tactile Learner remembers best that which they have touched or handled
 - Kinesthetic Learner learning is best remembered when he moves as he is learning

Please considering helping us raise funds! Our annual fundraiser with Club Choice products gets underway mid March. Pizza, desserts, candy, and more will be for sale. The Club Choice fundraiser has been well received in the past, and we hope for an even better response this year as we continue to improve the concrete materials in our classrooms.

February is a month for celebrating love. We want to share our kindergartners' thoughts on God's love. We hope their ideas bring a smile to your face.

What does it mean to be loved by God?

It makes me happy God loves me. — Sophie

God loves us so much. I know a song about Him. — *Theo*

God really loves you forever and ever. — Jolyn

God is in my heart. — *Chandler*

He helps us to share food. — Bella

My mommy told me He loves me very, very much! — *Lily*

He will never stop loving us. — Krystal (continued on page 3)

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FIRST ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES-JANUARY 23, 2011

Council meeting was held at Bill and Cathy Caldwell's home with dinner and meeting. Pastor Blohm opened with 150th Anniversary devotion. Dinner was served.

Bill called the meeting to order by asking each member to introduce and say something interesting about themselves. Secretary Diane Habegger absent due to becoming a grandma! Congratulations, Diane & Dave!

Bill discussed the 150 Year Celebration Committee's upcoming tentative events planned to celebrate our 150 year anniversary.

December 2010

• Selling Anniversary Ornaments \$15.00 each January 2011

- Newsletter First Article
- Father Son Banquet Advertise in Metro Run Slide Show before each service February 2011
 - Newsletter Second Article
 - February 7th Toledo Lutheran Dartball Tournament
 - February 16th Father Son Banquet (Speaker Ron Rightnowar)

o Women of the Church to set up & serve Pastor Doerler of St. Paul's Lutheran in Maumee to preach a Sunday service.

March 2011

- Media Day
- \bullet March $12^{\acute{th}}$ WELCA Reception Authentic German Dinner

o Ron Banas to cook dinner (\$8.00). Kris Abel offered to bring the German Choir. Free will offering

• March 20th – Wedding Vows.

Anyone who was married at First St John to renew wedding vows

April 2011

April 24th – Easter

May 2011

- Ice Cream Social Sunday School Picnic
- May 1st Dayschool Sings in Church
- St. Marks Choir
- Oregon Fest Float Youth
 - Cemetery Walking Tour

June 2011

- June 26th Dedication of First Church
- Curtice Kids Day Float Youth

July 2011

- July 17th Outdoor Church Service & Old Time Baseball game
- July 19th Church Tour (Starts at 11:00am)
- July 30th Winslow Golf Outing
- August 2011

• Former pastors to come and preach September 2011

• Sept 11th – Rally Day Church Picnic, Maumee Concert Band

October 2011

Youth Program (?)

November 2011

FSJ Choir Concert (?) December 2011

Toledo Symphony (?)

Bill discussed continuing our Church tradition with our "next generation." We need help with support from all to teach and continue our tradition with the next generation.

Treasurer & Financial Report - Jim Sommers reported we had an unexpected payroll tax submitted late that caused a shortfall at the end of the year of \$1,860.61. The Financial Committee was excited to report this was a huge improvement on our deficit from where we were at the beginning of December. Thank you to our congregation for your contributions to make this happen. Jim also handed out a comparison from 2009 to 2010 on where the Church was financially at year end.

Our church management software program has been updated to make more reports available to use in reporting our finances.

Board of Education - Working on "New Members Luncheon." 70 invites were sent to non-member families baptized and those families in the Day School who have no church. Activities upcoming:

- Family Night meet and greet (bowling), •
- Vacation Bible School •
- Easter Egg Hunt