



# First St. John Journal



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I'd like to share a story with you that I found in the September issue of *Bits & Pieces*. It's one that will make you think.

"The story is told of an old man who liked to meditate every morning on the bank of the Ganges River. One day, after he'd completed his morning ritual, he noticed a scorpion tangled in the tree roots at the water's edge. As the scorpion struggled to free itself, the current from the river threatened to submerge the helpless animal. The old man crawled out on the roots of the tree and reached over to save the scorpion from drowning. For all his effort, the old man was rewarded with a sting from the distressed creature. The old man recoiled in pain, but soon regained his composure and again extended his hand to save the scorpion. And this went on for some time until the old man's hands were swollen with the venom from the scorpion.

A passerby shouted to the old man, "Are you crazy? Why do you want to save such a vile creature that is so intent upon harming you?"

"It is the scorpion's nature to sting," said the old man, "but why should that change my nature to help?"

Indeed. The world is full of people and circumstances that bite, sting, and tear away at our hearts. Our challenge in this life is to maintain a spirit of love, compassion and grace despite the things that would otherwise poison us."

Or, as Paul wrote in Romans 12:21: "Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

— Pastor Blohm

## BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the lounge.

## TRUNK OR TREAT!



Join us on Sunday, October 21st from 2:00—4:00 pm for Trunk or Treat in the parking lot *behind* the church. There will be fellowship, games, and cider and doughnuts!

### What is Trunk or Treat?

A safe, fun-filled family day out for children through 6th grade. Children and families will walk around to cars and be greeted by First St. John volunteers with their trunks open handing out candy. Cars will be decorated, and volunteers will wear costumes. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and for us to embrace our Sunday School and Dayschool students and their families.

To make this event a success, we need lots of volunteers. To volunteer, please see the form on a separate sheet in this newsletter or contact Jamie at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**OCTOBER 20th**

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Church Council is seeking volunteers for a number of committees for 2013, including elders, finance committee, property management, and Sunday School Board. If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, please call the church office.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Our next meeting of the men's breakfast group will be Saturday, October 6th at 8:00 a.m. at the Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. Join us; there's always room for one or two more. Call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 for more information or if you need a ride.

## ***ELDERS FOR OCTOBER***

	<b><u>7:45 am</u></b>	<b><u>10:15 am</u></b>
7th	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich	Mike Winslow Al Collins
14th	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson
21st	Tom Eppard Linda Erdmann	Eric Johnson Jim Swanson
28th	Mike Winslow Al Collins	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich

## **MILITARY ADDRESSES**

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

*Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson*  
44425 Scobee  
California, MD 20619

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

*1st LT Michael R. Pavley*  
\*\* We do not have a current address \*\*

*Matthew Phillips*  
4924 Soaring Springs Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

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

## **MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES**

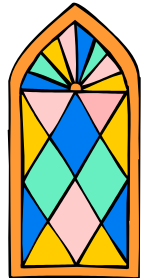
Kurt & Erin Eversman  
11523 River Rd.  
Valley City, ND 58702  
(*Emma, Hannah*)

William R. Groll  
2067 Caldwell Dr.  
Oregon, OH 43616

Kellie Torda  
3000 S. Ocean Dr. Apt. 1208  
Hollywood, FL 33019

## ***ALTAR GUILD NEWS***

We are looking for new members for next year. If you take pride in your church and would be interested in keeping the sanctuary looking beautiful, or if you would like to learn more about Altar Guild, please contact Emily Kruse at 419-836-5473.



Thank you VERY MUCH to everyone who donated produce and decorations to help make our church beautiful for Harvest Festival on September 16th. We very much appreciate your generosity.

Our October meeting will be Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

## **MEN'S DARTBALL**



Do you like to play darts? Dartball begins soon, and we need more players. If you want to play or need more information, call either Ted Mitchell at 419-345-6260 or Bill Nelson at 419-836-4165. Our first game is Monday, October 1st at 7:30 pm (away).

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## ***ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS***

To keep our office records up-to-date, if your name, address or phone number changes, please notify the office by faxing (419-691-7220), or mailing this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605. Or email us: [office@firststjohn](mailto:office@firststjohn)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## Chicken & Ham Dinner Tickets

Put us on your calendar for Saturday, November 3rd. Delicious meals are served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a great community event; it's not just for members. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. They'll be glad you did!!!

Tickets are available from the church office or from circle members during the entire month of October, or you can call Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. You can buy tickets after the services both in the lounge and in the Narthex on October 21st and 28th.

### Ticket Prices

Adults \$9.00  
Children (3-12 yrs) \$4.00  
Children (under 3) Free (ticket still needed)

### **Needed: Crafters & Bake Sale Items**

We need baked goods to be sold during the Craft Sale at the Chicken and Ham Dinner on November 3rd. If you can donate baked goods or are interested in having your own craft table, please contact Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506 or Louise Sommers at 419-691-7719.

### **HATS, MITTENS, SOCKS, AND BOOTS NEEDED**



WELCA will collect hats, mittens, socks, and boots for local children during October. Hat and mitten sizes 0-5 will go to the Toledo Day Nursery, and sizes 6-Adult will go to Riverside School and Raymer School. We also will collect toddler and preschool size socks and boots. You can place your donations in the specially marked boxes in the Narthex and/or in the lounge. Thanks for your help.



### **A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS**

Attention, Ladies! You are all invited to join us for "a celebration of quilts" on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the lounge. Betty Metz will be our featured speaker who will bring quilts and discuss quilt features and caring for quilts. Brunch will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

### **Births**

8-15-12 *Brinley Kaye Pax*, born to Jeff and Ashlee Pax.

### **Baptisms**

None

### **Marriages**

None

### **Deaths**

None

### **Transfers to/from First St. John**

None

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



We will begin the Operation Christmas Child program soon. This program helps give Christmas gifts to needy children throughout the world. Empty shoeboxes will soon be in the lounge and the Narthex for this program. Pick up one or more boxes and a list of suggested items you can fill the boxes with. Once filled, return the shoeboxes to the church office. The final date for turning in the boxes will be sometime in early November. Thanks!



### **MEMORIALS**



#### **MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of **Richard Littlefield**  
by Jim Harrell.

### **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES**

On Sunday, November 4th we'll observe All Saints Day. We will read the names of our church family who passed away during the last year (since the first Sunday in November of 2011).

We'll already have the names of church members who died from November 1, 2011 to November 1, 2012. If the person you want to be remembered either was not a member or was a member who passed away prior to November 2011, please call the church office or sign the book in the Narthex so their names will be read. Thank you.

# Chicken & Ham Dinner

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012**

**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE MARK WHERE YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP**

Return to the church office, offering plate, or Jane Schuetz.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PIES \_\_\_\_\_

SHEET DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_

LAYERED CAKE \_\_\_\_\_

KITCHEN \_\_\_\_\_

DINING ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

CLEAN UP AFTERWARD \_\_\_\_\_

**Can you believe it? The Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner date is fast approaching and we need ALL TEENS AND ADULTS TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!! This is a congregational effort of men, women and young people (PLEASE, NO HELPERS UNDER AGE 12). If you're fairly new to First St. John, this is a great way to meet people.**

**So-----won't you please say yes and volunteer and make the Dinner a success again this year???**

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



### MEETING—7th & 8th GRADE:

Sunday, October 14th at 6:30 pm  
in the Youth Suite in the basement of the educational building.

MEETING—9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Sunday, October 21st at 6:30 pm in the Youth Suite in the basement of the educational building.

### EVENTS:

- Don't forget, meet at church at noon on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to get ready to register for the Alzheimer's Walk that afternoon.
- If you can help with Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 21st from 2—4 pm, please let Mike Winslow or Jamie Blazeovich know.

## SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT FIRST ST. JOHN

As part of the entire Christian Education area, the Youth Group, Church Council, Education Board and the JAM parents will be participating in selling discount cards. Use these cards at area merchants to save each time you shop or use their services.

These are the merchants where discounts are available: Pizza Papali's, Palacio Maya, Subway, Taco Bell, Auntie Anne's, Jet's Pizza, Sears Portrait Studio, Arby's, Chick-Fil-A, Rally's, Cici's Pizza, KFC, Boston Market, Sbarro, Dunham's Sports, Coldstone Creamery, SOFO Foods, Penn Station, and Red Robin. See our website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com) or call Jamie for specific details of these discounts.

Each card is \$10 and will bring in over \$3,000 in PROFIT *if* we sell them all. Please help us support Christian Education here at First St. John by purchasing a card. The cards will be available after church starting September 30<sup>th</sup> until we're sold out. Or, you can contact Jamie Blazeovich to buy one during the week.

Hurry to get your card and start saving NOW!!!

## “BY DESIGN” MOM’S GROUP

**foun • da • tion** A basis (as a tenet, principle, or axiom) upon which something stands or is supported.

Our theme this year for *by design* is building strong foundations. Whether in the lives of our children, the bonds of our relationships, or the strength of our bodies, strong foundations are essential. Join us as we rely on our *community* (or *village*) of experts to help us strengthen the foundations of our lives.

*by design*  
Breakfast, adult interaction,  
fun, and laughter

For moms with children newborn to 12  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Sometimes we all need a little bit of “me” time. At *by design*, you can have that.

Enjoy breakfast, a short devotion and an opportunity to connect with other moms. For more details, visit us on Facebook at *by design* or at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com)

Wednesday, October 24, 2012  
9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Topic: Foundations of Parenting

## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK? LET US HELP!



Our Youth Group is creating a schedule for those who need assistance with raking leaves and other types of yard work. If you would like to be on the schedule, please contact Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or [winsloms@bp.com](mailto:winsloms@bp.com) with your name, phone number, and address. Or, contact the church office at 419-691-7222 or email [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

## PRAYER CHAIN LIST

(As of September 26, 2012)

### Crisis Prayer List

*For those who need prayers in urgent matters such as surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless we're contacted about special circumstances:*

**Karl Ackerman  
Jake & Alison Crossen  
Andrew Gale  
Wayne Lytle  
Bob Webb**

### Chronic Prayer List

*For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Will be moved off the list after 3 months unless we're contacted about special/continuing circumstances:*

**Carol Abbey  
Elaine Ackerman  
Jordyn Beckhusen  
Karen Burris  
Don Curtis  
Phyllis Frey  
Family of Bob Glass  
Dave Grueshaber  
Sally Schumaker Hartzell  
Jack & Grace Heninger  
Herman Jeskey  
George "Skip" McCullough  
Jeanette Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Ava Morin  
Sharon Murray  
Charlie Ohlson  
Jarrod Pedone  
Fred Rice, Sr.  
Cindy Roecker  
Bishop Sanchez  
Nichole Schlegel  
Family of Tim Smith  
Family of Gary Taylor  
Christopher Thiel  
Bruce Traver  
Candy Webster  
Terry Williams**

Please check the list and notify any prayer chain contact if a name can be removed from the list.

### Prayer Chain Contacts

Carol Abbey 419-351-9795 or cabbey@jcrinc.com  
Lynn Folk 691-3410 Donna Koehn 693-5030  
Ada Kreger 693-1549 Gloria Ross 836-7166

## ***NEWS FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE***

Your church/cemetery mouse has many mouse friends. One of them is a barn mouse who lives in on a local farm. Here is a true story he told me.

The farmers who own the barn had friends who live in a Detroit suburb and worship at a Lutheran church. Every August approximately 30 parishioners come to the German American Festival at Oak Shade, and they camp at Maumee Bay State Park. On Sunday morning before returning home, they have a worship service at one of their campsites. This farmer's friends asked them to join them this particular Sunday morning. As the farmers were heading to the campsite church, a rainstorm came and blew down their campsite tent.

A few people got discouraged and went back up north, but about twenty-five folks stayed and tried to figure out where to have church. Everything looked very bleak until the farmer said, "I will move a farm truck out of my barn, and we will have church there. Get in your cars and follow me."

They arrived at the farm, the farmer moved the truck out of the barn, a picnic table was set up, and there just "happened" to be enough folding chairs for everyone. The pastor stayed behind, and everyone was happy to be where it was warm and dry. Never mind the tractors, tractor parts, tools and other "barn" type stuff all over— these folks were ready to worship. Pastor even had her guitar for music. Worship was about to begin when someone noted that the family with the communion wafers and the wine had gone back to Detroit. What to do?

"God has taken care of this, too," said the farmer. "We have Johlin wine, the wine our church uses, plus soda crackers, small paper cups and fruit juice."

While the rain was hitting the barn roof, the hens could be heard clucking in their nests in the chicken coop. These folks from the city, the barn mouse, and the farmers had their very first "church in a barn," and it was WONDERFUL.

After my friend the barn mouse finished his story, I remembered that First St. John began its ministry worshipping in local barns. It's nice to know that church in the barn still continues.

## ***FROM JAMIE'S DESK***

### **Mark 4:20**

"Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

### **Good Soil**

In the parable of the soils Jesus tells of different types of people who hear the gospel. Only some people hear the word of God and accept it and will bear fruit as a result of this.

As a seed reaches maturity, it produces a great harvest in light of what was invested. One seed does not return one seed, it returns dozens of tomatoes or years of apple harvesting.

Bearing fruit takes time, and some of us will take longer to reach maturity than others. Some Christians go through years of backsliding after their initial profession of faith before they get their life together. Others see a rapid change in their life.

Christians are going to have different levels of production. God has gifted each person differently, and we should not expect each Christian to do the same things. Some people are going to be the equivalent of the crop that is thirty times what was sown, while others are going to be like the crop that is sixty or a hundred times what was sown.

We are called to bear fruit. The amount that is produced depends on our maturity and how we are gifted. We have control only over our own maturity. Produce fruit and strive for maturity. Don't worry about the results. God is looking for fruit, not the numbers.

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### **Youth Group:**

*Meetings:* 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

*Volunteering:* Trunk or Treat — Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Parents:* We need your help at youth events as well. If you can help at Trunk or Treat, please contact me at the information at the end of this article.

**Catechism: Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**October Schedule:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

October	7		All Church Events (SS Board)
	14	<b>Ten Commandments</b>	God's Will Made Known
	21		Altar Guild
	28	<b>Ten Commandments</b>	The First Commandment

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

October	7		All Church Events (SS Board)
	14	<b>The Creed</b>	The Second Article
	21		Altar Guild
	28	<b>The Creed</b>	The Third Article

**Jesus and Me: Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**JAM Schedule:**

October	7		The Bible – Sword of Truth
	14		The Bible – Source of Wisdom
	21		The Life of Noah – Godliness in a Corrupt World
	28		The Life of Noah – An Enduring Faith

**Volunteers:**

We are always looking for volunteers for JAM. Whether you have 10 minutes or can volunteer for the whole hour, we can definitely use your God-given hands and talents. It is also a great way to get involved and meet other parents, like you! If you are interested, please contact Jamie at the information at the end of this article.

**Upcoming Activities:**



**Trunk or Treat**  
**Sunday, October 21, 2012**  
**2PM-4PM**

In the parking lot behind the church.  
Come out for fellowship, games, food and of course CANDY!

***What is Trunk or Treat?***

A safe, fun-filled family afternoon for children through 6th grade. Children and families will walk around to cars and be greeted by FSJ volunteers with their trunks open handing out candy. Cars will be decorated, and volunteers will wear costumes. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and for us to embrace our new students plus their families in both the Sunday School and the Dayschool. To make this event a success, we will need lots of volunteers. To volunteer, please see the following registration form or contact Jamie (see below).

**Contact information for Jamie Blazevich:**  
**419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)**



# Trunk or Treat

*We need your help!*

## *What is Trunk or Treat?*

A safe, fun-filled family night out for children and families. Families will walk around to cars and be greeted by FSJ volunteers with their car trunks open handing out candy. Cars will be decorated, and volunteers will wear costumes. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and for us to embrace our new students plus their families in both the Sunday School and the Dayschool. To pull off this event we will need lots of volunteers.

**Sunday, October 21, 2012 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

## *Potential Volunteer Options*

- Car volunteers- hand out candy- decorate car and wear costumes, you could also have a game set up at your car
- Registration and welcome guest volunteers
- Donations of candy, pumpkins, hay, cornstalks and other decorations
- Security and traffic directors

*This event is sponsored by the Board of Education!*

If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the information on the back of this flyer!

Blessings, Jamie Blazeovich

# Trunk or Treat

## Volunteer Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the area where you would be interested in helping.

- Car volunteers- hand out candy- decorate car and wear costumes, you could also have a game set up at your car
- Registration and welcome guest volunteers
- Donations of candy, pumpkins, hay, cornstalks and other decorations
- Security and traffic directors

Thank you in advance for sharing the love of Jesus through helping with this event. If you are interested in being a car volunteer, please provide the additional information.

Car Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide own candy for 200 kids Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you have a game set up? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, explain your game: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You can turn in this form to the offering plate and / or Jamie's office.

All volunteers and cars that participate must be registered by **October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby waive and release all claims against First St. John Lutheran Church from any and all damages, loss or cost to person or property resulting either directly or indirectly from the use of said premises and/or from the exercise of the privileges granted by this permit and shall hold harmless the sponsors from any and all claims resulting therefore.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Blessings, Jamie Blazeovich

## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

*"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*  
*Matthew 5:14-16*

Dear Friends,

This scripture is one we hope to plant in the hearts of our children this month. The week of September 4 we began attending chapel and learning about the special God who created us in His image. Learning about God is integrated throughout our curriculum; through bible verses, bible stories, songs, and the actions of caring teachers, the children get to know Him well. Their faith is growing! Our chapel at the end of the month will discuss their growing faith and the light they carry within them and their ability to generously share that light with others.

The Prayer Buddy program has begun its second year! Some members of the congregation will be praying for a kindergarten child enrolled in the Dayschool. Praying for others is an important part of who we are as Christians. When praying for these children, we communicate with God that we desire their good, their growth, and their everlasting relationship with Him. If at any time this prayerful program would be something you would like to be a part of, let Jamie or I know and we will make sure you are equipped with all the needed information.

Would you like to volunteer? Whether it's stuffing envelopes, preparing Campbell's soup labels, or helping with a fundraiser event, the work of the Dayschool is made lighter with volunteers. If you are interested please let me know. The needs vary, but if you have the time give me a call!

Finally, we're looking forward to another month of learning and growing together! We will be visiting the apple orchard and pumpkin farm, spending time with the clients of the Adult Day Center and the residents of the Lutheran Home, having our pictures

taken, and celebrating at Halloween Parties. Pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19. Halloween parties will take place Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30. Children will arrive in costumes, trick-or-treat for candy, and have chapel in the church, where, as mentioned before, they will learn about faith and that they can let the light of Jesus shine in them! Lots to enjoy!

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

### **COUNCIL MINUTES** *(continued from page 12)*

**DAYSCHOOL** (continued) - Students will be participating in their annual Thanksgiving feasts and Christmas programs.

Bill Caldwell representing the Dayschool Board of Education stated that a member of their board will be at future council meetings to answer questions or concerns.

**PASTOR** - St. Mark's on Woodville Rd. will host the Bishop's fall visit on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm. All are invited to join in worship, dinner, and an interactive gathering to discuss what is happening in our synod.

Pastor Jim VanBrussel will hold a German service and Christmas play for all members on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. More information to come.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - Want to discuss and vote on POD emergency plan for Lucas County Health Department. Heat control needs to be discussed for the building – this will be addressed by Property Management at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Pfeiffer

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Pastor Blohm opened with a devotional reading. Keith Mullen called meeting to order. Attendance was taken. Tonight's meeting did not have a quorum so no voting could take place.

Rachel Noleff from the Lucas County Health Department gave a presentation on how our church community could volunteer to serve as a site that would host an "Open POD" (Point of Dispensing) during a major medical/natural disaster.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT** - Jamie Blazeovich reported the youth room has all new furniture. The 8th grade catechism class will meet there. The 7th grade will meet in the gym. Catechism was awesome with 22 students attending. The first class was learning about how to Acolyte and be a Cross Bearer. This Sunday will begin the classroom curriculum.

Rally Day was awesome! 60 children attended. Crazy Craig the Juggler was wonderful. Last Sunday was the first actual day of classes, and there were 44 children that attended JAM and 22 students for catechism.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 21st from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. More details to come. Have been in contact with Mike Winslow about planning a dance party for the future.

Prayer Buddy connections are being made. We had so many individuals wanting to participate this year that we were able to include another addition to this terrific program.

By Design will be the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting on October 24th will include a speaker about parenting. We are in contact with two speakers.

Our Discount Card Fundraiser will start on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after the conclusion of the "Save Around the Town" fundraiser the Dayschool is doing. We challenge each council member to sell 10 cards. Jamie has a sign-up sheet. If we sell all the cards our profit is \$3,225. This will be used as extra income for the Youth and JAM programs.

**ELDERS** - Letters were sent out to all elders for the

year regarding schedules for early and late services. We have a wedding on the 29th of September and one in December.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** - Mike Folk and Gary Henningsen reported on their continuing efforts to work through the "Punch List" of items that need to be repaired or cleaned up. Church inspections for insurance/fire have completed, and issues are being worked on to be in compliance with all parties.

Repairs are needed on the eaves troughs on the east side of the educational building as well as possible leaf guards to protect them from further damage.

Property Management would like all groups to clean out/straighten up their area where items are stored. ALL groups will be contacted as to how they can help the church stay in compliance with future fire/insurance inspections.

**TREASURER** – Jim Sommers produced a report that showed a shortfall for the month of negative \$9,136.08 due to some repair expenses and low donations for the previous month. He continued the report by adding a year-to-date total of a negative \$13,469.12 shortfall for the year. Next year's budget is being worked on and all groups are asked to submit their budget proposal in writing.

**DAYSCHOOL** - Barb Shellhammer reported that Prayer Buddies have been assigned. She reminded all who have signed up to mark your calendars for the end of the year "reveal."

Scholarships were distributed to Dayschool families at our Rally Day/Teacher Recognition service. This year, WELCA donated the scholarships. These are randomly drawn from the names of people attending this service who are enrolled in our Dayschool. In addition, five children from our kindergarten class have been awarded the George & Elaine Ackerman Scholarship. These children are selected by the Dayschool Board of Education based on financial need.

The mom's group By Design will meet twice a month with a focus on building strong foundations. Guest speakers will be invited. *(continued on page 11)*