
◇ First St. John Journal ◇

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A couple of weeks back, I was looking through a book I have on my shelf entitled “14,000 Quips & Quotes,” edited by E.C. McKenzie (Baker Book House, 1980). He has really funny and excellent quotes and comments from various people about all kinds of subjects (dogs, cats, elections, children, supermarkets and golf are just some of the topics he covers). Another is “Thankfulness,” and some of the quotes are pretty good, like: “There’s always something to be thankful for. If you can’t pay your bills, you can be thankful you’re not one of your creditors,” or “There’s one thing for which we should be abundantly grateful – only you and God have all the facts about yourself.” But one quote made me stop and think.

“The worst possible moment for an atheist is when he/she feels grateful and has no one to thank.”

That would be a difficult one, I would think. Who do you thank for a beautiful sunrise or a full moon? Who do you thank for the miracle of a little baby, or the majesty of the Smoky Mountains or the Grand Canyon? Can we not thank God for breath, for answers to prayer, for peace in the midst of chaotic circumstances? Who can we thank for Jesus Christ?

As we approach our National Day of Thanks, let me leave you with words from the apostle Paul, who knew exactly who to thank: “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (*Colossians 3:15-17*)
— Pastor Blohm

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS!



Daylight savings time ends November 3rd. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 3rd.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 9th following both services in order to elect council members and vote on the 2013 budget.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHISM NOTICE

We will not have Sunday School or Catechism on November 25th because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We’ll resume classes on December 2nd.

CHICKEN AND HAM DINNER

**Saturday, November 3rd
4:00 pm — 7:00 pm**

Take Out Available
Tickets Available from any circle member,
in the church office, and at the door!

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$9.00
Children: \$4.00
Children under 3 are free

Don't Forget the Craft and Bake Sale!

Stop by the lounge during the dinner. You can view and buy beautiful craft items. Bake sale items also will be available.



MILITARY ADDRESSES

These are the members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages to these service people, 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

Matt & Renee Kalmbach
1629 S. Coy Rd.
Oregon, OH 43616
(Emma, Jack)

Jim & Julie Swanson
3525 Starr Ave.
Oregon, OH 43616
(Ben, Carrie)

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

New banners were ordered for baptism, confirmation, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and the children of the church.

We currently are seeking new members. If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, please contact Emily Kruse at 419-836-5473.

We will be taking orders for poinsettias early this year as our supplier needs the orders earlier than usual. See this newsletter and your November bulletins for an order form.

Thank you for your support after the Harvest Festival. We greatly appreciated it.

BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm in the lounge. (Note time change.)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15th

YOUTH NEWS

We need help to sell pop and our discount cards at the Chicken & Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 3rd (dinner is from 4—7 pm). Contact Jamie Blazeovich 419-691-7222 ASAP to let her know if you can help.

Our 7th & 8th graders will meet Sunday, November 11th at 6:30 pm. Our 9th—12th graders will meet Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 pm. See you there!

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

To keep current information for office records, 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. Email: office@firststjohn.com

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____



MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 3rd at Bob Evans on Navarre Ave. at 8:00 a.m. We're calling this meeting "Breakfast Before the Dinner." Come and enjoy a good breakfast before working at the Chicken and Ham Dinner. All men are invited. Call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409 if you need a ride.

ALZHEIMER'S WALK UPDATE

Thanks to all our church members and friends. Our Walk Team collected \$1,376 for the Alzheimer Association. This is the most our church has raised since we began a few years ago. Our family and the Koester family are very grateful for this outpouring of love and concern for those affected by this disease. As Joyce Martin and I talked about it while we walked, we remembered that unlike some other conditions which people can survive, Alzheimer patients don't. Our fundraising can help them cope, help their caregivers with some relief, and hopefully help find a cure. Let's all stay focused on ways to help others all year long. Again, many thanks to you all.

-- Janine Contat, June Might,
Dan, Joyce and Jean Martin

NOTICE: ALL GROUPS

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, November 23. Please do not schedule any events in the church that day so our decorators can work in there. Thank you.



ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
11/4	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy
11/11	Eric Johnson Jim Swanson	Tom Eppard Linda Erdmann
11/18	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich	Mike Winslow Al Collins
11/25	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Births	
8-5-12	<i>Mason Jay Braden</i> , born to Jack and Kelly (Roberts) Braden.
9-29-12	<i>Cooper MacKay Goa</i> and <i>Gunnar MacGregor Goa</i> , born to Grady and Kara (Wiener) Goa.
10-8-12	<i>Jack Charles Kalmbach</i> , born to Matthew and Renee (Kujawa) Kalmbach.
Baptisms	None.
Marriages	
9-29-12	Kimberly Grames and Tommy Vaculik
Deaths	
10-14-12	Bob Webb
Transfers to/from First St. John:	
	None.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS

Dinner With Friends continues again in November. Join us on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room in the basement of the church (hey, we're all young at heart, aren't we?). The menu will be scalloped potatoes and ham, green bean casserole, salad and dessert. Come for the food, the fun, and a nice evening out with your friends from First St. John.

So we know how many to plan for, please RSVP using the slip below if you want to attend and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Or, you can call the office at 419-691-7222.

*Yes! I/we will attend Dinner With Friends on
November 14th.*

Names: _____

NEWS FROM JAMIE—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Being Thankful

God gave a gift to us through Jesus Christ. Recognizing God's grace causes me to have a thankful attitude.

2 Corinthians 4:15

¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

It's the grace of God that causes thanksgiving to flow. For if we truly understand God's sacrifice for us we would never cease to praise Him. One way to acknowledge the good that God's done in your life is to make a list. Start a gratitude journal by listing the things you are thankful for. Reviewing the list periodically can help improve your attitude, too. A gratitude list might look something like this:

1. I'm thankful God chose to save me.
2. I'm thankful God changed my heart.
3. I'm thankful God brought godly friends into my life.

Of course, once you start a list like that, it may be difficult to stop writing. Something happens when we focus on all that we've been given. Realizing that everything comes from God helps us continue to give thanks to the One who deserves it! So what do you have to be thankful for today? Take time this Thanksgiving to share with others exactly what you're thankful for and praise God, for He is good! Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



We are so thankful for all our volunteers and those who donated their time, money and/or candy to our 2012 Trunk or Treat. We had a FANTASTIC turnout. We had 17 cars, and 110 children participated. This was up from 15 cars and 58 participants last year! We have the best people here at First St. John Lutheran Church and Dayschool!!

Youth Group:

Meetings: 7th and 8th grade – Sunday, November 11th at 6:30 pm
9th – 12th grade — Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 pm

We need volunteers to help sell pop and discount cards at the Chicken and Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 3, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie ASAP at 419-691-7222.



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NEWS FROM JAMIE
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Catechism: Sundays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. — November Schedule

7th grade:

November	4	Ten Commandments	The Second Commandment
	11		Choir - Adult
	18	Ten Commandments	The Third Commandment
	25	Thanksgiving	NO CLASS

8th grade:

November	4	The Lord's Prayer	The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer
	11		Choir - Adult
	18	The Lord's Prayer	The First Petition
	25	Thanksgiving	NO CLASS

Jesus and Me: Sundays 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. — JAM Schedule:

November	4		The Life of Noah – An Obedient Faith
	11		The Life of Noah – Safety from Wrath
	18		Thanksgiving Lesson – True Thanksgiving
	25	Thanksgiving	NO JAM



Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers for JAM, whether you have 10 minutes to spare 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. If you are interested, please contact Jamie at 419-691-7222 or email: cedir@firststjohn.com

MEMORIALS

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Carl Vick by Gloria Ross and family.

WELCA

In memory of Darrel Arnold by the Ruth Circle, Olga Zimmerman, Jean DeWitt.

CURRENT FUND

In memory of Darrel Arnold by Louise and Jim Sommers.



STILL COLLECTING SOCKS AND BOOTS!

WELCA is still collecting socks and boots for local children. (We have received MANY hats and mittens, so we do not need any more of those.) Socks and boots should be toddler and preschool size so they can be donated to the Toledo Day Nursery. Place your donations in the specially marked boxes in the Narthex and/or the lounge.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Come join us on Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm in the gym for our annual adult Christmas party. Once again, Takacs Catering will prepare the dinner for us. (Entertainment is yet to be determined.) Free will offering. In order to know how many dinners to order, please fill out the RSVP slip below and turn it in to the office (or fax or mail it in). Thanks, and we hope to see you there!

*Yes! I/we will attend the Christmas Party
December 2nd*

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLINE



Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, which gives Christmas gifts to needy children throughout the world. The pamphlets with suggested gifts are available with empty shoeboxes (boxes are unwrapped) in the lounge and in the JAM Sunday School room in the basement of the church. Once you fill a box (or boxes), please return it to the church office NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18th. Shoeboxes will be delivered the next day, and we cannot accept them after that date. Thank you for your generosity.

NOVEMBER CIRCLE NEWS

Rebecca Circle: Our November meeting will be Saturday, November 10 at 11:30 am. The date was changed because of preparation for the Chicken & Ham Dinner on our regular meeting date.

Hannah Circle: Our November meeting will be Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in order to give us time to plan Dinner With Friends and accommodate member schedules.

TRUNK OR TREAT WRAP-UP

We are so thankful for all our volunteers and those who donated their time, money and/or candy to our 2012 Trunk or Treat. We had a FANTASTIC turnout. We had 17 cars, and 110 children participated. This was up from 15 cars and 58 participants last year! We have the best people here at First St. John Lutheran Church and Dayschool!!

LIBRARY NEWS



I am stepping down as the church librarian, and I want to thank Gloria Ross for taking over my duties. I think she will have some new ideas. I have enjoyed working with everybody.

God Bless,
Marilyn Cashen

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Dayschool Report (continued) - Barb talked about stories of suffering with several Dayschool families and asked that we keep them in our prayers.

Bill Caldwell—talked about removing and possibly replacing the pop machine downstairs. He stated that two rooms downstairs need tile replaced, one room at \$1,700 and the other at \$2,300, but we currently have no funds. He also is looking to build cubbies for the kids to put their things in.

Bill wanted to talk about an idea regarding the cemetery and to honor not only our past members but also all the amazing and dedicated hard work that a handful of our members are doing to preserve our cemetery. He had an idea to have an area on our web site or a program that would have a map of our cemetery where you would click on the location of a loved one and his or her picture and the family history would pop up.

Pastor—Bob Webb passed away and his funeral will be at Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley in Millbury on Friday. Pastor said that a young couple who brings their kids to the Dayschool and also have come to our church services have stated that they want their child to be baptized and they would like to attend our new members class. Pastor wanted to remind us that there is a conference with the Bishop on Thursday, November 8th at St. Mark in Toledo.

Old Business—The POD emergency plan for the Lucas County Health Department will be discussed with the congregation.

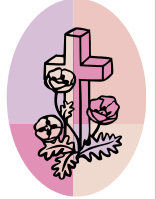
New Business—Lori Pfeiffer wanted to generate discussion on fundraising ideas for the church to bring money and people in the door. She is asking for ideas to inspire people to improve the church and ideas to generate money.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hunsaker

WE REMEMBER...

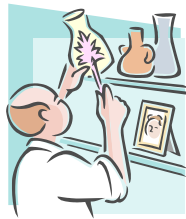


On All Saints Sunday, November 4th, we remember the saints of First St. John who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year.

Marian R. Chaney	3/31/1924 - 11/08/2011
Stephen J. Singlar	1/20/1946 - 12/22/2011
Eleanor P. Habegger	11/01/1920 - 12/25/2011
Earl R. Warnke	9/25/1920 - 3/02/2012
Theresa Meyer	12/26/1922 - 4/08/2012
Ivan C. Myers, Sr.	2/28/1925 - 4/19/2012
Betty Helle	2/22/1925 - 8/09/2012
Robert C. Glass, Sr.	1/13/1946 - 8/12/2012
Robert A. Webb	10/15/1917 - 10/14/2012

And we remember these friends & family members:

Angela Heisler, Andrea Schumaker, Austin Takacs, Darrel Arnold, Tim Smith, Joan and Dick Bailey, Iva and Clarence Grant, Helen and Fred Bailey, Robert Trost, George and Erich Davis, Ross Batchman



AND NOW, A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING ...

MOVING? Please notify the office when your address has changed. Newsletters sent to your old address are re-routed, but the church pays a fee each time this happens. Thanks.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: First St. John relies on the financial support of the congregation, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis and also while you may be out of town for work or vacation. Please contact the church office for details. Thank you!

E-MAILING THE NEWSLETTER: If you would like this newsletter and calendar e-mailed to you, please send your e-mail address to: office@firststjohn.com



First St. John Prayer Chain

(as of 10/23/12)



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 one month unless we're contacted about special circumstances:*

- Family of Darrel Arnold**
- Bob "Bobbie G" Brown**
- Family of Amy Barda Buehrer**
- Sally Schumaker Hartzell**
- Florence Partin**
- Family of Bob Webb**

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

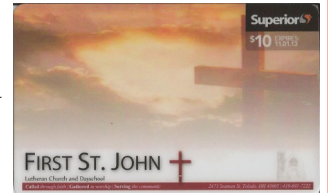
Prayer Chain Contacts

- 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

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**
- Karl Ackerman**
- Jordyn Beckhusen**
- Karen Burris**
- Don Curtis**
- Andrew Gale**
- Family of Bob Glass**
- Grace Heninger**
- Herman Jeskey**
- Sophie Le Duc**
- Wayne Lytle**
- George "Skip" Mc Cullough**
- Jeanette Miller**
- Ava Morin**
- Sharon Murray**
- Charlie Ohlson**
- Jarrold 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**

SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—BUY YOUR DISCOUNT CARD TODAY!



The Youth Group, Church Council, Education Board and the JAM parents are selling discount cards that you can use at area merchants to save each time you shop or use their services from now through the end of 2013.

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 or call Jamie for specific details of these discounts.

Each card costs \$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. You can buy a card from the Youth Group, Church Council members, the Board of Education, or JAM parents, OR you can buy one from Jamie Blazeovich or Toni in the church office.

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

2012 POINSETTIA SALE

Sponsored by the Altar Guild

Fill in the form below to place your order for poinsettias to be used during worship on Christmas Eve. Place this form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Payment must accompany orders. Please make checks payable to: **First St. John Altar Guild**

Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, December 2, 2012.

No. of plants @ \$8.00 each _____

Color (circle one): Red White Marble

Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

In Loving Memory of (Deceased):

In Honor of (Living):

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
SUPPORT
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**



Last month, we sent 97 quilts, 24 personal care kits, and seven baby care kits to Lutheran World Relief. These items will be sent around the globe to help those in need.

Everyone is welcome to donate to the personal care kits and baby kits. Here are some of the needed items: Personal Care Kits: light-to-medium weight bath towel (dark color), bath size bar soaps, adult toothbrushes, combs, metal nail clippers. Baby Care Kits: lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet, receiving blankets, cloth diapers (flat fold preferred), jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, socks, hand towel (dark color), bath size bar soap (gentle), diaper or safety pins. If you would like to donate to these kits, please bring your donations to the church office.

And, if you are interested in joining our quilters, we begin meeting in January. Thank you.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOL'S THANKSGIVING FEASTS

The Dayschool is preparing for its Thanksgiving feasts on Tuesday, November 13th through Friday, November 16th. Times help are needed are 10:00 am on each of the four days (whichever date you can help is great), AND also at 12:45 pm on the 14th and 15th. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up on these days. The children prepare the entire menu that includes "stone" soup, pumpkin bread, lemon bars, and cornucopias.

This is a great opportunity to mingle with the parents and give them a glimpse of the friendly atmosphere of First St. John. If you can help, please call Toni in the church office (419-691-7222).



FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time ends
November 4, 2012 **Fall Back!**

From the weekly bulletin on SEPTEMBER 3, 1944:

DON'T FORGET: Toledo is due to go back to Eastern War Time next Saturday.

IN MEMORIAM: Richard Dickey
Chancel flowers this morning are dedicated to the memory of Richard Henry Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin Dickey, born September 5, 1925, and member of our confirmation class of 1940. While serving in the Merchant Marine, Richard made the supreme sacrifice for his country, and a gold star on our service flag honors his memory. In deference to the express wish of Richard's parents, no special memorial service will be held until after the war.

While celebrating our Church's 150 year anniversary last year, the Cemetery Committee discovered that since Richard was "lost at sea," he never received a fitting memorial.

With help from the American Legion, we discovered a government program for marking veterans' graves in these situations. The necessary paper work was assembled, a design was selected, and the application was submitted this past spring. The application was approved and we accepted delivery of a beautiful headstone on October 17, 2012.

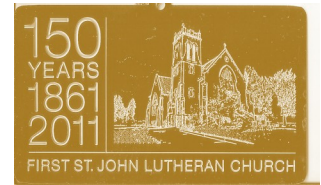
The Memorial committee is asking for your thoughts concerning a suitable memorial location, time and dedication program. Committee members are: Bill Caldwell, Mark Ackerman, Leondra Frazier, Larry Paul, Joanne Crandall and Floyd Hagedorn.

The vacation at the creek is over. The "holiday frenzy" has begun, and your Mouse is looking for a quiet place. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

— Your Church Mouse



FIRST ST. JOHN'S COMMEMORATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



As we prepare to decorate our trees and homes for Christmas once again, keep in mind we still have several of our commemorative Christmas ornaments available to purchase. These ornaments were created last year to celebrate First St. John's 150th anniversary. These beautiful ornaments are 24K gold on brass and are available in the church office for \$15 each. Stop by the office and see Toni if you'd like to purchase one or check it out before buying.

WOMEN'S AWARENESS SUNDAY

Women's Awareness Sunday is November 11th.



TECHNOLOGY ITEMS STILL NEEDED FOR MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE

Chelsea Bell has most of the computer equipment that she needs for her trip to Belize in December with the Defiance College McMaster School for Advancing Humanity. However, she still needs educational CDs (Jumpstart, Phonics, etc.), flash drives, headphones, and laptop mice (note additional items).

If you can donate any of these items or if you have any questions, please contact Chelsea at 419-215-1831 or email her at cbell001@defiance.edu

**COME ONE!
COME ALL!!**

Christmas Greetings!

The M-A-H-V-A-L-O-U-S Bell Choir will present a musical Christmas cantata at the 10:15 church service on Sunday, December 2nd.

We hope you will join us for this all-music Christmas celebration. See you there!





Happy Thanksgiving From Our Dayschool Kindergartners



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving holiday, the Dayschool kindergarten children would like to share what they're thankful for.

Thank you, God, for . . .

Life and for food.

— *Henry Negrin*

Giving us beautiful leaves.

— *Katherine Cromly*

Apples.

— *Sutton Row*

Butterflies.

— *Mallory Wineland*

Yellow and orange.

— *Gabriela Lengel*

Joey.

— *Liam Nichols*

For giving us oxygen.

— *Avery Grimes*

Math Centers.

— *Johnny Berry*

Giving us trees that will help us live, and for making teachers, especially Miss Rose. You are my superhero.

— *Caden Rothbard*

My dog, Sadie. I pray that she gets better.

— *Xander Wong*

My best friend, Liam.

— *Joey Gernert*

My brain.

— *Grant Oberdick*

My sister, Morgan.

— *Logan Kennedy*

My mom.

— *Milana McBride*

My Gramps and my baby brother.

— *Addison Ray*

Our trees.

— *Ethan Brown*

Loving us.

— *Tom Deehr*

Our grandmas and grandpas, our brothers and sisters, and our moms and dads.

— *Bryce Fitch*

Giving us food.

— *Charlie Abde*

Trees, leaves, and grass.

— *Kaden Woyame*

Sending Jesus to die for us.

— *Jay Blazeovich*

Jesus dying for us.

— *Jonny Kamelesky*

Our food and our families.

— *Addy Schlageter*

People and our state of Ohio. And thank you for our animals.

— *Alex Spencer*



Happy Thanksgiving!!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—OCTOBER 16, 2012

Pastor Blohm opened with a devotional reading and also a prayer. Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken and it was noted that tonight's meeting met the required quorum.

Keith Mullen made a motion to accept the August minutes and Larry Paul seconded and the motion passed. Keith Mullen made a motion to accept the September minutes and Karen Holmes seconded and the motion passed.

Christian Education Report—Jamie Blazeovich is getting the JAM kids excited about the attendance awards by creating “visual” incentives. Last month it was movie basket...this month it is a Trick or Treat basket. Discount card selling is doing wonderful. We have about ½ sold and will sell this week after church, at Trunk or Treat and at the Chicken & Ham dinner. We are in talks with Bob Evans on Navarre to have a day where 15% of your bill will go to raise funds for Christian Education. We spoke to the 7th & 8th grade Catechism class about all the events where volunteers are needed. Many youth signed up to volunteer at Trunk or Treat and the Chicken and Ham dinner. Over 25 youth participate in Catechism.

Trunk or Treat will be behind the church and will have crafts and games on the side lawn. Hoping to have 20 cars participate and have marketed it through the Dayschool's and church's Facebook pages. We would appreciate any candy or Halloween prizes that can be sent in.

We are replacing pictures in the JAM room. Founder's Hall is completed; take note of the sign above the basement entryway in the Educational Building. The Prayer Buddy program is growing even stronger this year and we have included the teachers. By Design will start their gatherings on Wednesday, October 24th and will focus on parenting--building a strong foundation. If you are interested in providing a breakfast casserole or other breakfast foods, contact Jamie or Barb.

Jamie stated several studies that found that children who regularly attend church:

- Increase average life expectancy by 8 years

- Significantly reduce their use and risk from alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Dramatically lower their risk of suicide
- Rebound from depression 70% faster
- Dramatically reduce their risk for committing a crime
- Improve their attitude at school and increase their school participation
- Reduce their risk for rebelliousness
- Reduce the likelihood that they would binge drink in college
- Improve their odds for a “very happy” life
- Receive a life-long moral compass
- Wear their seatbelts more often

Elders Report—No report. There was a wedding last week and all went well. Everything is fine.

Property Management Report—The eaves troughs over the Educational Building have been repaired, and the church's have been cleaned. Water heaters have been replaced and the area cleaned out. The ½” pipe insulation is being done. The City of Oregon is interested in the top portion of the evergreen tree in front of the church and is planning on removing the entire tree by late November. The partitions between the classrooms will be removed.

Treasurer/Finance Report—Jim Sommers reported that month ending September provided a positive net balance of \$1,178.18, resulting from five Sundays of donations and also the Thrivent Choice program. Jim added that our year-to-date total is still resulting in a negative balance of \$12,290.94. Jim stated that planning the budget for 2013 has begun, and he asked the boards to prepare and submit their budget requests by the end of the October. Keith Mullen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's/ Finance report and was seconded by Eric Johnson.

Dayschool—Barb Shellhammer expressed her thanks again to the Ackerman's and the Women of the Church for their donations to the Dayschool Scholarships. The school is working on several fundraising ideas, some of which are: a day at Kalahari (selling 150 tickets at \$20.00 each), a Mom-to-Mom sale of assorted items, a giving tree program, and she will talk to Jeff Barton to establish a foundation. *(continued on page 7)*