



August and September 2020

St. Jacob and St. John Summerfield News and Notes

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Occasionally someone will sincerely come to me and ask: “What are we going to do?” After a few questions, I understand the concern is about the challenges that we are facing from the pandemic. It is a disconcerting time. The pandemic of 1918 leaves no one that remembers that difficult time.

As I was driving past the school I grieved for the young people that were robbed of their senior year. I grieve for the decisions that teachers and administrators are trying to make in regards to our children returning safely to school. I am saddened with people who have lost loved ones. Our world has been turned upside down. We yearn for the “old days” when we could just go to the store if we wanted to and did not have to contemplate and be concerned whether we should go or not. And I could go on and on and on.

The world is changing around us, but there is a constant and that is God. God truly understands our despair and assures us through Jesus that through this time that Jesus is there to comfort us. In a Bible verse that many of us are familiar with from I Corinthians 13: 13 the scripture says: “And we are left with faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love.” Our faith helps us to stand firm, our hope carries us on and our love for one another is what revives us from day to day. Love is the foundation of our world. Whenever we act in love, it builds the foundation of our Christianity. Be assured that Jesus cares and is with us. This too shall pass. We do not know when, but this challenging time will pass. In the meantime, let us lean on Jesus and continue to love and pray.

In Christ,

Reverend Nancy Gamache

ST. JOHN'S SUMMERFIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August Dates

Nancy McCaw, August 22nd
Rusty Schiefer, August 24th

September Dates

Rusty & Melinda Schiefer, Sept. 3rd, 37 Years
Paul Baer, September 5th
Don Koenig, September 6th
Larry Robison, September 10th
Ella Boggy, September 14th



CARD SHOWER

Pastor Nancy would like to “shower” our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays, (90 years and up, in 5-year increments), or a milestone wedding anniversary, (50 years and up, in 5-year increments). The church currently does not have birth years for these special people, only the anniversary years. So, if you are in your late 80’s and up, please let us know your birth year. We will let you know in advance when these milestone birthdays are taking place. The church will provide a basket on the Resource Table in Heritage Hall where you can place your cards and Pastor Nancy will be happy to deliver them. You may also just mail your card if you prefer.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Each day I sit down with the prayer list and pray for the people of our churches. You could take this same list and put it by your bedside or reading table next to your Bible. Let us pray for those in need as well as our neighbors across the world on a daily basis.

Ella Boggy

Wally Foxworthy

Terry Weber

Brice Ahrens

ST. JACOB PRAYER LIST

Myrna Anderson

Carol Zweck

ST. JACOB ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August Dates

Kevin & Melody Hollis, August 5th, 20 Years
Charlie Kynion, August 7th
Paul Guse, August 9th
Susan Schmidt, August 12th
Steve & Carol Casperson, August 15th, 45 Years
Steve May, August 15th
Evagene Gusewelle, August 23rd
Ron Rujawitz, August 26th
Carla Zobrist, August 27th
Dawn Zobrist Mersinger, August 29th
Robert Bittle, August 29th
George & Myrna Anderson, August 30th, 62 Years

September Dates

John Zweck, September 1st
Haylee Petchulat, September 3rd
Sam & Diane Frey, September 4th, 38 Years
Dianne Doll, September 7th
Karen Schultze, September 11th
Carol Kynion, September 14th
Don Hanser, September 15th
Kathryn Cook, September 16th
Cathy Frutiger, September 18th
Audrey Yann, September 18th
Amy Zbinden Sullivan, September 19th
Ken & Cathy Frutiger, September 22nd, 47 Years
Richard Schmidt, September 23rd
Don & Audrey Yann, September 25th, 44 Years
Diane Frey, September 28th
Don Yann, September 29th

Worship During the pandemic

On Sunday, June 14th we reunited for our first worship, together, out doors in the St. Jacob church parking lot. It was a glorious, sunny Sunday for us all to worship in person. We were especially happy to welcome the Frieden's UCC Praise Band!



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