



Carolyn Walker

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

January 8, 2017

8:00 & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God! “God’s Grand Story”

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Prelude

“Praise the King”

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 92:1-5 (p. 590)

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*; A–All)

L: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, Gracious God,

P: from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

L: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,

P: for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

A: **We worship you, Lord, in gratitude and joy!**

† (8:00) Hymn – #163

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

† (10:30) Praise Song

“Here I Am To Worship”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

“Thy Word”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Observance of Memorial Sunday

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Adonai”

Scripture Reading and Sermon – 2 Chronicles 34 (p. 456)

“Influencing a Generation”

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation and Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession: *Lord, we confess that at times we wander from your will and way. We forget about living out your righteousness and justice. We can be insensitive to the needs of those near us and unmindful of the hurts and pains of brothers and sisters around the world. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to journey into this New Year with freedom and love. We thank you for your forgiveness and grace. Amen.*

Words of Assurance, Words of Institution and Prayer of Blessing

(10:30) Special Music – Praise Band

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Blessing

† Hymn – #270

“Wonderful Words of Life”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #274, v. 4

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

† Postlude

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and pleasurable time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

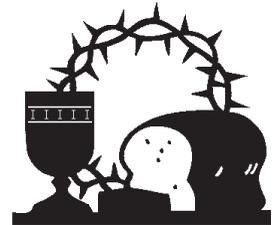
We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children's and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

We Practice Open Communion . . .

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time



This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord Jesus, as the living bread of life, I come to you to be fed, to be nourished by the truth of your Word. I thank you for the lesson of Josiah, who heard the Word of God read for the first time in generations. May I feast on your Word. I repent of my sin for when I get complacent and lazy and forsake my daily reading of your Word. Fill me with your Spirit that I would integrate your Word within my daily life. I praise you for never giving up on me, as your disciple. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are given by the Walker Family in honor of Carolyn Walker's 80th birthday on Friday, January 6th.



WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Preschool Open House – Church Family (Preschool Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Preschool Open House – Public (Preschool Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 5 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC Team B&K (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:30PM	Cub Scouts Den Meetings (Upstairs SS Classrooms)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Let It Snow Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room)
	6:55PM	Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	6:00PM	Scouts District Meeting (Parish Hall, Parlor, Upstairs Classrooms)
Sun	9:00AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:00AM	Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Congregational Meal served by the SYF (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday – January 15 - Annual Meeting Sunday (altered schedule noted above)

Sermon – “The Life of Faith” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Genesis 12:16

Annual Meeting Packets – Packets are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex for next week's annual meeting (1 per household please).

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Jan/Feb/Mar guides are available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$5.50 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 9 - Divergent Lines	Genesis 41:17-26
January 10 - A Thread in the Tapestry	Genesis 5:1-32
January 11 - Starshine	Genesis 6:1-22
January 12 - Rescue Plan	Genesis 7:1-24
January 13 - Sacrificial Worship	Genesis 8:1-22
January 14 - Rainbow Covenant	Genesis 9:1-29
January 15 - Wedding Song	Psalm 45

Preschool Open House for 2017/18 School Year – For our SJCC family, there is an open house today at noon in the preschool room; and for the community, an open house will be held tomorrow evening at 7PM in the preschool room.

Adult Faith & Fellowship (AFF) Begins Next Sunday in Parish Hall – Next Sunday from 9:00 to 10:00AM in the Parish Hall, we will begin a group Bible study based on the new sermon series we are beginning today using material from the Bible study resource that produces the Walk Thru the Bible Live Events. The new resource we'll be studying is titled "God's Grand Story: His Word. Your Life." This new group Bible study will be led by either Pastor Erich or Pastor Alex. A Guidebook will be utilized during each Sunday morning session, providing the material and focus of the Sunday school hour discussions.

Community Meal Ministry – The Archbold Area Ministerial Association is once again coordinating these weekly meals, and for at least the first three months of 2017, the meals will be held at St. John's. This wonderful ministry of food and fellowship is entering its sixth year of existence, and local churches and organizations continue to help fill out the calendar of meals to be served.

Volunteers from the St. John's congregation are needed! We continue to have two meal teams that will each serve five meals during the year, and people are needed to help prepare, serve and clean-up each time one of our meals teams host. We also need help with setting up tables and chairs each week, clearing tables and washing dishes each week, and taking tables and chairs down each week. People can volunteer every Tuesday, once a month, one month of the year – any and all help will be appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help. Thanks!

2017 Offering Envelopes – There are still a few boxes of offering envelopes to be picked up. They are arranged alphabetically by last name. Should you not find a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact Sue in the church office.

As a reminder, we also have online giving available through our church web site. This can be done through any current bank checking or savings account (no credit cards) in your name with no extra fees involved. To receive information and a number to create an online account, please contact Sue in the church office. The web site, made available through the F & M State Bank, is very user friendly and provides a convenient way to donate electronically.

Christian Resources International (CRI) – CRI is an organization in Fowlerville, Michigan that sends containers filled with Bibles and Christian literature around the world and to prisons. Our church has taken material to them, and we believe this to be an excellent Christian activity. If you have any Christian literature (Bibles, devotionals, Sunday school papers or books) you no longer use, please donate them to this project. There is a box labeled to receive literature in the chapel narthex. Please contact Norma Fish (419-799-9172) or Gloria Lauber (419-445-7882) if you have a large amount of literature.

Volunteers Needed – We are always in need of people to assist with the many ministry activities that take place here at SJCC. We are currently in need of people to sign up for our Sunday morning usher and greeter ministries. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulleting board across from the church office. Should you have any questions, please let us know and we can provide a detailed list of the duties involved with these positions. Thank you for continuing to help us be the hands and feet of Jesus!

January Mission-A-Month - Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Tony MacDonald and family, as Tony's brother, David MacDonald, passed away on December 31st.
- Gary Mann and family, as Gary's father, Leon Mann, passed away on December 30th.
- Jayson Lindsay, having surgery on his right shoulder on January 13th in Cincinnati.
- Mission trip participants who left yesterday for the Dominican Republic, returning Saturday, January 14th: Fred Weigand, Nick Weigand, Rick Yoder, Lori Yoder, Lucas Yoder, Seth Yoder, Janet Huffman, Jim Wendorff, Donna Wendorff, Wendy Gericke, Sophie Gericke, Andee Grime, Josee Grime, Jessica Strubel, Adrian Strubel, Sue Miller, Lynn Miller, Chloe Kent, Bobby Kent, Odette Rolon, Allison Dearman, Sandi Cowell, and John Weigand.
- Ed Ruffer, home recovering from foot surgery.
- Shirley Wyse, in rehab at Fairlawn.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.
- Mel Woolace, home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery.
- Gary Frazier, as he continues to recover at home.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, being transferred to Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Emma Hall
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
	(10:30) Michael, Cayla, Toby & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Swietzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath	(Jan 15) Karsen & Jordyn Pursel
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm & Ann Fether, Brandon Lehman, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	

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