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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Quinn Charlotte Planson

Welcome to



**“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.

Welcome to our Worship of God! Palm Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (p. 606)

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn – #228

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

† Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-7 (p. 977)

† Palm Sunday Hymn – #173

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Children’s Message

Matthew 21:8-11 (p. 977)

Palm Processional

1) “Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love”

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2) “Love Him...” 3) “Serve Him...” 4) “Thank Him...”

(10:30) Hand Chimes

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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

(10:30) Hand Bells

“Palm Sunday Glory”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Quinn Charlotte Planson, Daughter of Wade & Erin Planson

The Apostles’ Creed

Scripture – Matthew 19:13-14

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your daughter, Quinn, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Quinn and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God.*

Sermon

“As We Approach”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

Annie Foote & Elaine Winzeler

“The Palms”

† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Lord, you desire giving to be a blessing and not a burden. As we reflect more and more on all you have given us, make us eager and willing givers of all the gifts you have poured down upon us. Amen.*

† Closing Hymn – #10

“O Worship the King”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

“Go Now In Peace”

† 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 faithful 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.

Membership Orientation

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Sue Grieser know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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 our 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.

Infant Baptism:

Today we celebrate the baptism of Quinn Charlotte Planson, daughter of Wade and Erin, born October 9th, 2016. Grandparents include: Pat and Wanda Beard, and Steve and Connie Planson. Great-grandparents include: Jay and Donna Gear, and Don and Barb Sullivan.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Eternal God, I know you are all knowing and all powerful, and I know that I am limited in my understanding. I am so amazed at the courage and strength of Jesus – to enter into his final week, knowing of the cup you asked him to drink. I am humbled by his obedience, and blessed by his devotion. May I enter into Holy Week with a sense of awe, a desire for greater understanding, and a willingness to renew my trust in Jesus with humility and conviction, that you would be praised and honored. Amen.



The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are sponsored by Josephine Short and Family in loving memory of Paul R. Short.



Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:

Pre-K Class: Today we chatted about the Last Supper and how Jesus wants us to remember him. Ask us about our fun memory game that we played together. How many matches did we each get?

Faith Village: Today we began a unit entitled "Jesus in the Synagogue" which uses Luke 4:14-30 and Isaiah 58:6; 61:1-2 as references. We are learning about what life was like back in Jesus' day, and how Jesus began his public ministry. Jesus did not have a Bible to read in his home. There may have been only one set of scrolls (Bible) for the whole town of Nazareth. How many Bibles do you have in your home? Are you taking time each day to read from your Bible?

Confirmation: Youth studied the resurrection of Jesus by looking at all four gospel accounts. What surprises you about the resurrection?

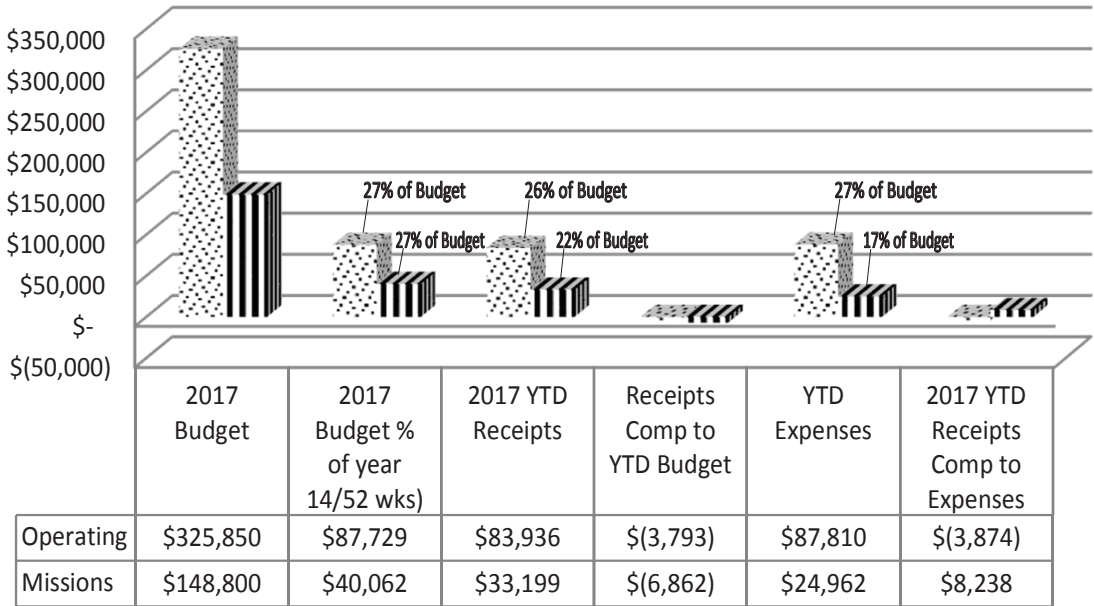
Senior High Sunday School: Today we finished our Lenten series on spiritual disciplines, talking about the "T" and "S" in the acronym "HABITS," which refer to the practices of Tithing and Studying Scripture. In this series we talked about how these disciplines, or habits, fostered our spiritual health, growing closer in our relationship with the Lord and growing in love for our fellow man.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: 1 Kings 17:8-16 Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. We learned about Elijah, a powerful prophet of God, who was to tell King Ahab there would be a 3 year drought. When Elijah told the King, he then had to hide to stay safe. God prepared a widow to care for Elijah along with her son. Here God performed a miracle that allowed for enough food for the three of them, the widow's containers of oil and flour never ran out. After the story, we talked about ways we could help others at home, church, school, and our community. Then we painted with oil on our own jars (coloring page) to take home. **Third Grade:** The third graders talked about how Jesus entered Jerusalem as a King on Palm Sunday, how he acted as a servant to wash his disciples feet at the last supper, and willingly obeyed our Heavenly Father through Gethsemane and Calvary to make a gateway into eternal life for us. Jesus' love for us is so great it cannot be measured, John 15:13. **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders used their imaginations in beginning a journey, walking with Jesus through Holy Week. We focused on Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, which we remember and celebrate on Palm Sunday. We also came to Jesus' evening dinner with his disciples, which we know as The Last Supper and the day as Maundy Thursday. Next week, we will continue our walk with Jesus through Holy Week.

JYF: This week we talked about the highlights of our Spring Break, had a lesson on prayer and thanksgiving, packed eggs for next Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt, and had fun playing a few rounds of dodgeball!

SYF: This week we made posters for next Sunday's Easter Breakfast, and spent some time studying 1 John 2 together. We looked at verses 7 & 8, where John writes that he is giving believers a command that is both old and new. His command is this: that we should love one another. It is an old command because it has been God's law since the beginning, but it is a new command because in Jesus we see in a new way what it really means to love others. Let us live our lives like he did, loving one another.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 3, 2017



Celebrate Passover – A Christian Presentation of the Traditional Jewish Festival:

A Seder Meal will be observed this week on Maundy Thursday. At the Last Supper, Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover with his disciples and instituted the sacrament of communion. The Seder Meal is a re-enactment of the Passover meal, an annual memorial filled with great symbolism of God's faithfulness.

People are invited to gather in the parish hall at 6:30PM sitting at tables specially set for this symbolic feast. The Seder is a festival meal in which everyone present will be involved in reading, listening, singing and eating! The hope is that some of the excitement and awe of the first Passover in Egypt and the Passover Seder in the upper room in Jerusalem will be felt by all.

The Seder Meal will be our observance of Maundy Thursday, which will conclude with communion. There will be no 7PM service in the sanctuary this year. Complete below and place in offering plate or return to church office.

----- Complete below and return if attending Seder Meal -----

Seder Meal – Maundy Thursday – 6:30PM in the Parish Hall

In order to be properly prepared for this special event, we need to know how many people plan on sharing in the Seder Meal. Please fill out this slip and drop it in the plate when our offerings are collected.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

WEEK OF APRIL 9TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting – Office Closed (Pastor Erich's Office)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship – Quarterly Review with EGR (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 15 (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Cub Scouts Den Meetings (Upstairs Classrooms)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Easter Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	8th Grade Confirmands Presentation Practice (Pastor Erich's Office)
Thur	6:30PM	Seder Meal (Parish Hall)
	8:15PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	7:00PM	Good Friday – Service of Tenebrae (Sanctuary)
Sun	6:15AM	SYF Meets to Begin Breakfast Preparation (Kitchen)
	7:00AM	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Breakfast – Hosted by SYF - Free Will Offering Collected (Parish Hall)
	8:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt – Hosted by JYF (Chapel / Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – April 16 - Easter Sunday - He Is Risen!!!

Sermon – “Resurrection for Today” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – John 20:1-18

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 – Directors of this year's VBS are Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger. They are working on curriculum and theme selection! The week of VBS this year will be June 25th through 29th.

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Apr/May/June 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:

April 10 - Pleasing the Crowd	Mark 15:1-15
April 11 - You're in my Place!	Mark 15:16-20
April 12 - Carrying the Cross	Mark 15:21-32
April 13 - At the Foot of the Cross	Mark 15:33-41
April 14 - At the Graveside	Mark 15:42-47
April 15 - The Empty Tomb	Mark 16:1-8
April 16 - Resurrection Life!	Mark 16:9-20

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – Pray more islanders will seek to be good spouses. Pray for all the brothers and sisters on the islands that they could be a witness through strong and healthy marriages. Pray for an island neighbor who is pregnant because the OB has traveled to France so a midwife will need to handle any complications. She seems nervous and asks us to pray every time she sees us. And please pray for Tom's sister who is pregnant.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – Pray for Kyle as he continues to oversee the ministry and discipleship of North Campus students and staff, as well as oversee the teaching ministry of New Life Church.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for them as they continue to raise support as they join the staff of Cru on the BGSU campus this summer. The mission committee has given them \$500 for this year, and will discern further support at the end of the year.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – See this month's prayer feature below.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Pray for the light of discernment as Tony and Leila help the mission committee make decisions about a mission trip to visit with them in 2018.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Pray for Jon as he teaches a class on disciple making movements, and for both of them as they seek to do their best in demonstrating love, sharing Jesus through his Word and equip disciples to become disciples makers!
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – Pray for discernment of the future of the work.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – Pray for students Molly, Courtney and Halley, that they will come to know Jesus deeper this semester; for students to invest their summer in Leadership Training; pray for the "She Has a Name Night of Jubilee" – praying for those affected by trafficking in Columbus.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – Pray as they prepare to return in a few weeks, enjoying a time of furlough and visiting at SJCC on May 14.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – Pray for the sustaining nature of this ministry, started in 1970, as they strive to be faithful to all who come their way.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Pray for discernment about a trip to the home in September; pray for churches St. John's can recruit to join the supporting efforts of KCH, and for additional sponsors so all children will be blessed with sponsorship.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – Pray as he continues to passionately minister with students who are tomorrows leaders who are passionate about serving Christ.

Prayer for Matt & Paige Waanders: Heavenly Father, as you sent Paul and Barnabas and Silas and Timothy, and so many other early missionaries out to the world, I thank you for sending Matt and Paige to Brazil. I pray for their health and strength, both physically and spiritually. As they continue to disciple college students, I pray you will give them the words, the boldness and the compassion to share your love with them. God, as Matt and Paige have asked us to pray for specific students, like Gaspar, Enrico, Elousie and Naira, I pray for the spiritual birth and wellbeing of these students – may they be receptive to Matt and Paige, and receptive to your light and love. Bless Matt and Paige with knowledge and wisdom and safety in these days. Amen.

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 3, 2017 - \$464,755.09

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Brian & Kris Short and family, on the death of Brian's father, Jim Short, on Tuesday.
- Crissi Stuckey, praising God for the news that the lipoma removed from her shoulder the other week was free of any abnormal cells.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, as he enters into treatment of the cancer that has returned in his liver.
- Dale Grime, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, who is in 9 weeks of infantry training in North Carolina.
- Kollin Woolace, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Josee Grime
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Brent Winzeler	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath, Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Tammy Nofziger	(Apr 16) Jeff & Stacy Rutledge
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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