



Dave & Karen Walker

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Two happy recipients at a previous Book Bag Bash

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!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Mark 12:42-44 (p. 1006)

Prelude

“Praise the Lord”

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

L: What has God not provided? What has God not done? Recalling that the poor widow put in everything, consider all that God has put in and done – Creation, His Son, His Spirit, mercy, grace, salvation, hope and so much more! Let us thank and praise our Great God!

P: *Let our worship be filled with abounding joy, abounding devotion, abounding love, abounding praise – truly, truly God, how great you are! I lift my voice in praise!*

† Hymn – #4

“How Great Thou Art”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Forgive me, Lord. Forgive me when I neglect to praise you, when my soul doesn't sing to you. For I know you are worthy of all my praise and all my devotion. Forgive me when I fail to act upon my devotion – when I neglect my Bible reading, when I neglect my prayer life, when my waywardness or busyness get in the way. Forgive me, Lord, in this time of confession and repentance. Reshape my thoughts and my heart, that I would be like the poor widow and put everything in. Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

† Hymn of Assurance – #271, vs. 1 & 3

“Standing on the Promises”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Mission Moment – Jeremy Mann

Children's Message

Book Bag Bash Blessing

Ministry of Prayer

Prayer Hymn – #435, verse 1

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Prayers of the People

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

Special Music

Lynne Christman & Sarah Nafziger

“More Precious Than Silver”

Emma Nafziger, accompanist

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-4 (p. 1162)

Sermon

“Giving to Others”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Make Me a Servant”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #448

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #609

“Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace”

† Postlude

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! 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. Pastor Erich is looking to offer membership orientation sessions on Wednesday evenings in the near future – please let him know if you might attend as to discover more about SJCC and all that happens within our ministries.

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 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.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Dear God, you made the earth on which I live, the air of which I breathe, and the beauty in the sky I am beneath. How vast is your creativity, how immeasurable is the delicate balance and detail in creation. And yet you pursue me, like a shepherd watches sheep, you know me by name and pour out grace through your redeeming love. Father, you long for me to recognize your imprint on all I see, to take hold of freedom from the prison of my own sin, and to be redeemed to walk again with you. Lord, let me now play my part in kingdom life. May I take your light into the darkness. May I give testimony to your redeeming work in my life. Living by the Spirit, may you work through me to reach a hurting world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank Offering Containers:

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.



**The Altar Flowers are given in honor of
Dave and Karen Walker's wedding anniversary today.**



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

Pre-K Class: We had fun spending time together this morning learning about Esther. Ask us what we learned!

Faith Builders: The morning lesson is titled, "Building up the Body." Scriptures include Ephesians 1:22-23, Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-19. What does it mean for a child to be a part of the body of Christ?

Confirmation: We're continuing into our second lesson about missions...what is God's mission? What is our church's mission? What is your mission?

Senior High Sunday School: Our unit this month is about sharing our faith. This morning we'll be sharing about the difference God has made in our lives, and the significance of sharing our story with others. Your story is a gift! Look for opportunities to share that gift with another this week.

WEEK OF AUG 6TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash (throughout church)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
Tues	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	6:30AM	Women's Summer Small Group (Carol Ann's Cafe)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Judges 2 (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal – Central Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
Thurs		Carpet Cleaning (Upstairs Rooms, Chapel, Preschool, Parlor, Fireside)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	6:00PM	Scouts District Meeting (Parish Hall, Parlor, Artisan's Tent, Youth Room)
Fri		Carpet Cleaning (Upstairs Hall, Sanctuary, Offices, Nursery)
	2:00PM	Private Party Set Up (Parish Hall)
	7:40AM	Men's Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sat	10:00AM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
Sun	9:15AM	Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – August 13 - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – "It's Rally Time Again" by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Hebrews 10:19-25

Book Bag Bash Today!! – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held from 4PM to 6PM. The Evangelism Committee invites all youth who need book bags and school supplies to participate in this event. Light refreshments will be served.

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The July/Aug/Sep issue is available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each), or you can access the guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 7 - Conquering the Inner Kingdom Judges 1
August 8 - A Typical Story Judges 2:6-23
August 9 - Not One But Two Judges 4:1-24
August 10 - A New Champion is Made Judges 6:-24
August 11 - A Proper Altar Judges 6:25-40
August 12 - The Numbers Game Judges 7:1-14
August 13 - Slippery Ground Psalm 73

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, August 12, 7:40AM – This is a monthly time to gather, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, hear a testimony, share joys and concerns, and pray together. Please contact Bruce Wooley, Pastor Erich or Pastor Alex if you would like to know more about the Men's Breakfast.

New Ministry Program – St. John's is starting a new ministry program with the Family Care Home located next door. The home is operated by Sunshine, Inc. of NW Ohio and provides a caring environment for individuals with developmental disabilities. We are hoping to develop relationships between people from our congregation and the residents of the home through various types of activities. Sunshine has given us a list of suggestions to help facilitate these interactions. The list includes things such as riding bikes, playing cards, and having coffee with the individuals that live in the home. The goal is to develop long term friendships that connect the residents with their surrounding community. Anyone interested in engaging in this community outreach is asked to contact the church office or Tammy Nofziger (567-239-6990; tammmark88@gmail.com). Tammy will be coordinating this ministry with the staff at Sunshine.

Sunday School, Faith Village, LOGOS, JYF and SYF – As plans are being made for teacher and leader prep, and communicating everything with parents, please set one or more of the following dates aside on your calendars – August 27, 9:15AM, August 30, 6:30PM and September 6th, 6:30PM. Parents and volunteers will need to attend only one of these three sessions. These times will include a Parent Meeting for all parents who will register their child or children for our LOGOS ministry, and there will be a Safety Training Review for everyone working in any of our children's and youth ministries.

A Back Bay Mission Gulf Coast Shrimp Boil

St. Paul's UCC

201 N. Perry Street, St. Mary's, Ohio 45885

Sunday, August 27 @ 5PM

Associate Director of Housing Recovery, Craig Steenkamp,
will be in attendance, and will be boiling the shrimp!

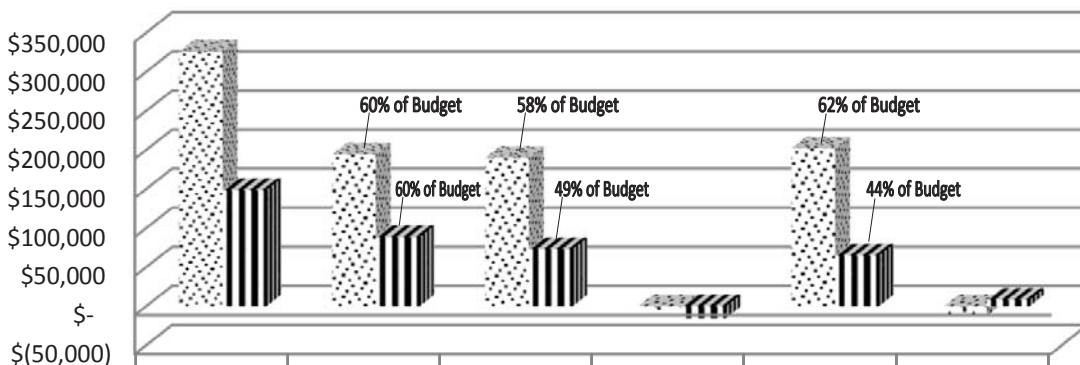
Chicken will be available, as well – \$15 for adults; \$7.50 for ten and under
Reservations needed by tomorrow, August 7th
Contact the Church Office to Reserve a Spot!

Alpha Course – Starting on Wednesday, September 13th, we will again be offering a practical introduction to the Christian Faith, a place where people have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting known as the Alpha Course. This will be a 10-13 week course. Alpha is an evangelistic tool, often defined as “evangelism for ordinary people.” To be truly evangelistic, the expectation and hope is that people of the congregation would invite someone outside the church and both would attend the course. To be truly effective in bringing blessing and change to people’s lives, it’s necessary for us to share Christ and share our faith as we invite people to Alpha. Each Wednesday evening session will begin at 6PM with a meal in the Fireside Room. Please feel free to speak with John Graber or Pastor Erich if you have questions concerning Alpha.

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – We encourage you to continue to fill up your coin bank for our Summer Challenge!! Don’t worry, you still have time to pick up a bank (on tables near the east and south entrances) and collect your coins, which will be collected the first two Sundays in September (3rd and 10th). Adult and youth banks are available. Let’s challenge ourselves to provide further funds toward our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign!

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – Beginning on the 4th Sunday of August, and on the 4th Sunday of each month thereafter, a special second offering will be received, with the offering directed towards our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, the ushers will come back through, passing the plates a second time for our once a month second offering. People may use the colored building fund envelopes that are in the pew racks for this second offering.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of July 31, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 31/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$194,257	\$189,683	\$(4,574)	\$201,921	\$(12,238)
Missions	\$148,800	\$88,708	\$73,300	\$(15,408)	\$65,000	\$8,300

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the healing of a sick friend's wife; for a team member who has recently returned to the island; for their pregnant friend, for health and safety of both her and the baby.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – as the start of a new semester is just weeks away, pray for energy and conviction for staff members as they reconnect with students from past years, as well as greet new students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – praise God that thru their sharing with potential supporters, they have been re-centered on their focus on making Jesus known; pray for accelerated connections with partners who will help send them to campus this fall.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – prayers of thanksgiving for their own salvation in Christ, causing them to praise God for his promises, spurring them on in their bold efforts of sharing Christ.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – prayers of encouragement and for perseverance as they care for their own family, while being a witness for Christ with the people they meet.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the management couple who started earlier this year, that they experience a spirit of cooperation and understanding with the staff, children, community and government officials; and for Cheryl as she cares for her children.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for the 50,000 students coming to campus this fall, and for the Cru leaders who will be sharing Jesus; pray for the 162 people registered for training on what human-trafficking looks like and how to respond.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – continued prayers for their re-entry into campus ministry, after being in Brazil the past year; for their needed support; for strength in sharing Jesus with staff and students.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for them and their four young children; for peace and strength in sharing Jesus with children at the school and in the villages; pray for lives to be changed, bringing people to glorify God.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – praise God for a very productive surgical camp held recently, for the many operations that occurred; and praise God for former patients who were changed by the CRHP ministries and now are on staff with them.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praise to the Lord for recent visits to the home from young adults who passed through the home in their own orphaned childhood, as they are a great example to the current children; and pray for some of these returnees who are getting involved in the on going work of the home.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for the ministry as a new fall semester is nearing, for the passionate hearts of returning student leaders, and for the light of Christ to be evident as they welcome new students on campus.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Stan and Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's parents; Sheila was recently diagnosed with throat cancer, is experiencing a lot of pain, and will be starting treatment at Cleveland Clinic in a few weeks. Prayers for her treatment and for safe travels to and from Cleveland Clinic.
- Mary Lou Nemire, who is recovering from knee surgery on Monday.
- Sharon VonDeylen, who is recovering from surgery.
- Bob Bostelman, who is recovering from surgery.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- 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, stationed in California for advanced training.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Bennington, Georgia for boot camp and basic training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Emma Hall
Ushers	(Head) Mark Nofziger	
	(8:00) Tim & Sue Grieser	
	(10:30) Joel & Annie Foote, David & Crissi Stuckey	
Greeters	(10:30) Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Rachel Kinsman	(Aug 13) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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