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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.

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 67 (p. 570)

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

L: In our worship and in our living, let us desire God’s grace and blessing.

P: *We praise God for making his ways known to us.*

L: May we be glad and sing for joy, for the wonders of God are all around us.

P: *We praise you, O God, and we fear you – with reverence and awe and honor – for you are holy, mighty and righteous, and we sing your praises this morning.*

† Hymn – #21

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *O Lord God, as the psalm reads, may it be our desire that your ways be known throughout the earth, that your salvation will be among all the nations. Yet the evidence of racism and division speaks to how far we are from your plan of blessing and peace. For my own discord, when I am not understanding or loving towards others, forgive me, Father. Enable me to remember that as Jesus draws us together as one body, with many members, I must forsake my own selfishness and have compassion for all. Remove any aspect of judgment and condemnation from me, and in their place fill me with your grace and light and love. In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.*

† Unison Words of Assurance

L: Our God sets captives free.

P: *We are free in God’s sight.*

L: Our God brings new life to the desperate.

P: *We can face the new day with courage.*

L: Our God changed water into wine.

P: *Even our lives can change and be changed in hope. Alleluia! Amen!*

† Hymn of Response – #345, v. 1

“Blessed Assurance”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#579, v. 1) “Jesus Loves Me”

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

Special Music

“If I Have My Ticket, Lord”

Annie Foote, Deb Schmitt, Deb Schnitkey

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-9, 10-18 (p. 351)

Sermon

“It’s Not Time to Rest Yet”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Second Offering for our “Imagine Your Faith Building” Campaign

Jeff Rutledge

† Closing Hymn – #451

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #461, v. 1 & refrain

“He Leadeth Me”

† 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:

Lord, you created the Sabbath and ordained it for worship and rest. Forgive me when I neglect my worship of you and when I neglect care for myself. Help me to restore order and balance to my life, that I would find rest and refreshment. Equip me with stamina and strength, wisdom and understanding, compassion and love, that I may pray for my church family and our ministries. That I would reconsider ways of serving, not growing weary, but giving my all, as Christ gave himself that I would have life, and have life to the full. I praise you for the energy and talents you give me. 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.

August Mission-A-Month – Back Bay Mission Trip

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 Village: We began a unit today entitled "The 10 Commandments". The 10 Commandments help us know how to love and worship God and how to treat others with justice and kindness. They are found in Exodus 20:1-17. The first four commandments give us rules about our relationship with God. Can you recite one of the first four commandments?

Confirmation: Lesson focus was on attitude, and more specifically of having a positive attitude! Read Ephesians 4:31-32 together – what does your child remember from the lesson?

Senior High Sunday School: This week we're finishing our summer session with our last unit on sharing your faith. As classes resume, look at your school with new eyes. Whom has the Lord placed in your life so that you can be encouragement to them and share your faith with them? Come next week as Fall SHSS resumes and hear from the Millers some of the plans for the new year!

SYF: This week we're meeting at 6:30PM at the church and will be heading over to Fairlawn to help with an outdoor painting project. Wear work clothes and come willing to serve!

WEEK OF AUG 27TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:30AM	Child/Youth Safety Training (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 8 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – Lockport Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	JYF Leaders Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	6:30PM	SYF – Service Project at Fairlawn (Meet at Church)
	6:30PM	Child/Youth Safety Training (Chapel)
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Next Sunday – September 3 - Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – "Taking a Break" by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Luke 5:12-16

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – Beginning today, on the 4th Sunday of each month a special second offering will be received, with the offering directed towards our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign. In each service of worship, 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 IYF Building Campaign special offering. Please feel free to use the Building Fund envelopes in each end of the pews for this special offering.

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – Adult and youth coin banks will be collected the next two Sundays, September 3rd and 10th. You can either turn in the coin banks, or place the coins in the large clear dispenser in the sanctuary narthex. All of these funds will go toward our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign.

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 28 - From the Many to the One Mark 7:31-37
August 29 - Nothing to See Here? Mark 8:1-13
August 30 - Listen Carefully Mark 8:14-21
August 31 - I Can See Clearly Now Mark 8:22-26
September 1 - The Right Call Mark 8:27–9:1
September 2 - The Higher Life Mark 9:2-13
September 3 - Holy Fear Psalm 76

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.

Community Meals – Each Tuesday up through September 26, we are in need of 3 more willing servants to help with clean up; arriving by 5:30PM in the kitchen to help with dishes, pots and pans. Everything is normally done by 6:30PM, so just an hour’s worth of helping! Please let Pastor Erich or Sue Grieser know if you could help one or more Tuesdays. Thanks!

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.

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 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; tammark88@gmail.com), who will be coordinating this ministry with the staff at Sunshine.

Positions Available – We are seeking qualified applicants for the following positions (job descriptions available upon request):

Director of Music Ministry:

St. John’s Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a part-time (12 - 14 hours) Director of Music Ministry. The ideal candidate is responsible for planning and leading the church’s music ministry in the worship of God with traditional and contemporary resources. Strong organizational and communication skills are required, technology skills preferred. Must be able to be on site Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John’s Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

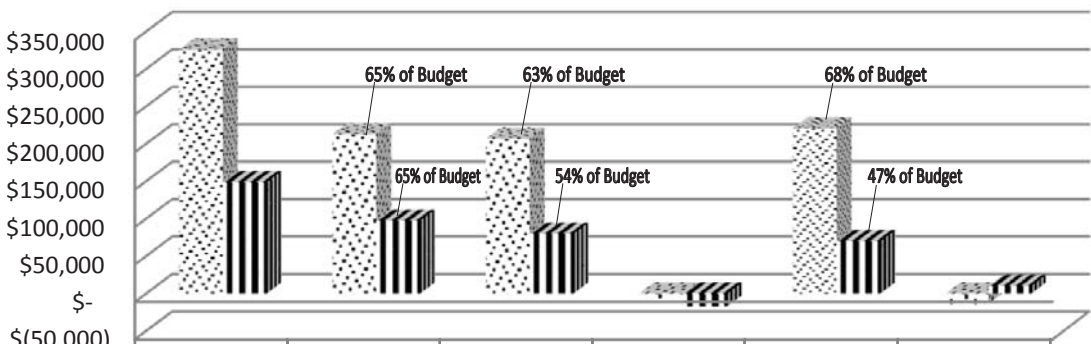
Accompanist:

St. John’s Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a talented musician with the ability to play piano and/or organ as well as a desire to serve in a musical capacity within a worship setting. Candidate needs to be comfortable with blended and contemporary styles of worship as well as traditional. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John’s Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

Preschool Classroom Aide:

Our St. John’s Christian Preschool is looking to fill a new part-time paid position, working one preschool class session per week and an additional session during the third week of each month. The aide will be in the classroom, assisting the Preschool Teacher Assistant with the daily classroom activities. This will create planning and office time for the Preschool Administrator each week. Contact the Preschool Administrator, Sue MacDonald (macfamily5@roadrunner.com), if you or someone you know would be interested in the position.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of August 21, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 34/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$213,056	\$206,856	\$(6,200)	\$220,514	\$(13,659)
Missions	\$148,800	\$97,292	\$79,969	\$(17,323)	\$69,860	\$10,109

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:

- Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's mother, who is undergoing treatment for throat cancer.
- Mary Lou Nemire, recovering from knee surgery.
- Bob Bostelman, home from a recent hospital stay.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- 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) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Keith Kuntz	
	(8:00) Tim & Sue Grieser	
	(10:30) Ben & Sue Buehrer, Joel & Annie Foote	
Greeters	(10:30) Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jan Martinez	(Sep 3) Tammy Nofziger
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Moment	(Both) JoAnn Short	

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