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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

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (p. 1169)

Prelude

“O Worship the King/Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Call to Worship – *God calls us together to worship this morning. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation’s goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax. From amidst our friends and family God brings us here to participate in a community of faith, Christ’s people, our church family. From everyday conversations, talk, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely. Let us heed God’s call and rejoice in what God enables. Welcome to our worship!*

† Hymn – #382

“Be Thou My Vision”

† Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Labor Day Prayer – A Blessing for Workers and All Seeking Work (UMC Discipleship)

Blessed are you, ever-creating God, in your image, our lives are made; in your glory, we offer all the work of our hearts and hands and minds.

Blessed are you, O God, now and forever!

Blessed are you whose work is repaid, for by your work, and by the payment you receive your lives and the lives of others around you and around the world are blessed.

We thank God for you day by day.

Blessed are you whose work is unpaid, who offer what you can to enrich the lives of others, through time, talents, skill, strength, and love.

We praise God for your generous labor!

Blessed are you who seek work but have not found it, or whose work now is not yet what it may be yet still you seek, that your gifts may be shared more fully.

We praise God for your diligent seeking and pray you may soon find!

Yours is the glory in their labors.

Yours be the glory in all our lives, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

Special Music

Mike Meyer

“Sow Mercy”

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:12-16 (p. 1019)

† Sermon Hymn – #380

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Sermon

“Taking a Break”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Abide With Me”

† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully a community of your disciples and servants. Amen.*

† Closing Hymn – #572

“America, the Beautiful”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #380, refrain

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

† 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 (from the Archdiocese of Detroit):

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Faith Village: Today, we continued the unit 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 fifth commandment tells us to respect our fathers and mothers. What is one way that you can show respect to your parents?

Confirmation: "Giving your best!" was the theme of this morning's lesson, building upon the lesson of having a positive attitude from the previous Sunday. We looked at Philippians 3:14. What's one way you can do this week to give your best, with your family, at school or with a friend?

WEEK OF SEP 3RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	2:30PM	Teens – Fulton County Fair (Meet at church)
Mon		Labor Day (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 9 (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	6:30PM	Child/Youth Safety Training (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Song Leaders Meeting (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF – Service Project at FISH (Meet at Church)
Thur	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal (Meet in kitchen)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Foot's, 732 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)

Next Sunday – September 10 - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – "Qualifications: Who Has Them?" by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – Adult and youth coin banks will be collected today and next Sunday, September 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.

LOGOS – We are still in need of volunteers for our Wednesday evening youth program. Please feel free to contact Kim M. Walker (gkwalker@rtexcexpress.net) to find out where your gifts / talents might be used for this youth ministry.

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) Chapel & Meal – Next Sunday, September 10th, a group of volunteers will be heading to TGRM to lead a chapel service and provide a meal, leaving the church at 3PM and returning by 8PM. If you would like to be part of this mission ministry experience, please contact Ann Grime (419-445-2703).

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:

September 4 - Can You Believe It?	Mark 9:14-29
September 5 - Bearing Christ's Name	Mark 9:30-41
September 6 - How To Be Heroic	Mark 9:42-50
September 7 - All I Want Is You	Mark 10:1-16
September 8 - Trust	Mark 10:17-31
September 9 - Greatness	Mark 10:32-45
September 10 - Strength in Weakness	Psalm 77

Adult Faith & Fellowship – On Sunday, September 10th, we will begin weekly gatherings open to all adults in the chapel at 9:15AM for fellowship and programs of faith. Sessions may include a four week series on Christian leadership or service, a Bible study series, feature a guest speaker on a relevant topic, or might even be a video discussion starter.

Sign-Up Sheets – There are a number of sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board across from the church office - Back Bay Mission Trip (October 7-14), Alpha Course (beginning Wednesday, September 13), Outback Work Day (Saturday, September 23) and SJCC Care Group Ministry (start time TBD).

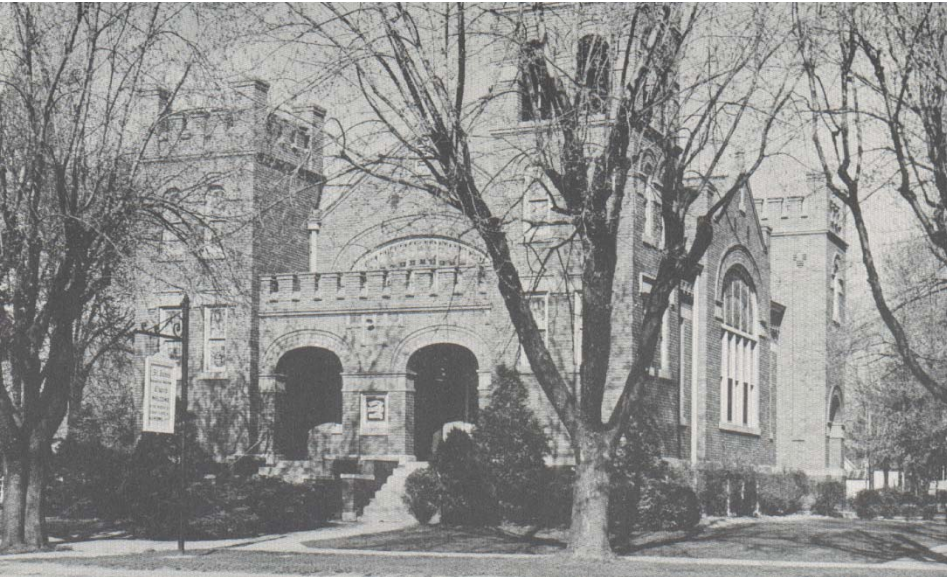
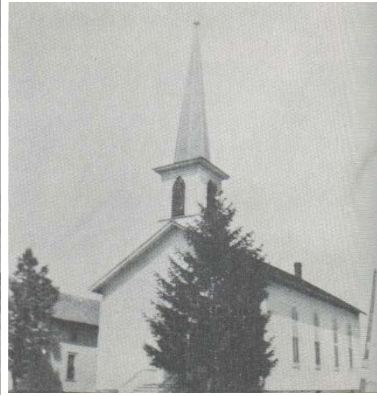
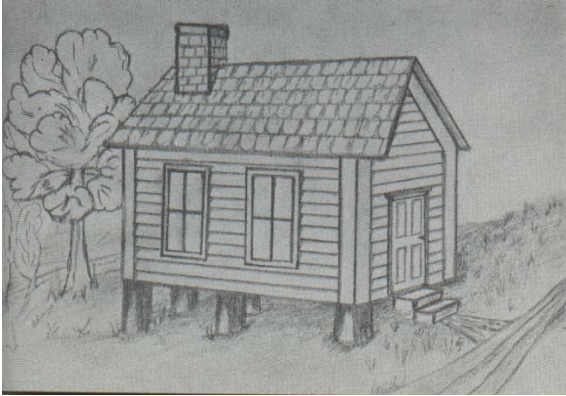
Hurricane / Flood Recovery Efforts – In the aftermath of the devastation in the Houston area, knowing there are many avenues in which people can offer assistance, here's some information:

- Through our efforts of giving previous donations to Church World Service blanket and clean-up kit programs, needed supplies were ready to be shipped for current flood recovery efforts. Yet, the demand is high, so they are seeking immediate donations for further clean up kits. The best way to do that is to offer a monetary donation so they can purchase needed supplies. Donations may be made on the Church World Service website or through the SJCC church office.
- North Clinton Mennonite is coordinating the shipment of donated items – see the info posted on the bulletin board.
- As part of the Evangelical Association, info has been shared with us from the National EA Pastor, that two agencies on the spot offering help, The Salvation Army and Samaritan's Purse, are good agencies to share donations with – again, giving on their website or through the church office.
- A word of caution – when a group of church volunteers were in Biloxi, MS, three weeks after Hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast, they witnessed huge piles of donated items just sitting in various parking lots, soaked from further rain – the response of help was great, but there was no reliable system in place to process and hand out all of the items that came pouring in from across the country. If you want to give donated items in relief efforts, check with the organizer of the donation drive and see how they plan to get the items to Houston and what their system of delivery to individuals will be - having items go unused won't help anyone, no matter the good intentions behind such efforts.
- We'll be monitoring the relief efforts in the days, weeks and months to come to see if there are more specific ways in which our congregation can offer compassionate care to the people in Houston.

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign – Goal of \$4.5 Million

Funds raised from April, 2014 to August 28, 2017 = \$506,502.67

Pictures from the Past



Top Left Photo – drawing of the first church building, in use from 1855 to 1875

Top Right Photo – picture of the second church building, in use from 1875 to 1915

Bottom Photo – picture of the third church building, in use from 1915 to 1957

The fourth and current building has been in use since 1957, and was added on to in 1965. The facility report and proposal approved in 2014 continues the faithful work of the congregation to further maintain and improve the church building for greater use long in to the future.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their children, Grace, Peter & David, who enjoy island life but also miss much from their times in the States; for their growth in learning French and the local language; pray for Tom & Megan in their love of parenting.

Missionary Awareness:

Tom & Megan L, serving on The Islands, maintain a blog about their mission efforts - <http://tmislands.blogspot.com/> - a recent post gives great insight to what life is like on the island for their three children.

✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for the new student leaders as small groups and bible studies start up once again, and for their campus outreach efforts.

✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – having reached a 50% level of support, pray for wisdom and perseverance in their obedience to God's call upon their lives.

✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for people to commit to the 2018 trip to visit and encourage them; pray for their obedience in being witnesses of Christ's light in a culture that can have much darkness; pray for their health and blessing as they preach and teach and befriend.

✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for Muslims in their region, pray for the training of believers with a heart for reproducible disciple making, pray for their prayer walking and outreach in parks and residential areas, as a family or with other believers.

✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for stamina in caring for her family and for overseeing the ministry of the Life House, pray for assistance in the efforts to maintain her home in Ridgeville Corners, pray God continues to provide her with peace and direction.

✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. & She Has a Name – pray God continues to bless her with focus and endurance as she serves with two non-profits, pray for her witness of Christ's light in these two ministries, pray for the new semester of students.

✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at The Ohio State Univ. – continued prayers as they settle into their new positions, and as thousands of students return and commute to campus!

✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for the conversations Jason is having with one of the construction workers about Christ, in light of the man's past with sin and a witch doctor; pray for Becky as she teaches and ministers to students, and for an intern she is working with who is very homesick; they are praising God for how well their own children are adjusting to school and developing friendships.

✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for wisdom and giftedness is managing their many programs: adolescent boys program, adolescent girls program, artificial limbs, farmers club, helping hands (program providing jobs), Julia Hospital, rehab center, Preschool, Village Health Workers and women's clubs. So many outreach efforts!

✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – pray for 2018 mission trip participants, for increased number of partner churches, and for the staff community at the home.

✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for many new freshmen to stay with their faith and come to Reliant events, pray for protection over them and their beliefs; pray for those that don't know Christ, that they would be saved; pray many students come to their small groups to experience community and be in Bible studies.

September Mission-A-Month – Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

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, receiving home health care during his cancer treatments.
- 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) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Emma Hall
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Matt & Kim Hines, David & Crissi Stuckey	
Greeters	(10:30) Bob & Carol DeVries	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Tammy Nofziger	(Sep 10) 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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