



Claira Jo Layton

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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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!

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Prelude

Romans 16:25-27 (p. 1126)

“Praise To the Lord, the Almighty”

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

L: Let us gather with the faithful from every nation, race, people, and language, in worshiping the God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

P: To God, the Ruler of the universe, and to Jesus, the Lamb, be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.

L: We gather in God’s presence, singing songs of praise and joy with the people of God in every place and time.

P: Holy, holy, holy, great God of Hosts! The whole earth is full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God most high. Amen.

† Hymn – #97

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

† Litany of Confession (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: In Jesus Christ, God broke the barrier of sin which separates us from our God, our neighbor and ourselves. We seek God’s grace so we can move from alienation to new life.

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we deny your presence in our busy days,

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we feel justified in our anger and resentment toward others,

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we judge other before looking at ourselves,

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we occupy ourselves in the worldly matters and reject your peace and assurance,

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we refuse to follow your will because we are fearful and untrusting,

P: O God, grant us new life in you.

L: When we seek the security of false gods and turn our faces from your Light,

P: O God, grant us new life in you. Amen.

† Words of Assurance – Isaiah 43:1

† Hymn Response – #76

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Mission Moment – TGRM

Scott Gentry, Men’s Chaplain; Tom Clapsaddle, Exec. Director

Children’s Message

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

Leadership Testimony

David Stuckey

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 3:1-13 (p. 1175)

† Sermon Hymn – #270

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Sermon

“Qualifications: Who Has Them?”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication
† Closing Hymn – #349
† Benediction
† Benediction in Song – #244
† Postlude

“Revelation Song”

“Trust and Obey”

“The Trees of the Field”

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.

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 Jesus, I praise God for sending you to earth, to be the Teacher, Lord and Savior of all. I am so grateful for the revelation of Scripture, and I’m humbled by your gracious mercy in my life. When I consider what it means to be one of your disciples, I am so thankful for those original disciples you called to be fishers of people. Today, I pray that you would set forth leaders in our own congregation. As you equip and empower, I pray for the process of discernment, on the part of individuals, of the congregation, and of the Spiritual Council in the nominating process. Reveal your will, that you would raise up spiritual leaders, people of deep faith, humble servants who would be eager to serve and guide. I pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and reveal. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Roses on the altar honor the births of:

Claira Jo Layton, daughter of Jacob & Stephanie Layton, born on August 27th
Karlie Beth Gruenhagen, daughter of Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen, born on September 1st



The Altar Flowers are in honor of Audrey Smith’s 90th birthday on September 13th and are sponsored by her family.



The Bulletins are given in honor and loving memory of Stan & Phil Buehrer’s 80th birthday on September 16th.



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

Pre-K Class: This month we are talking about Joseph: how his colorful coat caused some sibling squabbles; how his brother's lied about his disappearance; how Joseph ended up sharing his grain with his hungry brothers; and how he ends up forgiving them, inspiring many.

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. In the sixth commandment, God tells us not to harm others, but also to respect all living things. How can you follow God's command to not harm others?

Confirmation: Orientation was held this morning, so all is ready for a new year of faith building!

WEEK OF SEP 10TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation Orientation / 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)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study - Habakkuk 1 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church Hosting (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - Getting to Know You Night (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Alpha Course (Fireside Room)
Thurs	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
	6:00PM	Scouts District Meeting (Parish Hall, Youth Room, Upstairs Classroom)
	7:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Next Sunday - September 17 - Blanket Sunday / Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon - "Gifts - Do I Have Any?" by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture - Romans 12:3-8

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Oct/Nov/Dec issue will be available in the literature rack soon (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 11 - Seeing . . . and Believing Mark 10:46-52
September 12 - The God of Surprises Habakkuk 1:1-11
September 13 - The God of Justice Habakkuk 1:12–2:1
September 14 - The God of Glory Habakkuk 2:2-20
September 15 - The God of Salvation Habakkuk 3:1-19
September 16 - Pride and Prejudice Obadiah 1–14
September 17 - Lip Service Psalm 78:1-39

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – Adult and youth coin banks will be collected today. 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.

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) Chapel & Meal – Today 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. There is still time to be part of this mission ministry experience; please contact Ann Grime (419-445-2703).

LOGOS – Our Wednesday evening LOGOS youth ministry is set to begin this Wednesday, September 13th! Since our church web site has just been reworked, our online registration hasn't been available. Children, ages 4 years of age through 12th grade, can be registered by calling or e-mailing the church office, or filling out a registration form outside the chapel. We have some new information for parents, which is on a table outside the chapel, too.

We are still in need of volunteers for our LOGOS ministry. Please feel free to contact Kim M. Walker (gkwalker@rtexexpress.net) to find out where your gifts / talents might be utilized.

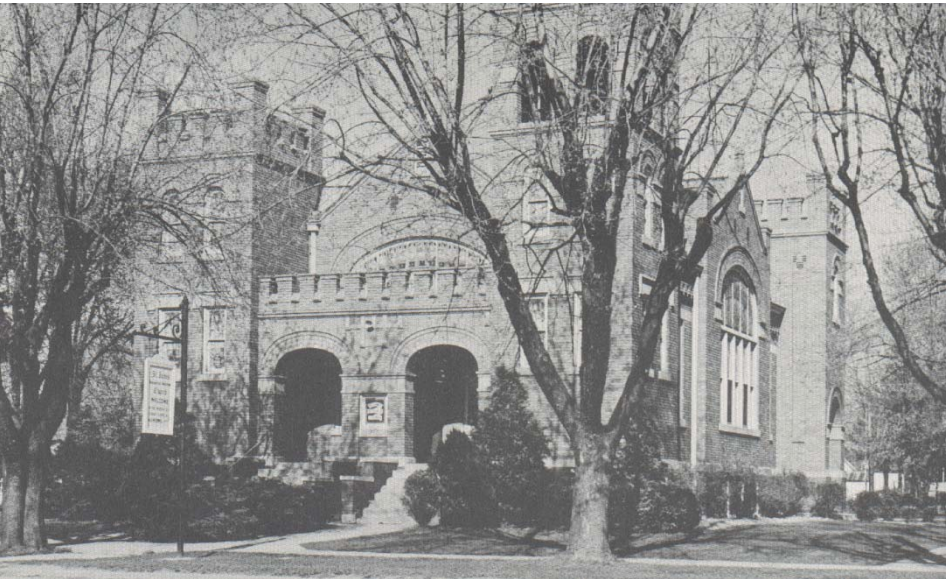
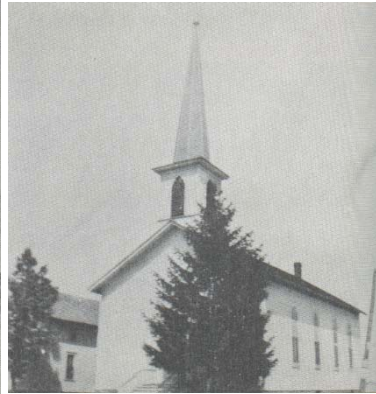
Alpha Course – We're praying for the start of a new Alpha Course, beginning this Wednesday, September 13th. Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian Faith, a place where people have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. Alpha is an evangelistic tool, and is worthwhile for anyone: those who are not Christians, those who are not churchgoers, those who are new Christians, those who want to brush up on the basics, those new to church. 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. We're looking for six people from St. John's who will invite someone they know to join them for this 13 week course. Each Wednesday evening session will begin at 6PM with a meal in the Fireside Room. Sign up on the bulletin board, or contact the church office or John Graber (419-445-4348) to register or for further information.

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.

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

Funds raised from April, 2014 to September 5, 2017 = \$512,664.67

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:

- Gary Frazier, upon the death of his brother, Fred Schmalenberg, on September 6th.
- 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) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bob & Carol DeVries	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jeff & Stacy Rutledge	(Sep 17) JoAnn Short
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	

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