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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, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Exodus 33:12-14 (p. 87)

Prelude

“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Dow”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; **P–People**) (Psalm 95:1-7)

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

L: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

P: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

L: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

P: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† Hymn – #267

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

† Call to Confession

† Unison Prayer of Confession: ***Eternal God, as shared through scripture, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.***

† Assurance of Forgiveness

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Leadership Testimony

Amy Baden

Children’s Message

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

Sacrament of Baptism – Leah Miller

The Apostles’ Creed

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Baptism

Vows of Baptism – Congregation and Baptismal Candidate

Hymn of Response – “Sanctuary” (screen)

Special Music

“The Maker”

Klaire Kern

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:25-28 (p. 977), 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (p. 1129)

Sermon

“Leadership: What’s Involved?”

† Unison Prayer of Dedication: ***Lord, we share these offerings because of the love you have poured out on us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Your gift calls for a response that cannot be contained in envelopes and plates. We give you all we have to give – ourselves. Use us, that your Kingdom may be shared among all people. Amen.***

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn – #461

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #282

† Postlude

“Seek Ye First”

Linda Heer

“He Leadeth Me”

“The Family of God”



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

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.

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.

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:

Being baptized today is Leah Miller, teenage daughter of Larry Miller and Mary Miller, and granddaughter of Dorothy Miller. She is a junior at Archbold High School, where she participates in band and tennis, and she also works at Archbold SuperValu on the weekends. Leah started coming to St. John's when invited to JYF by a friend, and since then has continued to grow in her faith and in her involvement at St. John's. After returning from the youth mission trip this summer, Leah expressed a desire to be baptized in obedience to the Lord's commands for his followers and as an expression of her devotion to Jesus. We're grateful for Leah's volunteer work through the FISH Food Pantry and her help to coordinate this year's Operation Christmas Child drive at St. John's! Leah, although we already consider you a part of our family, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome as you take this step of obedience to our Savior and Lord, and are sealed with the sacrament of baptism.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Dear Lord, as our congregation journeys through the nomination process once again, I pray that you will convict people to rise up and help lead. I pray that your Spirit will bring about a desire in the hearts of people who you've blessed with the biblical gifts of leadership. I pray for wisdom and discernment for our Spiritual Council. I pray that our people will study your Word, be in prayer, and enter into this process with joy and peace, with humility and patience, with commitment and faithfulness. Guide us each one, God. Amen.

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: We began a unit today entitled "Building the Tabernacle," which uses Exodus 25:1-9; 36:1-2; 40:34 as its references. We are learning about the special place for worship that God had the Israelites construct while they were wandering in the desert. How do you think worshiping God in the Tabernacle in Moses' day was similar to how we worshiped God outside today?

Confirmation: The lesson theme remained on exploring how the Bible is true, this time by looking at how the Bible was put together. Youth learned about the need to focus on the truth of scripture, striving not to be distracted by things of the world. Parents might ask, what distractions cause you to lose focus when reading the Bible?

Senior High Sunday School: Today we wrapped up our series on loving God and loving others. In examining the parable of the Good Samaritan, we learned that just as James called Christians to put their FAITH into action, Jesus call us to put our LOVE into action by meeting our neighbor's needs. Many times the people we might not think of as our neighbors are the very people God wants us to see as a neighbor. Take a few minutes this week to ask your teenagers about the last time they stopped and helped someone in need. Why did they make the decision to help, and how did it affect them?

LOGOS: 4th Grade: We discussed some of our gifts and talents from God and how we can use these gifts/talents to help others. Knowing that God is everywhere and all powerful, we discussed the word 'omnipresent' and that we can pray to God anytime and anywhere.

JYF: The second night of JYF included devotions led by Sarah Nafziger, a get acquainted mixer led by Kim S. Walker, a game led by Carrie Yoder, a brainstorming session led by Pastor Erich, and snacks provided by Steve Walker. Talk with your child about some of the lessons and activities they'd like to see offered during JYF this year - help them share those ideas if they weren't brought up at JYF!

SYF: Last week we started our Courage series, thinking about how we can make a courageous stand by living our lives for Jesus. We talked about the temptations of peer pressure and how sometimes doing the right thing means that we will be "standing alone." This week, we're going to talk about "standing firm," and how persevering in doing the right thing is WORTH IT! What is one time you were tempted to do the wrong thing, stood your ground, and after looking back, were glad that you did?



**Next Sunday - October 1 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost /
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Sermon - "Scripture Alone" by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture - 2 Timothy 3:14-17



WEEK OF SEP 24TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Outdoor Worship Service (East Lawn)
	11:45AM	Chicken BBQ (Parish Hall)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 John 1 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC Team B & K Hosting (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	HOSA Gathering (Parish Hall)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Johnny Appleseed Night (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Oct/Nov/Dec 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 25 - Reader, She Married Him . . .	Ruth 4:13-22
September 26 - Half-Light or Holy Light?	1 John 1:1-10
September 27 - A Love Choice	1 John 2:1-14
September 28 - Lie Detectors	1 John 2:15-27
September 29 - Reset to Righteousness	1 John 2:28–3:10
September 30 - The Look of Love	1 John 3:11-24
October 1 - Interpreting Events	Psalm 79

Alpha Course – We're praying for the start of a new Alpha Course, set to begin soon. 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.

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – This is the 4th Sunday of September, the Sunday designated each month to receive our special 2nd offering that will be directed toward our Imaging Your Faith Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, they will come back through, passing the plate a second time for this once a month second offering. You may use the colored building fund envelopes that are in the pew racks for this second offering.

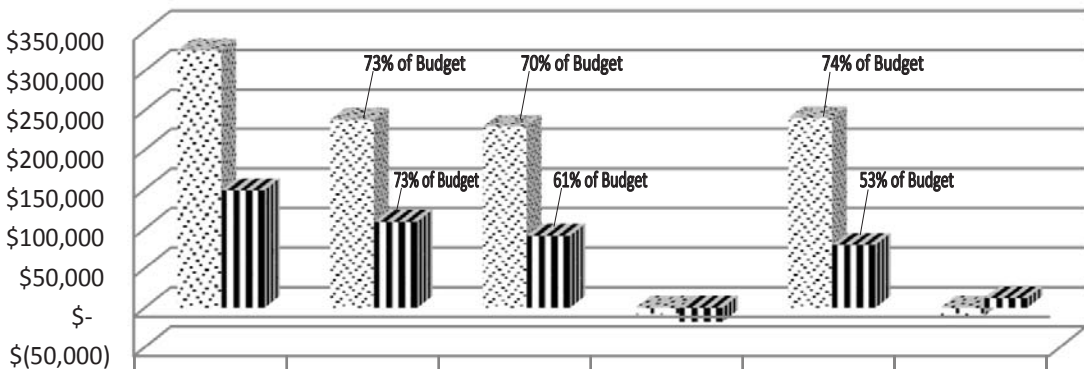
Thank Offering Containers – Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided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

St. John’s Has Talent Show & Auction – The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the new St. John’s Has Talent Show & Auction on Sunday, October 22nd from 4-6:30PM in the Storage Building, where you can use your gifts and talents to be part of a fun-filled evening and help raise support for a yet to be determined mission project.

Perhaps you will choose to use your talent to be part of a skit or performance in our talent show. Maybe you will use your gifts and talents to create an item to sell in the auction (baking, crafting, woodworking, creating a gift basket, etc.).

Mark October 22nd on your calendar now and watch for more details coming soon. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board – hope to see you there!

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of September 18, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 38/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$238,121	\$229,557	\$(8,564)	\$240,205	\$(10,648)
Missions	\$148,800	\$108,738	\$91,104	\$(17,634)	\$79,194	\$11,910

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 18, 2017 - \$515,652.23

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:

- Pastor Alex will be on vacation Monday through Friday this week; please pray he has a refreshing vacation!
- Joanne Spotts, who has returned home after rehab following a hip replacement.
- Phyllis Swietzer, who had a pacemaker inserted this week and remains at her daughter's in Swanton, awaiting a heart ablation the first week of October.
- Bri Krukowski's father, who re-fractured his leg – no further surgery to repair is needed, but recovery process is starting over, and in great pain.
- Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's mother, met with her doctor, who told her that her last treatment will be this Thursday – 2 weeks early! They said that she has made incredible progress and the treatments have been effective, and there is no sign of the cancer – it's gone! Praise the Lord!
- Mary Lou Nemire, who continues to experience great pain in her knee and is limited in getting out of the house.
- Bob Bostelman, as he continues with chemo treatments; though recent scan shows evidence of further cancer, health care is focused on treatment of pain.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose treatments continue, but his weight loss has leveled off and his appetite is improving – good signs.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who continues with cancer treatments.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, who graduated from basic training on September 21st.
- 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 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	Braden Eichler
Ushers	Linda Heer, Jean Stamm
Sound Tech	Angie Neuenschwander
Computer Tech	Kelly Ducey
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Accompanist	Lynne Christman

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