



Willie & Donna Buehrer

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!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (p. 1129)

Prelude

“Make My Life a Song”

† Service of Worship and Praise – #99, #101, #102, #103

“The Name of Jesus”

“His Name Is Wonderful”

“There’s Something About That Name”

“Blessed Be the Name”

† Unison Prayer: *Lord Jesus, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Our human efforts of activity do not yield peace, the peace that only you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your presence. Help us to find that place of peace where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways. Come to us now, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

† The Gloria Patri (#623)

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

“This Little Light of Mine”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“O For A Thousand Tongues”

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (p. 1047)

Sermon

“In the Fog”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“People Need the Lord”

† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Gracious and Generous God, accept these gifts as a means of bringing you glory and praise and as a way to draw others into your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.*

† Closing Hymn – #227

“Thine Is the Glory”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #610

“Go Now and Live for the Savior”

† (8:00) Postlude

(10:30) Transition to Congregational Meeting

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. 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. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Sue Grieser know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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:

Thank you, precious Lord, for your unwavering love and grace. Forgive me for the times when I fail to recognize your guiding light in my life or when I turn away from your truth. May I be, once again or for the first time, deeply affected by your humble attitude of Philippians 2. I pray your light will guide me and our congregation into tomorrow as we proclaim your glory and share your love. Amen.

May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest

May gives us an opportunity to donate toward the Cherry Street Mission Ministries, which includes Sparrow's Nest. Cherry Street and Sparrow's Nest provide safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in abusive situations, showing compassion for who a person is, rather than what they have become. Monetary donations and donated items for these ministries are gratefully accepted.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Willie and Donna Buehrer in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary yesterday.



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

Pre-K Class: This month we are talking about how 'We are the Church.' We will be focusing on sharing this week. Am I sharing with my friends and siblings?

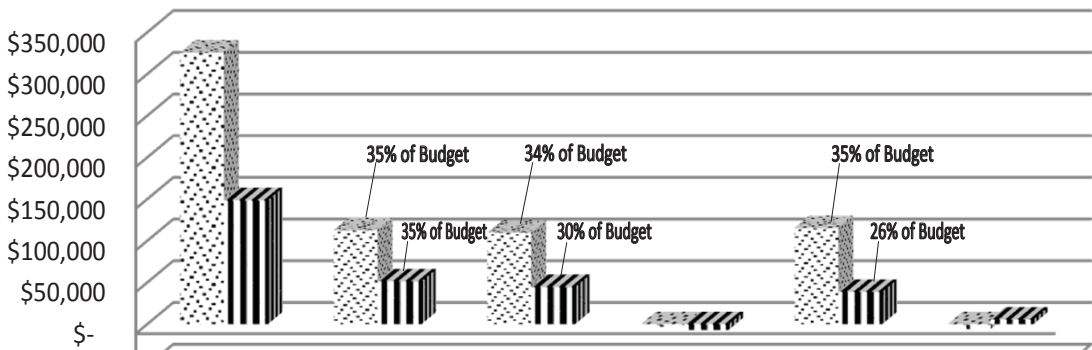
Faith Village: We began a new unit today entitled "Zacchaeus." The story is about how Zacchaeus' life was changed when Jesus called him to come to him. The story is found in Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus had a change of heart after he met Jesus. How did Zacchaeus show the people of Jericho that he was changed?

Confirmation: We're beginning to talk about the sacraments and rites of the church, comparing various traditions, and understanding the basis for our church's beliefs. Ask the confirmands you know: what are the two sacraments and the two rites we observe as a church, and what are the difference between sacraments and rites?

Senior High Sunday School: Today we're concluding our series on considering the example of Nehemiah, who is a model to us of obeying God and doing our part to tackle the problems of our world and meet people's needs. Talk with your family or friends about how as a group you might give of your time, talent, or resources to serve others.

SYF: We concluded our series on 1 John, talking about how John's words serve to shape our identity and encourage us in our faith. Knowing we are children of God helps us overcome the lies of the Enemy and live our lives in gratitude and joy in the love God has for us. Mark your schedules for Life Planning and Remix this week (5/10)!

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 30, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 18/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$112,794	\$109,774	\$(3,020)	\$115,549	\$(5,775)
Missions	\$148,800	\$51,508	\$44,662	\$(6,846)	\$38,955	\$5,706

WEEK OF MAY 7TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
	7:00PM	Lynne Christman Piano Recital (Sanctuary / Parlor)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	4:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 28 (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
	8:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	6:30PM	Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
Thurs	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Scouts District Meeting (Parish Hall / Upstairs Classrooms)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
Sun	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

Sermon – “Each for the Other” by Pastor Alex Young; Scripture – Romans 12:9-16

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

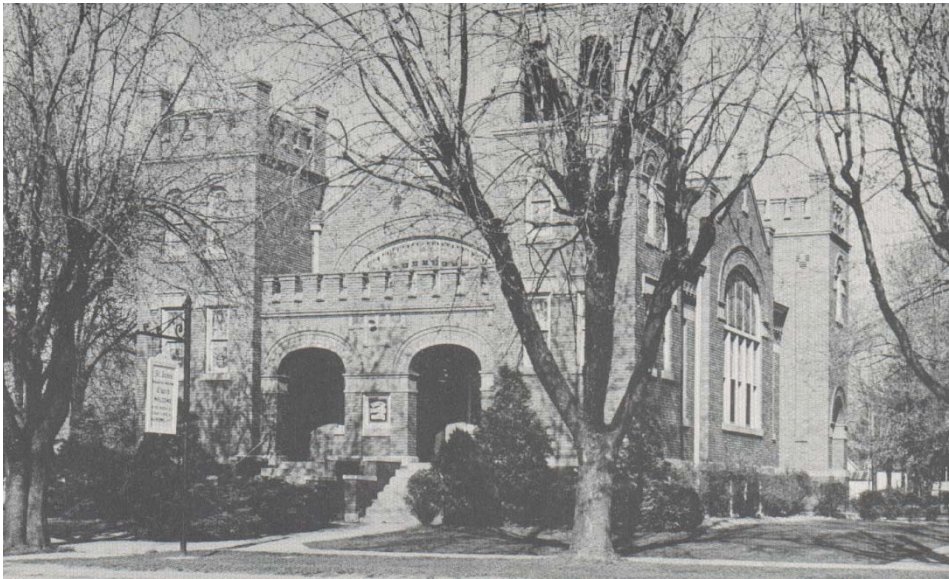
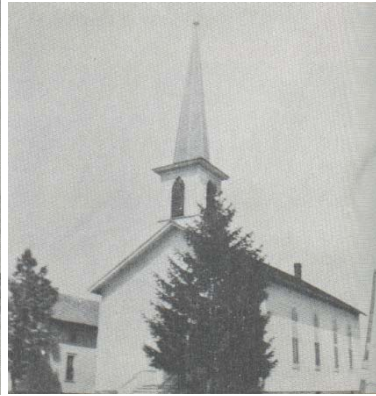
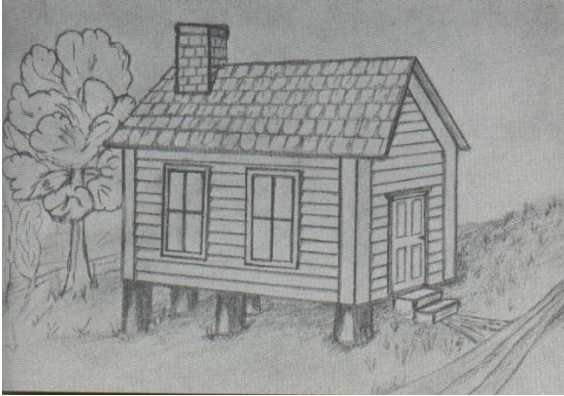
May 8 - Hope for our Failures	Genesis 27:41 – 28:9
May 9 - Present	Genesis 28:10-22
May 10 - Backstage	Genesis 29:1-14a
May 11 - Man in the Mirror	Genesis 29:14b-30
May 12 - If	Genesis 29:31 – 30:24
May 13 - He's Got Your Back	Genesis 31:1-42
May 14 - A Prayer for Protection	Psalm 61

Mother's Day Special Notice – Next Sunday, May 14th, during the 10:30 service, there will be a special presentation by the preschool and kindergarten age children. It will include a spoken verse titled “Thank You, God, Who Made All Things” and the song “My God Is So Great.” Parents, please put this on your calendar so your child can be part of this Mother's Day Special.

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

Funds raised from April, 2014 to April 30, 2017 = \$474,023.09

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 more honest conversations with members of Ma Imani’s family; pray for two colleagues whose time with the team is ending; pray for conflict resolution involving an islander who used to work on the language project.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray as they seek God while engaging in long term planning, and for new ministries at Eastern and Western Michigan Universities.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for accelerated connections with new partners so they can be on campus this fall, for relationships in Bowling Green, and for day to day courageous and vision-driven steps of faith.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – continue to pray that their interactions with students and endeavors in planting college ministries are blessed by God’s grace.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – see prayer shared below.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for more workers, for stability in their housing situation, for safety and good connections as Jon supplements their income by driving school bus part-time, pray that God continues to meet their needs.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for a new family from North Carolina leaving in June to be a part of the ministry; praise God for a new intern helping at the bakery; and continued prayers for support of the Wyse family and the home in China.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for students as they leave for the summer, pray for Whitney as she leads her first anti-trafficking training this month.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for Jason as he continues to recover from a recent head wound, which caused a concussion and has postponed their home furlough. Pray for God’s grace and enlightenment in this time.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for their Mobile Health Teams and Village Health Workers, who have just finished surveying 7,500 adults in 15 Project Villages for Type II Diabetes. May their medical missions overflow with health and joy.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray for someone from SJCC to consider participating in the August 31 trip to KCH, pray for avenues of sponsorship, for individual children and for the home.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for students as they enter into summer break or graduate into the workforce, pray for students going to leadership training.

Prayer for Tony & Leila Frank: All-knowing and Ever-present Lord, I thank you for the works of your hands, works of creation and sustainment, works of engagement and relationship. As I pray for Tony & Leila today, I am grateful for your hand upon their ministry, and upon them as a couple. I pray that you bless them with much wisdom as they continue to assume new responsibilities with the Bible Church in Estancia Velha, as well as with the Bible College. I pray for their prayer request, that they, Tony & Leila, and those they are ministering to, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Pour out your mercy upon them, lighting their conversations and interactions with your grace and love. In the mighty and powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Vacation Bible School - June 25th–29th, 6-8:30PM
Theme is Maker Fun Factory - Registration Information Coming Soon!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Pauline Zimmerman, upon the passing of her husband, Myrl, age 92, on Thursday evening. Pray for their daughter, Lynda and Brent Schnitkey and their son, Tom and Deb Zimmerman.
- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer.
- Velma Overmier, recovering from surgery in Toledo Hospital.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, as he enters into treatment of the cancer that has returned in his liver.
- 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.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in North Carolina for advanced training.
- 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) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30) Brad & Susie Enderle, Curt & Kay Stamm	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bruce & Carrie Wooley	(May 14) Eric & Anna Yoder
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children Message	(Both) Matt Hines	

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