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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



SYF Mission Trip Participants

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 and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 139:13-14 (p. 618)

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

† Call to Worship

† Hymn – #25

“Immortal, Invisible”

† Unison Reading of Psalm 139:1-12 : *O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. ⁵You hem me in-- behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

† Hymn Response – #439, vs. 1 & 2

“Cleanse Me”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Vacation Bible School Presentation – “Maker Fun Factory”

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

Special Music

“The Greatest Thing/Open Your Hand”

Deb Schmitkey

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 25:14-35 (p. 288)

Sermon

“God Made You for a Reason”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“As the Deer”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #379

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #286, v. 1

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

† 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 mid to late July – please let him know if you might attend as to discover more about SJCC and all that happens within our ministries.

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:

Holy God, I thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. Continue to reveal to me what I can be. Continue to reveal to our congregation what you want us to do. Continue to change us by your love that our unity will be strong and our joy will be a blessing. Thank you for coming to us in Jesus Christ. Empower me with your Spirit, enabling me to walk in your ways and share your mercy. Amen.

The Fourth of July:

Independence Day, July 4th, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle, weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Schmucker Family in honor of Maurice Schmucker's 96th birthday on June 28th.



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

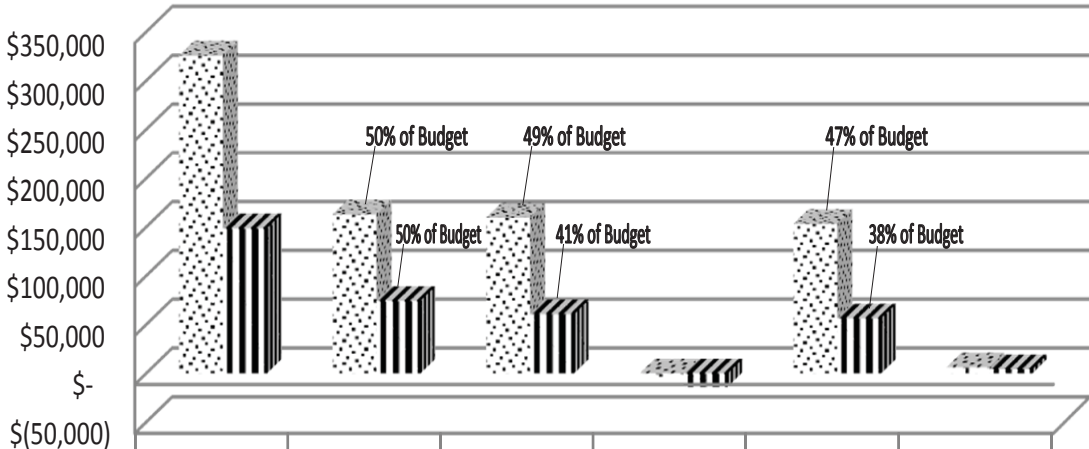
Pre-K Class: We are learning about the Ten Commandments! Ask us which one we talked about this week!

Faith Builders: God is love is the theme of this week's lesson. Craft project was making a bracelet and building a heart out of Legos. 1 John 4:7-17 was the key passage. How can we love people more?

Confirmation: Over the next four weeks, we're going to be talking about stewardship. What is the difference between being an owner and a steward?

Senior High Sunday School: Our summer curriculum is continuing to help us visualize different components of our faith. This week we're looking at what an altar would have been like and talking about what sacrifices would have been like in the Old Testament. This is laying a foundation, just like it did for the Israelites thousands of years ago, of what it means to truly worship God. What role did the Old Testament sacrifices play and why don't we observe these anymore? What are the higher sacrifices that God required both from the Israelites and from us today?

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of June 26, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 26/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$162,925	\$159,679	\$(3,246)	\$153,269	\$6,411
Missions	\$148,800	\$74,400	\$60,716	\$(13,684)	\$56,459	\$4,258

Six Principles of Biblical Stewardship (drawn from an article by Shane Stanford)

(A framework for stewarding our resources for significance in the kingdom of God)

1. **The Principle of Enough (Hebrews 13:5).** What happens when consuming becomes our God? The writer of Hebrews encourages us to be satisfied with the indispensable promise of God's faithfulness. Regardless of the ebb and flow of the world's gifts, God's gift will never rust, fade, or slip away.
2. **The Principle of Proper Perspective (Matthew 6:24).** We cannot serve two masters; God does not give us that option. Such clear distinction between the things of this world and the things of God gives us the opportunity for clarity in our decisions. A lesson which provides a clear point of reference by which we can understand God's plan for our lives.
3. **The Principle of the Good Steward (Matthew 19:16-22).** In a world where "good" is defined in terms of the accumulation of material possessions, Jesus counters by saying that "good" is a matter of care and stewardship, even to the point of giving away that which we treasure. Most financial problems arise when the things we possess in reality possess us. Being a good steward involves understanding the temporary nature of all material goods.
4. **The Principle of the Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-18).** Jesus is not endorsing the manager's dishonest practices. Rather, he is teaching us that, like the manager, we are called to be shrewd managers of the resources that God gives us. The parable might be paraphrased "If only we were as wise and shrewd in achieving eternal things as those who are intent on possessing dishonest things." This requires focus, planning, and a faithful heart so that we may adequately respond to God's kingdom plans. Only when we spend as much time and effort preparing our lives (and resources) for kingdom good (through the building of relationships, for example) as we do for pleasure will we experience a true measure of God's enormous potential in both our earthly and our eternal lives.
5. **The Principle of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12:41-44).** What does it mean to give out of our poverty? Jesus understands that trusting God is much easier in times of abundance than in our times of need. However, some of life's greatest lessons are learned from our commitment and response as we experience times of hardship and sacrifice.
6. **The Principle of the Faithful Giver (1 Timothy 6:17-18).** Be "ready to share" (NRSV). Paul highlights the nature of why we give – because God expects us to do so. Our resources serve as an opportunity to be a part of the work of God in this world and to do good things in God's name. We do not share our resources for pride or personal gain, but because God covets the whole of our lives including our earthly possessions, to be offered in His service.

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of June 26, 2017 - \$481,958.67

Women's Sunday School Class: The women's Sunday school class will be starting "The Armor of God" study book by Priscilla Shirer on July 16th. "All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you...A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, mind, marriage, children, relationships, resilience and dreams. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you." Please contact Jan Martinez if you have any questions (419-799-1457).

WEEK OF JULY 2ND AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tues		INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF Volleyball (Ruibley Park)
Thurs	7:00PM	Mission Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Fri	4:00PM	Playground Installation
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	8:00AM	Playground Installation
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – July 9 - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – “Encouraging Congregational Life” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – 1 Peter 4:7-11

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions (suggestion donation \$6 ea.). Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 3 - Big Decisions	Acts 1:12-26
July 4 - Going Global	Acts 2:1-21
July 5 - Plain Speaking	Acts 2:22-28
July 6 - Stoking the Fires?	Acts 2:29-36
July 7 - The Crunch	Acts 2:37-47
July 8 - Look!	Acts 3:1-10
July 9 - Snapshots of Praise	Psalm 68

Book Bag Bash Sunday, August 6th – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held on Sunday, August 6th from 4PM to 6PM. From now until then, the Evangelism Committee is once again asking for your generous support of this supply and outreach event. Since we've been doing the Bash for several years now, there is a growing understanding that having similar items to hand out to the children would be very beneficial. So we'll not be collecting individual school supply items, but are hoping people will be generous in their funding of this special event. Just mark checks or envelopes with “BBB” and we'll designate such gifts to the Book Bag Bash – all donations will all be appreciated! Cookie donations and volunteer sign-ups will be posted soon.

Women's Summer Small Group – The women's summer small group that is studying “Craving Connections” will not meet Tuesday, July 4th, due to the holiday. The next meeting for this group will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30AM at Carol Ann's. Any questions can be directed to Jan Lindsay (jlind@rtexpress.net) or Tammy Nofziger (tammarmark88@gmail.com).

Interior Painting – The chapel, main hall and sanctuary walls will be receiving a fresh coat of paint starting tomorrow. It is expected this project will take 8 – 9 days to complete.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for deepening relationship with one of their neighbors and others; for opportunities to result in deeper conversations. Praise God that their return to the island has seen the start of new relationships!
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for discernment and resources as Reliant prepares for the next year of ministry, that they would discern God’s plans for their ministries and be able to staff those ministries to create relationships with students.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for accelerated connections with new partners, who will send them to campus this fall; for day to day courageous and vision driven steps of faith, praising God for all he has provided so far in their preparations to serve.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray as we make more connections with university students, for four who have shown interest in being baptized, for Brazil as the political situation is a mess, that they’ll be bold sharing the Gospel and gracious in presenting and representing it, and for Tony to find relief from suffering with a pinched nerve in his neck/back.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – continual prayers for the events and conversations they engage in to create relationships, for support of their ministry, for new housing and school.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family who moved from North Carolina to China in June as they assume some of the responsibilities of gathering and sharing information and reaching out to Chinese families who have children with brittle bones disease. Pray for Cheryl, making a second trip to China this summer, sometime before school starts.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for students, that they will invest in knowing Jesus deeper; for Whitney as she continues to learn the balance of working for two non-profits; for others to join their team; pray for victims and survivors of sex-trafficking.
- † Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – after serving for two years in Brazil, they are transitioning back to campus ministry, so pray for their getting settled in, their support raising and their start up with directing partnership ministries with Brazil and on campus.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for their evangelism efforts in starting a devotional time with their Dominican construction workers, a crew of 27 who do not know Christ; pray for the two students whose fathers have died in the past six weeks; praise God for the completion of their multi-use building, which on Friday’s will hold their chapel service each Friday.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for the U.S. college students participating in the experiential summer course, that they’ll gain a greater understanding of world health issues and a deepening of faith in Christ.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praise the Lord for this oasis of life and faith in a region of struggle; pray for the continued resources to house, feed, teach and disciple each child; pray for the home’s staff as they tend to the many day to day needs.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for discernment and resources as Reliant prepares for the next year of ministry, that they would discern God’s plans for their ministries and be able to staff those ministries to create relationships with students.

July Mission-A-Month – Shepherd's Circle

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sharon VonDeylen, a patient at Parkview Medical Center in Fort Wayne.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as both are dealing with health issues and ask for prayers of healing.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- 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.
- 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) Josee Grime
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) John Graber	
	(10:30) Brad & Susie Enderle, Jack & Barb Stover	
Greeters	(10:30) Kent & Shiela Short, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Swietzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Vond & Mary Hall	(July 9) Matt & Kim Hines
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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