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**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



*Several Senior Youth Fellowship 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 Romans 5:19 (p. 1116)  
Prelude "Hymns of Praise"  
† Call to Worship – #588 "We Have Come into His House"  
† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Great and Glorious God, we come into your house humbled by your majesty. You created us to live in community, creating the church as a fellowship of believers with the commission to make disciples, and in response we've come to worship you, offering you our adoration and praise for the mighty and unending works of your hands. May the praise from our hearts and the works of our hands be a blessing to you, Lord. Amen.*  
† Hymn – #87, vs. 1 & 6 "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"  
#88, vs. 1 & 4 "Fairest Lord Jesus"  
#89, vs. 1 & 5 "Our Great Savior"  
† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ  
Ministry Moment – A Spot Light on the Book Bag Bash Jen Hurst  
Children's Message (#580) "Jesus Loves the Little Children"  
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)  
Special Music Joel & Annie Foote "My Very Best for Jesus"  
Scripture Reading John 13:1-17 (p. 1066)  
Sermon "We Are Called By God To Serve"  
Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory "Hymns of Commitment"  
† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *God, we thank you for your provision. Grant us wisdom to use these offerings to the glory of your Holy Name. We dedicate these offerings with thanksgiving for your extravagant love for all of creation and all of humanity. Amen.*  
† Hymn – #452 "Make Me a Blessing"  
† Benediction  
† Benediction in Song – #446 "I Will Serve 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](http://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](http://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, Lord, for hearing my prayer. Knowing of your majesty and mightiness, I'm humbled in knowing you listen and respond to my prayers. Reading that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples to show them the full extent of his love, may I be so loving in my life and witness. Forgive me, God, when I withhold my love, when I fail to consider engaging in even some of the most menial tasks of life. Jesus, seeing how willing you were to bend down to wash your disciples' feet, I'm struck by how willing you were to leave heaven and come here to earth. You took it upon yourself, you didn't tell God to send someone else, you didn't shirk your duty, you responded with love and grace and service. Empower me with your Spirit, that I will not leave things to others, but will share my faithfulness and my talents, in bringing glory and praise to you, Mighty God. Amen.

Pastor Alex will be out of the office on vacation tomorrow through August 1st,  
returning to the office on Wednesday, August 2nd.

*July Mission-A-Month – Shepherd's Circle*

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

**Pre-K Class:** The whole month of July we will be learning about the Ten Commandments! Ask us which one we talked about this week!

**Faith Builders:** The Faith Builders lesson was on the Great Builders of the Bible – Noah, Solomon, Nehemiah and Jesus, the master builder! What did Noah build? What did Solomon build? What did Nehemiah build? Why is Jesus called the master builder?

**Confirmation:** This month we've been talking about stewardship. Everything we have has been given to us by God for our provision and joy, and so that we might be generous and be a blessing to others. Last week we talked about how our reward in heaven isn't really mansions or heavenly possessions, but having our relationships with those in Christ whom we've grown to love last forever and ever. We're finishing our unit on stewardship this week by talking more about tithing, and the privilege we have of contributing to the ministry of the church.

**Senior High Sunday School:** This is week 4 of 5 in our unit about worship. A theme verse we've used for this unit is Micah 6:8, which is one summary statement of what worshipping God can look like: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

### **WEEK OF JULY 23RD 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)
	9:15AM	Women's Sunday School Class (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
Tues	6:30AM	Women's Summer Small Group (Carol Ann's Cafe)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Acts 7 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – AAMA Hosting (Parish Hall)
Wed	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	9:00AM	Floor Stripping & Waxing (Parish Hall / Kitchen / Preschool / Stairwells)
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#### **Next Sunday – July 30- Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sermon – “Leading by Serving” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Mark 10:41-45

**Book Bag Bash Sunday, August 6th** – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held from 4PM to 6PM.

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for cookie donations and for volunteers needed to help that Sunday afternoon. The Evangelism Committee is asking for financial donations only this year. Just mark checks or envelopes with “BBB.” All donations are greatly appreciated!



**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:

- July 24 - Christ at the Center ..... Acts 7:17-34
- July 25 - How Big is Your God? ..... Acts 7:35-53
- July 26 - Facing Persecution ..... Acts 7:54-8:8
- July 27 - The Spirit is a Gift ..... Acts 8:9-25
- July 28 - Traveling With God ..... Acts 8:26-40
- July 29 - If God is For Us ..... Joshua 10:1-15
- July 30 - Life Story ..... Psalm 71

### A Back Bay Mission Gulf Coast Shrimp Boil

St. Paul's UCC

201 N. Perry Street, St. Mary's, Ohio 45885

Sunday, August 27 @ 5PM

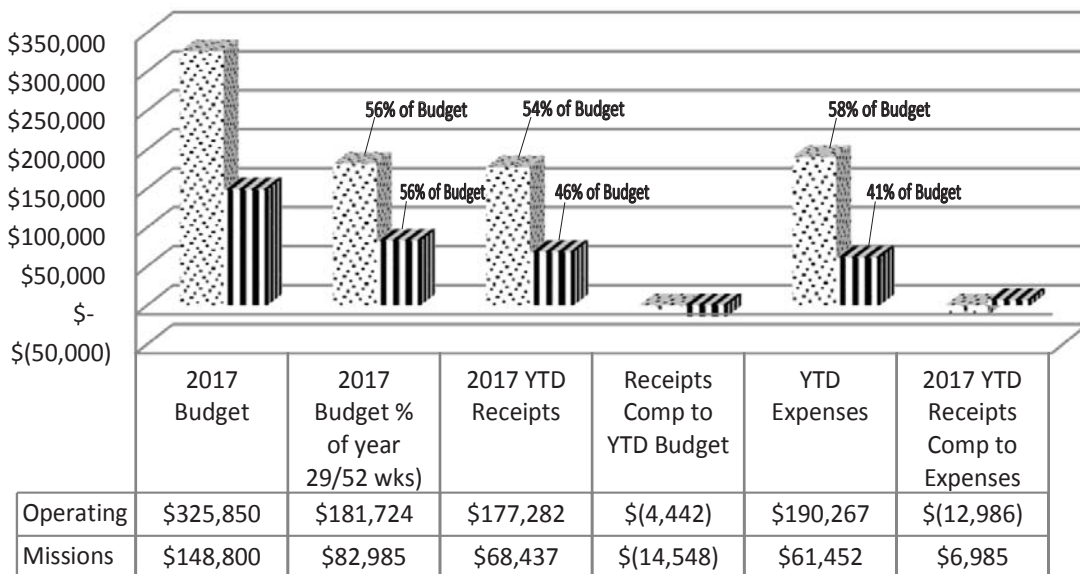
Associate Director of Housing Recovery, Craig Steenkamp,  
will be in attendance, and will be boiling the shrimp!

Chicken will be available, as well – \$15 for adults; \$7.50 for ten and under

Reservations by August 7th

Contact the Church Office to Reserve a Spot!

### 2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of July 17, 2017





**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
of Fulton County, Ohio

## ***We're 10 years old!***

Please help us celebrate our 10 year anniversary with an Open House

Sunday, July 30, 2017 4pm to 7pm  
Wauseon Rotary Park, 652 Wood Street, Wauseon

Complimentary REFRESHMENTS provided by St. John's  
Christian Church.

ENTERTAINMENT donated by Abbigale Abbot & The Tickets.

Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy the food and music in beautiful Rotary Park. Habitat representatives will be on hand to answer questions about our mission. A "Walk Down Memory Lane" photo and video show will highlight Habitat's accomplishments in Fulton County.

***Help us gear up for the next 10  
years. Come celebrate!***



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## **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.

**Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:**

- Sharon VonDeylen, who returned to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne on Thursday.
- Bob Bostelman, who had surgery on Thursday and is discerning treatment options.
- 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) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Emily Hines
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) John Graber & Kevin Neuenschwander	
	(10:30) Bob & Carol DeVries, Brad & Susie Enderle	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser	(July 30) Ben & Tiffany Johnston
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	

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