



Mae Eloise Smith

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Clair Jo Layton

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!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“We Have Come Into This House”

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-6 (p. 595)

† Prayer of Gratitude for God’s Grace: *Nothing fuels our praise quite like thanksgiving. With you, O LORD, there is forgiveness of all our sins. We look to you, and despite what we deserve, we find grace. And in response to your grace, we are grateful, we are peaceful, we are joyful. With joy, we sing our praise to you, O LORD. Amen.*

† Hymn of Praise – #3

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

† (8:00) Hymn of Thanksgiving – #560

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism

Claira Jo, Daughter of Jacob & Stephanie Layton

Mae Eloise, Daughter of Gabe Smith & Mindy Enderle

The Apostles’ Creed

Scripture – Matthew 19:13-14 (p. 976), Jeremiah 29:11 (p. 780)

Special Music – “Remember Me” – Lisa Smith, Mae’s paternal grandmother

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your daughters in the powerful and loving providence of God. Our prayers will be with you and for you in your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. May the task of parenting be both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.*

Baptism, Blessing and Prayer

Baptism Response – #579, “Jesus Loves Me”

Greeting One Another with Testimonies of Thanksgiving

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Father, we bring these offerings to you with thanksgiving, knowing that you have provided us with every good thing we enjoy. Jesus, we bring these offerings to you with hope, knowing you will use them to advance your kingdom in this world. Holy Spirit, along with our offerings, we give you our hearts, asking you to use us to minister your grace and peace to everyone we meet today and throughout this week. Amen.*

(10:30) Hand Chimes

“Count Your Blessings”

Children’s Message

(10:30) Hand Bells

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126 (p. 613)

Sermon

“Sowing with Sadness, Reaping with Rejoicing”

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign (IYFBC) – “Continuing the Legacy of Christ’s Work”
God’s Work Amongst Us – Vond Hall
Blessed Faithfulness – Linda Heer
IYFBC Thankfulness – Brad Roth
Second Offering – Jim Redd

† Closing Hymn – #10

“O Worship the King”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #21, vs. 1, 4 & 5

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

† 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.

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

Lord, in your Word we see people filled with thanksgiving and sadness and prayer and hope all at the same time. And because of the world we live in and the circumstances we face, we experience the same mix of emotions today. Lord, help us to find in you the right outlet for all of our emotions: praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings with which you’ve enriched our lives, petitions and prayers for the areas of our life marked by unfulfilled longings, comfort and hope in your promises that everything sad will one day come untrue. We wait for you and your returning, Lord Jesus, and we love you. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Clair Jo Layton, daughter of Jacob and Stephanie. Clair Jo was born on August 27, 2017. Jacob, Stephanie and Clair Jo live at 1265 S. Cornell Lane in Wauseon. Clair Jo’s grandparents include Randy and Kathy Layton, and Bob and Tammy Sperling, and great-grandmother, Esther Layton.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Mae Eloise Smith, daughter of Gabe and Mindy, born on December 18, 2015 in Austin, Texas. Mindy grew up here at St. John’s, and the three of them are planning to move to Archbold in the next few months. Mae’s grandparents include Bruce and Lisa Smith, Brad and Susie Enderle, and great-grandparents Betty Yount, and Maurice and Ruth Schmucker.

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

Pre-K Class: The Preschoolers are using the story of Daniel to talk about how God watches over us when we are away from home, when we are at school, and when we are scared. In fact, he watches over us ALL the time.

Faith Village: We finished up the unit entitled "Joshua Leads the People" which uses parts of Joshua 1; 3; 4; and 6 as its references. After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Joshua showed his faith in God by being obedient to God. How can you show your faith and obedience to God at home or school?

Confirmation: We're continuing to talk about the Ten Commandments and how they shape our lives...not just our actions, but our words and thoughts as well...not just preventing us from doing the wrong thing, but teaching us to be caring and loving toward others. You probably haven't committed murder, but have you been angry with someone this week? Look what Jesus says in Matthew 5:21-26.

Senior High Sunday School: We looked at how people handle tragedy. What is their response? Why is that their response? What do you do with your life after a terrible experience?

LOGOS: 3rd Grade: We finished our study of Joseph comparing him to Jesus as Joseph forgave his brothers when he could see they were truly sorry for their sin and Jesus forgives us when we repent. 4th Grade: We discussed how the Bible has stories to tell us that can direct and make our lives better.

JYF: Following devotional thoughts on thankfulness, the youth explored the church by a Photo Scavenger Hunt. Each of the four groups were given sets of pictures that show symbols and objects throughout the building that they had to locate. It was a reprise of years ago, when Tom & Laura Johnson and Lee & Linda Short were JYF leaders! Ask them about the symbols they had to find - in the stained glass windows and at the sanctuary and chapel altars.

SYF: In SYF we talked about the principles of living a God-glorifying life: enjoying God's good gifts and thanking him for them, and sacrificing for the good of others and giving God the glory for your service. This coming week, we're looking forward to eating a Thanksgiving style meal at Justin and Carrie Yoder's house. Meet there at 6:30PM, or at the church at 6:15PM if you need a ride! And don't forget to bring your favorite party food!

2017 Advent Booklet

A brief devotional written by a friend or member of St. John's Christian Church for each day of Advent, including Christmas Day, is available on a table in the narthex. A special thanks to Nancy Rupp, all the writers who contributed to the booklet, and to Emma, Ethan and Eyan Krukowski for providing their beautiful artwork for this year's booklet covers!



*'Twas the week before Advent, when all through the sanctuary,
Not a decoration was hanging, everything looked quite ordinary.
Soon the swags and angels will be hung with great care,
In hopes of a blessed and joyous Christmas this year.
So let's decorate the church - starting at 1PM next Sunday, November 26th!
All are welcome to come "Deck the Halls!"*

WEEK OF NOV 19TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Membership Orientation (Pastor Erich's Office)
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Hand Chimes & Hand Bells Play (Sanctuary)
	1:30PM	TGRM Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
	3:00PM	Depart for TGRM Chapel & Meal
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	6:00PM	Young Adult Small Group (Dan Stuckey's, 6065 Co. Rd. 26, Archbold)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 12 (Fireside Room)
Wed	1:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	5th Grade Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Thurs	6:30PM	SYF Friendsgiving (Yoder's, 21944 Co. Rd. V, Archbold)
Fri		Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
	8:00AM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Sat		Office Closed
	1:00PM	Preschool Float Prep (Storage Building)
Sun	3:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Membership Orientation (Pastor Erich's Office)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	1:00PM	Advent Decorating (Throughout Facility)
	5:30PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)

Next Sunday – November 26 - Twenty-seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon – “The Man of Macedonia” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Acts 16:6-15

Thank Offering Containers – Thank Offering containers will be collected today and next Sunday. This special offering is divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

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

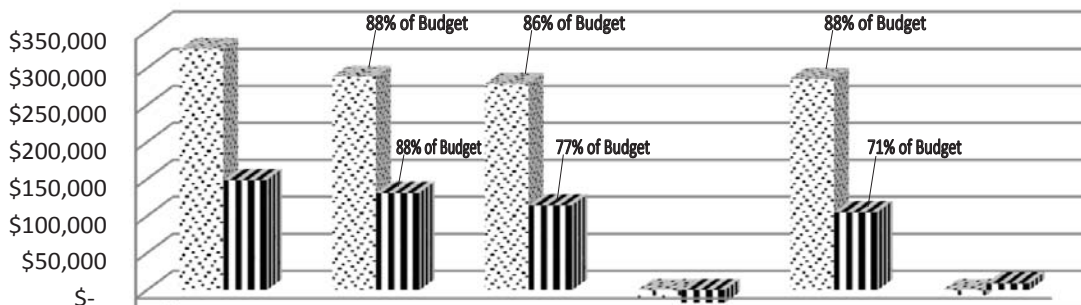
November 20 - When Kingdoms Collide	Mark 12:13-17
November 21 - Thin, Low and Wide Open	Mark 12:18-27
November 22 - The One Thing That Counts	Mark 12:28-34
November 23 - Watch Out!	Mark 12:35-40
November 24 - Plenty, Piety, and Poverty	Mark 12:41-44
November 25 - When the World Falls Apart	Mark 13:1-27
November 26 - Thirsting for God	Psalm 87

Worship Accompanists – While the search for a Director of Music Ministry continues, we also are earnestly seeking one or two accompanists to assist in playing during our worship services. Accompanists would play the piano and/or organ at 8:00 services or 10:30 services, or both, following a schedule that would fit each accompanist’s availability. The accompanists can either volunteer their services or receive payment on a per service basis. We ask the congregation to be in prayer about this search, and please talk with pianists and organists you know who might be interested. Your help would be appreciated!

Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Dinner – Senior citizens, mark your calendars for Thursday, December 14th at 5:30PM for the annual Christmas Dinner! A fun night is always had by all who attend this festive holiday event, held in the Chapel. A delicious meal will be served by the Fellowship Committee, and then a fun night of bingo will follow the meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by December 10th. A free will offering will be collected at the door.

Dining for a Cause – Habitat for Humanity is partnering with area restaurants for #GivingTuesday (global day of giving, celebrated the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving) – all you have to do is eat, and you’ve got one day to do it. On Tuesday, November 28th, choose from numerous restaurants in Fulton County and Napoleon (Swanton: Pisanello’s Pizza, Barron’s Mexican Cantina, Tano’s Pizza, The Wings Station. Delta: The Barn Restaurant, Delta 109 Tavern & Eatery, Marco’s Pizza. Wauseon: Sullivan’s Restaurant, Marco’s Pizza, Healthy Spot, Tano’s Pizza. Archbold & Napoleon: Marco’s Pizza), eat in or carry out, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio. Complete Dining for a Cause information can be found at www.habitatfco.org or by contacting the Habitat office at 419-335-7000.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of November 13, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 46/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$288,252	\$278,746	\$(9,506)	\$285,692	\$(6,947)
Missions	\$148,800	\$131,631	\$114,599	\$(17,032)	\$105,370	\$9,229

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of November 13, 2017 - \$532,545.48

St. John's Christian Church – Mission Information

2017 Mission Budget – \$148,800

As of November 6, Donations to the Mission Fund Include:

Designated Donations – \$49,994 Undesignated Donations – \$57,366
Interest Income – \$5,000 Farm Income – \$2,239

Total to Date – \$114,599

Mission Goal for Ten Months (46 weeks) of the Year (88%) Would Be – \$131,631

Number of Missionaries SJCC Supports – 12 Missionaries

Support Ranges from \$500 to \$13,000

Average Support – \$4,402 per Missionary

Serving in 7 Countries and on 5 College Campuses

Number of Agencies SJCC Supports – 18 Agencies

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$12,000

Average Support – \$3,100 per Agency

Supporting 7 Agencies in Fulton County and 3 in Lucas County

Supporting 5 World-Wide Agencies and 3 Located in America

Number of Ministries SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 11 Ministries

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000

Average Support – \$2,909 per Ministry

These ministries are extensions of SJCC ministries

Number of Mission Trips SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 3 Trips

Support Ranges from \$1,500 to \$4,000

Average Support – \$2,833 per Trip

Funds are forwarded to missionaries, agencies and ministries on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For example, funds are usually sent to local agencies on a monthly basis, to overseas agencies/missionaries on a quarterly basis, or annually to seasonal ministries like Operation Christmas Child or Christmas Cheer. There are transfer fees associated with overseas transactions, so sending quarterly lessens the frequency of those set fees.



Acts 1:8

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(Local)

(Ohio/America)

(World)

November Mission-A-Month – Christmas Cheer

Be sure to check out the Christmas Cheer Giving Tree in the sanctuary narthex. Take a tag from the tree to help supply items for Christmas Cheer. You can return the tag with your items to reuse if you so choose. Thank you!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sharon VonDeylen, a patient at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne; improving.
- Jon Lindsay, recovering from outpatient shoulder surgery on Thursday.
- Emily Walker, recovering from surgery Friday to remove pins from earlier hip surgeries.
- Shirley Nafziger, recovering from second degree burns on her chest.
- Sue MacDonald, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- Ruth Schmucker, in rehab at Fulton Manor.
- Dorothy Miller, recovering from throat surgery.
- Lynda Schnitkey, recovering from a broken leg and foot.
- Norma Fish, pray for healing, strength and peace as she endures through cancer treatments.
- Susie Enderle, who is undergoing cancer treatments at the Cleveland Clinic (address: Hope Lodge, 11432 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, OH 44106-2364).
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (new address: P.O. Box 29122, Yigo, GU 96929).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed in Korea.
- 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	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Gary & Judy Sears	
	(10:30) Dale & Ann Grime, Steve & Kim Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Bob & Carol DeVries	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	(Nov 19) Rachel Kinsman
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) Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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