



Cullen Frederick Yoder

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Hope, Peace, Joy

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! Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p. 935)

Prelude

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

The Nativity Scene - The Stable – #157, v. 3

“Away In a Manger”

† Singing of the Advent of Our Lord – #124

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Joy

Emily Walker & Hailey Wooley

Hymn Response

Hope, hope, hope, The light of Christ is hope.

In all our darkness Christ is shining, Leading upward, faith refining.

Hope, hope, hope, The light of Christ is hope.

Peace, peace, peace, The gift of Christ is peace.

We walk with God, our past forgiven. All in Him is life and heaven.

Peace, peace, peace, The gift of Christ is peace.

Joy, joy, joy, We praise You, Christ, with joy!

Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure, Highest calling, deepest pleasure!

Joy, joy, joy, We praise You, Christ, with joy!

Processional Carol – #145, vs. 1 & 3

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Children’s Christmas Program

Preschool & Kindergarten Classes

“Mary Had a Little Lamb”

“Away In a Manger”

“Little Baby Jesus”

“Happy Birthday Jesus”

“The Greatest Gift of All”

Narrators – Cahle Roth & Rayne Kinsman

Scene 1 – Sixth Graders

Blake Grime, Jack Hurst, Gavin Walker, Cameron Yoder, Ian Grime, Tyler Wyse

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Scene 2 – Fourth & Fifth Graders

Adison Kinsman, Ava Genter, Raegan Rutledge, Isaac Meyer, Ollie MacDonald,

Emma Krukowski, Evvyn Roth, Leah Nafziger, Avery Roth, Joshua Reeb

“We Three Kings”

Scene 3 – Third Graders
Molly Rutledge, Kennedy Hurst, Ella Yoder, Brie Grime,
Kaenan Layton, Zander Johnston, Cagnee Grime

Scene 4 – Second Graders
Jace Bernath, Jesse Meyer, Harrison Rohrs, Klaire Kern
“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Scene 5 – First Graders
Jude Rutledge, Ethan Krukowski, Tucker Johnston, Ali Genter
“Glory to God in the Highest”

Special Music Ava Genter “There’s A New Kid in Town”

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

Scripture Luke 3:7-18 (p. 1016)

Sermon “Preparing our Finances to Meet the Messiah”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory “Away In a Manger”

† Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Jesus our King, accept our offerings as our praise of you. Use our offerings to magnify your name throughout this world, bringing comfort to the broken-hearted, aid to those in need, and hope, peace, and joy to all people. Glory to you, O God, Amen!*

† Closing Hymn – #138 “Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #141, v. 4 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

† Postlude

Apples being handed out by our ushers as you exit the Sanctuary
are compliments of St. John’s CE Team



This Week’s Congregational Prayer:

Jesus, you are the fulfillment of the story of the Bible, the fulfillment of the story of humanity. You perfectly resist evil, perfectly love people, perfectly preach the gospel, and perfectly lead us in living our lives for God’s glory. As we think about our money (how we make it, why we save it, how we spend it), may we honor you with our thoughts, with our intentions, with our deeds, and with giving you the glory! May your Spirit be at work in us and through us, and may your kingdom come! Amen!

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. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

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 through May. 2018/1019 Preschool registration for our SJCC family begins on Sunday, January 7th at noon with an open house in the preschool room; and for the community on Monday, January 8th at 7PM in the preschool room. 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 the 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.

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

Pre-K Class: We are continuing to learn more and more about the real reason for Christmas. What super cool thing happened during Christmas time?

Faith Village: All classes practiced for the Children's Christmas Program.

Confirmation: Do you know who Joshua was in the Bible? What's something you admire about him? Share your thoughts with two people today!

Senior High Sunday School: This week, the senior high students have continued to serve the preschoolers, preparing them for today's Christmas program.

LOGOS/JYF: LOGOS and JYF will both resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Life Planning: Mentors and youth enjoyed a fun night at the home of Sandy and Kenny Cowell, talking about the Christmas story (the night Jesus was born). We enjoyed some Christmas BINGO fun, a white elephant gift exchange and some delicious food and goodies! Our next Life Planning gathering will be January 10th at 7PM in the chapel. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

SYF Remix: We enjoyed an evening listening to Christmas music and decorating SYF's Christmas tree. How can you ready yourself for Christmas this week?



The altar rose honors the birth of Cullen Frederick Yoder, born December 14th. Cullen weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20.5" long. His parents are Eric and Anna Yoder, and he is welcomed home by two older brothers, Finn and Liam. Cullen's grandparents include Dale and Sharon VonDeylen.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 17TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service featuring Children's Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's Small Group (Nofziger's, 541 Ann Avenue, Wauseon)
	6:00PM	Young Adults Small Group (Dan Stuckey's, 6065 Co. Rd. 26, Archbold)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:00PM	Consistory Potluck / Meeting (Parish Hall & Fireside Room) Spiritual Council – following Consistory Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Isaiah 9 (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Preschool Christmas Party – T-Th AM Class (Parish Hall)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	2:00PM	Preschool Christmas Party – T-Th PM Class (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC & AAMA (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:00AM	Preschool Christmas Party – M-W-F AM Class (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Christmas Party – M-W-F PM Class (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Chancel Choir Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thur	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00AM	Mending (Fairlawn Activities Room)
	11:45AM	Staff Gathering (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – December 24 - Christmas Eve

Sermon – “The Light of the World” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Luke 1:39-45, 46-55

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are ordered and should be here soon. Look for them in the literature rack outside the church office (suggested donation \$6 each):

December 18 - Deep Cleaning	Isaiah 4:2-6
December 19 - The Burning Question	Isaiah 5:1-7
December 20 - The Good Life	Isaiah 5:8-23
December 21 - Dust to Dust	Isaiah 5:22-30
December 22 - Game of Thrones	Isaiah 6:1-13
December 23 - Rock Solid	Isaiah 7:1-17
December 24 - Flood Tide	Isaiah 8:1-22

2018 Offering Envelopes – Be sure to pick up your box of offering envelopes for next year on a table in the sanctuary narthex. They are arranged alphabetically by last name. Should you not find a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact the church office.

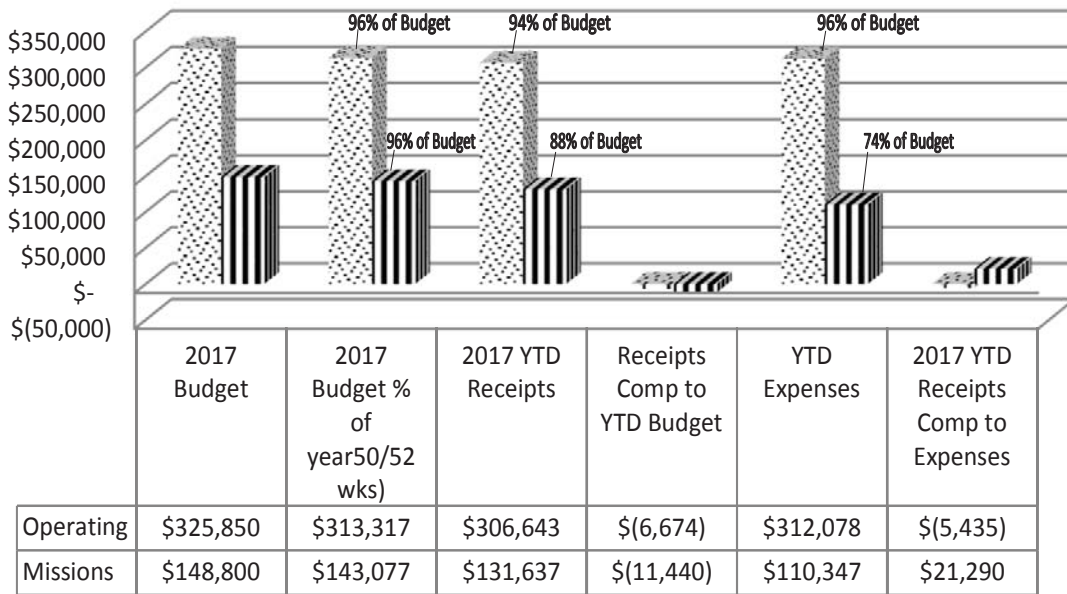
Community Meals - December 19th & 26th – SJCC is responsibility for the remaining meals on December 19th and 26th, with assistance from the AAMA (NOTE: **Both meals will be held at SJCC**). While Betsy Ducey and Ann Grime are coordinating these two final meals of the year, there's a need for volunteers to help prep, serve and clean-up – a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or feel free to call the church office if you can help!

Community Meals for 2018 – As of December 8th, 38 of next year's 52 meals have been covered, and we are waiting to hear from several meal teams who have served in the past. Meals in January, February and March will be hosted at SJCC, so weekly volunteers to help with table set-up, busing tables, washing dishes and general clean-up will be needed. These meals are a faithful time of fellowship and service.

Mending at Fairlawn in December – December is our month to help with the mending needs of residents at Fairlawn (Thursdays from 9AM to noon in the Activities Room). Please contact Elaine Winzeler at 419-446-2200 if you have questions on this matter. The residents of Fairlawn greatly need and appreciate our efforts on this matter. Thank you!

Instant Church Directory – A link for our online directory is available on our web site (www.stjohnsarchbold.org) under Resources on our home page, or you can access it directly at www.instantchurchdirectory.com.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of December 11, 2017



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 11, 2017 - \$540,396.44

December Mission-A-Month - Crossroad

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray their teaching continues to lead to deeper relationships and good conversations; pray for their team as programs expand, and that they would make wise choices about where to invest their time and ministry.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – pray for the students as the fall semester winds down, that the challenges of campus life and academics are not overwhelming, and that Reliant continues to reach more and more students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray with them that the Lord would completely unite the BGSU Cru team He has chosen soon, miraculously, for the sake of the Gospel, and for glory to His Name.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray recent meetings with summer camp leaders are fruitful, as Tony & Leila have been asked to help train staff in the area of defending the Christian faith; pray for them as they interact with university students in nearby Sao Leopoldo.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for them as they follow up on conversations they had with 28 people, 17 of whom were interested in getting involved in a Discovery Bible Study; pray for them as they finalize plans for their long term housing, and long term support.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for Cheryl’s new partnership with Habitat for Humanity as various repairs around her home get addressed; pray for the family as they approach Christmas for the first time without their husband and father.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State University – pray for Molly and Courtney as they are exploring belief in Christ as Lord and King; pray for more women from the Greek community of OSU to find a place in h2o; pray for wisdom in volunteering.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for freshmen who are involved with Cru, that they grow spiritually and relationally; pray for students struggling with loneliness, homesickness and academic challenges; pray for the development of their support team.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – continued prayers for the on-going, short-term and long-term recovery efforts following the hurricane; offer prayers of thanksgiving that God is working through Freedom IM in these efforts.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for people with the HIV virus as they struggle with the personal and social complications of the virus, praying that they will receive necessary care and not be ostracized; pray for the staff of CRHP, that their loving witness of Christ’s love and compassion continues to overcome stigmas and tensions.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray that the December 3rd “Friendraiser” event produces increased numbers of supporting churches and individuals; pray for two young adults of SJCC as they consider participating in the 2018 Summer trip to KCH.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – pray for the students as the fall semester winds down, that the challenges of campus life and academics are not overwhelming, and that Reliant continues to reach more and more students.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jen Lindsay, who is recovering from foot surgery last week.
- Esther Rice, who is rehabbing from a stroke.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Ruth Schmucker, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Dorothy Miller, as she continues to recover from her recent cancer treatment.
- 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.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam.
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska.
- 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

Acolyte	Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Tim Grieser
	Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Curt & Kay Stamm
Greeters	Nancy Ries, Phyllis Swietzer
Nursery Staff	Matt & Kim Hines (Dec 24) Chris & Amy Baden
Sound Tech	James Grime
Video Tech	Dean Sauder
Computer Tech	Tom Hines
Worship & Song Leader	Ed Ruffer
Accompanist	Lynne Christman

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