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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! Second Sunday after Epiphany

- Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells
- Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation 1 John 1:5-7 (p. 1207)
- Prelude “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
- Call to Worship
- † Hymns – #25 “Immortal, Invisible”
#52 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
- † Passing the Peace of Christ
- Children’s Message
- Ministry of Prayer
- Prayer Hymn – #51, verses 1 & 2 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
- Prayers of the People (People are Invited to Share Joys and Concerns)
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)
- † (8:00) Hymn – #204 “Rock of Ages”
- (10:30) Chancel Choir “Sing to the Lord”
- Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47 (p. 1079)
- Sermon “Foundations of Ministry”
- Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”
- † Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication
- † Closing Hymn – #277 “The Church’s One Foundation”
- † Spoken Benediction
- † Benediction in Song – #601, v. 1 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”
- † 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. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich or Pastor Alex 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. Online registration will begin Tuesday, January 16th at 8AM.

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:

All week long, offer these words of prayer using the words of "The Family of God" from Bill and Gloria Gaither: Lord, all week long, may my devotion to you cause my spirit to well up in song; prayerfully and joyfully saying and singing to you, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God, I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I'm part of the family, the family of God." Amen.

January Mission-A-Month ***Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits***

The supplies provided in these clean up kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States. Please use your weekly offering envelopes for your donations and mark them M-A-M or CWS Kits.

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

Pre-K Class: This month we will be talking about how 'Jesus can do anything!' We will focus on four of his miracles: Jesus healed the sick; Jesus fed the crowd; Jesus helped the blind man see; and Jesus helped his friends catch fish.

Faith Village: We began a unit today entitled "Anger Management", which uses the story of Nabal, Abigail, and David, found in 1 Samuel 25:2-35, to teach us positive ways to deal with anger. Why was Nabal angry with David?

Confirmation: Youth are memorizing Joshua 24:15b. The Bible lesson was from 2 Kings 17 and 25. As the Israelites turned their backs on God once more, they were overtaken by the Assyrians which resulted in division and exile. Jerusalem was overtaken by the Babylonians and Judah went into captivity. Israel had forgotten their covenant with God. These were dark days for Israel. The temple is destroyed and there are no priests – would you feel abandoned by God? Or would you remember His covenant and return to him?

Senior High Sunday School: Our teachers are equipping our students how to better share their faith and teach others about God. Last month the high schoolers helped with the preschoolers and their Christmas program. This month the high schoolers are helping to teach classes for Faith Village.

LOGOS: Pre-K/Kindergarten: The children listened to the story of Moses, Exodus 1:22-2:10, "Miriam and her mother save Moses." When we finished the story, we talked about how God protected Moses. For craft time we continued our talk about Moses by drawing him in a basket. The children folded a big piece of paper so that when you looked at it you only saw the sun and reeds. Then, when you unfold the flaps, you saw baby Moses in his basket in the water. 3rd Grade: We studied Exodus 3 and 4, discussing how our lives can be like a bunch of puzzle pieces which God puts together to make a masterpiece, like Moses. He was nurtured by his mother, educated and trained in Pharaoh's Palace, then became a humble shepherd which allowed him to hear God's instruction at the burning bush for his great job of leading the Israelites to the promised land.

JYF: When playing dodgeball, players have to be focused and have a goal of who to throw the ball at. Players come away from a game of dodgeball changed – sweaty and worked up. Youth applied those points to reading the Bible – we need to be focused and have a goal of learning when we read scripture, and we should come away changed by God's Word. Youth read Hebrews 4:12 and then wrote down a verse or two from scripture that spoke to them.

Life Planning: Life Planning had an "AA Meeting" (Angers Anonymous). We discussed and evaluated the role of anger in our lives and how Jesus got angry and cleansed the temple. We then played particular games to see how angry we get when we lose or when someone tries to make us angry.

SYF Remix: To start off the New Year, in addition to our personal resolutions (promises to ourselves) we looked at Bible verses that remind us of God's promises to us, like Hebrews 13:6 – "God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.'" We also played a new game called "Spot It," and enjoyed our time together.

WEEK OF JAN 14TH 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	SYF Mission Trip Meeting (Chapel)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 Samuel 15 (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC (B & K) Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Martin Luther King Jr. Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Fri	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Sat	9:00AM	VBS Directors Meeting (Fireside Room)
Sun	9:00AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:15AM	Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:15PM	Lunch – Hosted by SYF (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Small Group (108 St. Anne Street, Archbold)

Next Sunday – January 21 - Third Sunday after Epiphany - Annual Congregational Meeting
Sermon – “Considering Others Better than Ourselves” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – Philippians 2:1-18

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 15 - I Can't Wait Any Longer	1 Samuel 13:1-22
January 16 - Consequences of Sin	1 Samuel 15:1-31
January 17 - Parental Hopes and Dreams	1 Samuel 16:1-23
January 18 - The Paralysis of Fear	1 Samuel 17:1-27
January 19 - From Fear to Faith	1 Samuel 17:28-54
January 20 - Saul 1K: David 10K	1 Samuel 17:55–18:16
January 21 - During Danger	Psalm 93

2018 Annual Congregational Meeting: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, with the altered morning schedule as follows:

9:00AM Sunday School Hour

10:00AM Worship

11:15AM Annual Meeting

12:15AM Lunch served by the SYF

Initial Annual Meeting packets (printed on white) are available on a table in the sanctuary, as are Addendum packets (printed on gold) . Please bring packets to the meeting next week.



Brent Winzeler
Congregational President Nominee



Sarah Nafziger
Congregational Secretary Nominee



Gary Frazier
Elder Nominee



Deb Rupp
Elder Nominee



Jeff Rutledge
Elder Nominee



Greg Walker
Elder Nominee



Mark Nofziger
Decon Nominee



Judy Sears
Deaconess Nominee



Scott Short
Deacon Nominee

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – serving since 2009, Tom and Megan, with their children, Grace, Peter and David, continue serving with a team focused on teaching English, offering translation workshops, mentoring and discipleship.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – serving since 2008, Kyle is married to Melissa, and they have two sons, Jaden and Brennan. Kyle continues to be on the pastoral team of New Life Church, while also establishing new churches at Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – our newest campus ministry couple continue to raise initial support so they can move to campus and begin serving.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Tony is originally from Stryker and Leila is from Brazil. After serving in Russia and Mozambique, they transitioned to Brazil in 2014. They are engaged in teaching at a local church, teaching bible and discipleship at a local college campus, and translation work. A team from St. John's will learn more during their April visit to Brazil.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – we began supporting Jon & Rachel, and their children, Jadon, Brendan, Joshua and Asher, in 2012, when they were in Indonesia. They transitioned to Chicago in the fall of 2016 where the train believers in discipleship, reach out to lost Muslims, and network broadly with like-minded people.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – our support began in 2012, when Cheryl and Keith (deceased) split their time between Archbold and Langfang, China. They established the AFLH in 2002, a foster home and school for children with brittle bone disease.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State and She Has A Name (SHAN) – Whitney and her husband, Steve, were married in September, 2015, at the time we began supporting her in her ministry. Whitney divides her time between ministering on campus with Reliant and serving with SHAN, an anti-human trafficking ministry.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – Paige is a granddaughter of Lenny and Jean Stamm, and after serving a year in Brazil, they returned to Cru at OSU in July of 2017.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – from the Pettisville area, they moved to the DR in early 2017. Jason works on the maintenance staff at the school and Becky works in the preschool. They have four children – Finn, Paisley, Stacia and Moses.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – our oldest missionary partnership, dating back to 1967. Shobha and Ravi are the children of the CRHP founders. CRHP includes a hospital, preschool, training center, teaching farm, prosthetic leg workshop and much more, all the while sharing Christ and providing quality health care to 40 villages.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Larry, brother to Doug, grew up at St. John's, and he and Linda help found the home in the early 1990's. The home serves 60 to 90 orphans, providing lodging, meals, education, faith and a loving family environment.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – Matt and MaryLynn served at OSU for six years, and we began supporting them in 2010 when they were at BGSU. They are the parents of Dominic, Isabella and Max.

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of January 8, 2018 - \$569,706.44

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Lynda Herman, now a patient at the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center.
- Phil Spiess, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo undergoing tests.
- Rosemarie Schmidt, who is home after a brief stay at Fulton County Health Center.
- Sharon VonDeylen, who will have surgery tomorrow at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.
- Joel Foote, recovering from knee replacement surgery on Wednesday.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Dorothy Miller, as she continues to recover from her recent cancer treatment.
- 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

Acolytes	(8:00) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Jay & Karla Pursel	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath	(Jan 21) AJ & Kisha Genter
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) Dan Light	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	

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