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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Tim & Sue Grieser

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! Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation Colossians 3:15-17 (p. 1167)

Prelude "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

† Call to Worship

Pastor: In Psalm 27:4, David says, "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

Pastor: As we worship God here in this sanctuary this morning, let us gaze upon the beauty of the Lord as revealed in scripture, revealed in all of creation, and revealed in life.

People: *As we worship God here in this sanctuary this morning, let us seek Him in this sanctuary – seeking His Son, seeking His Spirit, seeking His revelation.*

Pastor: Let us rise up in spirit as we offer glory and honor to the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

† Hymn of Praise - #234

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

#244, "The Trees of the Field"

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

† (8:00) Hymn – #515

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

† (10:30) Installation of 2018 Consistory and Officers

Opening Sentences and Vows & Promises

Congregation's Pledge: *I pledge myself to be used by God, as a part of this congregation, to be at work in our church, our community, and the world. I will pray for these officers, elders, deacons and deaconesses and all other workers and teachers who are a part of this fellowship; that Christ may find us to be faithful Christians, worthy of bearing his name. In faith I pledge. Amen.*

Ordinance of New Deacons/Deaconesses and Elders; Installation and Prayer

Hymn Response - #375, v. 3

"Jesus Calls Us"

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"More Precious Than Silver/I Stand in Awe"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

Sermon

"Volunteering? Yes!"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Make Me A Servant"

Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign

Kelly Ducey

Service of Blessing and Farewell in Recognition of Sue Grieser's Ministry Amongst Us

Words of Memory and Words of the Future

Words of Scripture

Gifts of Thanksgiving

Prayer

Hymn **May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, Sing His praise forever. May the Lord, might God, bless and keep you forever.**

† Closing Hymn – #354

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #601, v. 1

“Lord, Dismiss Us”

† 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.

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.

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:

Mighty God, I pray that you move within the hearts and minds of the people of St. John's. Rather than seeing our shortcomings, may we be people who see how you called people into ministry – the prophets, the disciples, the people of the early church. Help me see my own gifts, help me discover my own strengths, that I may offer them in your work of building up the Kingdom. For your glory and praise, cleanse me and prepare me, and help me respond, “here, I am!”. Amen.

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 continued the unit 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. What did Abigail do to help keep the peace between David and Nabal?

Confirmation: Moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament, students studied the family tree of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 1:1-17. We looked at who Jesus is and why he was so important. Why is Jesus important to how we see life and how we live? Karsen has devotions on February 4th.

Senior High Sunday School: We're putting our faith into action! On January 21 and February 4 our teens have/will volunteer with fundraisers to raise money to send a team of high schoolers to share their faith in Chicago this summer. And on January 14 and 28, our teens joined their Sunday School teachers in helping teach the faith to the children of Faith Village. As Christians, we're not all called to be teachers, but we are all called to share our faith with others. How can you share your faith with someone this week? How can you share your faith to encourage a believer? To reach out to a non-believer?

LOGOS: Pre-K/Kindergarden: Using 2 Kings 22-23; Matthew 22:36-40 as a scripture reference, we talked about King Josiah being crowned at the young age of 8! We learned about scrolls, including the one found during the construction, that reminded King Josiah of how he and his people had not been living in the way God wanted. This led to a discussion on how we need to treat one another if we would like to have friends at church and school. For craft we painted both hands red and pushed them onto our construction paper to make a heart shape. The heart reminds us that love is patient, love is kind; a great example of how we should love others. **3rd Grade:** We learned from Exodus 14-20 how God provided physical food, water, and laws to the new Israelite nation. We compared that to how Jesus provides us with spiritual food, water, and instruction. **4th Grade:** This week we studied the Lord's Prayer. We learned how we can use this prayer that Jesus taught us as an example of how to bring all our needs before God. Ask your child to recite it for you.

JYF: The game was Trashketball! Bible trivia with making baskets for more points! And surprise, surprise the "adult" team had a few more points than the rest! A fun night of bible study, singing and root beer floats! Next week some of the youth will visit the two Sunshine Group Homes in Archbold.

SYF: This week we looked at the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the teens thought about this question: who's the person I like least in my life? In light of what Jesus has done for me, how can I show this person God's love this week?

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.

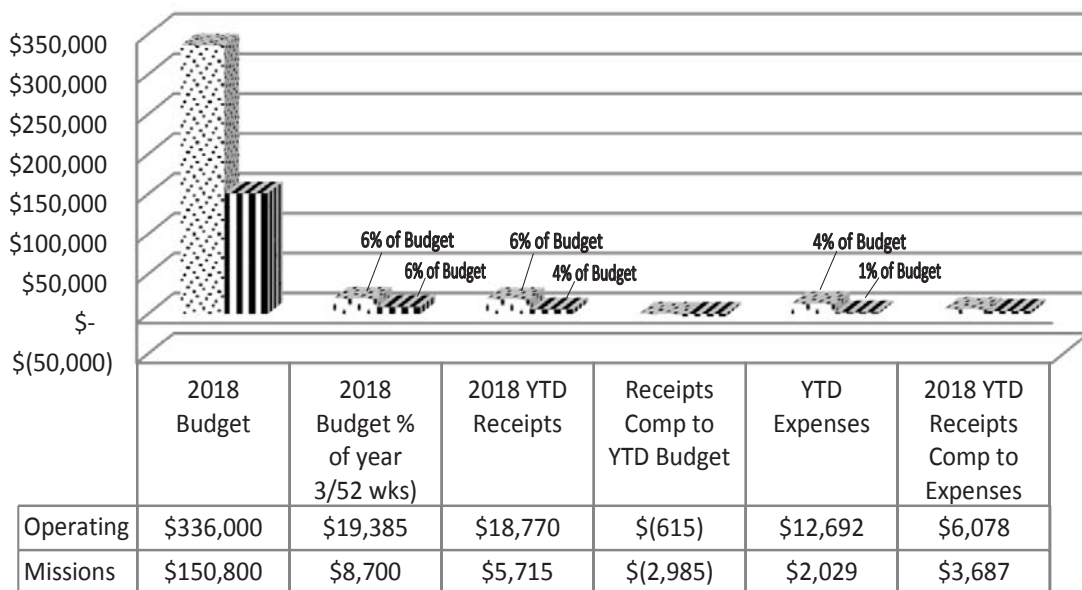
Community Meal Volunteers – For the months of February, March, and July through September, the weekly meals are held here at St. John’s. There are fourteen churches and organizations that take turns providing the meal each week, and as the host church, we have the responsibility of providing people to help prepare for and clean up after the meal. There is a crew in place to help with the table and chair set up. Then each Tuesday, beginning at 5:15PM, we have a minimum of six SJCC volunteers to help with busing tables, loading and unloading the dishwasher, and washing and drying pots and pans. Currently, there are six to eight people that are regularly present to help with these tasks, but from week to week, depending on schedule conflicts, we need two or three more volunteers who can help. The hour and half involved in the clean up process provides a time of fellowship with fellow servants, time to enjoy a good meal, and a way to serve within the church. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Erich.

Super Bowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser – Order your subs after church today or by calling the office by Wednesday, January 31. Sub options are: Ham, Italian (ham, salami, pepperoni), Turkey, and Chicken Salad. There will be a freewill collection when the subs are picked up on February 4. The collection will benefit the SYF summer mission trip to Chicago.

Website Announcement – Check out the new “Youth” page on the church website with upcoming dates for SYF and pictures from past SYF events!

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.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of January 22, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of January 22, 2018 - \$571,260.44

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.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Verlene Lovejoy, home after an overnight stay at Bryan Hospital, for influenza.
- Mary Zimmerman, recovering from recent surgery to remove a tumor from her brain; home address is Roger & Mary Zimmerman, 6995 Fry Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130.
- Judy Barnhart, recovering at home from surgery to repair a broken knee cap.
- Phil Spiess, a patient at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Joel Foote, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
- Louise Short, recovering at home from hip replacement surgery.
- Sharon VonDeylen, who remains hospitalized at Parkview, recovering from surgery.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (new address: PFC Bostelman, TF 3 Geronimo, Bagram AF, APO AE 09354).
- 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) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Jay & Karla Pursel	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Josh & Kasey Grime	(Feb 4) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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