



Lillianna Joan Helberg

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



John & Mary Beck

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! Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells
- Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation Isaiah 41:8-10 (p. 716)
- Prelude “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
- †Hymn of Praise – #186 “The Old Rugged Cross”
- †Unison Prayer of Confession – *O Lord, as I sing of the old rugged cross, aware that Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me, it is with a contrite spirit that I offer my confession this morning. I confess my own sinfulness, humbly acknowledging my errant ways. Remove my shame, Lord, cleansing me through your grace and mercy. I thank you, Lord Jesus, for your saving blood that washes me clean and fills me with peace and joy. With thanksgiving, I praise you in this time of worship. Amen.*
- †Hymn Response – #563 “Count Your Blessings”
- †Passing the Peace of Christ
- Children’s Message
- Ministry of Prayer
- Prayer Hymn – #68, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
- Prayers of the People (People are Invited to Share Joys and Concerns)
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)
- (10:30) Chancel Choir “Draw Me Close”
- Scripture Reading John 8:1-11 (p. 1059)
- Sermon “Leaving Sin Behind”
- Sharing Our Tithes and Offering
- Offertory “Were It Not For Grace”
- †Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
- †Closing Hymn – #198 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
- †Spoken Benediction
- †Benediction in Song – #202, v. 1 “Amazing Grace”
- †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, Pastor Alex or Kelly Stahl 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 through 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:

It sounds so easy, Lord, such a basic instruction, "go now and leave your life of sin." But leaving it takes determined thought and sustained action. You know my weakness, my weaknesses, Lord. How can I change my thought, how can I cease my sin? Only by your grace and light, I'm sure. Continue to be patient with me, Jesus, as I take one hour at a time, offering a strong "NO" to the temptations I face. Fill me with your power, Lord, and I praise you for guiding me through each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

February Mission-A-Month ***FISH Food Pantry***



The altar rose is in honor of the birth of Lillianna Joan Helberg, born on January 24th to parents Scott and Katie Helberg. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Lillianna has an older brother, Kaenen, and grandparents include Lynn and Jackie Helberg, and Randy and Kathy Layton.



Sermon Series – Saying No to Sin

Sermon – “Leaving Sin Behind”

Scripture – John 8:1-11

Biblical Scholarship

- John 7:53-8:1 – often footnoted
- Most likely not a part of the original text
- Absent from oldest copies of the Gospel that precede the sixth century
- Preserved from a very early time – accords well with the known character of Jesus

Temple Courts

- People gathered
- Jesus teaching
- Opposition – teachers of the law, Pharisees; trying to trap him for accusation
 - Created an apparently impossible dilemma for him
- An example
 - Person caught in sin; woman caught in adultery
 - Jesus did not challenge the charge
 - Law of Moses – stoning – Leviticus 20:10, Deuteronomy 22:22-24
 - Now what do you say?
- Dilemma
 - If Jesus refused to confirm the death penalty, charged with contradicting God’s law
 - If he confirmed the verdict, he would lose his reputation for compassion
- Response
 - Writing...what?
 - Jesus says, “If any one of you is without sin...(put the dilemma back on them)
 - * A witness of the accusation must commence the stoning
 - * A witness of adultery would have been unusual, done in private; if there was a witness, then they condoned the act, or created it to trap Jesus
 - Those who heard began to go away one at a time
 - Unwilling to admit their presence at the act, or aware of their own sin
 - Jesus told her, “Go now and leave your life of sin.”
 - * Interested in saving rather than exploiting
 - * Forgiving rather than condemning

Today

- Jesus commands us to leave our life of sin
- Must be able to recognize sinful behavior
- Scripture points out sin, yet much is condoned or approved

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

Faith Village: We finished the unit today entitled "Anger Management", which used the story of Nabal, Abigail, and David, found in 1 Samuel 25:2-35, to teach us positive ways to deal with anger. What are some of the ways we have learned to help relieve our angry feelings?

Confirmation: We're turning from the Old Testament to the New Testament, starting with Matthew 1. What's new about the New Testament, you might ask? It has the same old God, with the same old way of salvation (by God's grace). So what's new? In a word: Jesus. What's new is that God takes on flesh and comes to dwell among his people so that they might come to know him better and come to know his love for them.

Senior High Sunday School: We're making subs to raise money for our Chicago mission trip. Do you know mission trips cost hundreds of dollars per person? Despite their expense, in the past these trips have been formative experiences for our teens. Take Leah Miller for example. She began coming to St. John's when invited by a friend to JYF. Through being a part of this church, especially her experience on the past two SYF mission trips, Leah's faith has grown to the point where she decided to be baptized this past year. Stop by after church to see if there are any extra subs left, or leave a donation if you want to help enable the teens to have these faith-building opportunities. Thank you for your support!

LOGOS: First Grade: They have been reading and discussing stories about Jesus. Last week, we learned about Jesus calling his first disciples, Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. This week, we learned about Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha. 3rd Grade: We studied Deuteronomy 5 and how Moses explained the Ten Commandments to the next generation of Israelites before entering the Promised Land. We discussed how the Ten Commandments are laws of love, love God and love others.

JYF: JYF studied the four gospel accounts of the Feeding of the 5000. Why did Jesus want his disciples to care for the hungry crowd? What does that teach us about how we are to care for others? JYF is making plans to host an upcoming community meal – wonder how many they'll feed?

SYF: We looked at Luke 15 and Jesus' series of 3 parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Jesus' point is that we are not to look down on "sinners" as others might do, but we are to spend energy trying to help bring them back home, back to God's family, back where they are loved, back where they belong. And as such "sinners" take small steps toward home, let us not chastise their past, but encourage their progress and receive them with open arms.

Out of Box Experience

With the Archbold FISH Food Pantry as our February Mission-A-Month, we are offering the "Out of Box Experience" once again! People are invited to gather in the chapel at 3PM on Sunday, February 18th to begin this mission adventure. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We'll divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we'll stock the shelves with the items just purchased. It's a mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

WEEK OF FEB 4TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's - 733 W. Leggett St. Wauseon)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Super Bowl Party (108 St. Anne St.)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Acts 13 (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	Pastor Alex Leading Worship At Fairlawn
	5:00PM	Community Meal – AAMA Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Brazil Orientation – (Pastor Erich's Office)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee – (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:00AM	AAMA – (Central Mennonite)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Angel's Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Hand Chimes (Choir Room); Hand Bells (Chancel)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thurs	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Fri	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Sat	7:00AM	Back Bay Mission Trip Departs
	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	8:00AM	Mindful Movement - (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – February 11 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “Jesus Encounters Sinners” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – Luke 7:36-50; Matthew 18:21-35; Matthew 9:9-13

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:

February 5 - Sent By The Holy Spirit	Acts 13:1-12
February 6 - Addressing Jews	Acts 13:13-41
February 7 - Change of Strategy	Acts 13:42-52
February 8 - Too Complicated	Acts 14:1-7
February 9 - How To Draw A Crowd	Acts 14:8-20
February 10 - Reporting Back	Acts 14:21-28
February 11 - Sing To The Lord!	Psalms 96

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for Tom’s friend who is still wrestling to find and understand truth. Pray for island brothers and sisters with some big travel decisions to make. Pray that they would make wise decisions. One of Tom’s friends has remarried his wife! Pray for a healthy marriage and for opportunities to encourage them to walk in the light. We are getting ready for a short-termer to come. Pray that her final financial needs would come in and that she would be able to buy her plane tickets this week. Pray for her final preparations and for a blessed time with us. Our team members will be returning this week. Pray for safe travels, they are in Kenya now. Pray for the political stability of that Kenya.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for David as he starts serving on the campus, working with the h2o church in sharing the gospel with the students.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – praise the Lord the church is debt free as their new 2 acre property in the center of Ann Arbor is paid off; pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for provision of new relationships uniting around their ministry vision, for students able to develop and apply their experiences on campus, and for their motivation to be totally rooted in reliance on God.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray that the SJCC team going to Brazil in April will be a true blessing to Tony & Leila, and that all of the preparations will be inspired by the Spirit of God.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for an initiative towards promoting and coaching disciple-making, for the forming of a Pioneers team in Chicagoland, and for much needed additional support to undergird their family and ministry.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison’s, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for Molly and Courtney, two students Whitney mentors, praying for Molly as she preps for life beyond college, and praying for Courtney as she seeks Jesus while balancing college life.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for the four spring break trips sending students to Brazil, Slovenia, Chicago and Houston. They’ll be partnering with college campuses in building up their Cru movements, and doing hurricane relief in Houston.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for the team from Pettisville Missionary Church that is traveling to visit with them, leaving February 10th.
- ✠ 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 pray for Shobha as she continues to serve as the Presbyter in charge of the Jamkhed Community Church; pray for Ravi as he continues to deal many health issues while administering all the day to day CRHP tasks.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praise God for the 20 years the home has cared for children, and praise God for the fruits of their schooling and tutoring programs – more students passed their national exam this year than ever before
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – be in prayer for students as plans are being made for spring break trips, as well as for seniors working out future plans!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Cullen Yoder, home after another hospital stay, this time at FCHC, still for the RSV virus.
- 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 is 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.
- 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) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Emma Hall
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Tim Beck, Mark Beltz	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen	(Feb 11) Vond & Mary Hall
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship Leader	(8:00) Linda Heer	
Worship Leader	(10:30) Jan Lindsay	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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