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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! Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (p.1132)

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible/Sing Of Your Love Forever”

Call to Worship

†(8:00) Hymns of Commitment – #283

“We Are God’s People”

#284

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

†(10:30) Praise Songs

“Your Love O Lord”

“God Is On The Move”

†Confession and Assurance: The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(10:30) Junior Choir

“I Will/I Won’t”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (p. 1131)

Sermon

“A House Fitting For the Lord”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (10:30-Avery Roth and Lynne Christman)

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #486

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #376, verse 1

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

†Postlude

This Week’s Congregational Prayer:

Father, we confess that our thoughts, our desires, and our actions are not always pure. In your mercy will you forgive us? And will you grant us a greater love for you than the love we have for the things that tempt us? Help us to say no to sin because we are committed to you. Help us to be temples of your presence, to the praise of your glory. Amen.



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 Sue Grieser 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. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; 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.

North Central Ohio - Passion Play

An Easter experience showing the compassion of the Savior and His price for our redemption back to our heavenly Father.

Setting of the Play

Forty years have passed since Jesus Christ's death. His disciples have dispersed "throughout the world." The Roman government has increased persecution of the Christians, and Nero is especially proud to have the Apostle Peter, the leader of the outlawed religion, in one of his prisons.

Tuesday, March 27th

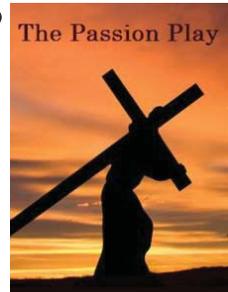
First Church of the Nazarene, Bucyrus, Ohio

Departure from SJCC: 4:30pm
Either by caravan or church bus

Arrival at FCN: 6:30pm
Play Starts: 7:00pm

Return to SJCC: 11:00pm

Sign-Up on Bulletin Board ASAP
(Free will offering for bus gas and the play)



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

Faith Village: We continued talking about the story of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection, found in John 20. When Mary Magdalene discovered that the tomb was empty, what did she do? If that would have been you, what would you have thought had happened to Jesus' body? What would you have done?

LOGOS:

Preschool/Kindergarten: This week we focused on Genesis 6-9 and how "Noah Saves the Day". The great flood destroyed all except Noah, his family, and the animals that were on the ark. This familiar story is a reminder of God's covenant: "As long as the earth exists seedtime and harvest, cold and hot, summer and autumn, day and night will not cease" (Genesis 8:22). To remember this story better and God's promise, children used fruit loops to create a rainbow on paper-and possibly ate some during the process. **Third Grade:** We studied Luke 19-22 from the grand entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, the last supper and how he died for us on the cross. We discussed that Jesus is truly the Messiah, Savior, and King of the world who was obedient to God so we could have eternal life. **Fourth Grade:** This week we continued our study of church worship as we began preparing our hearts for Holy Week. We watched the children's video called Worthy is the Lamb, which dramatizes Holy Week at a child's level.

Confirmation: In studying the passages of Matthew 27, Mark 15 and Luke 9:21-23, the youth considered the key question, "Why did Jesus die?" How does the cross of Jesus reveal God's great love for the world?

JYF: Youth enjoyed a skate night with middle school youth from several other area churches!



SHIPWRECKED VBS

COMING SOON!

June 17-21

Mark your calendars!
It's going to be a FUN week learning that Jesus cares for us personally and rescues us in life's toughest circumstances!



WEEK OF March 18 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal (Toledo)
	4:15PM	Young Adult Ministry Movie Night (Meet at Archbold Evan to see "I Can Only Imagine" in Wauseon)
Mon	6:00PM	Seekers (Kim Helmke's Home, 230 Shoop Ave. Wauseon)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Ten-U Archbold Soccer Practice (Parish Hall)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
Tues	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal (Shalom Ministries)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
Thurs	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Bells & Chimes (Nursery & Choir Room)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	HC3 Parenting Presentation (Chapel)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	5:00PM	Ten-U Archbold Soccer Practice (Parish Hall)
Fri	3:30PM	Depart from St. John's for Man Camp
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
Sun		Palm Sunday
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Youth Adult Ministry (Dan Stuckey's)

Next Sunday – March 25 - Palm Sunday

Sermon – “The Sanctity of Life” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Luke 19:28-44

Man Camp is almost here! The men of St. John's are planning a retreat to Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI on March 23-25. The weekend will be filled with great food, an encouraging speaker, numerous outdoor and indoor activities, and good conversation with other men about faith, life, work, and family. Contact Bruce Wooley or Pastor Alex to learn more.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The April/May/June 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%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 19 - Our Faithful God	Romans 3:1-8
March 20 - Undeserved Mercy	Romans 3:9-31
March 21 - The Gift of Jesus	Romans 4:1-12
March 22 - Guaranteed for Life	Romans 4:13-25
March 23 - Peace and Love	Romans 5:1-11
March 24 - Life Through Christ	Romans 5:12-21
March 25 - Unchanging God	Psalm 118

March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House

COVERING OUR SCHOOLS IN PRAYER

With faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you.” (Mt. 17:20)

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Community members are invited and encouraged to gather for times of prayer at our area schools. We will gather around the flag pole for an opening prayer and then move into the school. The plan is to cover our schools with prayer to end the hurt and brokenness that culminates into verbal, emotional and physical violence. We will start with praying at the following schools on the listed dates, and we are working to schedule prayer times at more of the school districts in the four county area.

Archbold Schools and Hilltop Schools Wednesday March 28th, 7:00 pm

Pettisville Schools Wednesday April 4th, 7:0 pm

Threats of violence and acts of violence on and in our schools is a mountain that needs to be moved. Area pastors are calling on people of faith to gather in and around the schools for a time of prayer with the purpose of moving this mountain.

We will:

- Pray through the hallways, classrooms, on lockers, cafeteria, common spaces, locker rooms, and athletic fields as we are able.
- Pray for students, teachers, and staff for safety as well as compassion for one another.
- Pray for people of faith to engage their neighbors and end the loneliness and isolation that ends in hurt and brokenness.
- Pray to “Move this mountain of violence, open our eyes and break our hearts for the hurting.”
- Pray to send “laborers to help us with the harvest,” for helpers to help us with the broken and hurting young people in our midst.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their two newer team members, for a short-term worker, and the whole team as they plan for the upcoming months and years. Pray that those seeking would find, pray that being peacemakers will bring others to the truth.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for fruit to continue to come from recent student retreats, pray for the final \$425 to come in for his monthly goal, and for his fiancée, Blair, as she takes her nursing boards and moves to Akron.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – continue to pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity, and for upcoming spring break ministry experiences.
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for upcoming spring break experiences, for their small groups to go deeper into God's Word, and for further support.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey, Brenda Kaszer and Pastor Erich as they prepare for their time in late April to visit with Tony & Leila.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Please pray for God to go before us in our new neighborhood, that we might encounter people of peace who are welcoming, willing to open their households, and ready to listen and pass it on. Pray for our kids to make fast friends in the area. Pray for openness in our Afghani friends' hearts, to look into the Scriptures while we assist them in assimilating into life in the U.S. Pray for God's provision of finances.
- ✚ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – 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 their efforts to plant an h2o church at Indiana University, and for the Night of Jubilee of prayer and worship in April, and for her mentoring of college students.
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for them as they continue to discover avenues of ministry as they disciple students and share the Gospel.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for God's continual lead and provision as they befriend and disciple people living in poverty and a culture of superstitions; pray for them as they make plans for their first furlough back to the US in July.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray that their staff continue to be led by the Spirit in their never ending efforts of caring for the villages they relate to.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Catherine Kitonde, an alumni of KCH and past guest at SJCC, represented Kenya at a science forum in South Africa in December. She participated in discussing issues facing Africa's transformative research, innovation, leadership and development, and the role of governments and international organizations. As a Kenya Award Fellow, she represented Kenya fully during discussions about the growth and development in Africa. Pray that God continues to guide KCH in their ministry as they transform the lives of orphans!
- ✚ Toledo – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for follow up efforts to their February retreats, that much fruit will come from their networking efforts.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sharon VonDeylen, having good improvement at Montpelier Hospital.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she continues radiation treatments to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- Joanne Spotts, a resident at Fulton Manor, room #410.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, Killeen, Texas (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Bryce Beltz	(10:30)	Emma Nafziger
Ushers	(Head)	Greg Walker		
	(8:00)	Jim Grieser		
	(10:30)	Dale & Ann Grime, Ben & Sue Buehrer		
Children's Moment	(10:30)	Nancy Rupp		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman (Mar. 25)	Ben & Tiffany Johnston	
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Brad Roth		
Song Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer		

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