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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



The Helberg Family

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 Easter

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)  
“Be Thou My Vision”

Prelude

†Hymns of Praise – #82

#92

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Personal Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance – 1 John 1:7-9

†Hymn of Response – #357

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Brazil Mission Trip Blessing

(10:30) Children's Chime Choir

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Children's Message

Hymn #579, v. 1, “Jesus Loves Me”

(10:30) Children's Bell Choir

“O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Kaenen Jay Layton and Lillianna Joan Helberg

The Apostles' Creed

Scriptures – Matthew 19:13-14, Psalm 139:13-16

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your children, Kaenen and Lillianna, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Kaenen and Lillianna and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.*

Song – #373, verse 3 and refrain

“Where He Leads Me”

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:1-6 (p. 961)

†(8:00) Hymn – #271

“Standing on the Promises”

Sermon

“Using the Right Measure”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

“On My Knees”

Offertory

†Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – *Wonderful, amazing, God, we thank you for the promise of Easter, bringing us the promise of new life in Christ. Use us, and our offerings, for new opportunities of sharing these promises, as we witness to Christ. In his name. Amen.*

†Closing Hymn – #292

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #602, v. 1

“God Be with You”

†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 outside of the chapel or at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Getting to Know St. John's:**

The next session of "Getting to Know St. John's" will be held on Sunday, May 6th, at 9:15am in the pastor's office.

## **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 info is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care**

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 by our system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

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## **This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

Lord, through the counsel of the Holy Spirit, remind me of the truth of scripture of James 1:26: "If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are just fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless." Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, keep my mind and ears open to the words I speak, that I would not be judging or gossiping. If that's been my habit, Lord, give me power to say "NO" to those thoughts, and instead may I offer a prayer up for the people I'm thinking of. Thank you, Lord, for your presence in my life. Amen.



We celebrate with Scott & Katie Helberg today as their children, Kaenen Jay and Lillianna Joan, are baptized. Kaenen is nine years old, and Lillianna was born on January 24, 2018. Grandparents are Randy & Kathy Layton and Lynn & Jackie Helberg, and great-grandmother is Esther Layton.

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## ***April Mission-A-Month – Foods Resource Bank***

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

**Faith Village:** We continued the unit today entitled "Self-Control". The story is about Daniel and his friends and is found in Daniel 1:1-16. We are learning about making healthy choices in the foods we eat, just like Daniel and his friends did. What foods do you think God wants you to eat? Why?

### **LOGOS:**

**Third Grade:** We studied 1 Samuel 16 & 17 and learned how God picked David to be King and how David trusted God to stand up to Goliath and defeat him. We discussed how God prepares us for what he has planned for us to do, so we should be bold and courageous.

**Fourth Grade:** This week we studied about "celebration meals". We read from Matthew 9:9-15, John 6:1-15 and John 13:2-20 about earthly meals Jesus had while he was here on earth. Then we read Isaiah 25:6-9 about the best celebration meal, when we are in heaven, because Jesus conquered death.

**JYF:** Youth enjoyed Bible Trashket Ball once again – ask them about how many animals Moses took aboard the Ark at one time? Devotions was based on having "a clean slate" – Acts 24:16 and 1 John 1:9. Next week, youth will visit the Group Homes and make plans to help serve a Community Meal.

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### **Personalized Children's Books**

We have recently been gifted with supplies and the software to produce Personalized Children's Books. In our children's ministries, we could create personalized books, putting a child's name into the story! We are looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to coordinate the production of these books. We are looking for someone to be trained on the software in the next week or two. Anyone interested? Please contact the church office!

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### **WE NEED YOU!**

Prayerfully consider helping us out to make this Summer's Shipwrecked VBS a success! Sign up sheets are posted outside the chapel. Also, online registration is open to any youth ages 4 years old – 6th grade, who wants to learn how we can be rescued by God! Check the church's website or Facebook page for the link to register online! There are paper registrations also outside the chapel for registration! Plans are well underway for this exciting week at VBS! Please be praying for God to move through our preparations and planning. Please contact Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruengagen and Carrie Nofziger for more information.

## **WEEK OF April 15th 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	Pastor Alex's & Jenny's Cake Reception (Parish Hall)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mennonite)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - Cartoon Night
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:30PM	Presentation Practice (Pastor's Office)
Thurs	6:30PM	Preschool Dad's Night - MWF A\PM (Preschool Room/Chapel)
Fri	7:00AM	Mental Health Training (until 5:00)
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
	2:30PM	Brazil Mission Trip Leaves
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers
	7:00PM	Lynne Christman Piano Recital

### **Next Sunday – April 22nd**

Sermon – “Living Out Our Faith” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – James 2:14-26

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

- April 16 - Glory To God ..... Exodus 14:1-18
- April 17 - A Matter of Trust ..... Exodus 14:19-31
- April 18 - Praise and Thanks to God ..... Exodus 15:1-18
- April 19 - Decision-Making ..... Exodus 15:19-27
- April 20 - Unconventional Comfort Food ..... Exodus 16:1-16
- April 21 - Don't Live on Leftovers ..... Exodus 16:17-26
- April 22 - Our Amazing God ..... Psalm 104

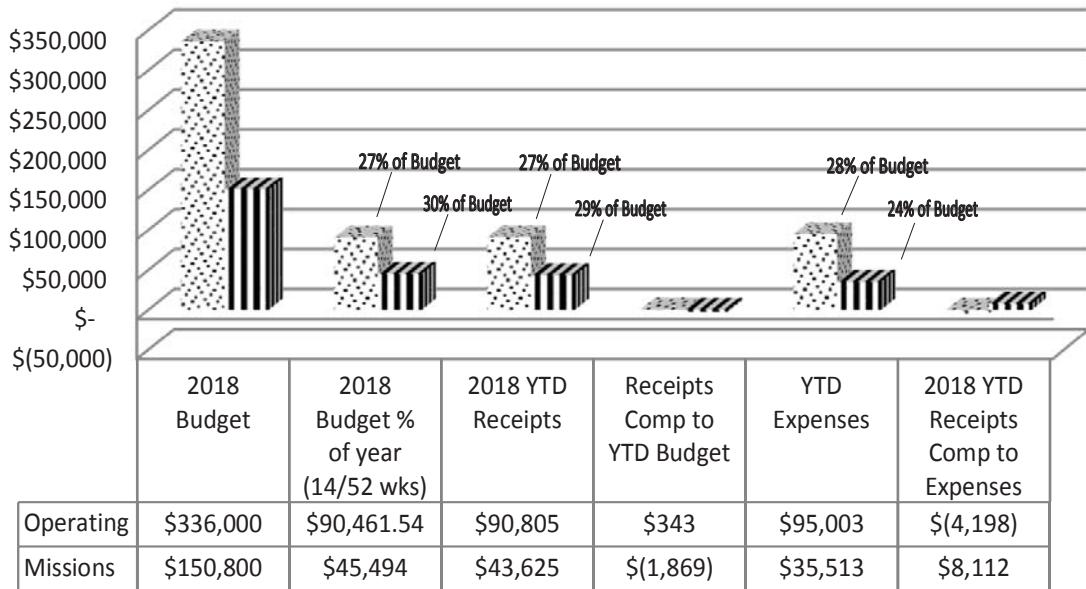
## Habitat for Humanity Play House

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HfHFCO) is in the midst of a new fundraising plan – a Play House / Garden Shed Raffle. A group of volunteers recently build the Play House, which can also be used as a Garden Shed! The Play House is on a moving display schedule – it will be displayed in the communities of the county over the course of the next two months. Pictures and info of the Play House are available at [www.habitatfco.org](http://www.habitatfco.org). Raffle tickets can be purchased on line at that website or tickets may be had through contacting Pastor Erich. All proceeds of the raffle will fund building projects through HfHFCO.

**Fairlawn Retirement Community** will be holding an Open House in their Independent Living Duplexes Today (Sunday, April 15) from 1-4 pm. Tours of two brand new units and existing duplexes will be available. You will also be able to visit Wyse Commons to see all the amenities available at Fairlawn. Leave the responsibilities behind and see how Fairlawn can provide independence, security and freedom.

**Ten Thousand Villages** – Archbold's Fair Trade Rug Event returns this year from May 2-5. For just a few days our store will be home to more than 300 high quality hand-knotted Bunyaad rugs. These rugs are all hand-knotted in Pakistan by fairly paid adults. Our non-profit store is working to support over 850 families in over 100 villages in Pakistan. We're working to empower women who otherwise would not have a chance at a job that can support their families. These rugs are not just rugs; they represent lives changed by fair trade.

### 2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 9, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 9, 2018 - \$590,284.66

## **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 h2o 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:**

- Director of Music Ministry – search efforts to date have resulted in no prospects; please be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord's candidate.
- Worship Accompanists – a second round of advertising has resulted in no responses; please pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- Mary Zimmerman, who has finished her radiation treatments and now waits a few weeks until her MRI, to confirm the last of the tumor is gone.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- 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 Hall
Ushers	(Head)	Brad & Avery Roth		
	(8:00)	Brent Winzeler		
	(10:30)	Scott & JoAnn Short, Steve & Kim Walker		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Jan Martinez	(April 22)	Tammy Nofziger
Sound Tech	(Both)	James Grime		
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines		
Song Leader	(Both)	Jim Redd		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Jim Redd		
Children's Moment	(10:30)	JoAnn Short		

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