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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! Third Sunday after Easter

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 1193)

Prelude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

†Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus willingly endured the cross, because the joy that would come through his death was worth all the shame and pain he suffered.

People: And we are his joy, the people redeemed by his blood, those he loved enough to adopt into his family forever.

Leader: The only fitting response to such love is grateful worship. Let us join together in worshipping our Savior and Lord through our songs of praise, through our joyful fellowship, through our reading his Word, through our gifts and offerings, and through our lives lived for Him. All glory, honor, and praise be forever unto Jesus our King!

†Hymn of Praise #372 “Living For Jesus”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

(10:30) Chancel Choir Soloist - Jocelyn Walker “He Never Failed Me Yet”

Hymn of Preparation #373 “Where He Leads Me”

Scripture Reading James 2:14-26 (p. 1197)

Sermon “Living Out Our Faith”

Prayer of Dedication and Offering

Offertory “Go Light Your World”

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign Jeff Rutledge

†Closing Hymn #379 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #569, v. 4 “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

†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.

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.

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.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Jesus, we confess that we often prefer passivity: reading and listening to the news, but doing nothing about it; seeing people in need, but not helping them; seeing the lost, but not sharing the gospel with them; seeing people deceived by sin, but not sharing the truth with them. Let us no longer sit around waiting for someone else to do something. Transform us to be people who see the needs of others, who care about these people, and who do something to help them, all for the glory of Jesus our Savior, who loved us and died for us. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are in honor of Susanne Spiess's 93rd birthday on April 22nd and given with love by her children and grandchildren.



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. Daniel and his friends chose not to eat the rich food that everyone else was eating, and to follow God's laws instead. Have you ever had to choose to go against what everyone else was doing because you knew it was not what God wanted you to do? How did you feel?

LOGOS:

Preschool/Kindergarten: This week we focused on Mark 2:1-12. "Jesus and the four friends". After listening, we talked about how determined the men were to organize themselves to find a way to get the paralyzed man in front of Jesus. We then discussed qualities that make good friends. In closing, we made get-well cards for friends and family, and Cherio bird feeders to care for our animal friends.

Third Grade: We learned in 1 Samuel 24 that David (although anointed to be King) did not forcefully take the Kingdom from King Saul, but let God work it out in His perfect timing. This taught David to follow God and we talked about how we can do the same in our lives.

Fourth Grade: This week in Logos we discussed communion and what a gift it is that Jesus gave to us at the Last Supper. We read from Luke 23 about the passover meal in the Upper Room, discussing the words Jesus spoke and also what each element of communion symbolizes for us.

JYF: A group of youth visited with the residents of the Group Home located just east of the church, making gifts bags of candy with them; while other youth played a game and then made gift bags of candy – to have one to enjoy and to have one to give away. Please pray for our youth – an unfortunate situation happened amongst some of the youth, which prompted a real lesson about the only rule of LOGOS – "Everyone is to treat everyone else as a Child of God. No one has the right to treat anyone as if they do not matter."

SHIPWRECKED VBS is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for this exciting adventure happening June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm. Sign up sheets are posted outside of 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! If God is calling you to

help lead these kids to TRUTH during our week of VBS, please see Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger.

We would love for you to join in on the God rescuing FUN!"



WEEK OF April 22nd AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)
	7:00PM	Lynne Christman Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mennonite)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel or outside)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation/Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry (Dan Stuckey's)

Next Sunday – April 29th

Sermon – “It’s Not Too Late” – Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – Romans 3:21-31

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%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

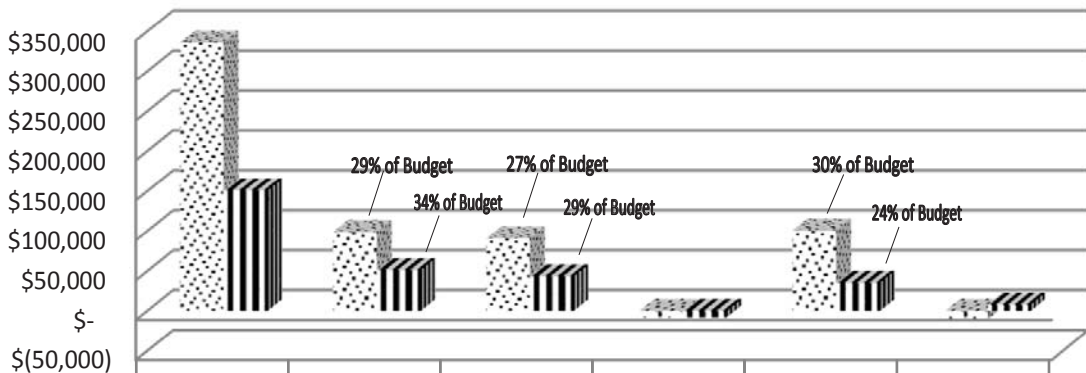
April 23 - Grumblers Anonymous.....	Exodus 17:1-16
April 24 - Moses: Work and Family.....	Exodus 18:1-27
April 25 - God's Treasured Possession	Exodus 19:1-25
April 26 - Ten Words	Exodus 20:1-17
April 27 - The Small Print.....	Exodus 20:18-26
April 28 - Slave Trading	Exodus 21:1-11
April 29 - Remember, Remember	Psalm 105

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. 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.

Ten Thousand Villages Archbold's Fair Trade Oriental 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 working to support over 850 families in over 100 villages in Pakistan. These rugs are not just rugs; they represent lives changed by fair trade.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 16, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (15/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$99,054.00	\$90,805	\$(8,249)	\$100,936	\$(10,131)
Missions	\$150,800	\$51,356	\$43,625	\$(7,731)	\$35,513	\$8,112

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 16, 2018 - \$591,186.66

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 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 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:

- Barb Sigg, who is in rehab at Fairlawn, in Room 10.
- Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey and Pastor Erich, who left yesterday for their nine days of time with Tony and Leila Frank, in Ivoti, Brazil. They are due back the morning of May 2nd.
- Director of Music Ministry – please be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord’s candidate.
- Worship Accompanists – please pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- Mary Zimmerman, who is waiting for 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)	Kenny Walker	(10:30)	Emma Nafziger
Ushers	(Head)	Brad & Avery Roth		
	(8:00)	Brent Winzeler		
	(10:30)	Scott & JoAnn Short, Steve & Kim Walker		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Jay & Karla Pursel	(April 29)	Tammy Nofziger
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		
Worship Leader	(Both)	JoAnn Short		
Children's Moment	(Both)	Matt Hines		

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