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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.

Pentecost Sunday
The Rite of Confirmation
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Scripture and Prayer

†Hymn of Praise – #267

Pentecost Reading

Children's Message

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

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Spotlight on Stephen Ministry

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Exodus 15:2 (p. 62)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Acts 2:1-21 (p. 1078)

#252, “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

“God is the Strength of My Heart”

“Make Me a Servant”

Matthew 12:46-50 (p. 968), John 19:25-27 (p. 1073)

“Faithful Blessings”

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Invitation, Opening Sentences and Charge to Confirmands

Scripture Reading and The Apostle's Creed (Inside back cover, Red Hymnal)

Promises and Vows of Confirmands

Memory Verses and the Laying on of Hands in Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charge to Parents

Response of Parents: *We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. May God bless you with wisdom and courage as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.*

Address to Confirmands

Unison Welcome by Congregation: *We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.*

Greetings of Christian Love and Conferring of Certificates

Benediction

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Words of Invitation, Institution and Blessing
Confirmands First Communion
Sharing the Elements
Communion Prayer of Gratitude

†Hymn – #371

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

†Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #282

“The Family of God”

†Postlude

We Practice Open Communion . . .

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- All bread, on the altar and in the trays, is gluten-free
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups; for anyone not wishing to come forward, the pastors will serve you in your pew after the groups have been served
- At 10:30 worship, any communicants will be served in the pews 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking the elements at the direction of the pastors



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.

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.

Blessings to our Confirmands (being confirmed at 10:30 service) and Their Parents:



Bryce Beltz, son of Mark & Jodi Beltz
Braden Eichler, son of Nate & Tara Meyer & Dean Eichler
Emma Hall, daughter of Vond & Mary Hall
Tyler Hurst, son of Jeremy & Jen Hurst
Emma Nafziger, daughter of Eric & Sarah Nafziger
Karsen Pursel, daughter of Jason & Karla
Emily Walker, daughter of Steve & Kim Walker
Kenny Walker, son of Kenny & Amanda Walker
Hailey Wooley, daughter Bruce & Carrie Wooley



This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to us. I am so thankful for his institution of the Lord's Supper, for through the sacrament I remember he is my Lord and I am refreshed in my faith. Continue to pour out your power upon us as a church family, as we welcome the nine youth who have confessed their faith in You. As sisters and brothers in Christ, may we truly seek unity and fellowship, as we live for and worship You. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Velma Overmier and family in memory of Robert.



The Women's Sunday School Class is a very lively discussion group with gals from the ages of 18 to 80! All women are welcome to the group which meets in the South East classroom on the 2nd floor. June 3rd we will begin a biblical study and discussion of "A Voice in the Wind" by Francine Rivers. If you would like further information, feel free to call Jan Martinez at 419-799-1457.

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

Faith Village: We continued the unit entitled "Teach Us to Pray" which uses Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4 as its main Bible references. In this unit we are learning that there are many ways to talk to God, and that Jesus taught his disciples to pray a prayer that we still use today – the Lord's Prayer. How often do you talk to God? Once a day? More often? Less often?

Want to learn about how you can be rescued by God?

"Shipwrecked", VBS coming June 17-21st



VBS is open to any youth, ages 4 years old – 6th grade. We are still in need of volunteers and sign up sheets can be found outside of the Chapel along with registration forms. Registration can also be completed online through the church website. For more information, please contact Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger.

WEEK OF May 20th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	Confirmation/Pentecost
	8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall)
	3:00PM TGRM Chapel & Meal (Toledo)
	6:00PM Seeker's (Foote's)
Mon	11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM FISH Meeting (Chapel)
	7:30PM Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM Pastor's Meeting
	1:30PM Bingo at Fairlawn Haven
	4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM Community Meal (Hosted by Lockport Mennonite Church at Zion)
Wed	8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM Bible Study at West Haven
	7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	9:00AM Mending at Fairlawn Haven
Sun	Memorial Weekend/Graduation Sunday
	8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)



Next Sunday – May 27th - Memorial Weekend/Graduation Recognition

Sermon – "Steps of Faith" by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – John 17:6-11

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 \$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:

May 21 - Not Long Now!	Romans 8:18-39
May 22 - The Pain of Separation.....	Romans 9:1-18
May 23 - It's Just Not Fair!	Romans 9:19-29
May 24 - Outrageous Mercy.....	Romans 9:30-10:21
May 25 - There is Still Hope!	Romans 11:1-24
May 26 - The Limits of Understanding	Romans 11:25-36
May 27 - Wake Up	Psalm 108

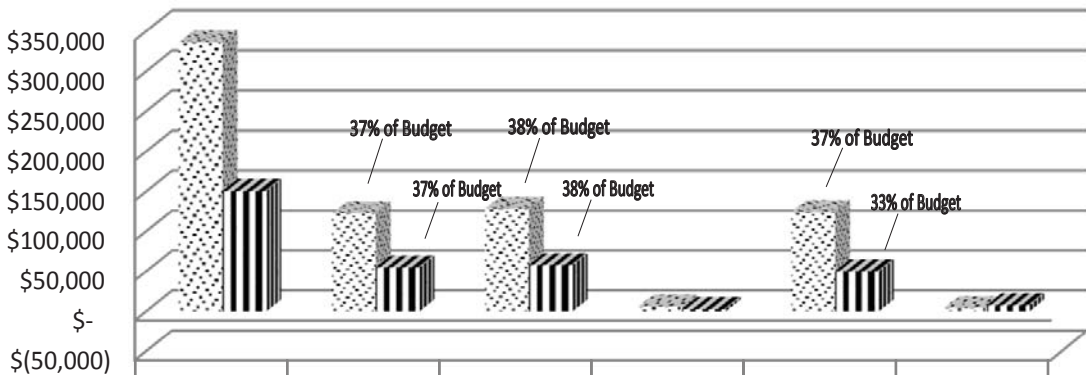
Sermon Notes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of around 6 volunteers for BINGO at Fairlawn on Tuesday, May 22 at 1:30. If are able to help out or have questions, please seen Elaine Winzeler.

May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street Mission

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of May 14, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (19/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$122,769.23	\$128,552	\$5,783	\$124,278	\$4,274
Missions	\$150,800	\$55,100	\$58,017	\$2,917	\$50,239	\$7,778

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of May 14, 2018 - \$596,667.66

The Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation refers to two aspects of ministry in the life of St. John's: 1) the two year educational program our 7th and 8th graders participate in, and 2) the service in which the second year confirmands confirm their belief and faith in Jesus Christ. The word confirm means to make firmer or stronger, to agree to. When a person is confirmed in the life of the church:

- They are making firmer or stronger the baptismal vows either their parents took for them, or they took for themselves, and they are agreeing to live by those vows all their life.
- God will make firmer and stronger claims upon them.
- Their membership in the church will be made firmer and stronger. They will become a full member, and will join in the Lord's Supper with all who have been confirmed before them.

The answer to question 122 in the Evangelical Catechism gives a summary of confirmation: Confirmation is the renewal of the baptismal covenant. The baptized children, having been instructed in the Christian faith, publicly confess their faith in their Savior Jesus Christ, promise obedience to him until death, and are received by the Church into active membership.

In Acts 8:9-17, Peter and John "confirmed" the baptism given by Philip: "Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. 12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

From this confirming act in the first-century church we observe the Rite of Confirmation today. Now at an age when they are old enough to confirm their own beliefs, these youth come before God and the church, that through their vows of confirmation, through prayer and the laying on of hands, these youth promise their life-long loyalty to the Lord.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Beverly Beaverson, who spent two nights at FCHC following a fall. She had her hip joint manipulated back into place and is in a brace, and is at Rupp Rehab.
- Terry Tangeman, Back Bay Mission volunteer from NW Ohio, who helps host our February trips while at BBM. He was in a recent accident and remains hospitalized, unconscious and on a respirator. Pray for him and his wife, Jeanette.
- Pastor Erich, scheduled for an MRI in the morning in regards to a herniated lumbar disc.
- Lois Heer, who is now in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Director of Music Ministry – be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord’s candidate.
- Worship Accompanists – pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- Mary Zimmerman, awaiting results from an MRI on May 17 regarding the tumor removed earlier.
- 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	(10:30)	Krayton Kern	
Ushers	(Head)	Dave Walker	
	(8:00)	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30)	Todd, Jill, Clay & Gabby Nafziger	
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Eric & Anna Yoder	(May 27) Justin & Carrie Yoder
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines	
Song Leader	(Both)	David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both)	Brad Roth	
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman	

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