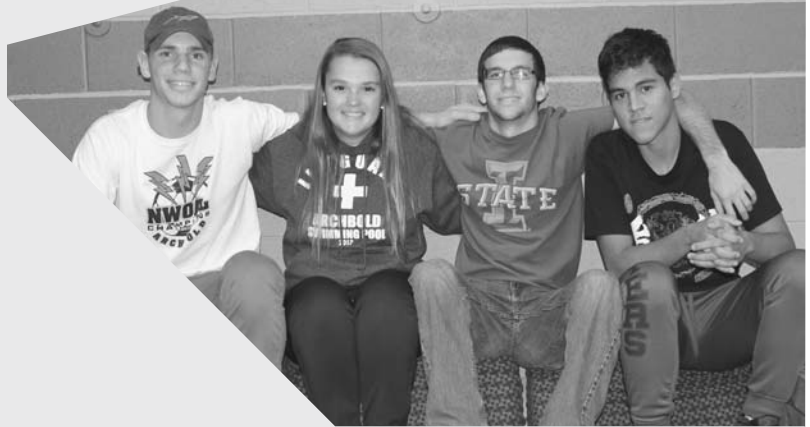




Hannah Grieser, Kendal Pursel

**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



*Caleb Wooley, Leah Hall, Adam Kinsman, Joshua Richardson*

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!  
Memorial Weekend  
Graduate Recognition**

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 37:5-6 (p. 552)

†Call to Worship

†Hymns of Praise – #82  
#191

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”  
“There is Power in the Blood”

Children’s Message

Graduate Recognition

Recognition of College Graduates

Recognition of High School Graduates

Blessing, Scripture and Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11 (p. 1070)

Sermon

“Steps of Faith”

Prayer of Dedication and Offering

Offertory

“Nearer, My God, To Thee”

†Closing Hymn – #66

“To God Be the Glory”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #66, refrain

“To God Be the Glory”

†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).

## **St. John's Christian Preschool**

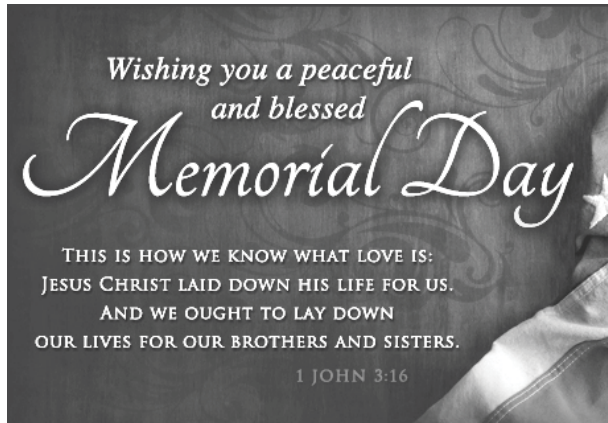
A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues./Thurs. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through May. More info is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **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.



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

Father God, on Memorial Day our country pauses to remember those who have died for us. We thank you for these men and women who have given their lives in the service of this country. We thank you for the many blessings we enjoy because of their sacrifices. We thank you also for Jesus, who also gave his life for us, and we thank you for all the blessings we have because of his sacrifice, including the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Help us to live our lives in such a way as to honor our Lord Jesus, and to bless those who should come after us. We praise you Father, in Jesus' name, amen.



**The Bulletins are sponsored by Rosemarie Schmidt  
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# Meet Our Graduates

## High School:

**Hannah Grieser**, daughter of Craig Grieser & Erin Grieser, graduated from Four County Career Center on May 22nd, 2018. Hannah is a licensed cosmetologist and looking for a salon in which to start her career.

**Leah Hall**, daughter of Vond & Mary Hall, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Leah plans to attend Grand Valley State University and major in Nursing.

**Adam Kinsman**, son of Rod & Joyce Kinsman, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Adam plans to attend Joliet Junior College and major in Agricultural Business.

**Kendal Pursel**, daughter of Jay & Karla Pursel, will graduate from Pettisville High School today. Kendal plans to attend Bethel College and major in Elementary Education.

**Joshua Richardson**, son of Shannon & Yesi Richardson, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Joshua has enlisted in the marines and plans on being an aviation mechanic.

**Caleb Wooley**, son of Bruce & Carrie Wooley, will graduate from Archbold High School today. Caleb plans to attend Huntington University and study Kinesiology, play soccer and work on campus as a tour/visit guide.

## College:

**Jeremy Mann**, son of Gary & Teresa, graduated from Bethel College on May 5th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Jeremy is starting his career in an intensive care unit in Indiana.

**Delaney Nofziger**, daughter of Mark & Tammy, graduated from Aquinas College on May 5th with a Degree in Elementary Education/Physical or Other Health Impairment. Delaney plans to move to Honduras to teach at Academia Los Pinares (an English speaking Christian school).

**Tyson Schnitkey**, son of Brent & Lynda, will graduate from Bowling Green State University in August with a Degree in Individualized Studies. Tyson has not yet decided on his future plans.

**Meridith Short**, daughter of Scott & JoAnn, will graduate from The University of Northwestern Ohio on June 10th with a degree in Agricultural Business. Meridith plans to continue working at Gerald Grain Center in Archbold and will be marrying Zach Meyer in August.

**Mondesi Walters**, daughter of Wendy Walters, graduated from Bethel College on May 5th with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sign Language Interpreting. Mondesi plans to move to Charleston, South Carolina to work as a sign language interpreter.

## Graduate School:

**Nicole Lehman**, graduated on May 6th from The Ohio State University with a Master's Degree in Social Work, specialization in school social work. Nicole plans to apply to some positions in the Columbus area and see where God leads her.

**Jennifer Lindsay**, daughter of Jon & Jan, will graduate from Ashland University on December 15th with a Master's Degree in Business, with a concentration in Human Resources. Jennifer plans to continue to work at Ashland University as the Assistant Director of Admissions until she decides her next steps.

**Dinah Rice**, daughter of Ron & Karen, will graduate from Bowling Green State University on August 4th with a Master's Degree in School Counseling. Dinah will work in Admissions until she decides her future plans.

**Alicia Salinas**, daughter of Dean Buckenmeyer and Evelyn Buckenmeyer, graduated with a PhD in Spanish literature last weekend from The University of Virginia. She is seeking a position at the University level.

**Ashley Short**, daughter of Joe & Sheryl, graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston College. Ashley and Dominic J. Mejia will be married in August.



## WEEK OF May 27th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon		Memorial Day - Office is closed
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastor's Meeting
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by Central Mennonite)
Wed	7:00PM	VBS Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
Thurs	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn Haven
Sat	9:00AM	Private Party (Parish Hall/ Kitchen)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Short's Pond)

**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 28 - Sleepers Awake .....	Joel 1:1-12
May 29 - Who's Crying Now? .....	Joel 1:13-20
May 30 - Dancing in the Dark .....	Joel 2:1-11
May 31 - Hard to Find a Good Heart.....	Joel 2:12-17
June 1 - Ain't that a Shame .....	Joel 2:18-32
June 2 - The Dawn Chorus .....	Joel 3:1-21
June 3 - Who Can Be Against Us? .....	Psalm 109

The Walk-In Assistance Fund enables our pastors to offer tangible support to those in our community who have hit hard times and turn to the church for help. One gentleman recently received financial support from St. John's and wanted to make sure our congregation was thanked for their generosity. Our pastors thank you too, because you enable us to minister not just in word, but in deed too!

***May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street  
Mission Ministries***

## **Imagine Your Faith Building**

As our practice over the past year has been to have our “Imagine Your Faith Building” Capital Campaign Second Offering on the fourth Sunday of each month, you’ll notice that we have no such offering included in this morning’s service. If you’d like to give your monthly Second Offering today, you certainly may place that in the offering plate this morning! We’ll resume having our Second Offering next month, June 24th.

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

**Faith Village:** We finished 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. What is one thing that you have learned about talking to God during this unit that you can put into practice this week?

**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 will meet in the Preschool Room for the summer. 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.



## **Shipwrecked VBS Coming June 17-21st**

It's not too late to sign up for this awesome, fun-filled adventure where we learn how we can be “Rescued by God”! There are paper registrations outside of the chapel and you can also register online @ [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org). VBS is open to any youth, ages 4 years old – 6th grade. Please see the bulletin board in the Chapel narthex where adults and older youth can sign up and help fill our remaining VBS staff needs.

*\*\*There will be a VBS staff meeting Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00PM in the Fireside room. Please come prepared to share what your lessons will be and with any questions you may have.*

## **Welcome Place Parkinson's Support Group**

The Area Office of Aging of Northwestern Ohio will present two informative programs at 1:00PM Tuesday, June 5th at St. Martin's Lutheran Church located at 203 S. Defiance St., Archbold. The first discussion will be on Caregivers and the second will describe the many additional services that the office provides, such as transportation, legal and financial assistance, safety, security, adult day care, housekeeping, home repair and much more. For more information, contact Bonnie Lauber at 419-445-9516.

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the political stability of the area; pray for their children, who have done well in school; pray for the greater sense of unity and reconciliation amongst island believers; pray for Megan’s health, as the pain in her back has returned.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for David and Blair, as their wedding is early this summer; pray for the transition from the end of the school year into summer church.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – pray for their team transitions, as one pastor moves to lead a church plant at Western Michigan University and another pastor moves to Toronto to start planting house churches on college campuses in the years to come.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for new partnership connections to complete their team this summer, and for endurance and motivation to report to campus come the fall.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray that the support and encouragement shared through our team’s recent visit continues to uphold them; pray for their wisdom and discernment as they serve the local church and the Bible College, that leadership would be united in Christ.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for spiritual growth, unity and cooperation in their work of disciple-making; pray seminars and training opportunities will produce fruit for the Kingdom; pray for the fall – they are already starting to make plans for programming.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH).
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – Pray for Courtney as she prepares to go on the church plant to Indiana University; for Molly as she transitions to full-time employment; for the women in our current cohort of Strategies for Success. Pray that they would finish strong and feel supported in their journey.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for the graduating seniors they’ve shared with, that they will continue to follow God and impact the world around them; pray for the six week experience they will be leading in Chicago this summer.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – praising God for even the smallest of ways He works – such as teaching the children how to brush their teeth, thus changing a mindset that seems so different, but in change comes new ways to share how much we love them as we love Christ. Thankful their children continue to live well in the DR.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – pray for new and continued support of their work which brings holistic health to the villagers – spiritual, physical, emotional...
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – besides praying for the children and staff of the home, pray for the folks traveling from the states to the home, June 21 – July 1, that they will bring both support and encouragement to all at KCH!
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for the upcoming summer leadership training experiences, for the on-going ministry of planting churches at other campuses, and for the ministry at UT over the course of the summer.

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Doris Rupp, who is at Fairlawn for a period of rehab due to back pain.
- Jean & Lenny Stamm, as Lenny was hospitalized in Toledo for two days this past week.
- Beverly Beaverson, who is a patient at Rupp Rehab, Fairlawn.
- Terry Tangeman, Back Bay Mission volunteer from NW Ohio, in a car accident and remains hospitalized, unconscious and on a respirator. Pray for him and his wife, Jeanette.
- Pastor Erich, who has been referred to a neurosurgeon for potential lower back surgery.
- Lois Heer, who is now in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Mary Zimmerman, who's MRI results were clear, and the tumor was all gone.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- Director of Music, pray God leads the right person to us, and for us to recognize her/him.
- Worship Accompanists – pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- 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, Coast Guard Academy, 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) Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30) Eric & Sarah Nafziger, Todd & Jill Nafziger	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Justin & Carrie Yoder	(June 3) Bruce & Carrie Wooley
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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