



Faith Village

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



JYF Fall Outing

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! Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 71:1-8 (p. 573)

Prelude

"The Power of Your Love"

†Hymns of Praise – #404
– #38

"The Solid Rock"
"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – *God of all creation, who in love made an everlasting covenant with us, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We confess that at times we have been willful and prideful. Have mercy on us, O God and forgive us. Return us from our waywardness to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen*

†Assurance of Pardon

†The Gloria Patri

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"Enough / 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13 (p. 1137)

Sermon

"The Preeminence of Love"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Be Glorified"

The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – *Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might know the fullness of God's love for us. In your spirit of compassion and humility, we make this offering. In your example of love and mercy, let us serve those in need in your name. Receive and bless our giving, we pray. Amen.*

†Closing Hymn – #542, vs. 1-3

"When We All Get to Heaven"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #542, v. 4

"When We All Get to Heaven"

†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.

Orientation Sessions

St. John's Christian Church Orientation Sessions – Interested in becoming a member of the congregation? Want to learn more about the faith, history and ministry of St. John's? Pastor Erich will be conducting orientation sessions starting Sunday, October 14th, beginning at 9:15am. Further sessions will be held at the same time on the 21st and 28th.

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.

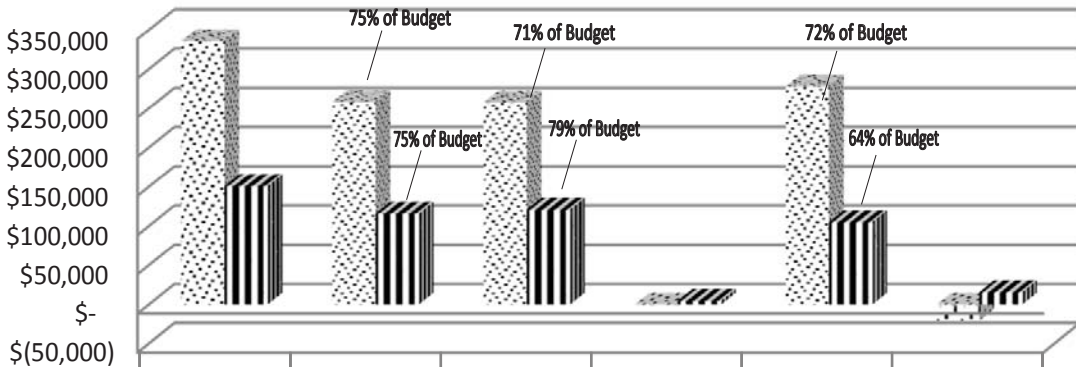
This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your working through the Apostle Paul, that we have many of his letters to learn from, that we might love as you want us to love. I pray for the power of your Spirit, that my love for you and your people would embody the qualities Paul cites in 1 Corinthians 13. As I continue to mature in knowledge and wisdom, may my love for you overflow in my life as I praise you and glorify you! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

There is a small group of people who have been praying daily for the Stephen Ministry and the leaders in our church. Every third Friday at 2:00PM, we meet in the home of Marvin Fish, 04725 Williams County Road 2275. If the Lord is calling you to pray for the Stephen Ministry, join us this Friday. We live 3/4 mile north of route 34 in Williams County. The phone number is 419-682-6644. Please do not use GPS.

Sermon Notes

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Oct. 10, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (40/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$258,461.54	\$257,738.00	\$(724)	\$278,376.00	\$(20,638)
Missions	\$150,800	\$116,000.00	\$120,995	\$4,995	\$105,156	\$15,839

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 10, 2018 - \$618,452.34 .

WEEK OF October 14th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Orientation Session (Pastor's Office)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal @ Zion Mennonite
	7:00PM	Preschool Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Discernment Team (Chapel)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF
Thurs	6:00PM	6th Grade Boys Basketball (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Worship Meeting (Pastor's Office)
Fri	2:00PM	Prayer for Stephen Ministry (Marvin Fish's Home)
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Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Oct/Nov/Dec 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%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

October 15 - Death For Life!	John 12:20-26
October 16 - Light of the World.....	John 12:27-36
October 17 - Unbelievable	John 12:37-50
October 18 - Love Service.....	John 13:1-17
October 19 - And it Was Night	John 13:18-30
October 20 - Let Love Rule.....	John 3:31-38
October 21 - He is for Us!	Psalm 124

Next Sunday – October 21

Sermon – “Prophecy” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 14:1-25



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

LOGOS: Third Grade: The 3rd grade studied about Noah and the flood in Genesis 6-9. We talked about how people who love God obey Him, like Noah did.

Fourth Grade: This week we looked at just one of many worship tools we have to use to help us worship - the hymnal. Using ours at SJCC, we looked at where the Apostles Creed is located and also how to find songs. Then we played a game using the hymnal to find the answers. **Fifth Grade:** We played a fun game of "Would You Rather" Bible Addition, to learn more about making choices - some are easy, some are hard, and we never know how it will turn out. Put our trust in God and he will guide us in the right path!

SHSS: Our lesson comes from Genesis 22; knowing that God calls His people to trust Him completely. Christ's sacrifice on the cross was permanent, "once and for all" (Heb. 10:10,14) to take away sins.

FAIRLAWN
Retirement Community

Fairlawn Auxiliary Fund Raiser
Monday October 15
Samuel Mancino's
106 Defiance St., Archbold



October Mission-A-Month *Operation Christmas Child*

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. This month, we are collecting items to be included in cardboard boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please pick up a box here at the church and use a label from one of the envelopes on the table in the sanctuary narthex to signify on the box if it is for a boy or girl. Place your packed box in or near the white mission box outside the chapel. Or you can just purchase items to be included in boxes that will be packed later. Some suggestions for shoe box items are listed below (or go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/):

Please bring boxes back by October 28. Please do NOT include food, stuffed animals, or toothpaste, as these items are not allowed to be sent. Donations would be greatly appreciated! We are trying to raise \$2500 to send 200 boxes. See Leah Miller or Callie Rohrs for more information.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the team, for healing and peace after an emotionally exhausting time; pray for them as they evaluate what tasks the team can fully manage; pray for teammates who had to return home, that God would be watching over them.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for the fruitfulness of their early contacts with students – the 400 interest cards completed and the 100 students who wanted further conversation with a staff member. Pray for David and the team as they follow up with them all.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – pray for Kyle as he continues to serve as a lead pastor of the ministry, especially in the preaching of the Word.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – Praising God for the completion of their needed support, meaning they are on campus now! Pray for their outreach to new and returning students, that their initial contacts and conversations yield fruit in the student's lives.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for them as they mourn the passing of Leila's father; pray for their continued health and stamina as they minister in their primary ministries – the local church, the Bible College, and the student outreach program.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for their ministry and family life.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray that her recent time in China provided administrative and ministry organization, that the house parents continue to enjoy their ministry, and for the children of the house, that their physical and spiritual needs are met.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – She Has A Name (SHAN) – Whitney is now full time with SHAN, an anti-human trafficking ministry. Pray for her staff transition, for the college students who will be volunteering with her at SHAN, and for her as she balances life and ministry.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray God would continue to grow and equip student leaders, pray for the one year ministry team sent to Brazil.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – Praising God for how He opens the hearts of people – a woman who had steadfastly refused to hear and respond, suddenly contacted Becky and has now come to Christ! Pray for the people who attended a recent drama presentation, that the Gospel would continue to work upon their hearts.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray their new initiatives in community-based diabetes prevention and management provide further health and stability; pray for the success of their new Etsy Page to sell Helping Hands products, generating further funding for their ministries; pray for their new Elon University Fellow for 2018-2019.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Praising God for the completion of a multi-purpose building on campus! Pray for the expanded tutoring program for all primary grades, that each child will be blessed through this additional assistance. Pray for the children.
- ✠ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – CRU at Grace International School – continue to pray for peace and joy as the chaotic transition into a new culture and teaching career unfolds; pray for strong community and collaboration with Cru and the teaching team; pray that her students would grow in understanding of what it is to walk with Jesus.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for the ministry initiatives of the fall semester, thanking the Lord for the new interactions with students.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Bob DeVries returned home on Wednesday! Praise the Lord for his healing powers, and let's continue to pray for Bob and Carol as his rehab continues.
- Ryan Christman, showing steady improvement, waiting for further word at his Nov. 1 appt.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, left for Marine boot camp on August 6th (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Jack Hurst	(10:30) Cameron Yoder
Ushers	(Head) Jay Pursel	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Pursel Family, Mark & Tammy Nofziger	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Justin & Carrie Yoder	(Oct.21) Chris & Amy Baden
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(Both) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Children's Moment	(Both) Deb Kauffman	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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