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



*Palm Sunday*

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! Mother's Day

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.*

*Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Ephesians 4:1-6 (p. 1158)

Prelude

"Our God"

*A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.*

†Hymn of Praise – #4 (Brown Hymnal)

"O Worship the King"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – ***Generous God, you have given us so much! Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We hoard when we could be generous and doubt when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.***

†Hymn Response – #588

"We Have Come Into His House"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Mother's Day Tribute

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

Special Music

Klaire Kern

"Dream Small"

Zoë Castillo – Drums

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:21 – 6:4 (p. 1159 –1160)

†Sermon Hymn – #277

"The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon

"Family – Love & Support"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"He Knows My Name"

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – ***God of blessing, empowerment and strength, we lovingly give to you in accordance with what you have given us. We long to feel the empowerment and confidence that can only be found in communion with you. Use our offerings and us to reach out to others with energy and inspiration. Amen.***

†Closing Hymn – #29

"Glorify Thy Name"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #606

"Grace, Love and Fellowship"

†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 at the south end of our building or our website 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 morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September through May. More information is available at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

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

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just 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 "loop system" switch position.

**Congregational Prayer** - Gracious and Merciful Lord, as I bow in prayer before you, I want to thank you for being my heavenly father, for placing me in my church family, that I might better know your love and peace and joy, as well as knowing your correction and my need to submit to your will for my life. As your creation continues to spring forth in new life, blossoming into the wonder and beauty of growth, so may my heart be refreshed through the wonder and blessing of your word. I praise you and thank you, Lord, for your recreation of my soul. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## *May Mission-A-Month*

The Sparrow's Nest

CHERRY ST.  
MISSION MINISTRIES

The month of May gives us an opportunity to donate toward the Cherry Street Mission Ministries, which includes Sparrow's Nest. Cherry Street and Sparrow's Nest provide more than food, clothing, and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one mentorship. Cherry Street provides nearly 900 meals to guests and members of the community in need every day. Besides monetary donations (noted on your offering envelope or check as "May M-A-M"), they are always in need of the items posted by the mission collection box across from the chapel. (This is also where items can be dropped off).

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

**SHSS:** Our lesson focuses on The Wisdom of a Deliverer. Looking at how God equips His people with gifts to be used for His glory and for their good. Scripture comes from Judges 4-5.

## Stephen Ministries

It's hard to find anything that is unconditional. Everything seems to have strings attached to it. Yet God's love is unconditional – we don't have to earn it or achieve anything to receive it. At times, however, we feel quite removed from God's unconditional love. We can feel guilty, undeserving, or downright "unlovable." At those times, a Stephen Minister can help. They are trained to listen and care in a non judgmental way, focusing on letting Christ's unconditional love flow through them and into your life. If you have been struggling with guilt or feeling unlovable, a Stephen Minister can bring about a change.

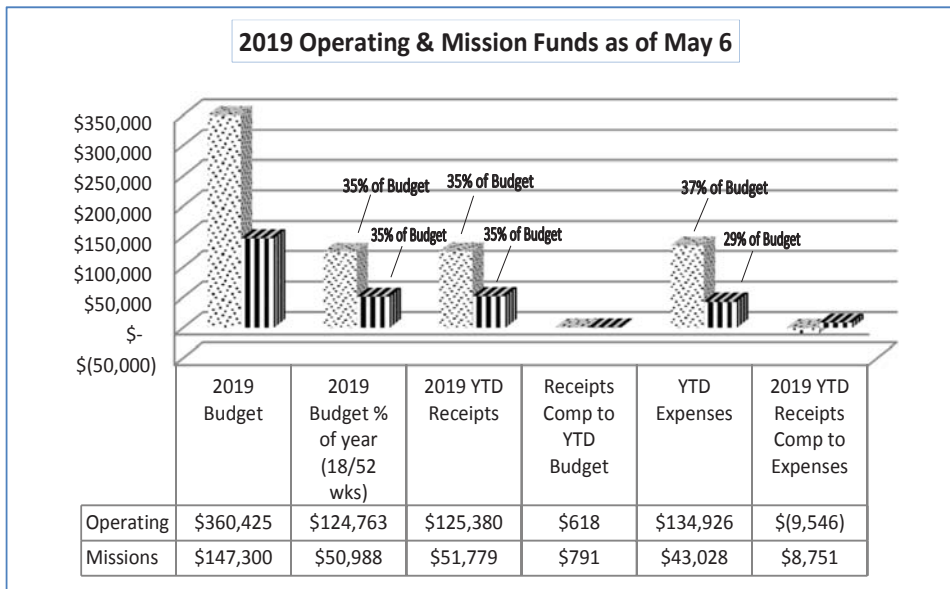
### "Farm Fresh Faith" VBS



Mark your calendars for June 23rd - 27th from 6:00-8:30pm! Online registration can be done on our website or paper registrations can be found outside of the chapel. Please be in prayer about helping out with VBS this year, as we are in search of volunteers to fill a variety of positions. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the Chapel. Questions? See Kisha Genter or Bri Krukowski

## Community Burger Bash

The Community Burger Bash is Sunday, May 19. They will be serving Brookview Burgers in Rauhley Park 11-1. Free-will donation for the picnic lunch benefits Growing Hope Globally.



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of May 6, 2019 - \$704,626.21

## WEEK OF May 12 At ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mother's Day 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Seeker's (Short's Pond)
Mon	11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office) 6:30PM Stephen Ministry (Chapel) 7:00PM Preschool Graduation 8:30PM Praise Band Rehearsal
Tues	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room) 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Hosted by AAMA) 7:00PM Discernment Team (Chapel) 7:00PM Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom) 7:00PM SYF (Senior High Room) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Fireside Room) 7:00PM Confirmation Practice 7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	11:30AM Third Thursday Lunch (Parish Hall) 7:00PM Accounting Working Group (Fireside Room)
Sun	Confirmation Sunday 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30AM Parents' meeting for youth attending the SYF Mission Trip 3:00PM TGRM Chapel & Meal

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – 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 Discovery](http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading%20Discovery). Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

May 13 - Build One Another Up.....	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
May 14 - Listen To the Spirit .....	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
May 15 - The Heart of Worship.....	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
May 16 - Life for All.....	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
May 17 - Death Defeated .....	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
May 18 - Church in Action.....	1 Corinthians 16:1-24
May 19 - Worship the King.....	Psalm 2

# **SERMON NOTES**

## **“Family - Love and Support”**

**Next Sunday – May 19 - Confirmation**

**Sermon – “Doing What the Word Says To Do” by Pastor Erich Christman**

**Scripture – James 1:19-27**

## Monthly Spotlight on Missionaries SJCC Supports



Meet Robert & Jenni McMahan  
Cru  
Bowling Green State University

Cru is focused on helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others to the body of Christ

Robert & Jenni are in their first full year of being on staff with Cru at BGSU. SJCC began supporting them in 2017 as they responded to God's call and began raising support. They reached out to SJCC through a connection with a family of the congregation.

Recent Updates and Prayer Requests:

- Jenni is in a leadership role of assisting in advising the staff team to bridge the gap between the previous director and the next, yet to come director.
- Pray for the staff culture they are striving to create as they adapt their strategies to engage a radically new generation of college students.
- Pray for team unity.
- Pray for the strengthening of meaningful relationships with the student community.
- Pray for the end of the semester, for students remaining on campus, for students returning home or going elsewhere for the summer, and for the graduates moving into the workforce, or on to further education.

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

- Wayne Spiess, recovering at Rupp Rehab after successful hip surgery after a fall last week.
- Jon Rupp is recovering well from his heart surgery.
- Shiela Short is in a rehab/treatment center in Florida and making slow progress.
- Larry Rupp was able to make a recent trip to Kajiado Children's Home and that was a blessing as he works through treatment options.
- Sue Grieser continues through cancer treatments, almost through first half of the first round.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire, as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Afghanistan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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).
- David Richardson, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (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) Ian Grime	(10:30) Carly Grime
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(10:30) Dave & Page Miller, Michael & Karen Walker	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jay & Karla Pursel	(May 19) Bruce & Carrie Wooley
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Children's Moment	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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