



Jane Short

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



Karen & Ron Rice

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! Nineteenth 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.*

*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

John 3:16-17 (p. 1052)

Prelude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Call to Worship

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise – #395, brown

"In Christ There is No East or West"

†(10:30) Praise Songs

"Your Grace is Enough"

"Build My Life"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Gideon Presentation

Jon Rupp, Fulton County Gideon

Children's Message

(10:30) Junior Choir

"Psalm 19"

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

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26 (p. 1071)

†Sermon Hymn – #283

"We Are God's People"

Sermon

"Harmony"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #284

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #602, verse 1

"God Be With You"

†Postlude

†Exit Offering in support of the Gideon Ministry

# 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** – Father, as we read the words of Jesus' prayer in John 17, when he prayed for all believers, I am so grateful that Jesus made you known to the world, to us, to me! We may often pray for unity, and we may even work at being unified for a time, but may our prayers for unity increase, may our efforts towards harmony and being one with you and each other receive a renewed focus from us all. Guide and fill us with the power and harmony of your Spirit, Lord, that we all would see your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of  
Jane Short's 102nd birthday by her family.



## ***October Mission-A-Month - Operation Christmas Child***

**Next Sunday – October 27, 2019**

Sermon – “Is it Really That Hard?” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Luke 11:1-13

## **Get Acquainted Luncheon – Today at 12:00pm**

New to St. John's Christian Church? Want to find out more about this church and congregation? Been coming for a while and interested in membership orientation classes? Pastor Erich invites you to a luncheon following the 10:30am service today. We'll enjoy a simple meal and table fellowship and get to know one another.

## **Church Movie Night**

The Fellowship committee is hosting a Movie Night on October 27th. They will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, drinks and condiments prior to showing the movie. All are invited to bring a dish to share. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with the movie following the meal. We will be showing the movie "Miracles from Heaven". Come for an evening of games and fellowship.

## **reviveOHIO – Fulton County**

Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The October 25th – 31st Revive Event is an opportunity for Christians to live out the Great Commission Jesus shares in Matthew 28. Pastor Erich will be attending many of the morning, afternoon and evening activities and encourages everyone to attend one or more of the training and outreach, testimonies and worship times. If you'd like to ride along with Erich, just let him know!

There is a need for housing of Revive volunteers and helping with the children's ministry being offered each evening. If you could house someone for 1 to 6 nights, providing just a bed and bath, please contact Erich. Or if you could help with the children's ministry one or more of the evenings, from 6pm to 8:30pm, let Erich know and he'll get you connected. There is no prep needed for the children's ministries, though every volunteer needs to have a background check.

**ADVENT?** You must be kidding! Autumn has just arrived and you want me to think Christmas? Each year I look forward to the Advent Devotional. I hope you anticipate these writings as much as I do.

I am asking YOU to consider contributing one of the readings...you do NOT need to be a great writer, simply provide a one page message (250 to 350 words) that comes from your heart. The words may be your own, or may be some quotes from the Bible or some other publication... just let the Holy Spirit guide your thoughts.

Please contact Nancy Rupp if you can help with this project. Phone number is 419-572-9885 (cell), or email [Nrupp47@yahoo.com](mailto:Nrupp47@yahoo.com).

## WEEK OF October 20 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

|      |         |   |
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| Sun  | 8:00AM  | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                   |
|      | 9:15AM  | Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School                  |
|      | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                   |
|      | 10:45AM | Jr. Church  |
|      | 12:00PM | Get Acquainted Luncheon                                       |
| Mon  | 6:30PM  | Revive Ohio Prayer -Crossroads                                |
|      | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed)                                 |
|      | 4:00PM  | Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)                |
|      | 6:15PM  | Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)                             |
| Tues | 7:30PM  | Consistory (Fireside Room)                                    |
|      | 7:15AM  | YFC Bible Study (AMS)   |
|      | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                                   |
|      | 4:00PM  | Laundry Buddy Ministry  |
|      | 5:00PM  | Community Meal (Meal by St. Martin's Lutheran Church) at Zion |
| Wed  | 7:00PM  | CE Team (Chapel)  |
|      | 7:00PM  | Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)                          |
|      | 8:30AM  | Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)                          |
|      | 9:00AM  | Bible Study at W. Haven                                       |
|      | 5:50PM  | LOGOS/JYF   |
| Fri  | 7:00PM  | SYF   |
|      | 7:30PM  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                                       |
| Fri  | 5:00PM  | Wedding Rehearsal   |
| Sat  | 3:00PM  | Wedding   |
| Sun  | 8:00AM  | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                   |
|      | 9:15AM  | Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School                  |
|      | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary)                                   |
|      | 5:00PM  | Fellowship Committee Movie Night                              |

**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%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

October 21 - You Are Family..... 2 Timothy 1:1-7  
October 22 - Ashamed?..... 2 Timothy 1:8-18  
October 23 - Gospel Work is Hard Work ..... 2 Timothy 2:1-13  
October 24 - Teach, Avoid, Correct..... 2 Timothy 2:14-26  
October 25 - Dark Days Ahead..... 2 Timothy 3:1-9  
October 26 - All-Sufficient Scripture..... 2 Timothy 3:10-17  
October 27 - Fling Wide the Gates!.....Psalm 24

**Scripture – John 17:20-26**

**Sermon Title – “Harmony”**

**John 17**

- Jesus prays for himself (1-5)
- Jesus prays for his disciples (6-19)
- Jesus prays for all believers (20-26)

**John 17:21**

- “that all of them may be one” – “just as you are in me and I am in you”
- “that the world may believe that you have sent me”



TELL ME, I'll forget.  
SHOW ME, I'll remember.  
INVOLVE ME, I'll understand.



IN ONLY A FEW MEMORABLE HOURS, UNDERSTAND,  
LIKE NEVER BEFORE, 4,000 YEARS OF LIFE CHANGING,  
GODLY WISDOM.



**Where: St. John's Christian Church  
700 S. Defiance St. Archbold**  
**When: Friday, Nov. 1 - 7:00PM to 9:15PM  
Saturday, Nov. 2 - 9:00AM to Noon**

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

- Sharon VonDeylen, who was hospitalized earlier this week.
- Mary Lou Nemire as she is dealing with some recent health issues.
- Ella Yoder as she recovers from recent surgery on her arm.
- Susanne Spiess as she has returned to her assisted living apartment.
- Audrey Smith as she is in hospice care at home.
- Mike Henry and the potential donor as they both patiently wade through the kidney transplant process.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (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).
- 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) Cameron Yoder             |
| Ushers             | (Head) Jay & Karla Pursel                        |                                   |
|                    | (10:30) The Pursel Family, Craig & Jenny Grieser |                                   |
|                    | (8:00) Jim Grieser                               |                                   |
| Nursery Staff      | (10:30) Chris & Amy Baden                        | (October 27) Ryan & Devin Bernath |
| Sound Tech         | (Both) James Grime                               |                                   |
| Video Tech         | (10:30) Dean Sauder                              |                                   |
| Children's Message | (Both) JoAnn Short                               |                                   |
| Computer Tech      | (Both) Tom Hines                                 |                                   |
| Song Leader        | (Both) Mike Meyers                               |                                   |
| Accompanist        | (Both) Lynne Christman                           |                                   |

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