

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Have a blessed New Year!

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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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.

January 5, 2020

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God! Epiphany Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Ephesians 5:1-2 (p. 1159)

Prelude

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

†Call to Worship

L: A new day has dawned, a new year has begun.

P: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

L: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

P: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

L: May we enter this new year with hope and excitement.

P: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

A: O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.

†(8:00) Hymn – #349

"Trust and Obey"

†(10:30) Praise Songs

"Rise Up and Praise Him"

"Everywhere I Go"

†The Apostles' Creed

†The Gloria Patri

Children's Message

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

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Thankful Medley"

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-18 (p. 1205)

(8:00) Sermon Hymn – #92

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"Arise All Ye People"

Sermon

"Customizing Faith"

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation

Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession – **God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, hear our prayers as this New Year begins. Lord, we confess the sins that we've thought or done, seeking Your heavenly forgiveness, seeking to be cleansed, to be washed anew through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. Through this sacrament, may Your Spirit transform our souls and our lives and strengthen our relationship with You. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Words of Institution and Prayer of Blessing

(10:30) Praise Band
Sharing of the Elements
Communion Blessing

“Remembrance”

†Hymn – #166, verses 1- 4

“We Three Kings”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #166, v. 5

“We Three Kings”

†Postlude

We Practice Open Communion . . .

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- Gluten-free bread is served in the trays of the bread
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time



Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God’s love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

St. John’s Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year (September through May) begins on January 1st. Starting with the new school year, we will offer three sessions: Tues/Thurs morning and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon. More information is available at 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 – Lord, it is with praise and thanksgiving that I bow before you this day. Thank you for guiding us to thy perfect light through the revelation of Your Son and Your Word! Continue to reveal to me your path for my life. I open my heart to the leading of Your Spirit, that I would be filled and be a reflector of your love, your grace, your forgiveness. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Scripture – 2 Peter 3:1-18

Sermon Title – “Customizing Faith”

2 Peter 3 – Key Verses of Today’s Reading:

1. Verse 1 – “...to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.”
2. Verse 3 – “...you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.”
3. Verses 8-9 – “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
4. Verses 11-12 – “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.”
5. Verse 14 – “...make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.”
 - a. 1 Peter 1:19 – “...the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”
 - b. Romans 5:1 – “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,...”

Points

1. Stimulating wholesome thinking
2. Scoffers
3. Patience and Repentance
4. Living holy and godly lives
5. Every effort – spotless, blameless, at peace (with him)

WEEK OF January 5 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Preschool Open House for St. John's Church
	1:00PM	Taking Down Decorations
	6:00PM	Seeker's
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Preschool Open House for the Community
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted at SJCC, meal by St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
	7:00PM	SYF Leader's Meeting (SYF Room)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning
Thurs	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	1:00PM	Revive Ohio Outreach (SJCC)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village
	9:15AM	DR Trip Mission Meeting
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

January 6 - A Helping Hand Ecclesiastes 4:1-12
 January 7 - Slow to Speak..... Ecclesiastes 4:13-5:7
 January 8 - How Much is Enough? Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12
 January 9 - It's Not Fair! Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
 January 10 - Whispering Wisdom Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:9
 January 11 - Planning for the Unknown..... Ecclesiastes 11
 January 12 - Under Attack Psalm 35

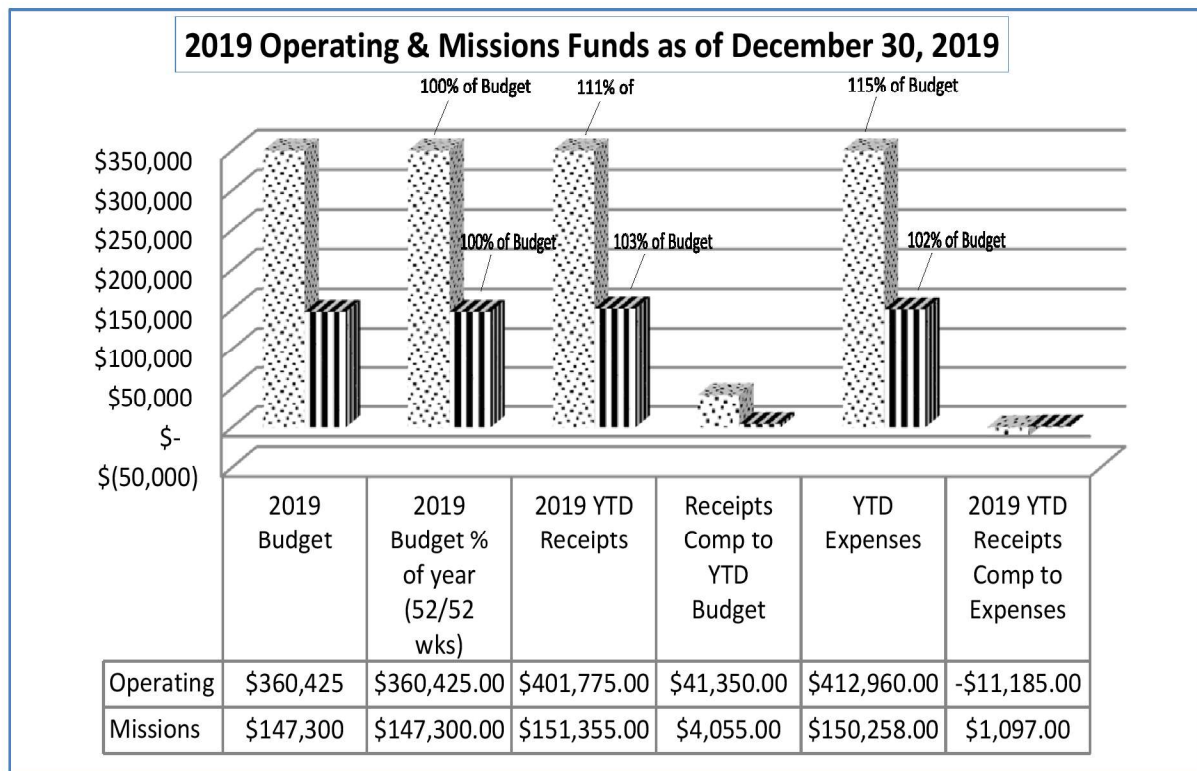
Next Sunday – January 12, 2020

Sermon – “Redeeming Ruth” by Pastor Alex Young
 Scripture – Ruth 1-4

2020 Community Meals

We're about to commence serving these meals for the 10th year! In 2019, an average of 188 people enjoyed food and fellowship each week. The meals are served on Tuesdays, from 5pm to 6pm. The meals are held at SJCC from January through March and July through September and at Zion Mennonite Church April through June and October through December. That means the meals are coming back to SJCC beginning on January 7th, so once again we are praying for and seeking volunteers to help set up before, serve during and clean up after each meal, as well as serve on one of our meal teams.

Meal teams from SJCC will serve up to 12 meals throughout the year, being responsible to choose the menu, purchase the ingredients (using budgeted funds), prepare the meal, serve the meal, and help clean up from the meal. We need people to help with table set-up (either on Monday afternoon/evening or Tuesday afternoon) and table take-down (Tuesday evenings), as well as sweeping the floor. We rely on a team of 5 to 8 to help with bussing tables, washing dishes, washing pots and pans, and putting everything away. Volunteers can serve however they want – once a month, four times a month, with just the tables, just the serving or just the cleanup. Talk with Pastor Erich if you're interested!



Congregational Annual Meeting – January 19, 2020

The special Sunday morning schedule for the 19th will be:

9:00am Sunday School Hour

10:00am Worship

11:15am Annual Meeting

12:15pm Lunch served by the SYF

Business at the Annual Meeting will include:

- Approval of 2019 Financial Reports
- Consideration of 2020 Proposed Budgets
- Action on the 2020 Election Ballot, which is as follows:
 - o Congregational President – Gary Frazier (2nd Term)
 - o Congregational Secretary – Missy Warncke (1st Term)
 - o Elder (Elect 2)
 - ☐ Ryan Christman
 - ☐ Robert DeVries
 - o Deacon/Deaconess (Elect 3)
 - ☐ Jim Grieser
 - ☐ Jan Lindsay
 - ☐ Crissi Stuckey

(Nominations from the floor will be accepted, with prior consent from the nominee)

(The Church Constitution states that the names of two or more nominees for each office of Elder and Deacon shall be presented, and one or more nominees for each office of congregational President and Congregational Secretary shall also be presented. After a lengthy nomination process and many calls, the Nominating Committee has only been able to secure consent from the above listed people.)

- Consideration of a Facility Committee proposal

Packets for the Annual Meeting will be available next Sunday, January 12th.

January Mission-A-Month

Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits:

St. John's Preschool will be hosting an Open House for church members today from 12-1pm. Tomorrow evening, we will hold an Open House for the community from 7-8pm. Stop in and see what we are all about, and please pass this information along to family and friends with young children!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jack Stover is recovering well from the stroke he suffered. He continues to go through physical and speech therapy and is back to driving! He and Barb are grateful for the prayers!
- Dale VonDeylen has learned he has a mass on one of his kidneys and is awaiting further testing and medical appointments.
- Sandy Miller is recovering from surgery for the removal of cancer cells.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from a second surgery on her elbow.
- Emma Hall continues to recover at home from recent hip surgery.
- Audrey Smith remains a resident at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Suffolk, VA (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) Cahle Roth	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(10:30) Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Emily Walker	(January 12) Jenny Young
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Worship Leader	(Both) Tammy Nofziger	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Emma Nafziger, Sarah Nafziger, Norm Fether, Todd Nafziger, Lynne Christman and Buffy Riley	

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