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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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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.

January 7, 2018

8:00 & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God! First Sunday After Epiphany

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 18:1-3 (p. 539)

Prelude

“Our God/Immortal, Invisible”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*; A–All)

L: In his distress, David called out to the Lord, crying for help.

P: And the Lord heard his cries, and David proclaimed his love for the Lord.

L: David sang his praise to the Lord as he was delivered from his enemies.

P: I sing praise to the Lord, for he rescues me from sin, and shelters me in his love.

L: Let us join our voices in praise of the Lord, our fortress, deliverer and rock of refuge.

† Hymn – #404

“The Solid Rock”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Children’s Message

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Amazed, I Stand Amazed”

Special Music

Lynne Christman & Sarah Nafziger

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (p. 1136)

† Sermon Hymn – #275

“How Firm a Foundation”

Sermon

“Worthiness Through Christ”

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation and Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession: *Lord, we confess that at times we wander from your will and way. We can forget about living out your righteousness and justice. We can neglect the needs of those near us and be unmindful of the hurts and pains of brothers and sisters around the world. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to journey into this New Year with love and peace. We thank you for your forgiveness and grace. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Elements and Communion Blessing

† Hymn – #339

“Since I Have Been Redeemed”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #601, v. 1

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

† 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.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Open House for our SJCC family is next Sunday, January 7th at noon in the preschool room; and for the community on Monday, January 8th at 7PM in the preschool room. Online registration will begin on January 16th at 8AM.

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 through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, I want to thank you for shining your light upon me, that through your Word I am able to examine my own sense of faith. Forgive me for giving into the tempting call to judge others, thus seemingly seeing myself in a better light. Approaching the sacrament causes me to take a deeper look of myself, and I discover once again my own unworthiness. I'm thankful for the grace of Jesus Christ, for in the sacrifice of his body and blood, I am able to be cleansed. Lord, may your Spirit fill me with greater wisdom and courage as I resolve to follow you more closely. Thank you, Father. Amen.

We Practice Open Communion . . .

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- 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

2017 Giving Statements – Giving statements will be printed and on a table in the sanctuary narthex next Sunday, January 14th. Please contact the church office if you would like a digital copy forwarded to you via e-mail.

2018 Offering Envelopes – Please note there are still a few 2018 offering envelopes to be picked up on a table in the sanctuary narthex (arranged alphabetically by last name). If you did not find a box with your name on it and you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office and a box will be assigned to you.

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

Pre-K Class: Today we focused on the miracle of how Jesus healed the sick.

Faith Village: We finished the unit entitled "Journey to Bethlehem" which used Luke 2:1-21 and Micah 5:2-5a as its references. People in Bible times waited with anticipation for the coming of the Savior. During Advent, we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of the promised Savior, Jesus. Now that Christmas is over, how can you continue to celebrate the gift of Jesus for the rest of the year?

Confirmation: Confirmands studied 2 Samuel 7:4-16 as they explored the kingship of David. What makes a good leader? David wanted to build a temple for the Lord, but God said he was not the one to build it. How did David respond to that?

Senior High Sunday School: We took a look at the 10 commandments. NOTE: Starting Sunday January 14th and each Sunday after through and including February 4th, we will be teaching Faith Village.

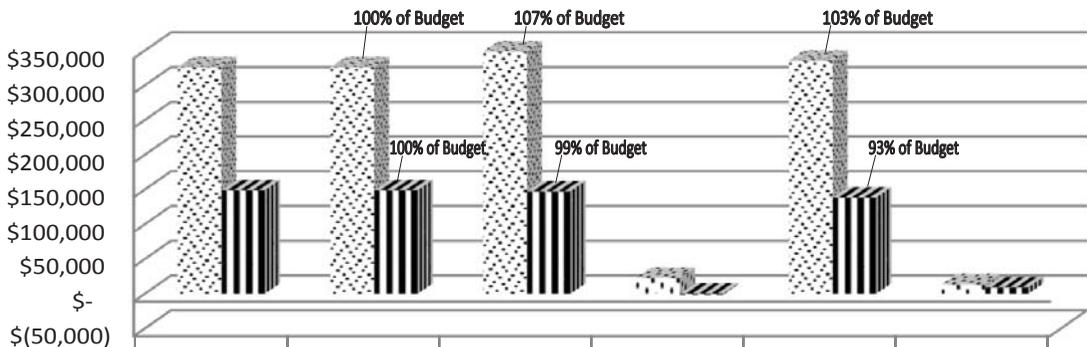
LOGOS/JYF/SYF: All will resume next Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

2018 Annual Congregational Meeting: The Consistory set the date of our Annual Congregational Meeting for January 21st. That Sunday morning schedule will be:

- 9:00AM Sunday School Hour
- 10:00AM Worship
- 11:15AM Annual Meeting
- 12:15AM Lunch served by the SYF

Initial Annual Meeting packets are on a table in the sanctuary narthex - one per family please. Addendums will be available next Sunday, January 14th.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of December 31, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 52/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$325,850	\$348,645	\$22,795	\$335,142	\$13,502
Missions	\$148,800	\$148,800	\$147,331	\$(1,469)	\$138,325	\$9,006

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 31, 2017 - \$568,858.44

WEEK OF JAN 7TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Preschool Open House – Church Family (Preschool Room)
	5:00PM	Couples Small Group (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Small Group (Bowling in Napoleon)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Preschool Open House – Public (Preschool Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Acts 9 (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC (B & K) Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Everybody's Birthday Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room - Then Sledding!)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
Thurs	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	SYF Mission Trip Meeting (Chapel)

Next Sunday – January 14 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “Foundations of Ministry” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Acts 2:42-47

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar 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>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 8 - One Man and His God	1 Samuel 7:2-17
January 9 - Cross-Purposes	1 Samuel 8:1-22
January 10 - Divine Appointment	1 Samuel 9:1-27
January 11 - Chosen King	1 Samuel 10:1-27
January 12 - Stepping Up	1 Samuel 11:1-15
January 13 - Moving On	1 Samuel 12:1-25
January 14 - At All Times	Psalms 92

January Mission-A-Month

Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jean Stamm, whose sister, Bonnie Robison, passed away on January 3rd.
- Phil Spiess, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo undergoing tests.
- Esther Rice, who is rehabbing from a stroke.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Dorothy Miller, as she continues to recover from her recent cancer treatment.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (new address: PFC Bostelman, TF 3 Geronimo, Bagram AF, APO AE 09354).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam.
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska.
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed in Korea.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- 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) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Jay & Karla Pursel	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Chris & Amy Baden	(Jan 14) Ryan & Devin Bernath
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship Leader	(Both) Tammy Nofziger	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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