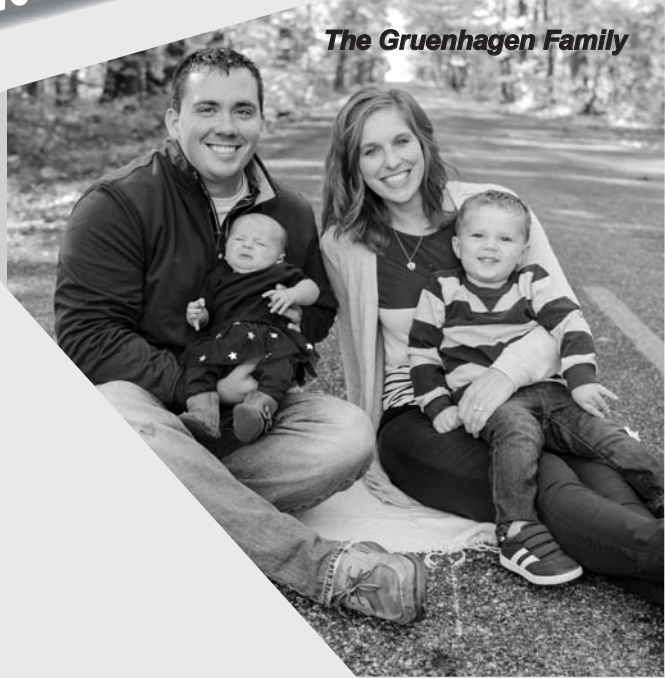




Back Bay Mission Trip

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



The Gruenhagen Family

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.

Welcome to our Worship of God!

First Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Prelude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee/More Than Wonderful”

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

1 Chronicles 16:34-36 (p. 590)

† Call to Worship (Drawn from Psalm 25)

L: God, our Savior, our hope is in You, we praise You in our worship, aware of Your glory.

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

L: Good and upright is the Lord, He instructs us as sinners in His ways, guiding us into what is right and teaching us His way.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

L: Blessed with Your great mercy and love, O Lord, we come to worship You, as Your humble and faithful people we come before You now.

† Hymn of Praise– #76, red

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

† Unison Prayer of Confession – ***God, You who are gracious and merciful, hear our prayers. We have talked much about faith yet have been slow to take its risk; we have lauded forgiveness yet have been miserly in giving it; we have praised truth yet have fudged our own integrity; we have extolled love yet have placed conditions on our loving. Faithful God, by your Spirit enter the secret corners of our soul and there expose, counsel, cleanse and reform us. Forgive us until forgiveness is such a part of us that it will become our way of life as we live with those around us. In the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.***

† The Gloria Patri

† Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Hand Chime Choir

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Message

(10:30) Hand Bell Choir

“How Firm a Foundation”

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

† (8:00) Hymn – #409

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Karlie Beth Gruenhagen, Daughter of Travis & Mindy

The Apostles’ Creed

Scripture – Proverbs 31:25: “She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs with no fear of the future.”

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: ***You are baptizing your daughter, Karlie, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Karlie and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.***

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-20

Sermon

“Cleansing the Heart”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #345

“Blessed Assurance”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #345, refrain

†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.

Membership Orientation

St. John’s Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Kelly Stahl know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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.

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:

In a prayerful mindset, read Romans 8:10: “But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

Christ, my Lord, I bow in humbleness before you as you sit on the throne of the Most High! By your willing sacrifice you have enabled my spirit to be alive, you have replaced the deadliness of sin with the power of your righteousness! Praise be to you, Lord, for the joy of life and the peace that fills my soul come from you. Thank you, Lord, for the assurance that you are alive! Praise be to God. Amen.

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

Pre-K Class:

Faith Village: We continued the unit entitled, "Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus". The story is found in John 12:1-8. Mary understood that to be Jesus's follower means to love and serve others. How can you serve others with your gifts?

Senior High Sunday School: This week we continued our small group series of three remarkable women in the Bible by examining one of the most beautiful stories in God's Word. In Ruth, we find God's love demonstrated in the lives of two widows-related by marriage-as they seek God's provision for them through difficult times of the Old Testament judges. Ruth is devoted to Naomi's welfare, to her customs and to God. Ruth is not only a force of hope in the lives of her family and friends, she's honored as a descendent of Jesus, in the ancestry of King David. As we previously saw in Rahab's story, God uses faith where he finds it - Ruth is not a Hebrew, but commits herself to God's service and ways.

LOGOS: No LOGOS

JYF: No JYF

Life Planning: Mentors and Mentees met in the fireside room for pizza and brownies (except those giving up junk food for Lent). Special thanks to an anonymous donor who covered the cost of our pizza! Afterwards, we attended the Ash Wednesday service together. Are you doing anything special for Lent this year to help you grow closer to Jesus?

Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate with Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen today as their daughter, Karlie Beth Gruenhagen, is baptized. Karlie was born on September 1, 2017. Grandparents are Joel and the late Beth Wanemacher, and Steve and Kathy Gruenhagen. Standing up with Travis and Mindy today are sisters, Amy Baden, Carrie Nofziger, Ashley Stuckey and Kasey Nafziger.

Potluck Today - The fellowship Committee would like to invite the congregation to a potluck at 11:45 today! Come fellowship with the people you love and enjoy the food you love. The committee will provide Meatballs, potatoes and drinks.



On Thursday, February 22nd, the Bluffton University Concert Band will be performing in the Archbold HS Auditorium at 8:15am. The concert is free and open to the public!

Directory – A link for our online directory is available on our web site (www.stjohnsarchbold.org under Resources on our home page, or you can access it directly at www.instantchurchdirectory.com.)

WEEK OF FEB 19TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Potluck (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Seekers - (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting
	5:00PM	Community Meal – (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Brazil Orientation (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - "Washington's Birthday Night" *Please wear red, white and blue
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Thurs	6:00PM	Preschool Mom's Night (Preschool Room & chapel)
	6:30PM	5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)

Next Sunday – February 25 - Sermon – “Keeping the Sabbath” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – Hebrews 10:22-25

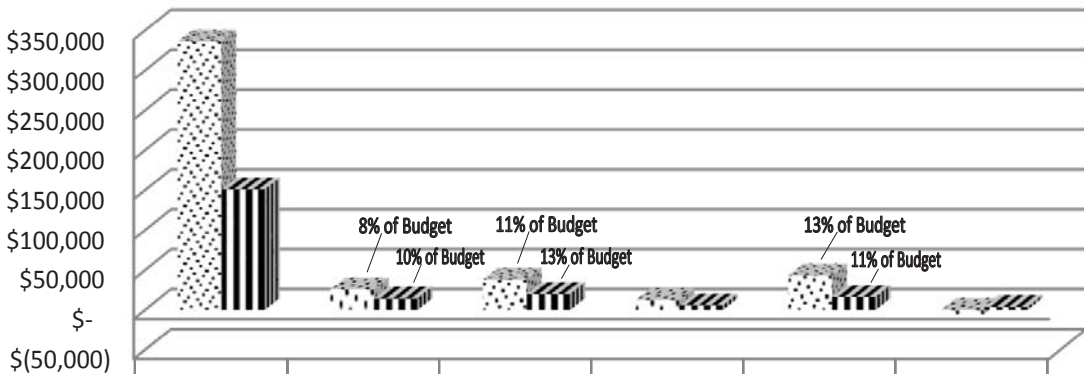
Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

February 19 - Where You Least Expect	Acts 17:1-15
February 20 - In Translation	Acts 17:16-34
February 21 - Hard Work.....	Acts 18:1-17
February 22 - Fully Equipped	Acts 18:18-28
February 23 - All Due Respect	Acts 19:1-22
February 24 - Culture Wars.....	Acts 19:23-41
February 25 - Now and Not Yet	Psalm 98



Sermon Notes

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of February 12, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (6/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$25,846	\$38,250	\$12,404	\$43,274	\$(5,024)
Missions	\$150,800	\$14,500	\$20,130	\$5,630	\$16,370	\$3,760

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 12 - \$580,567.44

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for Tom’s friend who is still wrestling to find and understand truth. Pray for island brothers and sisters with some big travel decisions to make. Pray that they would make wise decisions. One of Tom’s friends has remarried his wife! Pray for a healthy marriage and for opportunities to encourage them to walk in the light. We are getting ready for a short-termer to come. Pray that her final financial needs would come in and that she would be able to buy her plane tickets this week. Pray for her final preparations and for a blessed time with us. Our team members will be returning this week. Pray for safe travels, they are in Kenya now. Pray for the political stability of Kenya.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for David as he starts serving on the campus, working with the h2o church in sharing the gospel with the students.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – praise the Lord the church is debt free as their new 2 acre property in the center of Ann Arbor is paid off; pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for provision of new relationships uniting around their ministry vision, for students able to develop and apply their experiences on campus, and for their motivation to be totally rooted in reliance on God.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray that the SJCC team going to Brazil in April will be a true blessing to Tony & Leila, and that all of the preparations will be inspired by the Spirit of God.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for an initiative towards promoting and coaching disciple-making, for the forming of a Pioneers team in Chicagoland, and for much needed additional support to undergird their family and ministry.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bisons, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for Molly and Courtney, two students Whitney mentors, praying for Molly as she preps for life beyond college, and praying for Courtney as she seeks Jesus while balancing college life.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for the four spring break trips sending students to Brazil, Slovenia, Chicago and Houston. They’ll be partnering with college campuses in building up their Cru movements, and doing hurricane relief in Houston.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for the team from Pettisville Missionary Church that is traveling to visit with them, leaving February 10th.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for people with the HIV virus as they struggle with the personal and social complications; pray for Shobha as she continues to serve as the Presbyter in charge of the Jamkhed Community Church; pray for Ravi as he continues to deal with many health issues while administering all the day to day CRHP tasks.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praise God for the 20 years the home has cared for children, and praise God for the fruits of their schooling and tutoring programs – more students passed their national exam this year than ever before
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – be in prayer for students as plans are being made for spring break trips, as well as for seniors working out future plans!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Doris Hull, whose son, Keith passed away on February 4th at the Defiance In-Care Hospice Center.
- Mary Zimmerman, recovering from recent surgery to remove a tumor from her brain; home address is Roger & Mary Zimmerman, 6995 Fry Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130.
- Phil Spiess, a patient at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Joel Foote, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.
- Sharon VonDeylen, in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Brendan Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- 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)	Steve Walker		
	(8:00)	Tim Beck, Mark Beltz		
	(10:30)	Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Brad & Aimee Roth		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	(Feb 25)	Matt & Kim Hines
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer		
Song Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer		
Children's Moment	(10:30)	JoAnn Short		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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