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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Children's Chime Choir

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! Fourth Sunday after Easter

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Acts 2:38-39 (p. 1079)

Prelude

“You are my God”

†Call to Worship

Leader: Christ Jesus died for our sins many, many years ago. We are reminded that his sacrifice has meaning for us personally in our personal baptism.

People: Thank you for your love for me, Lord Jesus, that led you to die for me on the cross for my sins.

Leader: Baptism is like a marriage ceremony; the ceremony needs only to happen once, but it changes our lives forever. Like with marriage, it is appropriate to remember our baptismal vows, and to renew them, by pledging our faithfulness to God once again

People: Jesus, I renew my pledge to live for you, and once again renounce my sinful ways and turn again to you. Thank you for your faithfulness to me, your amazing forgiveness, and your steadfast love.

Leader: Let us now join in singing praise to the one whom we were made to worship!

†(8:00)Hymn of Praise – #74
#76

“Majesty”

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

†(10:30)Praise Songs

“How Great is Our God”

“Your Grace is Enough”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Special Music

Klaire Kern

“10,000 Reasons”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21-31 (p. 1114-1115)

Sermon

“Saying ‘Yes’ to Jesus”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Were it not for Grace”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #89

“Our Great Savior”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #92, verse 1

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

†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 outside of the chapel or at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Getting to Know St. John's

The next session of "Getting to Know St. John's" will be held on Sunday, May 6th, at 9:15am in the pastor's office.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues./Thurs. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through May. More info is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Father, I know that the power to say "no" to sin comes through first saying "yes" to Jesus. Today, I again say "yes" to Jesus as my Savior, trusting in his sacrifice for my salvation. Today, I again say "yes" to Jesus as my Lord, ready to honor him with my whole life! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

April Mission-A-Month – Foods Resource Bank

The 2018 Annual Yearbook has been printed and can be picked up in the Narthex.

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

Faith Village: We finished up the unit today entitled "Self-Control". The story is about Daniel and his friends and is found in Daniel 1:1-16. Daniel did not get angry when the king ordered him to eat food he did not want to eat. Instead he came up with a different plan for his diet. What things make you angry? What is a healthy way to act when something makes you angry?

LOGOS:

Third Grade: We learned from 1 Kings 3-5, that when God offered Solomon any desire he wanted, Solomon asked for wisdom, which God provided. God will also give us wisdom to know what is best to do.

Confirmation: We talked about how Jesus' resurrection brings us new life as well, and what resurrection life looks like for us now.

SHSS: God wants us to be financially responsible, free from the grip of materialism. We talked about several verses in Proverbs that warn us of the dangers of being unwise with money and taking on too much debt and that it's important they take wise steps that can create long-term financial health. Ask your student what idea or truth from our discussion had the greatest impact.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 27th and we would like to make sure that we recognize all of the hardworking graduates. If you know a graduate, from high school or college, please stop by or email the office so that we can get all of the information that we need. Thank you!



Mark your calendars for June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm for VBS!

Prayerfully consider helping us out to make this Summer's Shipwrecked VBS a success! Sign up sheets are posted outside the chapel. Also, online registration is open to any youth ages 4 years old – 6th grade, who wants to learn how we can be rescued by God! Check the church's website or Facebook page for the link to register online! There are also paper registrations outside of the chapel. Please be praying for God to move through our preparations and planning and contact Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruengagen and Carrie Nofziger for more information.



WEEK OF April 29th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adults (Dan Stuckey's)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Preschool Grandparents' Day - (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Grandparents' Day - (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mennonite)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	10:00AM	Preschool Grandparents' Day - (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool Grandparents' Day - (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Presentation Practice (Pastor's Office)
Thurs	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Next Sunday – May 6th

Sermon – “What Mountains Can Be Moved” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Matthew 17:14-21

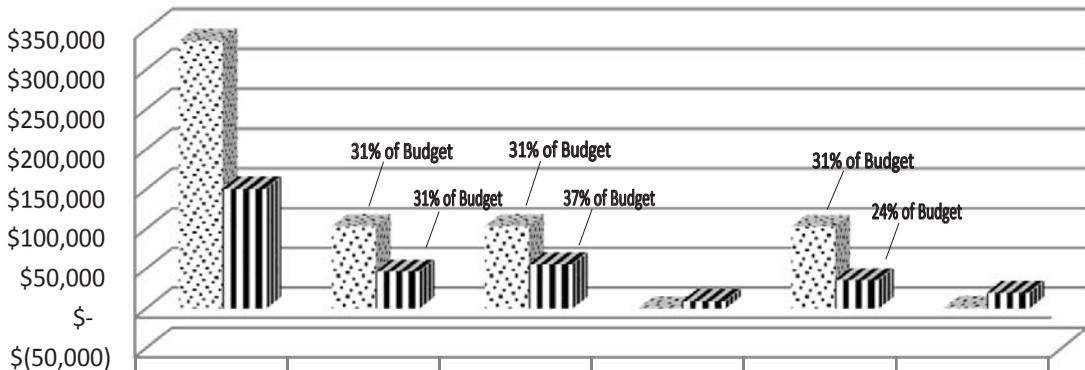
Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Apr/May/June Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$ each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading> *Discovery*. Below is the list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

April 30 - An Eye for an Eye.....	Exodus 21:12-27
May 1 - Let Justice Be Done	Exodus 22:1-15
May 2 - Change of Strategy	Exodus 22:16-31
May 3 - We've Got Rhythm	Exodus 23:1-19
May 4 - Designated Tour Guide.....	Exodus 23:20-33
May 5 - A Deal Over Dinner	Exodus 24:1-18
May 6 - A Counting Exercise	Psalm 106

Sermon Notes

Visit Ten Thousand Villages, located at 1201 S. Defiance Street in Archbold, Wednesday, May 2-Saturday, May 5 – Wednesday 9:30-5:30, Thursday & Friday 9:30-9:00 and Saturday 9:30-5:00. And join us Thursday, May 3, at 7PM for our Rug Seminar titled “From Loom to Living Room” – it’s free of charge and refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Ten Thousand Villages at 419.445.1926, ext 300.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 23, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (16/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$103,384.62	\$103,433	\$48	\$102,562	\$871
Missions	\$150,800	\$46,400	\$55,609	\$9,209	\$35,788	\$19,821

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 23, 2018 - \$592,709.66

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their two newer team members, for a short-term worker, and the whole team as they plan for the upcoming months and years. Pray that those seeking would find, pray that being peacemakers will bring others to the truth.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for fruit to continue to come from recent student retreats, pray for the final \$425 to come in for his monthly goal, and for his fiancée, Blair, as she takes her nursing boards and moves to Akron.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – continue to pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity, and for upcoming spring break ministry experiences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for upcoming spring break experiences, for their small groups to go deeper into God's Word, and for further support.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey and Pastor Erich who continue to encourage Tony & Leila.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Please pray for God to go before us in our new neighborhood, that we might encounter people of peace who are welcoming, willing to open their households, and ready to listen and pass it on. Pray for our kids to make fast friends in the area. Pray for openness in our Afghani friends' hearts, to look into the Scriptures while we assist them in assimilating into life in the U.S. Pray for God's provision of finances.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison's, 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 their efforts to plant an h2o church at Indiana University, and for the Night of Jubilee of prayer and worship in April, and for her mentoring of college students.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for them as they continue to discover avenues of ministry as they disciple students and share the Gospel.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for God's continual lead and provision as they befriend and disciple people living in poverty and a culture of superstitions; pray for them as they make plans for their first furlough back to the US in July.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray that their staff continue to be led by the Spirit in their never ending efforts of caring for the villages they relate to.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Catherine Kitonde, an alumni of KCH and past guest at SJCC, represented Kenya at a science forum in South Africa in December. She participated in discussing issues facing Africa's transformative research, innovation, leadership and development, and the role of governments and international organizations. As a Kenya Award Fellow, she represented Kenya fully during discussions about the growth and development in Africa. Pray that God continues to guide KCH in their ministry as they transform the lives of orphans!
- ✠ Toledo – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for follow up efforts to their February retreats, that much fruit will come from their networking efforts.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Barb Sigg, who is in rehab at Fairlawn, in Room 10.
- Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey and Pastor Erich, who left for their nine days of time with Tony and Leila Frank, in Ivoti, Brazil. They are due back the morning of May 2nd.
- Director of Music Ministry – please be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord's candidate.
- Worship Accompanists – please pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- Mary Zimmerman, who is waiting for her MRI, to confirm the last of the tumor is gone.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, Killeen, Texas (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(10:30)	Carly Grime	
Ushers	(Head)	Brad & Avery Roth	
	(8:00)	Brent Winzeler	
	(10:30)	Scott & JoAnn Short, Steve & Kim Walker	
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Tammy Nofziger	(May 6) JoAnn Short
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both)	Becca Grieser	
Song Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer	
Worship Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer	
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman	

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