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



Enjoying the Delicious Chicken!

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.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 26:5-10 (p. 545)

Prelude

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place”

†Call to Worship – #588, red, v. 1

“We Have Come into His House”

†Unison Prayer of Invocation: ***This house is Yours, Mighty God, as is the entire world. From the east and west and north and south we have come to be one family gathered together for Your glory. We've come to commune with You through Your Son, and with each other through Your Spirit. May our worship honor You, O Lord. Amen.***

†(8:00)Hymn of Praise – #201, red

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

†(10:30)Praise Songs

“Step By Step”

“Come Alive”

(#579, v. 1) “Jesus Loves Me”

Children's Moment

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Open Our Eyes”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12

Sermon

“Varieties of Gifts, One Spirit”

SERVICE IN OBSERVANCE OF WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

- Pastor: Lord God, we remember in prayer all the people of the world who seek liberty, equality, and human dignity. We lift up the needs of the hungry, the homeless, and the disadvantaged. We pray for those living in areas torn by war and upheaval.
- People: ***We pray for our nation, our leaders and our citizens. We pray for those who commit their efforts to bring about peace and harmony in our country and the world.***
- Pastor: We pray for our church universal, which encompasses different lands, cultures, and languages, but exists under one Lordship in Jesus Christ, the head of the church.
- People: ***For all those whom we love, for those who support us in the life and faith that we live, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, we give thanks and praise.***
- Pastor: Mighty God, we pray for our congregation. May we be a people seeking Your will and direction. May You empower us with authority and wisdom in serving You.
- People: ***May You gift us with love and understanding as we come to the table. Empower us with Your forgiveness, unity, and understanding as we live in faith together.***
- Pastor: For people we know who are sick, grieving or carrying a burden, for those who are lonely, anxious or drained, we pray for Your Spirit's peace, comfort and healing.
- People: ***Dear God, grant us Your peace, Your grace, Your mercy, and Your love. Make us the people of Your covenant; and grant us the power of the Holy Spirit that we may honor You faithfully all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen***

Prayer Response – #29, red
Words of Invitation – Pastor

“Glorify Thy Name”

Unison Prayer of Confession: *God, we know that we have sinned against You and too often we have failed to do that which was Your will for us. Too often we have followed our selfish desires and have not helped those who called upon us in their time of need. Forgive us and restore us to the persons You want us to be; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness – Pastor
Words of Institution – Pastors

Unison Prayer of Blessing and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors): *God, we are unified at Your table with Christians all around Your world. As we join them in spirit, may we identify with them through concern and compassion. We pray that You would bless this bread and this cup. Bless us as we receive these elements in remembrance of him who died for us all, and who taught us to pray, Our Father...*

Distribution of the Elements and Communion Music

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: *We thank you, O God, for the unifying experience of this sacrament. May we, along with all who have gathered at Your table today, know Christ’s presence and receive his gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love, and may You be praised and glorified through the light we bring to others. In our Savior’s name. Amen.*

†(8:00)Closing Hymn – #345

“Blessed Assurance”

†(10:30)Closing Song

“Everlasting God”

†Benediction

†(8:00)Benediction in Song – #345 (refrain only)

†(10:30)Benediction in Song

Chorus of “Everlasting God”

†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.

Orientation Sessions

St. John’s Christian Church Orientation Sessions – Interested in becoming a member of the congregation? Want to learn more about the faith, history and ministry of St. John’s? Pastor Erich will be conducting orientation sessions starting Sunday, October 14th, beginning at 9:15am. Further sessions will be held at the same time on the 21st and 28th.

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.

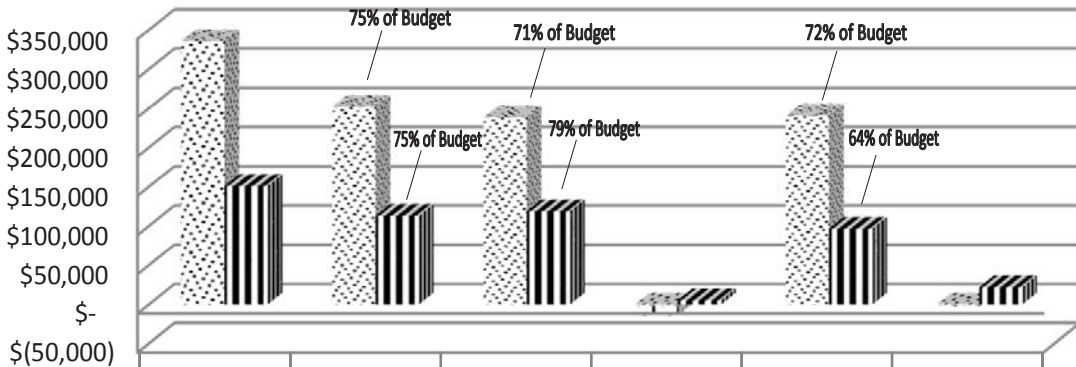


The Bulletins are sponsored by Connie Bostelman
in loving honor of Bob's 1st Anniversary in Heaven.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Precious and Mighty Lord God, it is in humility and reverence that I bow my head in prayer, for you are the great and glorious God, the one who sent Jesus, your only son, to be the savior of all! O, thank you, Lord, for your love and grace. In the words of the psalmist, I pray that you will "open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." As I recognize the truth and authority of Scripture, I know I am in need of greater understanding. I desire to know the deep wonders of Scripture. Light my path, that my reading will bring new knowledge, and that I would be blessed with wisdom through the presence of your guiding Spirit. Reveal your will for my life to me, that I may serve you and glorify you with praise and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name. Amen.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Sept. 30, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (39/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$252,000.00	\$238,413.00	\$(13,587)	\$240,672.00	\$(2,259)
Missions	\$150,800	\$113,100.00	\$118,792	\$5,692	\$96,736	\$22,056

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 1, 2018 - \$617,805.12.

WEEK OF October 7th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:30PM	Taylor Ordway & Christian Beck Wedding
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal @ Zion Mennonite
	7:00PM	Property 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 (Founder's Hall)
Thurs	6:00PM	6th Grade Boys Basketball (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Orientation Session
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Oct/Nov/Dec 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:

October 8 - The Seven-Year Itch	Proverbs 5:1-23
October 9 - Keep Active	Proverbs 6:1-19
October 10 - Walking on Hot Coals	Proverbs 6:20-35
October 11 - Listen Up!.....	Proverbs 8:1-21
October 12 - Christ, The Wisom of God	Proverbs 8:22-36
October 13 - A Tale of Two Women.....	Proverbs 9:1-18
October 14 - Wise Focus.....	Psalm 123

Next Sunday – October 14

Sermon – “The Preeminence of Love” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13

Fairlawn Auxiliary Fund Raiser - Monday, October 15

Samuel Mancino's

106 Defiance St.

Archbold

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

SHSS: Our lesson comes from Genesis 12 & 15; focusing on how God established a covenant people to reverse the curse of sin. We see God's faithfulness in His fulfillment of promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

LOGOS:

Third Grade: The 3rd grade studied Genesis 2 – 3 learning that one man, Adam, brought sin to all mankind and God promised another man, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would make a way for all mankind to be redeemed. **Fourth Grade:** This week we studied about "doing" worship. We took a detailed look at our bulletin at St. John's and how it reflects all the ways we "do" worship at SJCC: missions, ministries, meetings, budget, etc. We looked in detail at the order of service to see that it covers the areas of praise, confession, proclamation, petition, and dedication. All ways we "do" worship. **Fifth Grade:** We experimented with popcorn, observing a kernel, lifeless and plain, when you add heat it "pops" and becomes full. Each kernel takes on a different shape but has the same purpose. When we add God to our life and souls we become "popped" filled full of His love, giving delight and joy to those around us, filling our lives and others with the "Aroma" of God.

October Mission-A-Month *Operation Christmas Child*

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. This month, we are collecting items to be included in plastic boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please contact the church office and we will provide you with the plastic box(es); otherwise you can put donated items in the white mission box in the Chapel narthex, or give monetary donations using your weekly offering envelope or by dropping off your donation in the church office. Here is a list of items we would like donated or you should pack: Toothbrushes, socks, hats, gloves, dolls (girls only), pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books (with the least amount of words possible), crayons or colored pencils, pencil sharpener, hairbrush/comb, boxes of band aids, washcloths, bars of soap, hair bows, chapstick, sunglasses, flip flops, and any other toys like puzzles, cars, etc. Please NO food, candy or toothpaste, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, and refrain from packing or donating stuffed animals or animal-related things because they cannot be sent to some countries.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

You hear a lot these days about on-the-job training or OJT. This is training that is very specific to the job one is going to do. Stephen Ministry offers IMT: in-ministry training. No matter what kind of training you've had before, Stephen Ministry will teach you what you need to know to do a good job of caring for others. Is God calling you to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister? Contact one of the Stephen Ministry Team Leaders: Pastor Alex, Jim or Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the team, for healing and peace after an emotionally exhausting time; pray for them as they evaluate what tasks the team can fully manage; pray for teammates who had to return home, that God would be watching over them.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for the fruitfulness of their early contacts with students – the 400 interest cards completed and the 100 students who wanted further conversation with a staff member. Pray for David and the team as they follow up with them all.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – pray for Kyle as he continues to serve as a lead pastor of the ministry, especially in the preaching of the Word.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – Praising God for the completion of their needed support, meaning they are on campus now! Pray for their outreach to new and returning students, that their initial contacts and conversations yield fruit in the student's lives.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for them as they mourn the passing of Leila's father; pray for their continued health and stamina as they minister in their primary ministries – the local church, the Bible College, and the student outreach program.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for their ministry and family life.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray that her recent time in China provided administrative and ministry organization, that the house parents continue to enjoy their ministry, and for the children of the house, that their physical and spiritual needs are met.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – She Has A Name (SHAN) – Whitney is now full time with SHAN, an anti-human trafficking ministry. Pray for her staff transition, for the college students who will be volunteering with her at SHAN, and for her as she balances life and ministry.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray God would continue to grow and equip student leaders, pray for the one year ministry team sent to Brazil.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – Praising God for how He opens the hearts of people – a woman who had steadfastly refused to hear and respond, suddenly contacted Becky and has now come to Christ! Pray for the people who attended a recent drama presentation, that the Gospel would continue to work upon their hearts.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray their new initiatives in community-based diabetes prevention and management provide further health and stability; pray for the success of their new Etsy Page to sell Helping Hands products, generating further funding for their ministries; pray for their new Elon University Fellow for 2018-2019.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Praising God for the completion of a multi-purpose building on campus! Pray for the expanded tutoring program for all primary grades, that each child will be blessed through this additional assistance. Pray for the children.
- ✠ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – CRU at Grace International School – continue to pray for peace and joy as the chaotic transition into a new culture and teaching career unfolds; pray for strong community and collaboration with Cru and the teaching team; pray that her students would grow in understanding of what it is to walk with Jesus.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for the ministry initiatives of the fall semester, thanking the Lord for the new interactions with students.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Verlene Lovejoy, released from Bryan Hospital and is now at Genesis Health Care in Bryan.
- Nate Meyer, who has come home from the hospital while continuing to receive IV treatment.
- Anna Yoder, whose father passed away last Sunday. A memorial service was held on Wednesday in Galion, Ohio.
- Bob & Carol DeVries, as Bob continues in rehab at Heartland of Waterville.
- Ryan Christman, who continues to improve and hopes to return to work half days this week.
- Pastor Erich had a good report on his six week surgical follow up – new bone is growing around the fusion and all is stable.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (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).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, left for Marine boot camp on August 6th (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)	Ian Grime
Ushers	(Head)	Jay Pursel		
	(8:00)	Jim Grieser		
	(10:30)	Pursel Family, Craig & Jenny Grieser		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Eric & Anna Yoder	(Oct.14)	Justin & Carrie Yoder
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(Both)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines		
Song Leader	(Both)	Elaine Winzeler		
Worship Leader	(Both)	JoAnn Short		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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