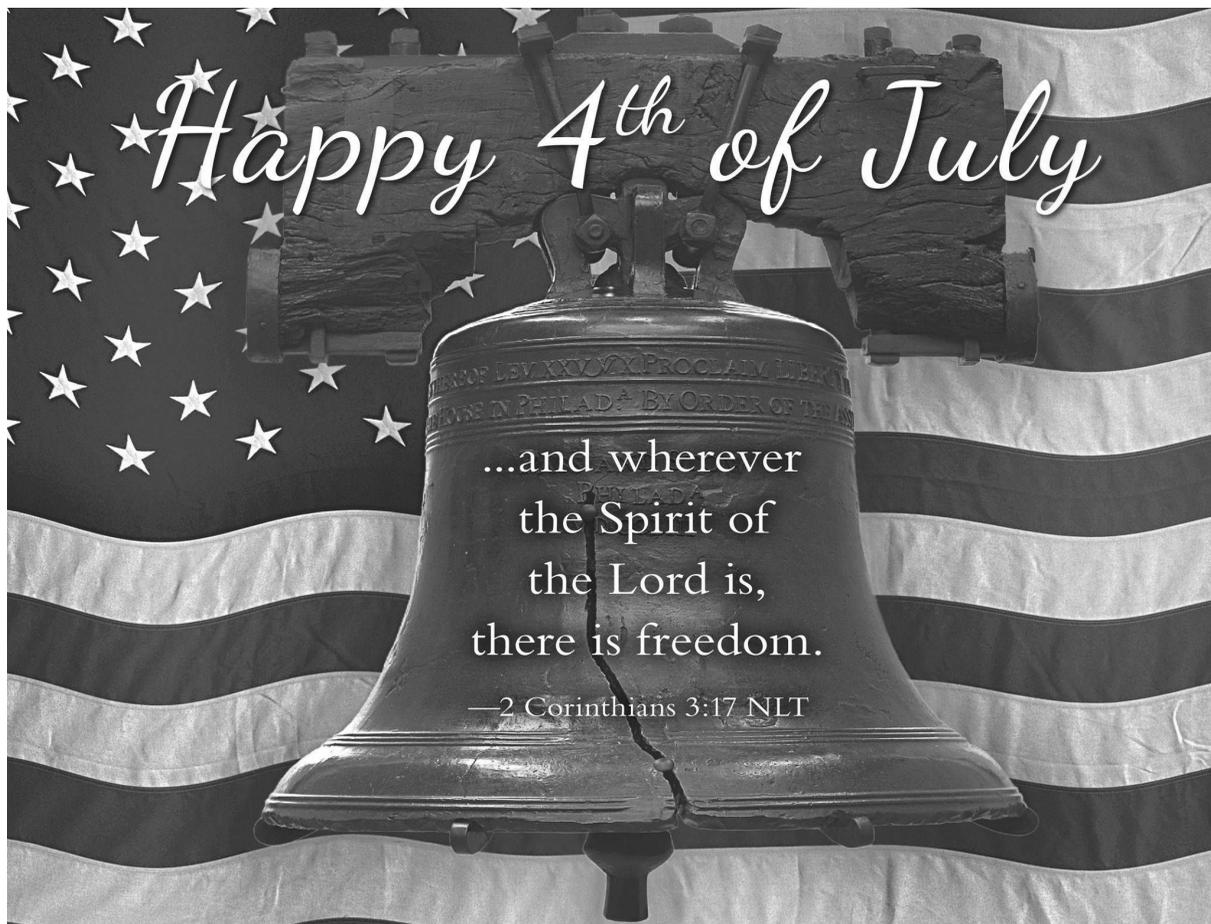




Welcome to St. John's Christian Church



*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

July 4, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 48:9-14 (Pg.560)

Prelude

"Your Love O Lord"

†Hymn Medley

#570, "One Nation, Under God - A Medley"

#571, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," verses 1, 4

#572, "America, the Beautiful," verses 1, 3

#573, "God of Our Fathers," verse 4

Reflective Illustration - "Remember - The 4th of July"

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

Children's Message

†Sermon Hymn

#25, "Immortal, Invisible"

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (Pg. 995, 1149)

Sermon

"Carrying Only a Staff"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#277, "The Church's One Foundation"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#610, "Go Now and Live For the Savior"

†Postlude

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 48:9-14 Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. ¹⁰ Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. ¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments. ¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, ¹³ consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation. ¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Mark 6:1-13 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles!" ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. ⁸ These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff-- no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.

¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." ¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know -- God knows. ³ And I know that this man -- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows -- ⁴ was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. ⁷ To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Carrying Only a Staff"

Scriptures Mark 6:1-13, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Jesus

- Involved in his public ministry - teaching, miracles of healing
- Traveled to Nazareth, which happens to be his hometown
- Went there to teach and further train his disciples - an example of what they will encounter
- On the Sabbath, he was teaching in the synagogue - listeners were amazed
- People were asking questions - they were unable to comprehend how the carpenter's son could be the one before them - "and they took offense at him."
 - * Could not understand from where Jesus received his knowledge, they were concerned with the source of his teaching
 - * Offense - offended and repelled, abandoning
- A prophet without honor - among his relatives and home town
 - * Incapable of appreciating Jesus because they identified him with themselves so closely
- Could not do any miracles, except to lay his hands on a few sick people - lack of faith
- Left amazed at their lack of faith - account of his birth, the account of his presence at the temple at the age of twelve, the teachings of John, all forgotten

Disciples

- Jesus sent out the twelve, two by two (Deuteronomy 17:6) (fishers of men)
- Take nothing but a staff
- Wear sandals, but no extra tunic
- Stay in just one house in each town
- If refused a place, shake the dust off your feet
- Went out and preached repentance, driving out demons and anointed the sick (Mark 1:15)

Reflections

- Think of the last time you were amazed by the teaching of Jesus - what caused the amazement?
- Through reading the gospels, believers are prepared to be sent out - is that the case?
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." - do we rely enough on God's grace? Do we trust God's grace? Do we scorn God's grace?

Next Sunday July 11, 2021- Crossroad Child & Family Services

Sermon - "Neither the Past, the Present, nor the Future," Kyle Zanker & Liz Bergren

Scriptures - Romans 8:38-39

July Mission-A-Month: Shepherd's Circle

Shepherd's Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.

Announcements

- ◆ **Offering Envelopes** - The people involved in processing the weekly offerings includes the administrative assistant, the church treasurer and an offering assistant. They follow a detailed process to account for each donation and the designations many donors note on their donation. Recently, the counting team has noticed there has been an increase in people using old offering envelopes from the year 2020. That adds an additional step to the process as they crosscheck donors and offering numbers from year-to-year. It would be best to use 2021 offering envelopes. Anyone who does not have a box of 2021 offering envelopes may contact the church office for a new box. Your cooperation would be helpful to the weekly process!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - On July 12th, the Gals will be traveling to Berne, Indiana for a homemade luncheon at an Amish home and tour of the homeowner's grocery and furniture stores. The church bus will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. that day and returning around 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$23 (meal plus gas). Contact Carol DeVries with questions at 419-445-8311.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** - VBS registration is open! Register on the homepage at www.stjohnsarchbold.org or complete a registration form at the VBS bulletin board.
- ◆ **Guest Speakers** - Pastor Erich will be on vacation beginning this Thursday, July 8th through Wednesday, July 14th. Please join us in welcoming Kyle Zanker, Chief Development Officer and Liz Bergren, Development Director, of Crossroad Child & Family Services as our guest sermon speakers next Sunday, July 11th.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bruce & Carrie Wooley	(7/11) Keith & Kelli Kuntz
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00AM Ushers	(8:00) Gary & Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's 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.

Week of July 4th at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	Independence Day
	8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	Office Closed
Tues	8:30AM Preschool Board
	9:15AM Bible Study
Wed	8:30AM Preschool Board
	7:00PM Evangelism Committee
Sat	7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
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Congregational Prayer

Lord, I am thankful for the teachings of Jesus, but I also wonder about this emphasis on being a witness, of sowing seeds, seeds of your Word and seeds of faith. You prepared your disciples, but how have you prepared me? I feel inadequate. The last time I tried to talk with someone about you, I made a mess of it. Lord, as I strive to be obedient and attentive, please open my heart and my mind to your leading, that I will indeed place my trust in you, trusting you to guide me, trusting you to give me the words, trusting you to make my efforts grow. For your glory, in Christ, I pray. Amen.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 4 – Unfailing Love.....Psalm 107
July 5 – Love’s Longing.....Song of Songs 1:1-2:7
July 6 – looking For You.....Song of Songs 2:8-3:11
July 7 – My Sacred Love.....Song of Songs 4:1-5:1
July 8- The Course of True Love.....Song of Songs 6:4-7:7a
July 9 – Who is the Fairest?.....Song of Songs 6:4-7:7a
July 10 – ‘Come Away, My Beloved’Song of Songs 7:7b-8:14

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Paige Miller, as her mother, Doris Copeland, passed away on 6/30 at the age of 100. A private family service was held on 7/3. Pray for Paige, and her father, George.
- ◆ Brendan Bostelman, who has been deployed to Iraq, while his wife, Malitia, remains at home in Kentucky.
- ◆ Ben Buehrer, who was discharged from the hospital on 6/30 and is in much less pain due to the surgery to stabilize his ribs.
- ◆ Teresa Mann, who is recovering at home from successful knee replacement surgery.

Please continue to pray for...

- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who is now residing at Heartland at ProMedica Flower Hospital skilled nursing and rehabilitation located at 5360 Harroun Road, Sylvania, OH, 43560.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, Roger & Kay's granddaughter, who is awaiting another biopsy as recent scans have revealed something.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who began 45 days of as radiation treatments on June 3rd.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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