

April 7, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ

HAPPY
Birthday



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*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.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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 refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“Jesus Messiah”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Crown Him (Majesty)”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 119:17-20 (p. 607)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#226, “The Day of Resurrection”

#381, “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

“Alive” Medley

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (p. 1047)

†Sermon Hymn

“On the Journey to Emmaus” (Insert, pg. 10)

Sermon

“The Road to Emmaus”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Know the My Redeemer Lives”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#354, “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#579, v. 3, “Jesus Loves Me”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

Chorus, “Build Your Kingdom Here”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 119:17-20 Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. ¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

Luke 24:13-35 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of

our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **GIF Gals Supper at Tap Culture** - The GIF Gals will meet and eat at Tap Culture Coffee (109 E Mechanic St. in Archbold) on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30PM. There will be a Barista so everyone can choose a drink and a meal will be served. We will also have a special presentation from one of our mission partners. The cost is \$15 per person so please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 21st.
- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - We are extending the ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game sign up to May 5th! Join us on Sunday, June 30th for Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Mud Hens! There will be events for all ages before and after the 4:05PM game. Our group tickets gain admission to a faith-based event in the ballpark prior to the game. Additionally, there will be an inflatable park in Hensville before the game and a base run for the kids after the game is over. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Archbold LifeWise Evening of Impact** - Join LifeWise at Archbold Evangelical Church on April 29th as we celebrate what God has done during the first year! Doors open at 6:30PM with presentation at 7:00PM. We need to RSVP for this event, so please let Pastor Erich know if you would like to attend.
- ◆ **Junior Choral Society** - The Junior Choral Society, a community children's choir of 4th-8th grade students, has two final concerts this spring we invite you to enjoy! Concert & Hymn Sing at North Clinton Church, Wauseon on Sunday, April 14th at 7:00PM; 40th Anniversary Alumni Concert on May 5th at 7:00PM at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold. If you or a family member participated in JCS over the years, we invite you to join us by singing in the alumni choir! Go to our website nwojuniorchoralsociety.org to join.
- ◆ **Be the Light Women's Retreat** - Organized by West Clinton Mennonite Church to be held at King's Corner Garage. Sarah Short will be the speaker. Registration is open now and the cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Ladies can register online by going to www.westclinton.org and clicking on the registration link, or by calling the church office at 419-445-1195.
- ◆ **Men's Event & Dinner** - Pettisville Man Cave Ministries is hosting a men's event and dinner with former Harlem Globetrotter and motivational speaker, Melvin Adams, tonight at 6:00PM. The free event will be held at Pettisville Missionary church. For tickets, visit <https://givebutter.com/r2xQvd>.

COOKIE & COFFEE RECEPTION IN HONOR OF NORMA FISH'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The family of Norma Fish would like to invite everyone in our church family to a Cookie & Coffee reception today after 10:30AM worship to celebrate Norma's 90th birthday. Reception will be held in the Parish Hall. Today's altar flowers and bulletin cover have been sponsored by the family in honor of Norma's birthday today.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

Apr 7 Glorious Things-----Psalm 87
Apr 8 Can Such a Faith Save You?-----James 2:14-26
Apr 9 The Power of the Tongue ----- James 3:1-12
Apr 10 Growing in Wisdom-----James 3:13-18
Apr 11 Joining the Defense Line----- James 4:1-12
Apr 12 What Is Your Life?-----James 4:13-17
Apr 13 Living with Integrity----- James 5:1-12

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

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	Reception for Norma Fish Birthday (Parish Hall)
	3:00PM	Concert Series - Found Sounds (St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
	6:00PM	Man Cave Ministry Event (Pettisville Missionary Church)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Central Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	6:00PM	Life Planning Work Night (Chapel)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Christman's Home)

April Mission-a-Month:
Growing Hope Globally



GROWING
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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 21ST

Candidate for Director of Youth & Young Adults

As initially shared in worship on March 24th, the Search Committee announced their recommendation of Jocelyn Walker for this pastoral staff position. After approving this recommendation, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, April 21st for the purpose of acting upon the calling of Jocelyn to this position.

Jocelyn was presented to the Search Committee by The Shephard Staff (TSS), which conducted a lengthy and thorough nationwide search. TSS conducted several interviews with Jocelyn and provided the committee with professional support during this time. Jocelyn has provided an extensive plan for the vision she has for this position and our youth and young adults that aligns with the faith, values, and hopes of the congregation.

Instead of providing a trial sermon on April 21st, as preaching is not a key component of this position, Jocelyn presented a program with sixth through twelfth grade youth, youth leaders, and Life Planning Mentors this past Wednesday. A faith testimony will be shared by Jocelyn on April 21st.

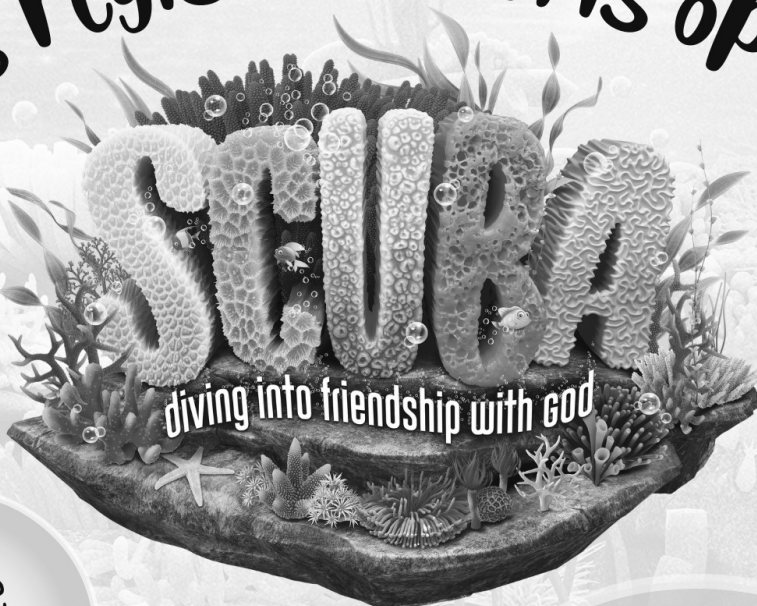
A congregational meeting will be called to order following the 8:00AM service on April 21st, and after votes are cast, the meeting will be recessed. Following the 10:30AM service, the meeting will be re-convened, with a Zoom option offered (meeting login to be shared via email).

An informational packet for the meeting is available in the narthex. Please continue to be in prayer for Jocelyn and our congregation that we remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek the Lord's will together.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Jesse Meyer	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Bri & Emma Krukowski	
	<i>(4/14) Eric & Anna Yoder</i>	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Todd & Jill Nafziger, Adam Swisher, Toby Walker	

VBS registration is open!



June
2nd - 6th

Volunteers Needed!
Sign up at the VBS
bulletin board
across from the
Preschool Room.

All children in Pre-K (must
be 4-years-old) through
sixth grade are invited to
attend our fin-tastic week
of VBS! Register at
www.stjohnsarchbold.org

Scan to register



On the journey to Emmaus

COLUMCILLE Irregular

1 On the jour - ney to Em - ma - us with our
 2 And our hearts burned with - in us as we
 3 And that eve - ning at the ta - ble as he
 4 On our jour - ney to Em - ma - us, in our

hearts cold as stone— the One who would
 talked on the way, how all that was
 blessed and broke bread, we saw it was
 sto - ries and feast, with Je - sus we

save us had left us a - lone. Then a
 prom - ised was ours on that day. So we
 Je - sus a - ris'n from the dead; though he
 claim that the great - est is least: and his

Text: Marty Haugen, based on Luke 24:13-35

Music: Irish traditional; arranged by Marty Haugen

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pray the words of this hymn – Open my eyes that I may see, Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp and set me free. Open my ears that I
may hear, Voices of truth Thou sendest clear, And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Every-
thing false will disappear, Open my mouth and let me bear, Gladly the warm truth everywhere,
Open my heart and let me prepare, Love with Thy children thus to share, Silently now I wait for
Thee, Ready my God Thy will to see, Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit divine. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sue Steiner, home from the hospital, waiting for a surgery to be scheduled.
- ◆ Kasey Grime, who is home recovering from ACL surgery.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who is now in therapy at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben returned home on the 13th, with further therapy to come.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family, as they are dealing with health issues.
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – asking for people to pray for their month of fasting and prayer, which began on March 11th, strategically praying for a disciple making movement.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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