

April 28, 2024 | Presentation Sunday | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



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!

Presentation Sunday

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation – John 3:16-17 (p. 1052)

Klaire Kern

Prelude

“As the Deer”

†Call to Worship

Camryn Stuckey

L: We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

P: We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

L: We gather, longing for the breath of God’s Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

A: Come, Christ Jesus, be among us. Bless us through the power of Your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

†Unison Prayer

Klaire Kern

God, please forgive me. I believe your Son died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead, and because of this I will enter into heaven when I die. Jesus, come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I willingly give you my life. Amen.

†(8:00) Hymns of God’s Majesty and Power

#29, “Glorify Thy Name”

#30, “How Majestic Is Your Name”, #31, “Great Is the Lord”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Way Maker”, “Reckless Love”

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

Harrison Rohrs

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:7-19 (p. 1209)

Camryn Stuckey

Children’s Message

Jace Bernath & Jesse Meyer

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“God Will Make a Way”

Class Creed

Maci Martz

†Hymn

#82, “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

Presentations

How the Lord Shines in the Hard Times – Maci Martz

Praying to God – Jace Bernath

What I Believe About the Christian Faith – Klaire Kern

Why My Favorite Bible Verse is 1 Peter 5:7 – Jesse Meyer

How the Lord Cheers Me On in Hard Times – Harrison Rohrs

What My Two Year Confirmation Experience Has Taught Me – Camryn Stuckey

Offertory Sentence

Jesse Meyer

Prayer of Dedication

Harrison Rohrs

Offertory

Second Offering

†(8:00) Closing Hymn
†(10:30) Closing Song
†Spoken Benediction
†Benediction in Song
†Postlude

#345, "Blessed Assurance"
"My Lighthouse"
Maci Martz
#579, v. 2, "Jesus Loves Me"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 John 4:7-19 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer (10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge (5/5) Corey & Jocelyn Walker
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey
Head Usher	Greg Walker
10:30 Ushers	Todd & Jill Nafziger, Tom & Laura Johnson

2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS CREED

We know that God is our Father Almighty, who is everywhere, and who knows us, according to the promises of Psalm 139. We know that God saves us, supports us and sacrificed His Son for us. Through His sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, we believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins. Jesus did this because he loves us, as promised in John 3:16. As we pray for forgiveness, God accepts our confessions and answers our prayers by forgiving us of our sin. We believe that during communion, God hears our confessions and forgives our sins. We know that confessing our sin needs to be followed by repenting from our sin, working hard to not commit that sin again. We believe that God gets us through the hard times we face each day, and that He provides for our needs.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Connections Sunday School Class** - Many people have a tough time believing that God still speaks. We've learned from Scripture that God spoke to His people in ancient times and in mysterious ways, but how do we hear His voice now? The truth is God still communicates with His people, but He often speaks in a whisper – not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. The Connections Sunday school class invites you to participate in a four-week study series titled “Whispers,” starting today in the chapel during the Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **LOGOS, Confirmation, JYF Final Night** - This past Wednesday, April 24th was the final night for Logos, Confirmation, and JYF for the program year. Registration information for 2024-2025 will be open in mid-summer and will be emailed to families. Thank you for a fun program year!
- ◆ **Coffee & Donut Fellowship** - The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to grab a donut and cup of coffee after 8:00AM service and before Sunday school starts this morning!
- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - Ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game is 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 or contact the church office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

- ◆ **Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center Golf Scramble** - Shalom's 20th Annual Golf Scramble is open for registration! Proceeds for this event assist many individuals, children and couples who are struggling in their marriages, family, and interpersonal relationships. By participating, you can join us in our mission to make mental health a monumental part of NW Ohio! Register here: <https://www.shalomworks.org/golf-scramble-2023>

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 28 Our Eternal Home ----- Psalm 90
Apr 29 Covenant God ----- Leviticus 26
Apr 30 Fulfilling Vows ----- Leviticus 27
May 1 Pride Goes Before a Fall ----- Obadiah
May 2 God is Our Refuge ----- Nahum 1
May 3 Conquering Heroes ----- Nahum 2
May 4 Fight, Not Flight ----- Nahum 3

WEEK OF APRIL 28TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Coffee & Donut Fellowship (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:45AM	Lunch with the Pastor
	3:00PM	Grieser Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Wyrick's Home)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC Meal Team (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Congregational Meeting
	6:00PM	Christman Piano Recital (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: APRIL 28TH

If you are new to our church or been here awhile and want to know more about SJCC, you are invited to a lunch with Pastor Erich today following the 10:30AM worship service. This will be a casual time of getting to know each other and sharing about the ministry and mission of SJCC. We will meet in the Fireside Room (behind the gym stage) or in the gym, depending on how many sign up.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Congregational meeting packets are available on a table in the narthex and digital copies were sent out (please contact the church office if you did not receive one via email and would like one).

Please be in prayer for guidance, wisdom and discernment as we all prepare for May 5th. A 40% quorum of the church's membership is needed to act upon the recommendation. With a membership of 394 as of March 18, 2024, a 40% quorum is 158 people, so we hope that the congregation responds with their presence for this important step in our church's ministry.

The schedule on May 5th will be:

9:00AM Sunday school and Faith Village

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Congregational Meeting

A Zoom link will be made available this week for those unable to attend in person.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony & Leila Frank Update

Tony & Leila Frank have recently ended their time of serving as missionaries with World Team. They shared that news with the mission committee on April 2nd, at which time Tony shared that he believed St. John's began supporting him in 1996 and a quick check of church records confirmed that starting time. So it has been a twenty-eight year relationship with Tony and the church, and we began supporting both Tony and Leila when they were married in 2003. Please keep Tony & Leila in your prayers as they go through this time of transition, with Tony looking for a new avenue of employment.

At this time, any funds designated on line 7 of your offering envelopes will go directly to the World Team's general fund.

Mission-a-Month: Growing Hope Globally

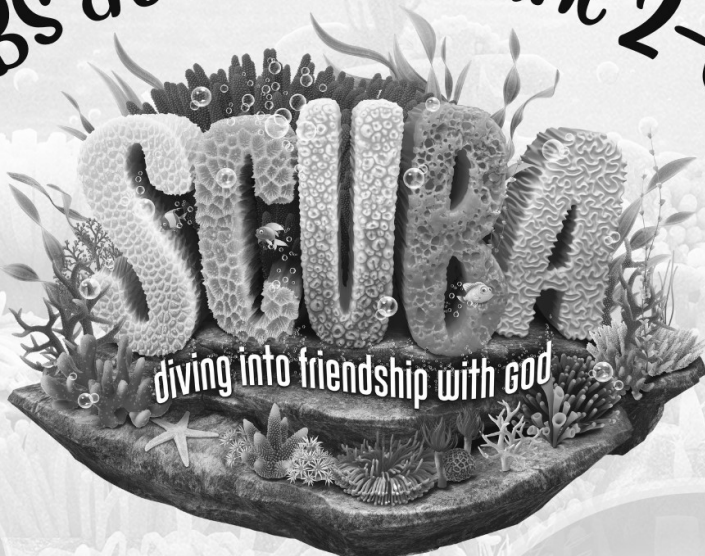
The local growing project that raises funds for GHG is located on the northeast corner of St. Rt. 34 and County Road 2275 in Williams County. The project is a joint effort between First Lutheran Church in Stryker, Stryker United Brethren Church and St. John's Christian Church. Landowners are Norma Fish and Larry & Shirley Stuckey. Project Managers are Rusty & Sue Goebel. Mission-A-Month donations in April will go towards the 2024 growing project. To give to Growing Hope Globally, select "Growing Hope Globally" in the "Give To" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature or simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelope or on the memo line of your offering.



GHG Annual Burger Bash

You're invited to stop by the Rauhley Park Pavilion on May 5th from 11:00AM - 1:00PM for a burger lunch as the community again celebrates our ecumenical mission effort. Your free-will donation funds rural projects in third-world countries under the umbrella of Growing Hope Globally, our Mission-a-Month. Checks for the picnic can be made to our non-profit bookkeeping partner, the Pettisville FFA Alumni Assoc.

VBS at SJCC: June 2-6



Pre-K thru Sixth Graders are invited to a fin-tastic week of diving into friendship with God!

Early Registration Deadline:
Register by May 18th to guarantee a t-shirt!

Donations Needed!

Take a fish or scan the Amazon Gift List QR code at the VBS bulletin board. Thank you so much for your generosity and making VBS possible!

Scan to register



Dive Into Bedtime Stories!

Each year, children at VBS raise money to help other children in need.

This year, we've teamed with Villages in Partnership (VIP), an organization which strives to end the cycle of poverty in Malawi, Africa.

VIP works with local development experts in Malawi to implement programs designed to simultaneously address the inter-connected web of root causes of extreme poverty, including inadequate education.

Most children in the villages walk 1+ hours to school each day. When they return home in the evening, they complete essential housework for the family before being able to do their homework. But, in villages without electricity and candles considered a non-essential item, they have no way to read or complete their homework after dark.

Donations for Lanterns & Books

We will be collecting funds this year to purchase solar-powered lanterns and children's books, allowing the children in Malawi to finally read their own bedtime stories & continue their studies after dark.



Visit www.villagesinpartnership.org
to learn more about VIP's mission.
Scuba VBS at St. John's Christian Church
runs from June 2nd to 6th.
Get registered today online at
www.stjohnsarchbold.org



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Evy Walker, spent time at Toledo Children's Hospital and sees a specialist at the end of May.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, should soon be at Rupp Rehab after a two week hospital stay.
- ◆ Regina Beck, remains at UPMC, following her latest chemo treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace – Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ 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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