

August 18, 2024 | 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**

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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](http://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!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.*

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

*The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Take My Life" Medley

*A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.*

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Matthew 7:24-27 (p. 961)

†Hymns of Praise

#404, "The Solid Rock"

#505, "Love Lifted Me"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Special Music

Mike McRobbie

"Peace in the Valley"

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:6-8 (p. 1123), Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 1158)

†Sermon Hymn

#287, "Our God Has Made Us One"

Sermon

"Play Your Position"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Let Me Serve"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

"There Are Many Gifts" (Insert)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#244, "Tress of the Field"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Matthew 7:24-27** "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

**Romans 12:6-8** We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**Ephesians 4:1-16** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup> (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord, may we each sense a new spirit of desire and willingness to be the church; to be engaged in evangelism and discipleship, sharing with others the faith you have fostered within me. Lead me, Lord, in volunteering in ways that I can be helpful, in praying for the ministries of SJCC, in welcoming and encouraging all who enter into our fellowship, and in glorifying you in sharing the gifts you've blessed me with. In Jesus' name. Amen.

# There are many gifts

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MANY GIFTS Irregular with refrain

Refrain

There are man - y gifts, but the same Spir - it. There are

man - y works, but the same God, and the Spir - it gives each as it

choos - es. Praise the Lord. Praise God.

1 Now one has the gift of wis - dom, an -  
 2 A bod - y has man - y mem - bers, yet  
 3 Not all are called to be proph - ets, and

oth - er the call - ing to speak, one the a - bil - i - ty to  
 all work in u - ni - ty. The church is the bod - y of  
 not all are called to preach, but all should aim for the

com - fort, an - oth - er the call - ing to teach.  
 Christ, his arms, ears and eyes, hands and feet. There are  
 best gifts and love is the great - est of these.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **GIF Gals** - This GIF Gals gathering for this month is on August 28th at King's Corner Garage at 5:30PM. Supper will be provided (from the Barn Restaurant). The program after the meal will be given by Debra Layman from Fayette on the history of buttons. The cost for this fun evening will be \$15, which can be paid on the night of the event. Please sign up on the office bulletin board across from the church office by August 25th. Bring your own beverage and a friend or family member to enjoy this evening with us! God's blessings until we meet.
- ◆ **LifeWise Academy** - Archbold LifeWise is starting Year 2! Do you have one hour per week that you can spare? We need classroom volunteers! There's no prep work - just show up! And you can choose the times that work with your schedule! Visit [www.lifewise.org/archboldoh](http://www.lifewise.org/archboldoh) and click on "JOIN THE TEAM." If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Jones at [rachel-jones@lifewise.org](mailto:rachel-jones@lifewise.org).
- ◆ **St. John's Talent/Gong Show!** - The St. John's Talent/Gong Show is returning on October 27th after a seven-year break! Think about what fun song/dance/skit or more you want to share in October and sign up on the office bulletin board.
- ◆ **East Garden Community Meal: Final One of the Summer** - SJCC is providing and serving the final meal of the summer at East Garden this Thursday, August 22nd. Some of the people who could serve earlier this summer are not available this time, so if you'd be able to help grill meat a head of time, or able to be at East Garden by 4:15PM to help set-up, or able to be there at 5:00PM to serve, please contact Pastor Erich.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County Ohio (HFHFCO)** - The construction has started on the next HFHFCO home, this one located at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue in Swanton. A work day is scheduled this Friday, August 23rd, beginning at 8:00AM. The floor joists and floor decking will be the project of the day. In his free time, Pastor Erich serves as the construction manager for HFHFCO, so please let him know if you are able to help that day. Though work starts at 8:00AM, if you can come later, that's certainly fine! Lunch will be provided! If all goes well, wall framing should start the following Friday, August 30th.

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Aug 18 Count Your Blessings ----- Psalm 105  
Aug 19 Lukewarm! ----- 1 Kings 9  
Aug 20 Global Fame ----- 1 Kings 10  
Aug 21 Foreign Influences ----- 1 Kings 11:1-25  
Aug 22 The End of the Era ----- 1 Kings 11:26-43  
Aug 23 First Day at Work ----- 1 Kings 12:1-24  
Aug 24 Which Voice to Heed? ----- 1 Kings 12:25-13:10

## MEMORIAL SERVICE: DONNA BUEHERER

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A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 31st, in memory of Donna Buehrer, who entered into eternal life on July 13th, 2024 at the age of 95. Visitation will be in the Parish Hall from 10:30AM to 11:30AM, and the memorial service will start at 11:30AM in the sanctuary. May we keep the family continually in prayer as they gather to worship God and remember Donna.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 18TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Thurs	5:00PM	East Gardens Meal - SJCC Meal Team (East Gardens)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Message	(Both) Matt Hines	
Children's Message	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Claire Bowers
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines	<i>(8/25) Eric &amp; Anna Yoder</i>
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, The Roth Family	

2024

# Rally Sunday

September 8th

St. John's Christian Church

9:15  
am

## Sunday School Pep Rally

**Sanctuary** | Get excited for another Sunday School program year! Meet all of our classes & enjoy some donuts and coffee with the Christian Ed. Committee

## Outdoor Praise & Worship

**East Lawn** | Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us on the East Lawn for our annual outdoor worship! Sermon Title: "Brick by Brick" (1 Peter 2:4-10)

10:30  
am

11:30  
am

## Rally Sunday Lunch

**Parish Hall** | A delicious lunch will be provided after worship on behalf of the Fellowship Committee. Don't forget to save room for the ice cream bar!

## Slip 'n Slide Kickball

**East Lawn** | Teams will face off in the first ever Slip 'n Slide Kickball Game! Come cheer on the teams or join the Rookie League. Face painting & Photobooth will be available during the game!

12:30  
pm



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PEP RALLY**

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In lieu of Sunday school on Rally Sunday, all Sunday school classes are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for an exciting time of celebrating as we get ready for the new program year. Before September 8th, SS classes should prepare a brief intro on your class (i.e., your class name, what you typically study, the demographics of your class, anything unique about your class). Select 1-2 individuals as your spokespeople or get your group together to prepare an infomercial skit. We hope this helps individuals without a Sunday school home see what SJCC has to offer!

Sunday school participants should arrive by 9:15am in the Chapel and we will enter into the "Pep Rally" at 9:30am. Light breakfast refreshments will be served after the rally.

## **SLIP 'N SLIDE KICKBALL**

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The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce this year's Rally Sunday activities after worship! Get ready... get set... it's time for... **SLIP 'N SLIDE KICKBALL!** The must-know details are outlined below:

**Teams:** Get a team of 7-9 people together for this year's entertainment as we laugh and fellowship together! Teams should sign up no later than Tuesday, September 3rd. Please contact the church office with a team name and a list of team members, or submit this information on the sign-up sheet posted on the church office bulletin board.

**Spectator Section:** Can't play? No worries! No game is complete without its fans! Bring your lawn chair or blanket from worship and join the cheering section. Trust us, you won't want to miss it!

**Rookie League:** We'll offer a Rookie League "field" for kiddos who just want to have some fun running the bases. Kids are welcome to use the slip 'n slide course in comfortable clothes - just bring a towel along! Ice cream bar and face painting will also be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Walker in the church office or a member of the Christian Education Committee. We can't wait to see you on September 8th!

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, who has been diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ Susie Enderle, recovering well at home following surgery on July 24th.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, now in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Don LaFontaine, going through treatment for cancer, and awaits a date for surgery for another health issue.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week, with plans to return home soon.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests in Indiana in July.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plans of treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm
- ◆ Grace L – pray for healing, pray for relief from pain, swelling and stiffness, pray for complete remission, pray she is able to tolerate meds and have no bad side effects.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home Child Sponsorships

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)

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