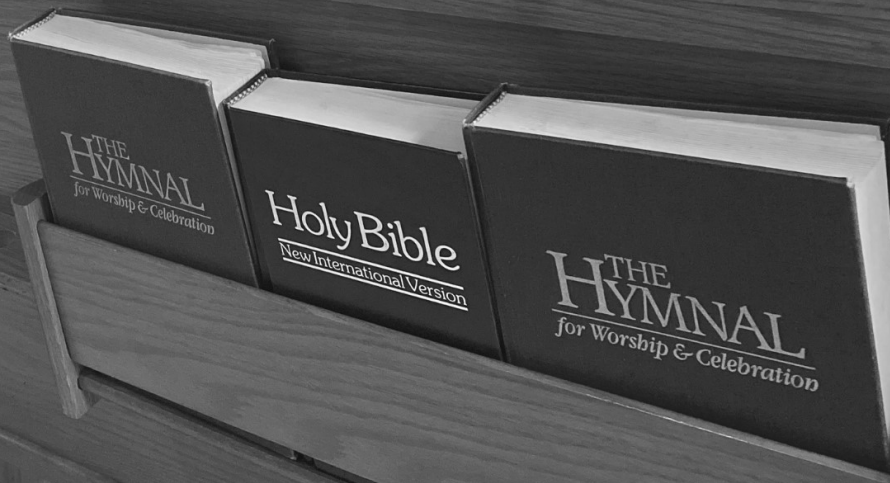




March 9, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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!

First Sunday of Lent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Scripture Reading (L-leader; **P-people**)

Psalm 24:3-5 (p. 544)

L: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?

P: Who may stand in his holy place?

L: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

P: Who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

L: He will receive blessing from the Lord,

P: And vindication from God his Savior.

L: Praise be to God!

(8:00) Prelude

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

(10:30) Prelude

Adult Bell Choir

“As the Deer”

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† Hymns of Praise

bulletin pages 6 and 7, “Give Us Clean Hands”

bulletin page 8, “Guide My Feet”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

(10:30) Special Music

Adult Bell Choir

“There is a Redeemer”

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:47-53 (p. 1044)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

#68, vs. 1-3, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Sermon

“Betrayal”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

#330, “Only Trust Him”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

bulletin page 8, v. 1, “Guide My Feet” 3

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24:3-5: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior.

Luke 22:47-53: While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour-- when darkness reigns."

MISSION-A-MONTH - FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can give to the Friendship House by marking Line 8 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Friendship House" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 6, 2025

- ◆ The footing and floor of the elevator shaft were poured on Monday, then the workers removed the rest of the ceiling tile and glue pucks from the hallway ceiling, which is a dust producing job! No work was done on Tuesday as they waited for the concrete to dry. Further work was spent on preparing to pour the concrete walls of the elevator shaft. Carpenters were on the site Thursday preparing to set walls for the new restrooms, and plumbers began working on the water and waste lines for the new restrooms.
- ◆ Richard Spiess has been working to isolate a water leak in one of the loops of the radiant floor heat, shutting off loops in a scheduled manner to learn which loop might be the source of the leak.
- ◆ People from Sauder Worship Seating met on site to review the work needed to rework the bases of the lectern and pulpit, in order to make them moveable.
- ◆ We have a confirmed date of April 21st from the company who will remove, refinish and reupholster the sanctuary pews, so Sunday morning worship will be held in the chapel and parish hall beginning on April 27th.
- ◆ We continue to wait on word about when the companies involved with the installation of the new electric service can start that part of the project.
- ◆ We had the first large transfer of funds from the money market with EGR, of \$100,000, to have funds on hand for the first payment due to the Mel Lanzer Company.

The schedule of work for Phase One – New Restrooms and Elevator:

- ◇ The new restrooms should be ready for use by the end of March – we haven't heard of a new schedule yet, but much has to happen before then.
- ◇ The elevator shaft and elevator installation will be worked on through August

The schedule of work for Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◇ Pews to be removed the week of April 21 (Easter is April 20)
- ◇ Asbestos abatement to take place as soon as pews and carpet are removed
- ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28

Give Us Clean Hands

Words and Music by
Charlie Hall

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 75$ F C F/A B \flat

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-

4 F B \flat /C F C F/A B \flat

ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

CHORUS

8 F C Dm C

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an-

12 B \flat F C Dm C

oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an-

16

oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

19

oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

22

that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY POSITION

The Consistory has determined to move forward with making the Director of Music Ministry position permanent from “interim” as suggested at the Annual Meeting in January. Buffy Riley has served as the Interim Director of Music Ministry for the past 1 ½ years. She will be applying for the Director of Music Ministry position. Past practice of the church has been that when a permanent position becomes available, it is posted within the congregation. Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact Laura Johnson, chair of the Personnel Committee, at lajohnson57@gmail.com. A copy of the job description of the position that Buffy has been filling will be forwarded to the interested applicant. All applicants need to **apply by March 15th**.



WOMEN'S
HEALTH
RESOURCE
HELP • HOPE • HEALING

39th Annual Spring Benefit & Silent Auction

Yet He is actually

NOT FAR FROM
each one of us

*for 'in Him we live and move and
have our being'. Acts 17:27-28*

Tuesday, April 8th, at 5:30 p.m.
at Archbold Evangelical Church

You are invited to join us for the 39th Annual CPC Spring Benefit and Silent Auction! This year, the event will feature a catered meal, speaker Pastor Samuel Andres, and opportunities to donate to CPC through a silent auction and offering collection. **Registration is required to reserve your spot. The cost is \$10 per adult (free for children under 18). For more information or to register call (419) 636-5692.**

Bryan

1410 W. High St.
(419) 636-5691

Defiance

1997 N. Clinton St.
(419) 784-4062



Napoleon

1801 Oakwood Ave.
(419) 591-1453

Wauseon

1499 Glenwood Ave.
(419) 335-0117

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT UPDATED MARCH 6, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report – YTD

Total Income	\$72,204.37
Total Expenses	\$60,243.44
Net Operating Income	\$11,960.93

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

Mission Income	\$30,200.50
Mission Disbursements	\$31,107.93
Net Mission Income	(\$907.43)

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$2,757,000.00
Building Fund Balance with EGR	\$2,060,327.78	
Building Funds with F&M Bank	\$179,266.43	
Building Project Expenses to Date	<u>\$358,347.77</u>	
Total		<u>\$2,597,941.98</u>
Funds to be Raised to Meet Budget		\$159,058.02

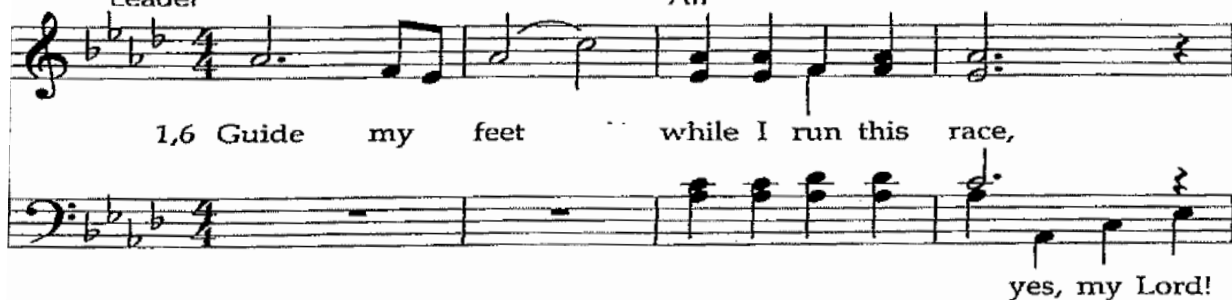
Guide my feet

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GUIDE MY FEET Irregular

Leader

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1,6 Guide my feet while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!



Guide my feet while I run this race,
yes, my Lord!



Guide my feet while I run this race, for I



don't want to run this race in vain!
(race in vain!)

- 2 Hold my hand...
- 3 Stand by me...
- 4 I'm your child...
- 5 Search my heart...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Sunday Lunch with the Pastor** - Want to know more about the theology and current ministries of St. John's Christian Church? Then this time of lunch and conversation is for you! Pastor Erich and Lynne will host the lunch in the Fireside Room following the 10:30AM service **TODAY**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church. People interested in attending are asked to: 1) speak with Pastor Erich, 2) text him (419-551-0401), 3) email (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org).
- ◆ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ◆ **Marriage Retreat 2025** - A marriage retreat at Miracle Camp is scheduled for October 17-19th! The retreat is designed for newlyweds and those with children and teens still living at home. We pray this retreat provides each couple with the time to reconnect in a fun and faith-based environment through devotions, worship, outdoor recreation, and activities, all while enjoying the fellowship of other couples at SJCC. **Please sign up on the wandering bulletin board by March 14th** so that we can formally reserve the dates at camp. Contact Jocelyn in the church office at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org with questions.
- ◆ **2025 Easter Flowers - Order Deadline is next Sunday, March 16th**. The Easter Flower order form is posted on the wandering bulletin board. Flower selections include daffodils, lilies, and a variety of colors of hyacinths, tulips, and mums. The cost is \$12 each.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! March's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **March 20th, beginning at 11:30AM** in the chapel. Following an always delicious meal and some blessed table fellowship, we will consider aspects of Lent.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat 2025** - Join us for an encouraging weekend at Miracle Camp, located in Lawton, Michigan. It is a beautiful place to step away from your routine and spend time with God. Enjoy worshiping with other women, Biblical teachings, great food and a variety of activities. We will be staying at the (hotel style) Lodge the weekend of **April 11-13th**. The cost is \$210 and includes meals Saturday through Sunday morning and snacks. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the office. For more information talk with Sarah Kinsman or Carrie Wooley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ **College Scholarship Application** - St. John's Christian Church offers College Scholarship's each year to active members who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year. The scholarship is available to all full-time traditional and non-traditional college students. The application can be found under the "Resources" tab on the church website (www.stjohnsarchbold.org), with **all components of the application due by April 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Walker at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org.
- ◆ **Lock-In Chaperones Needed** - In preparation for Jocelyn's upcoming maternity leave in mid-May, we are seeking 2-3 individuals willing to chaperone lock-ins for both JYF and SYF on **May 30th**. JYF's Late Night Lock-In will be held at The Outback Youth Center from 7PM to midnight. SYF's full night lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church from 7PM – 7AM, with chaperones needed from 1:00AM to 7:00AM. If you are interested or willing to help with either of these evenings, please contact Jocelyn. Thank you for helping us make these nights possible for our youth!
- ◆ **2025 Annual Yearbook** - Please contact the church office with any changes to your household information such as: Household Member Names, Mailing Address, Phone Numbers (Landline and Cell), and Email Addresses. Thank you!

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Linda Heer
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
Acolytes	(8:00) Kamy Link (10:30) Kaden Pierson
Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald
Nursery	(10:30) Karen Walker, Molly Rutledge
Usher	(8:00) Shawn Stuckey
Head Usher	Matt Hines
Ushers	(10:30) Claire Bowers, Kali Lantz, Kamy Link

Adult Bell Choir: Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan Christman, Ann Fether, Norm Fether, Gloria Lauber, Lynne Ries, Aimee Roth, Darlene Steiner, David Stuckey, Kim S. Walker; Director – Buffy Riley

WEEK OF MARCH 9TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun First Sunday of Lent
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)
11:45AM Lunch with the Pastor (Fireside Room)
5:00PM Walleye Faith & Family Game
6:00PM Seekers (Keith & Kelli Kuntz's)
- Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
5:00PM Community Meal (Lion's Club)
7:00PM 4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
- Wed 5:45PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00PM Evening Lent Service (Chapel)
8:00PM Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- Thur 7:00PM CE Committee (Fireside Room)
- Sat 2:00PM Parish Hall Reserved
- Sun Second Sunday of Lent
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)

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Mar 10 Not From Galilee?-----John 7:40-52
Mar 11 Trapped-----John 8:1-11
Mar 12 Show Me Your Credentials----- John 8:12-20
Mar 13 A Dire Prognosis-----John 8:21-30
Mar 14 Trapped By Lies-----John 8:31-41
Mar 15 Catch-22----- John 8:42-47
Mar 16 Waiting and Longing-----Psalm 130

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Dale Grime, who had surgery on Wednesday to remove a kidney stone.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who continues to struggle with weight loss, and is going through new testing regarding an infection. Pray for wisdom, peace and endurance in this race.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS and receiving treatments.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as his January 30th PET scan came back good!

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – pray for a new ministry with a youth girls club; pray in March for the culture’s time of fasting, praying for people to earnestly seek God; pray for building good relationships with school teachers; pray for her ongoing language learning.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7th & 8th grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit’s wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ 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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