

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

### Welcome to our Worship of God! Second Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting Sunday

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

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

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

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

Inscribed on the Tower Bells - "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation Matthew 7:7-8 (p. 961)

Special Announcement - Kenny Walker sharing about Sunday School

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation"

A time to center our thoughts, centering on Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.

†Call to Worship

L: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole,

P: We come seeking Jesus Christ, who offers grace and hope.

L: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers,

P: We seek to follow Jesus Christ, who works for justice and hope for all God's people.

L: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children,

P: We listen for the songs of joy creation sings of Jesus Christ, who gives life and peace.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

"Forever" "Still"

Children's Message

Iunior Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

Faith Testimony

†Songs

Bob & Carol DeVries

†Prayer Hymn – #429

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 984)

"How Does the Lord Supply?"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Sermon

"Be Still, My Soul"

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – Thank you, Lord, for challenging us to love, to serve, to share. Our offerings are given to honor your blessings and to further your Kingdom. May they be blessings of hope and faith and testimony. In Jesus' name. Amen.

†Closing Song "Thrive"

**†**Spoken Benediction ~ Transition to Annual Meeting



#### **Guests and Visitors**

Welcome to our worship of God! We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www. stjohnsarchbold.org.

#### St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

#### Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children's and Large Print 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.

#### This Week's Congregational Prayer:

(These weekly prayers are given for unity and prayer guidance. Unity in the hope that everyone will offer this prayer daily throughout the week. Prayer guidance in the intent to assist everyone in knowing how and what to pray.) I pray for the men and women who have just finished their terms on Consistory. Bless them with rest and assurance. I pray for our newly elected leaders. Fill them with knowledge and wisdom, with joy and nurture as they begin their service. I pray for the nominees who were not elected, praying that they know your peace and your will, and how their willingness to be nominated blessed our congregation. As a congregation, together in faith and fellowship, keep us in your will, as a church seeking to grow in faith and faithfulness to you, Lord. Amen



# Congratulations to Jack & Joanne Spotts, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on January 9th!

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#### Marriage Enrichment Weekend – March 22-24, 2019 Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, Michigan

When was the last time you had a whole weekend with nothing drawing away from attention toward your spouse? Whether your desire is to celebrate the joy of marriage, or to simply experience a time away with your spouse, this weekend is for you! Michindoh is hosting another exciting weekend where you will be encouraged in your walk with the Lord, worship together with other couples, and have the opportunity to rejuvenate your marriage as you set aside a few days to just enjoy being together. You'll appreciate the uplifting messages brought by our guest speaker as we are again reminded of God's great design for marriage.

Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a little healthy competition during free time on Saturday afternoon, when we will have multiple recreation opportunities available. If you would prefer to just relax alone as a couple, our natural campus setting will offer just the right mix of trails, scenery, and quiet spots to enjoy fellowship alone. This weekend will also offer a cozy wagon ride, a date night, and an extra-special, romantic dinner on Saturday evening. You won't want to miss this affordable mini-vacation together!

For more information, or to register, visit the Michindoh website – www.michindoh.com and click on the marriage enrichment retreat picture under "Highlights" or click on the "Programs" tab and then the "Adult" tab. You also may contact their reservations office at reservations@michindoh.com or by calling 517-523-3616.

Pastor Erich shares the above information for couples to consider, and if one or more couples are able to participate, he'd appreciate knowing so he could follow up afterwards and get feedback.

LOGOS: PreK/Kind: We learned about God's promise to Sarah & Abraham that they would have many descendants. We also made a star craft to remind us that God always keeps his promises. 3rd Grade: We learned how God helped Moses do the hard job of leading the Israelites and how we can trust Him to help us do hard jobs, too. 4th Grade: This week we talked about the church year, how that calendar differs from the normal calendar. We color-coded a calendar to match the church seasons (to go along with the colors we see on the altar throughout the year).

<u>5th Grade</u>: Teamwork is mentioned throughout the bible, such as rebuilding the wall in Jerusalem and the 12 disciples being sent out by Jesus. The kids worked alone and then together on a project to really see how teamwork gets the job done.

Senior High Sunday School: Our lesson comes from Exodus 16-17, where we see God's goodness shown through His sustaining grace toward His people. Despite difficult situations, we talk about how we need to not let worship give way to grumbling.

#### **WEEK OF JAN. 20 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun		Annual Congregational Meeting & Meal
	9:00AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
		Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:15AM	Annual Meeting (child care provided for preschool thru 6th grade)
	12:15PM	Lunch served by the SYF
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Short's)
Mon	1:30PM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
		Indoor Soccer (Gym)
	7:00PM	Consistory Orientation (Fireside Room)
Tues		Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (AAMA Hosting)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Training (Chapel)
	7:00PM	CE Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Classroom Upstairs)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	6:00PM	6th Grade Basketball
Fri	4:30PM	Indoor Soccer
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

#### Next Sunday – January 27

Sermon – "More Than An Aspiration" by Pastor Erich Christman Scripture – Joshua 1:1-9; Romans 15:1-6

**Discovery**° is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access the guide online at <a href="http://www.scriptu-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery">http://www.scriptu-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery</a>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 21 - I'm Secure	
January 22 - I'm Thankful	2 Samuel 7:18-29
January 24 - I'm Vulnerable	2 Samuel 11:1-27
January 25 - I'm Rebuked	2 Samuel 12:1-25
	2 Samuel 15:1-12
January 27 - With All My Heart	Psalm 138

#### St. John's Christian Preschool - Volunteer Substitutes Needed

St John's Christian Preschool is looking for fun, energetic, and compassionate volunteers to help substitute in our Preschool Room in the absence of either Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

Our faithful leaders have created a fun learning atmosphere for young children ages 3-5, and want you to help team up with other volunteers that have the same drive to help teach in the classroom. Don't worry! A teaching license is not required!

Volunteers must have the following:

- \* Be 18 years old or older
- \* Have a high school diploma/GED
- \* There are forms and some trainings that will need to be completed, which is something we will be helping you along the way with.

You may be asking yourself "What's in it for me?"

#### Service

What better way to serve your church family and community than to take a few days a month to help aide in the classroom. As a substitute, you will help follow the directions of the lead teacher that day, whether it be Mrs. MacDonald or Mrs. Wyse.

#### **Positive Impact on Young Children**

Our preschool children are so impressionable at this point in their lives. The positive impact that you can show them through the love of learning about Jesus, and the cool things at the sand table, are a positive light that you can shine on them.

If you are asking yourself if you can give a day or a few days a month to volunteer in our preschool room, please consider! This may not only have a positive impact on our students, but also on you.

The Christian Preschool Board and staff would like to thank all of you that have made efforts to donate to our preschool. Whether that is with school supplies or monetary donations, they are a blessing. If you feel called today or in the coming weeks, please consider donating to the St. John's Preschool to assist us with supplies or simply volunteering your time in the classroom for a fun experience!

# January Mission-A-Month Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

#### **2018 Giving Statements**

Giving Statements are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex, arranged alphabetically.

#### Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation

- ₱Africa Tom & Megan The Islands serving since 2009, Tom and Megan, with their children, Grace, Peter and David, continue serving with a team focused on teaching English, offering translation workshops, mentoring and discipleship.
- ♣Akron David Hench Reliant at Akron University serving since 2018, David grew up in Wauseon, graduated from Akron U in 2017, and he married Blair last summer. David is focused on discipling students and is involved in weekly Bible studies and worship services.
- ♣Ann Arbor Kyle Chase Reliant Mission at University of Michigan serving since 2008, Kyle is married to Melissa, and they have two sons, Jaden and Brennan. Kyle serves as pastor of New Life Church and has oversight and discipleship of North Campus students and staff as well as oversight of the teaching ministry at New Life Church.
- ₱Bowling Green Robert & Jenni McMahan Cru at BGSU originally from Napoleon, Robert & Jenni started serving in September of 2018 and continue to build relationships with other staff and with students.
- ♣ Brazil Tony & Leila Frank Tony is originally from Stryker, and after serving in Russia and Mozambique, they transitioned to Brazil in 2014. They are engaged in teaching at a local church, teaching bible and discipleship at a college campus, and translation work.
- ♣ Chicago Jon & Rachel Doriot Pioneers we began supporting Jon & Rachel, and their children, Jadon, Brendan, Joshua and Asher, in 2012, when they were in Indonesia. They transitioned to Chicago in the fall of 2016 where they train believers in discipleship, reach out to lost Muslims, and network broadly with like-minded people.
- <sup>♣</sup> Columbus Matt & Paige Waanders Cru at Ohio State University Paige is a granddaughter of Lenny & Jean Stamm, and after serving a year in Brazil, they returned to Cru at OSU in July of 2017. Matt continues to oversee aspects of Cru's ministry in Brazil and the two of them serve at OSU, as well as at Columbus State University.
- †Dominican Republic Jason & Becky Suon Freedom International from the Pettisville area, they started serving 2017. Jason works on the maintenance staff at the school and Becky works in the preschool. They have four children Finn, Paisley, Stacia and Moses.
- PIndia Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole CRHP Jamkhed Shobha and Ravi are the children of the CRHP founders, who we've partnered with since 1967. CRHP includes a hospital, preschool, training center, teaching farm, prosthetic leg workshop and much more, all the while sharing Christ and providing quality health care to 40 villages.
- \*\*Kenya Larry & Linda Rupp Kajiado Children's Home Larry, brother to Doug, grew up at St. John's, and he and Linda helped found the home in the early 1990's. The home serves 60 to 90 orphans, providing lodging, meals, education, faith and a loving family environment.
- → Thailand Kinsey Smith Cru at Grace International School she is in her first of two years, teaching 11th grade U.S. literature, and ministering to students anyway she can.
- ♣Toledo Matt Pardi Reliant Mission at University of Toledo Matt and MaryLynn served at OSU for six years, and we began supporting them in 2010 when they were at BGSU. They are the parents of Dominic, Isabella and Max. Matt serves as pastor and network director, at both Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

#### Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- •The family of Edgar Sauder, father of Warren, who died on Tuesday at the age of 101.
- •Connie Bostelman had an outpatient procedure on Thursday and is recovering.
- •Callie Rohrs had knee surgery on Monday and all went well.
- •Callie Ruffer was discharged on Wednesday after ten days in the hospital following her surgery.
- •Jeremy Neuenschwander, who had a biopsy done on December 26th and awaits results.
- •Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- •Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- •Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- •David Richardson, reports to marine boot camp on 2/25 (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- •Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- •AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
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- •Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).

## Today's Worship Servants

Ushers

Sound Tech

Acolyte Cameron Yoder

•All our home bound and care center residents.

(Head) Steve Walker

Jon & Jan Lindsay, Eric & Sarah Nafziger

Nursery Staff Keith & Kelli Kuntz (Jan. 27) Josh & Kasey Grime

James Grime Dean Sauder

Video Tech Dean Sauder Song Leader Ed Ruffer

Worship Leader Brad Roth

Computer Tech Brad Roth
Tom Hines

Accompanist Lynne Christman

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