



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **Hear** the **Reason** we're **Inspired** to **Serve Together**



Celebrating Anniversaries this Week

Sheryl & Joe Short (6/6) Jen & Jeremy Hurst (6/9)

*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.

June 6, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 138:1-3

Prelude

Medley

† Hymn of Praise and Adoration

#87, vs. 1,3,4,6, "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

† Unison Prayer of Confession– *Great and ever present God, whose mercy is an unexpected miracle: in Jesus Christ you offer your presence at all times and in all places and conditions. Yet we confess that so often we do not recognize you and your work that is in everything. Forgive us for the many ways we fail you. Teach us how to forgive and accept each other. Fill us with new life and renewed hope that you promise us all in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

† Hymn of Response

#350, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-12, 13-20

Sermon

"Understanding the Sower"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Let Me Serve"

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

#295, "Revive Us Again"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#294, refrain only, "Set My Soul Afire"

† Postlude

"Who Is On The Lord's Side?"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 138:1-3 I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted.

Mark 4:1-12 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ²He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." ⁹Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." ¹⁰When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

¹¹He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables ¹²so that, "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"

Mark 4:13-20 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop-- thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Sermon Notes – “Understanding the Sower”

Mark 4:1-12, 13-20



The Seeds fell...

- Along the path
- On rocky places
- Among the thorns
- On good soil

1. Birds, the Sun, Thorns – Satan, Trouble/Persecution, Worries/Worldly
2. Seeds unsown don't do anything
3. Naturally sown seeds – Sown by the Lord

Summer Mission Experience – We're Staying Local

1. Project – The Friendship House – located at 118 S. Defiance Street
2. Days – Monday through Friday, June 14 thru 18; Daily Schedule to be:
 - a. Arriving at the site no earlier than 8:30am, starting work at 9am
 - b. Lunch time will be around 12:00pm – served on site
 - c. Work will end at 5:00pm, with dinner around 5:30pm – served on site
3. Work will include shingling the roof, installing door and windows, siding, exterior trim, interior walls, insulating, hanging drywall, lawn seeding and landscaping, at least!
4. Working locally opens up the project to people who'd like to work just a day, or just an afternoon, etc., or to people who might want to provide a lunch or evening meal.

***Please let Pastor Erich know if you are interested in any aspect of #4 above.*

June Mission-A-Month: Outback Youth Center

The Outback Youth Center's mission is to provide Archbold Area Youth (middle school through high school) with a positive non-denominational Christian based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other problems which face our youth today. While the Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities and food. The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what the Outback is doing. You will be able to find the Outback Youth Center on the web at: <http://defyfc.org/> and on Facebook at: *Archbold Campus Life- The Outback*.

GIF Gals

The GIF Gals had their first outing on May 13 at the Das Essen Haus. Fifteen ladies were in attendance. There was good food, good conversation and lots of smiles and laughter. The next get together will be Wednesday, June 16 @ 5:00. They will meet at Sullivan's Restaurant in Wauseon. If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 4:30. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there for a fun evening together.

Sunday School Bible Study Series

Join the Connections Sunday School Class in this 11-part series on the Gospel of Mark beginning June 13. Author and speaker Francis Chan invites us to walk with him along the ancient ways of the Master. Tracing the steps of Jesus and the Twelve through Israel, Francis explores the major themes of the Gospel of Mark, and asks: Are we willing to take this journey to embrace discipleship? The series will be shown in the Chapel.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

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:

June 6 – "Talk to Yourself"	Psalm 103
June 7 – "Irrepressible"	Acts 5:17-32
June 8 – "The Fruit of Fearless Faith"	Acts 5:33-42
June 9 – "Your Church Needs You!"	Acts 6:1-7
June 10 – "Desperate Measures"	Acts 6: 8-15
June 11 – "Deep Roots"	Acts 7:1-8
June 12 – "Plot Twists"	Acts 7:9-19

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

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 new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's 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.

Week of June 6 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (@the church)
Mon	7:00PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	10:00AM	Visitation (Gym)
	12:00PM	Memorial Service of Willie Buehrer (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

Next Sunday, June 13, 2021

Scriptures - Psalm 20, Mark 4:26-34, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Sermon - "The Kingdom of God is Like..."

Congregational Prayer

Merciful God, I come to you for moments of quietness in my self-made busyness. I come to you for energy in my weariness. I come to you for challenge when I am willing to settle for my own small plans and dreams. I long for the peace of your presence, even as I am afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into my life and enliven me; enter Spirit of God, into my community and enable me to love and serve you and all your children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both)	Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both)	David Stuckey	
Lay Reader	(8:00)	Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Easy Worship	(Both)	Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30)	Cayla Swisher	
Usher	(8:00)	Jim Grieser	
Nursery	(6/6)	Bri & Bo Krukowski	(6/13) Sarah & Jeremy Kinsman

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jay Pursel's father, Rich, remains hospitalized due to covid and pneumonia.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler is in rehab at St. Charles Hospital recovering from lower back surgery.
- ◆ KCH staff, Ruth and Nelson, recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, as the MRI revealed a small non-cancerous cyst in the pineal gland. He'll have another MRI in 3 to 6 weeks.
- ◆ Tracey Warren began 45 days of as radiation treatments on June 3rd.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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