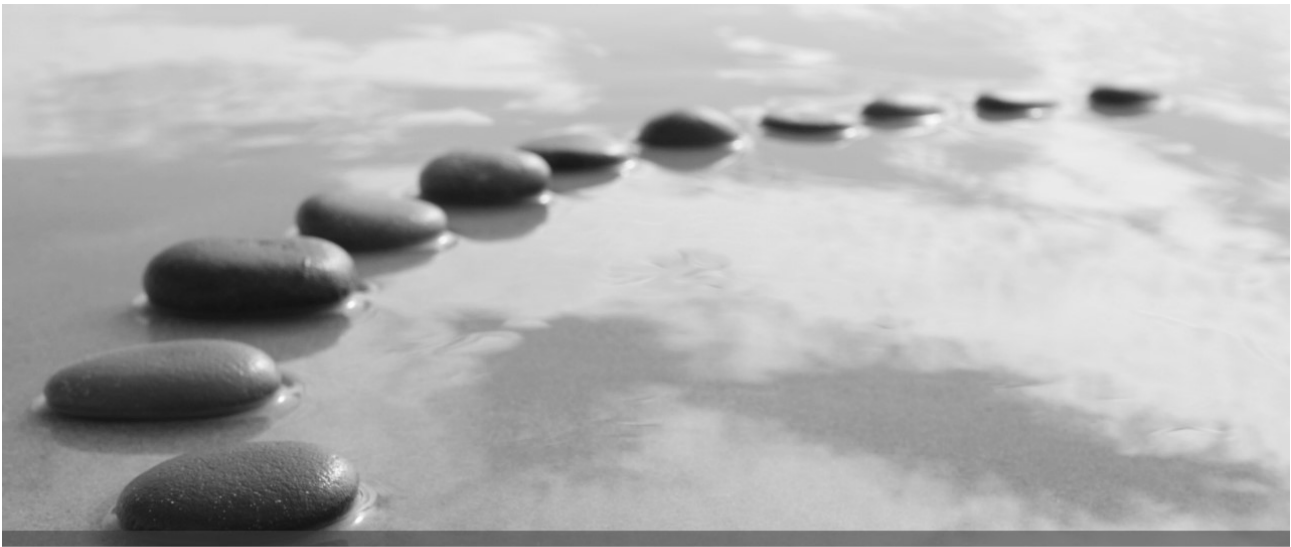




Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Our message today is brought to us by Pastor Gary Stuckey from Inlet Mennonite Church. Welcome, Pastor Gary! (See page 3 for more information).

*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.*

August 8, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 89:1-8 (pg. 587)

Prelude

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

†Hymn of Praise

#16, "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

†Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

†Gloria

#623, "The Gloria Patri"

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

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4:1-7

†Sermon Hymn

#405, "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Sermon

"What Do These Stones Mean?"

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#296, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#286, v.1, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

†Postlude

"We Bow Down"

Welcome, Pastor Stuckey!

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Gary Stuckey! Pastor Gary is from Stryker where he has spent a lifetime milking and raising cattle. On the farm, he has learned to hear from God, and it is there in which God began to call him to ministry. Gary, along with his wife Sandy, have pastored at the Pine Grove Mennonite and Inlet Mennonite congregations. Gary is currently part of the pastoral team at Inlet Mennonite. Gary and Sandy have a son and a daughter, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way! Gary's connections to St. John's include his brother, David Stuckey, and his aunt, Norma Fish.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 89:1-8 I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ⁴ 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" ⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. ⁶ For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? ⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. ⁸ O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Joshua 4:1-7 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." ⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

Sermon Notes

Sermon "What Do These Stones Mean?"

Scripture Joshua 4:1-7

Congregational Prayer

O God of strength and energy, speak to us today through the faithfulness of Joshua and how the tribes honored and remembered you. We remember the faithfulness of Jesus and his disciples, and Paul and his co-workers. They risked themselves for you, for the church! Give us the resolution and faith to follow their example. By the power of your Spirit, encourage us to become bold tellers of our faith-stories, as we share the good news of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

August Mission-A-Month: Back Bay Mission

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives” (thebackbaymission.org, 2021). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. Offerings to Back Bay Mission can be designated on line item two of your offering envelopes or by selecting “Back Bay Mission” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

Announcements

- ◆ **Community Meal Ministry** - We are striving to relaunch this Tuesday evening ministry on September 14th, serving from 5pm to 6pm. Area churches and organizations are currently working to schedule meal and serving teams. Meals will be held here at St. John’s, so we are looking for volunteers to help with weekly set up and clean up, and teams to help prepare, serve, and host meals. Please contact Jocelyn or Pastor Erich if you are able to help with any aspects of this ministry. Thank you!
- ◆ **School Prayer Walk** - On Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00pm, Pastor Jason Sharp from the Archbold United Methodist Church will guide a time of prayer as the 2021-2022 school year begins for Archbold Area Schools. People are invited to gather in the high school parking lot by 7:00pm, where all who gather will be divided into three groups to walk and pray in the halls of the elementary, middle, and high schools.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Vacation** - Pastor Erich will return from vacation on Wednesday, August 11th. For pastoral care needs, please call or text Pastor Erich at 419-551-0401.
- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - Tuesday Bible Study will not meet on August 10th. Class will resume on August 17th.
- ◆ **B.L.A.S.T. Sunday** - On September 12th, St. John’s will blast off into a year of new ministry as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together! The day will consist of Christian education and fellowship for all ages, as well as an 8:00AM service of worship in the Chapel and a 10:30AM outdoor service of worship on the East lawn. A tentative schedule can be found in the August issue of The Visitor, and updates will be shared in future bulletin announcements and on Facebook.

Next Sunday - August 15th, 2021: Presentation Sunday

Please join us as our 2021 Confirmands, Ollie MacDonald, Leah Nafziger, Joshua Reeb, and Raegan Rutledge lead our service of worship.

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. 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 August 8th at St. John's Christian Church

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	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tues	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	10:00AM	Confirmation Session (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Search Committee (Chapel)
Thu	10:00AM	GIF Gals Depart for Grand Rapids
	6:30PM	Facility Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Fellowship Committee (Chapel)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
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)

Daily Discovery Guide

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:

August 8 – Unafraid Of Bad News.....Psalm 112
August 9 – Life In The Light.....1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
August 10 – Pray for Us.....1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
August 11 – God Of Justice.....2 Thessalonians 1
August 12 – God Of Power.....2 Thessalonians 2
August 13 – God Of Love.....2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
August 14 – God Of Peace.....2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley
Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer
Worship Leader	(Both) JoAnn Short
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
Head Usher	Dave Walker
8:00AM Usher	Linda Heer
10:30AM Ushers	Paul & Joan Lovejoy, Roger & Mary Zimmerman

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger and Kay, who met with the oncologist along with her parents and are now weighing their options. Pray for Christ's guidance as they decide on her next steps of treatment.
- ◆ Bob & Barbara Vos, as both continue to heal from recent health issues.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who had his last day of radiation treatment on 8/3. In three months, he will have another test to determine future treatment.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who continues in rehab at Heartland in Sylvania.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, who had surgery on 8/4 to remove a malignant tumor on the upper lobe of his right lung.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (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, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (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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