



THE VISITOR

January 1, 2022 | Volume 68, Number 1

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ The new year of 2022: for peace among nations, health worldwide, and a renewed sense of hope for the year ahead.
- ◆ Callie Ruffer, three-year-old daughter of Cameron and Kristen, and granddaughter of Ed and Julie, who passed away peacefully in her mommy's arms on 12/28. The family shares they are "praising God that her heart is whole and she can run and jump and eat all the treats she could ever want!"
- ◆ Sharon VonDeylen, who was hospitalized on 12/21 for dehydration and infection.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who is going through therapy and awaits further medical follow-up.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who now has a full cast on her left ankle for at least three more weeks.
- ◆ Ann Grime, as she continues to recover at home from Covid.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, as she continues in therapy at Rupp Rehab following a car accident.
- ◆ Denny Hornish, who is recovering at home from surgery to remove his gall bladder.
- ◆ Matt Pardi, who has been transferred to an extended care facility. The Mission Committee has sent the Pardi family a love gift of \$2,000 for support and encouragement.
- ◆ John Graber and family, upon Kathryn's entrance into eternal life on 12/2 at the age of 88.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, 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, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at 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)

- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shane Pitts, Deployed, Qatar (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to 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)

Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502
Dean Beck, Room #154A
Josephine Short, Room #405
Wayne Spiess, Room #174

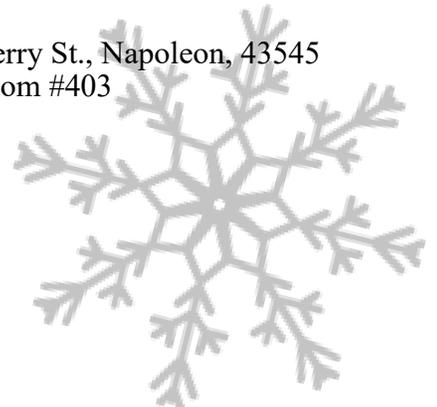
Fairlawn Assist. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Donna Buehrer, Room #210

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave. Wauseon, 43567
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
Velma Overmier, Room #501-1
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Mike Meyer, Rehab
Beverly Beaverson, Suite #605

SKLD, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan 43506
Verlene Lovejoy, Room #203B

Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
Audrey Smith, Room #403
Shirley Wyse



PASTOR'S COLUMN

I received the following piece of poetry a few days before Christmas and didn't get a chance to share it until now. May your reading of "The Christmas Coat" help you share Christmas giving all the year long.

The Christmas Coat

An old boy was fumblin' around one day, In a women's clothing store, He'd found his wife a Christmas coat, And was headed for the door, When he bumped into a little boy, That looked like he was lost, And he said "Mister can you help me, Find out how much something costs?"

Here it is almost Christmas, And the nights are gettin' cold, Winter time is on us, And my mom don't have a coat, I've been workin' for the neighbors, And saving for a time", And in his tiny outstretched hand, Was a dollar and a dime.

His gaze went from that big eyed boy, To that pretty Christmas coat, And he finally cleared away the lump, That had gathered in his throat, He said "Son that's just what this coat costs, We're lucky that we found 'er."

And he turned around and gave a wink, To the lady at the counter, She put it in a pretty box, And wrapped it up just so, And went off in the back, And found a big red Christmas bow, He said "I thank you for your help sir, And I kindly thank you ma'am.

I hope y'all are gonna have a big Christmas, Cause now I know I am", Well the old boy walked home busted, Except for the dollar and the dime, Thinkin he'd just have to buy, The coat another time. He told his wife that Christmas this year, Wouldn't be much fun and he gently took her in his arms, And told her what he'd done, She said "why you old softie I wouldn't trade you for a farm, I've got two or three old coats, And your love to keep me warm"

She put that money in a matchbox, And placed it beneath their tree, And said "that is the grandest gift You've ever given me"

The years went by like years will do, When people are in love, Their marriage was a golden bond, That was forged by God above, Then one day came some bitter news, That filled his heart with fright, The doctor told the old man's wife, That she was going to lose her sight.

He said "there's an operation we can do, But it puts me on the spot, Cause it's a quite complex procedure, And it's going to cost a lot", The old man said "doctor I'm a failure, I've made no preparation, We don't have the money, For that kind of an operation."

The doctor got the strangest look, And he sat there for a while, And then he slowly nodded, And he broke out in a smile, He said "why sir you can't fool me, You're a very wealthy man You long ago invested, In the world's best savings plan.

I'll see she gets the best of care, She's going to be just fine, And the total cost to you old friend, Is a dollar and a dime." The old man stared in disbelief, Then he recognized that smile, The one he'd seen those years ago, On a loving thoughtful child, He said "what you gave to me that day, Was more than just a coat, You gave me the gift of giving, And you gave my mother hope.

My mother'd been mistreated, Neglected and abused, But she gave life just one more chance, And it was all because of you, Now every year she takes that coat, And lays it beneath our tree, It represents to us the things, That Christmas ought to be.

She says that when we leave this world, For a better home someday, The only things that we'll take with us, Are the things we gave away "

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage." Psalm 27:14

Blessings in Christ,

ERICH

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND THANK YOU'S

St. John's,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the many cards, thoughts, phone calls, visits, and prayers during dad's rehab and passing.

We are grateful and thankful to have such a caring and loving church family, and appreciate your kindness and support over the past several months.

Blessings,
The families of Craig & Curt Spotts
Julie Ruffer



St. John's,

Many thanks and a great amount of appreciation goes out to our SJCC family. You absolutely know how to bless someone abundantly with your concerns, prayers and hope-filled encouragement. Leah continues to struggle with headaches and dizziness from the effects of her double concussion. She will have intense vestibular therapy for a month, if not more, and it will all depend on how quickly her brain adjusts to the therapy. She will heal, and we are so grateful for that.

Your cards, texts, prayers and love have carried us through this storm. It hasn't been easy, and Leah has a long road of therapy ahead of her, but with your continued prayers, she will be as good as ever soon. Thank you for your prayers. It brings us great comfort to know that so many of you have lifted us in prayer.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Eric, Sarah, Emma and Leah Nafziger



St. John's Church,

The area is now beginning to suffer with illness. There were some great people who included me to color some pictures to help the aides with their jobs. The aides keep the hallways from falling apart and many other valuable purposes! It also helps with new people working in the kitchen, preparing trays and meals. They have helped to care for us in numerous ways.

The season of Christmas had been very good but today, much different. Christmas has arrived early - cards by so many people to help build us up. School will be back very soon and we will miss the children. Today I am bound down at this time. My family had gone to other states to their jobs - business as far as Kansas over Thanksgiving. Now they have returned to the area. Thanks for the cards I received during the two holidays. It's good to hear from everyone. I remember my friend Denny Hornish from Henry County.

In Closing and Happy New Year,
Bernice Rice

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Evening Ministries - January 12th Resumption!

Logos, JYF and Life Planning will resume on January 12th for the spring semester.

- ◆ Logos starts at 5:50pm
- ◆ JYF youth are invited to the Logos Dinner at 6:00pm, with JYF to follow at 6:45pm
- ◆ Life Planning starts at 7:00pm

SYF will resume the following week, January 19th, at 7:00pm



Third Thursday Luncheons - For Senior Citizens and Any and All!

January 20th will be the next luncheon, starting at 11:30am with lunch and then a program to follow – a look at Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio.



GIF Gals

On Saturday, December 11th, five in our group went with R&R Tours to Shippshewana to see the Texas Tenors Christmas Show. It was wonderful and enjoyed by all. We also got to do a little shopping and had a delicious meal at an Amish home. We had lots of conversation, laughter, and overall a wonderful day.

The Gals will meet again in 2022 on January 23rd shortly after 10:30 a.m. service for lunch and a game day. We hope to play some board games, eat, laugh, and just have a good time of fellowship. Hope to see you there. Until we meet again, we hope you all had a blessed Christmas and happy new year!

COMMITTEES

Church Committee Vacancies

We are working to repopulate the various committees of the church, with the following openings currently available:

- ◆ Evangelism Committee – two three-year terms need to be filled
- ◆ Fellowship Committee – one one-year term and two three year terms need to be filled
- ◆ Mission Committee – one three-year term needs to be filled



Building Committee

This committee will work to formulate a comprehensive building plan and provide a firm quote of construction that will be brought before the congregation for further action. The Building Committee will spend time studying all of the information gathered by the Facility Committees over the past ten to fifteen years. The Building Committee will formulate a guiding outline for their work, outlining the process to be followed in creating a comprehensive building plan. That outline will include gathering input from the congregation. The Building Committee will adhere to that guiding outline, keeping both the Consistory and the congregation informed of its progress. When the time is right, the Building Committee will present a comprehensive building plan to the congregation, including a firm quote of construction, for congregational action.

Jeff Rutledge has agreed to chair this new committee and we are seeking people to serve on this committee for the important work approved at the November 14, 2021 special congregational meeting. Interested volunteers may contact Jeff Rutledge or Pastor Erich.

Main Office—Ph. 419-446-2545
Custodian—Ph.419-551-1105

Website: www.stjohnsarchbold.org
Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pro Life Workshop - Equipping Christians to Answer Hard Questions on a Controversial Topic

With the Supreme Court deliberating on Dobbs vs. Jackson, there are many conversations taking place in public schools and in the work place on the topic of abortion. It's important for Christians to have good, sound, biblical answers when people make statements like:

- ◆ *Abortion has been legal in the United States for almost 50 years*
- ◆ *We can't go back to the day of back alley, coat-hanger abortions*
- ◆ *Overturning Roe vs. Wade will put America in the dark ages*
- ◆ *Women deserve the right to choose on this matter*

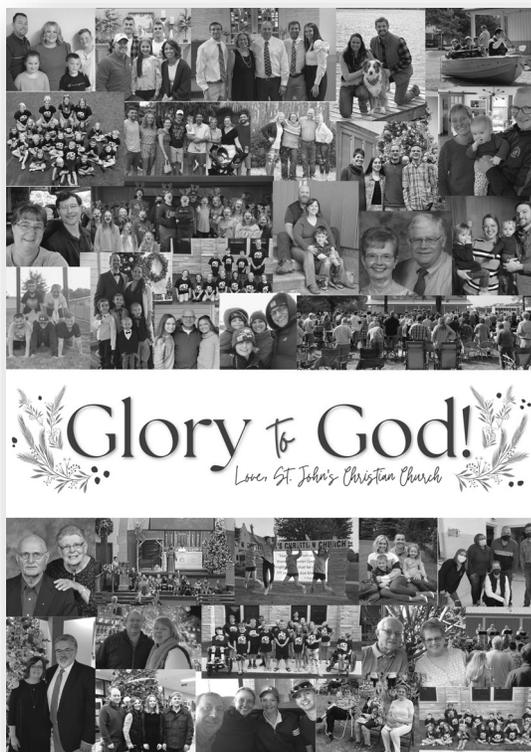
How would you respond to statements like this? How can you engage conversationally in a way that is not argumentative, but in a way that is compelling and winsome and points people to Jesus?

Pettisville Missionary Church (PMC) is inviting people to attend a Pro-Life Workshop on Sunday, January 16th from 5:00 – 7:15 pm, at PMC. This workshop will equip Christians to engage people in a way that is gospel-centered and redemptive. It will equip people to give answers with clarity. It will give people confidence to talk on this controversial topic.

The presenter is Pastor Mike Spencer. Mike is with PROJECT LIFEVOICE. Mike travels the country, speaking at universities, campus groups, churches, etc. His mission is to equip Christians with good, solid, Christian worldview answers on abortion. You can find out more about Mike at the following link: <https://projectlifevoice.com/about-mike>

What an eventful year 2021 was!
Between our personal families growing and our church family staying busy, we were extremely blessed for the company of others in an extraordinary year.

We look forward to yet another beautifully blessed year as a church family!



CONSISTORY

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday – January 16th, 2022

As with years past, we'll follow a special schedule on this particular Sunday:

- 9:00am Confirmation, Faith Village and Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:15am Annual Meeting - Sanctuary and Zoom (information below)
- 12:30pm Annual Meeting Luncheon

Annual Meeting Information Packets will be available by Sunday, January 9th, both in print and digitally. This year's meeting will feature two significant items of business (further information will be available in the meeting packet):

1. Second Mile Fund Disbursement Proposal – this endowment fund has grown to \$560,000 since the fund was first invested in 2004, starting with a capital balance of \$260,000. As a way of sharing further blessings with our mission partners, the Consistory is recommending that we keep one-half of the growth, \$130,000, in the invested endowment fund for a balance of \$260,000 plus \$130,000 equaling \$390,000; as well as recommending that one-half of the growth be distributed amongst our mission partners, at the guidance of the Mission Committee, over the course of 2022. In addition, the annual disbursement of the endowment fund earnings to the Mission Committee would be increased from the current \$6,000 per year to \$19,500 per year.
2. Search Committee Recommendation – Consistory approved the recommendation of the Search Committee to enter into a contract with Shepherd Staff, a Christian church staffing firm, in the search for a Pastor of Music and Worship. Shepherd Staff would work through a five phase process with SJCC, at a total cost of \$17,000 – a \$3,500 engagement fee and a flat cost of \$13,500, which is 30% of the midpoint of the salary range of the position.

The nomination ballot, as of December 28th, consists of the following nominees:

- ◆ Congregational President – Linda Heer
- ◆ Elder – Kelly Ducey, Norm Fether, Matt Hines, Nici Wyse
- ◆ Deacon/Deaconess – Stacy Rutledge, Kenny Walker, Steve Walker

The Nomination Committee, the Spiritual Council, continues to seek nominees for Congregational Secretary and Deacon/Deaconess.

All of this information, as well as access to the meeting packet, will be available on the church website by January 7th at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation.

Zoom Access Information:

Direct Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302009446?pwd=d2NORmpyanVDM0hLWDREbFJ6akU3UT09>
 Passcode: 2022-Sjcc (case sensitive)

Or go to www.zoom.us/join and enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 863 0200 9446

Passcode: 2022-Sjcc (case sensitive)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2021 Year to Date Stewardship Report

As of December 28, 2021

2021 Budget	2021 YTD Budget (51/52) Weeks	2021 YTD Receipts	2021 YTD Expenses	2021 YTD (+ / -)
-------------	----------------------------------	-------------------	-------------------	------------------

Operating Fund	\$ 441,312	\$ 432,825	\$ 378,679	\$ 313,045	\$ 65,634
----------------	------------	------------	------------	------------	-----------

Mission Fund	\$ 116,800	\$ 114,554	\$ 140,056	\$ 139,207	\$ 849
--------------	------------	------------	------------	------------	--------



Financial Comparison of 2021 from 2020:

	<u>December 28, 2021</u>	<u>December 28, 2020</u>
Operating Fund Revenue	\$378,679.21	\$367,457.93
Operating Fund Expenses	\$313,045.44	\$354,525.78
Operating Fund Net Balance	\$65,633.77	\$12,932.15

Expenses are down from last year, primarily due to two full-time staff positions compared to three full-time positions last year. Income is higher this year compared to last year.



Offering Envelopes

2022 Offering Envelopes were distributed in November/December. If you did not receive a box or would like a box for this year, please contact Jocelyn in the church office.

We kindly ask you to discard or recycle any remaining 2020 or 2021 envelopes. Using the current week/year within your boxed set keeps the Monday morning count process running smoothly and the count team thanks you greatly for your help!

MISSION CORNER

January Mission-A-Month:



Emergency Cleanup Buckets

For every \$75 given to SJCC's January Mission-A-Month, one kit will be supplied and kept in storage until needed. Monetary donations can be made by indicating "MAM" on line 11 of weekly offering envelopes, or by selecting "Give to Church World Service" on Breeze's online giving feature.

Supplies Included in Each Kit:

- ◆ One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- ◆ Four scouring pads
- ◆ Seven sponges, including one large
- ◆ One scrub brush
- ◆ Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g. Handi wipes)
- ◆ One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- ◆ One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- ◆ One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- ◆ One package of 48-50 clothespins
- ◆ Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- ◆ Five dust masks
- ◆ Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- ◆ One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- ◆ 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- ◆ One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

Mission Experiences

- ◆ March 5-12, 2022 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi
- ◆ Summer Mission Trip – in conjunction with LaPorte County (Indiana) Habitat for Humanity – awaiting their build schedule to set a date

2022 Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi to Serve with Back Bay Mission (BBM)

A week in service with Back Bay Mission provides a wonderful opportunity to live out the prophetic call of Micah 6:8 – "...to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." The week is a service learning opportunity that builds upon a time away from the normal routine of everyday life. The impact of a week of fellowship and faith building while working with a group of volunteers on a common project is always a blessing to observe!

The Saturday to Saturday experience is scheduled for March 5-12, 2022. BBM serves the needs of the homeless, the needs of people living in poverty, and the needs of people surviving in low income realities. Besides working on a new home construction of existing home repair project, there are opportunities to spend time interacting with people at the Micah Day Center or a local soup kitchen. And the local seafood and Cajun style of cooking adds to the adventure!

Cost of the trip will be \$200, covering lodging, most meals, transportation, and work camp material fees. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board!

MISSION THANK YOU'S

Dear St. John's Friends,

May Almighty God, who sent his son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of his holiness as you have brightened the lives of so many. Thank you for your constant prayers and gifts of love. May the Lord continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

Shepherd's Circle

Greetings,

Thank you to our friends at St. John's Christian Church! A blessed Christmas and New Year to each of you!

James Pennington, Executive Director
Back Bay Mission

Main Office—Ph. 419-446-2545
Custodian—Ph.419-551-1105

Website: www.stjohnsarchbold.org
Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM

MISSION THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

With this gift of [\$1,455 for Christmas gifts], you show how much you care about the youth and their needs. Crossroad has a legacy of being a haven of love, understanding, and hope. You have a special place in ensuring this continues. This is an amazing gift! We've been in mission with you for 138 years now! Incredible! Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Kyle Zanker, Chief Development Officer
Liz Bergren, Development Director
Crossroad Child & Family Services



Hello Friends,

Thank you for your outpouring of generosity this Christmas season! Some of you have given special end-of-year gifts and others have decided to increase your monthly giving. How wonderful! I am so grateful.

As students take on finals, we are wrapping up our calendar year at New Life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kyle Chase, Reliant



Additional thank you's from...

- ◆ Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$500.
- ◆ Cherry Street, for our gifts of \$1,185.
- ◆ Hannah Barnhart, CRU, for our one-time gift of \$500.
- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU, for our gifts of \$600.
- ◆ Jennifer McMahan, CRU, for our gift of \$500.
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity, for our gift of \$900.
- ◆ Nicha Pimthong, InterVarsity, for our one-time gift of \$500.
- ◆ Kyle Chase, Reliant, for our gifts of \$1,500.
- ◆ David Hench, Reliant, for our gift of \$500.
- ◆ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi, Reliant, for our gift of \$1,100.
- ◆ Tony & Leila Frank, World Team, for our gift of \$3,220.

MISSION PARTNERS

Robert & Jenni McMahan, CRU (BGSU)

website - www.give.cru.org

e-mail - robert.mcmahan@cru.org

e-mail - jennifer.mcmahan@cru.org

Matt & Paige Waanders, CRU (Ohio State Univ.)

website - www.give.cru.org

e-mail - matthew.waanders@cru.org

e-mail - paige.stamm@cru.org

Shobha & Ravi Arole, CRHP

website - www.jamkhed.org

Kyle Chase, Reliant (Univ. of Michigan)

website - www.reliant.org

e-mail - kyle.chase@nlcweb.org

Matt Pardi, Reliant (Univ. of Toledo)

website - www.reliant.org

e-mail - matt.pardi@reliant.org

David Hench, Reliant (Univ. of Akron)

website - www.reliant.org

e-mail - david.hench@reliant.org

Tony & Leila Frank, Ivoti, Brazil

website - www.worldteam.org

e-mail - tony.frank@worldteam.org

Tom & Megan, The Islands, Africa

website - tmislands.blogspot.com

e-mail - tmislands@fastmail.net

Kajiado Children's Home

website - www.hope4kajiado.com

e-mail - kajiadochildrenshome@gmail.com

Jason & Becky Suon, Freedom International

Ministries, Dominican Republic

website - www.itisforfreedom.com

e-mail - JasonSuon@itisforfreedom.com

e-mail - BeckySuon@itisforfreedom.com

Daniel & Bethany Schrock, Freedom International

Ministries, Dominican Republic

website - www.itisforfreedom.com

e-mail - DanielSchrock@itisforfreedom.com

e-mail - BethanySchrock@itisforfreedom.com

Jon & Rachel Doriot, Pioneers Chicago, IL

website - www.pioneers.org

e-mail - kelapa@linkmail.org

YEAR-END UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Year-End Statements

2021 Giving Statements will be prepared during the month of January, with hopes of distributing statements by the week of January 17th. Those with email addresses on file in Breeze will receive their statements via email, with all others mailed via hard copy. A bulletin announcement will be posted and a OCN message will be sent out when statements are available.

Updated Contact Information

If your contact information changed in 2021, please take a moment to update your information in Breeze's online directory by going to <https://stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/>. For more information, go to <https://stjohnsarchbold.org/breeze/>

If you do not have a Breeze account yet, please contact Jocelyn in the church office.

Ushers/Greeters

We are in need of individuals - new and returning - to fill some vacancies in our Usher/Greeter program! Our ushers and greeters are the first loving touch of St. John's every guest will meet, which sets the stage for people to feel welcomed and surrounded by the love of Jesus Christ in our church!

If you feel moved to fill one of vacant months or if you would like to learn more about being an Usher or Greeter, please contact the church office.

As of December 29th, the 2022 schedule is the following:

8:00am Ushers

January - Jim Grieser
February - Linda Heer
March - Jim Grieser
April -
May -
June - Jim Grieser
July -
August - Linda Heer
September -
October - Jim Grieser
November -
December -

Head Usher (10:30am)

January - Steve Walker
February - Greg Walker
March - Dave Walker
April -
May - Greg Walker
June -
July -
August -
September -
October -
November -
December -

Greeters (both services)

***Currently need 4 Greeters for all 12 months*



Main Office—Ph. 419-446-2545
Custodian—Ph.419-551-1105

Website: www.stjohnsarchbold.org
Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 8AM Worship 8:30AM Pause for Praise 9:15AM FV, SS, Confirmation 10:30AM Worship	MAM: Church World Service Cleanup Kits Elder of the Month: Jon Lindsay					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
2 1PM Undecorating 6PM Seekers	3 Church Office Closed 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved	4 9:15AM Bible Study	5 8:30AM Moms in Prayer	6 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	7 3:15PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved	8 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
9	10 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 6:30PM Stephen Ministry	11 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal 7PM Property Committee	12 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM Life Planning	13 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	14 3:15PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved	15
16 Annual Meeting Sunday 9AM FV, SS, Confirm. 10AM Worship 11:15AM Annual Meeting 12:30PM Annual Meeting Luncheon	17 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7:00PM Consistory Orientation	18 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal	19 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF	20 11:30AM Senior Luncheon 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 6PM Girl Scouts 7PM Gym Reserved	21 3:15PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved	22
23 1PM GIF Gals	24 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 6PM Consistory Meal 6:45PM Consistory 8:30PM Spiritual Council	25 9:15AM Bible Study 5PM Community Meal	26 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 6PM LOGOS Meal 6:45PM LOGOS/JYF 7PM SYF	27 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved 7PM Gym Reserved	28 3:15PM Gym Reserved 6PM Gym Reserved	29
30	31 4PM Gym Reserved 5:30PM Gym Reserved					



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- | | |
|---|---|
| 2 Josee Grime | 16 Anna Yoder |
| 4 Ryan Christman | 17 Trevor Neuenschwander |
| 5 Karen Schnitkey | 18 Ava Genter |
| 6 Kamy Link | 21 Ann Fether |
| 7 Wade Enderle, Jon Lindsay | 22 Kay Stamm |
| 8 Ralph Grieser | 23 Jim Grieser, Reese Grime |
| 9 Amy Baden, Leah Hall | 24 Deb Rupp |
| 12 Tootie Beck | 26 Travis Gruenhagen, Pat Leupp, Verlene Lovejoy, Jason Martz |
| 13 Cathy Nofziger, Stacy Rutledge, Len & Jean Stamm | 29 Joan Lovejoy |
| 14 Jace Bernath | 30 Nate Meyer, Wayne Spiess |

Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct.

JANUARY DAILY SCRIPTURES

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can pick up a copy in the church office. Suggested donation is \$6.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 People Get Ready----- Matthew 3:1-12 | 16 Seeking God’s Love ----- Psalm 130 |
| 2 Happiness Is ----- Psalm 128 | 17 The Worry Antidote----- Matthew 6:25-34 |
| 3 The Obedient King -----Matthew 3:13-17 | 18 The Mentor-Judge----- Matthew 7:1-6 |
| 4 Passing the Test----- Matthew 4:1-11 | 19 Rock-Steady Father -----Matthew 7:7-12 |
| 5 Location, Location, Location ----Matthew 4:12-17 | 20 The Gate and The Way ----- Matthew 7:13-20 |
| 6 The Walkabout King -----Matthew 4:18-25 | 21 The Right Response----- Matthew 7:21-29 |
| 7 Kingdom Characteristics ----- Matthew 5:1-12 | 22 God Is Faithful----- Exodus 1:1-22 |
| 8 Delightfully Different -----Matthew 5:13-16 | 23 Hope in God Alone----- Psalm 131 |
| 9 A Prayer of the Persecuted ----- Psalm 129 | 24 God Sees and Knows ----- Exodus 2:1-25 |
| 10 Inner Holiness -----Matthew 5:17-26 | 25 The Holy God Comes Close ----- Exodus 3:1-12 |
| 11 People of Our Word -----Matthew 5:27-37 | 26 God is in Control -----Exodus 3:13-22 |
| 12 Like Father, Like Son -----Matthew 5:38-48 | 27 God is Powerful ----- Exodus 4:1-17 |
| 13 Giving God-Style -----Matthew 6:1-4 | 28 God Remembers His Covenant----Exodus 4:18-31 |
| 14 Talking With Your Father----- Matthew 6:5-15 | 29 God is Rejected ----- Exodus 5:1-21 |
| 15 Solid Investment -----Matthew 6:16-24 | 30 God of Our Past and Future----- Psalm 132 |
| | 31 God Will Save His People ----- Exodus 5:22 - 6:12 |

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH
700 S. Defiance St.
Archbold, OH 43502

Pastor Rev. Erich Christian
 pastorerich@stjohnsarcbold.org
 Cell Phone: 419-551-0401

Admin. Jocelyn Walker
 office@stjohnsarcbold.org

LOGOS Kim M. Walker
 gkwalker@rtceexpress.net

Treasurer Mary Zimmerman

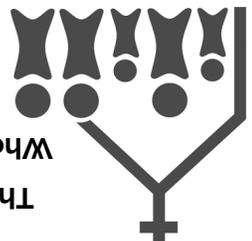
Custodian Dean Buckenmeyer

Security Richard Spieess

Phone 419-446-2545
 Website www.stjohnsarcbold.org
 Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM
 Sunday School 9:15AM

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/2), Ash Wednesday (3/2), Maundy Thursday (4/14), Pentecost (6/5), Mid-Summer (7/17), World Wide Communion (10/2), First Sunday of Advent (11/27)



**The Church on the Corner
 Whose Cornerstone is Christ**

Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
 Archbold, OH
 Permit #15

Return Service Requested