

Welcome to St. John's 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.

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 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. Or you can scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera to learn more about who we are as a congregation.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. 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 and Children's 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.







WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

"All Who Are Thirsty" (8:00) Prelude "I Still Believe"

(10:30) Call to Worship

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation John 6:32-35

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#35, "Immortal, Invisible" #324, "Come, Celebrate Jesus"

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

"Today Is the Day"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Fill My Cup, Lord"

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

Children's Message

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

†(8:00) Hymn #2, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" †(10:30) Song "Send Me"

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:1-3

Sermon Tony Frank "The Uniting Word"

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation

Unison Prayer - Lord, on this day, we, along with the world-wide Christian Church, observe and celebrate this sacrament of remembrance. We come before you as a repentant people, confessing our sin and seeking your grace. Though you created Creation good, the world today is fractured, polarized, and troubled. Such is the condition of the universal Church, too. In faith, as Jesus intends, the sacrament is an act of sacrifice, love and unity. As we come to the table this morning, may we each strive ever more diligently to be the disciples Jesus teaches and commands us to be. In his name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†(8:00) Closing Hymn v. 1-3, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (insert)

†(10:30) Closing Song

†Spoken Benediction †Benediction in Song v. 4, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Refrain, "Everything Is Possible"

"Everything Is Possible"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 6:32-35 ³²Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." ³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, in light of World Communion Sunday, we pray, make us one. Bring unity in our lives with other believers. Help us reconcile with those believers with whom we've been quarreling. Make us one also with those who are far away. May we be united in prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, including the peoples of other places, and the missionaries we support and know. Make us one, Lord. Amen.

WE PRACTICE OPEN COMMUNION

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008 Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.; setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
		Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Evangelical Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	SYF (Munoz Event)
	6:30PM	Man Cave Ministry - Anthony Munoz Presentation (Founder's Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Pastor Erich Vacation** Pastor Erich will be on vacation this afternoon through Wednesday. He is traveling to Bozeman, Montana to conduct his aunt's funeral service but will be available via cell phone (419-551-0410) for any pastoral care needs.
- God Winks The God Winks devotional is here! Free copies are available for any and all in the Sanctuary narthex. Thank you to Carol DeVries for putting this idea into motion and to all who shared their stories for this booklet!
- Couples Small Group Meet us. Laugh with us. Learn with us! Any and all married couples are invited to join the Couples Small Group for our first night on October 9th from 6:00 9:00PM in the Youth Room. If you have questions about this group, please feel free to contact Carrie Wooley or Sarah Kinsman. We hope to see you there!
- Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at Ruihley Park Pavillion on Tuesday, November 1st from 11:00AM - 5:00PM. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code RUIHLEYPARK.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

Oct 2 Life and Worship ------ Psalm 15 Oct 3 All Things to All People ---- 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Oct 4 Watch Out! ------- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Oct 5 Were You There...? ------ 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Oct 6 Who Matters Most? ---- 1 Corinthians 10:23 - 11:1 Oct 7 Dressing for Worship ------ 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 Oct 8 Focus on the Main Thing!--1 Corinthians 11:17-34

OCTOBER MISSION-A-MONTH: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Throughout the month of October, St. John's will once again collect for Operation Christmas Child in cooperation with Samaritan's Purse. Due to the guidelines for what can be included in the boxes, we are encouraging financial donations versus supplies; however, you are still more than welcome to pack your own! If you choose to do this, please contact the church office so that we can supply you with a box and list of accepted items. Financial contributions can be indicated on your weekly offering by noting "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope, and will be used to purchase approved toys and supplies for the boxes, which will be packed by a team of volunteers here at St. John's.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley		
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey		
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Brie Grime	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey		
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher		
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser		
Head Usher	Eric Nafziger		
10:30 Ushers	230 Ushers Dave & Paige Miller, Keith & Kim Kern		

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- Bernice Rice, who has entered into Hospice care at the age of 102.
- Keira Christman, who is awaiting a date for surgery to remove her gall bladder.
- Nici Wyse, seeking healing of some broken ribs due to a fall.
- Lynne Christman, as she continues through chemo treatments.
- Barbara Chapman, mother of Crissi Stuckey, recovering from hip surgery due to a fall.
- Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod continues to recover well from abdominal surgery.
- Chloe Merillat, as she manages the side effects of chemo medications while away at college.
- Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma, as Leah continues to have weekly treatments in Toledo and twice a month appointments in Ann Arbor.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (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) (Husband of Taylor)
- Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



Today's altar flowers and bulletin cover are in honor of Curt and Kay Stamm, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday. Curt and Kay were married in the St. John's Chapel on September 30th, 1972 by Rev. Gary Hodges.

Today's bulletin cover is in honor of Roger and Sandy Miller, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this upcoming Friday. Roger and Sandy were married in Hamler on October 7th, 1962 by Rev. N.B. Wierwill. We also celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Brad and Aimee Roth, who were married in the St. John's Sanctuary on September 27th, 1997 by Rev. David Voll.

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