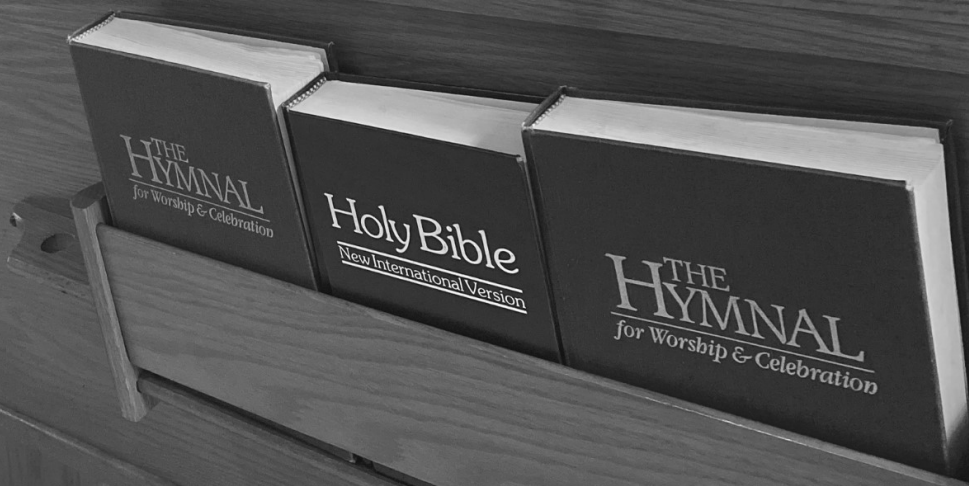




May 26, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

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.

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. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. 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 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.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

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

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"O Worship the King"

A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 103:1-5 (pg. 594)

†Hymns of Praise

#8, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#30, "How Majestic Is Your Name"

†Unison Prayer - ***God, we are grateful for the activity of your Spirit in our midst as it opens us to the wondrous realities of forgiveness, compassion, reconciliation, joy and hope. We confess there are times when we are dis-Spirited, lacking motivation, having grown weary. Hear our desire to move with Spirited grace. Renew and energize us. Grant that we would people of compassion as we worship you and live to glorify you. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

†Words of Assurance

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Chancel Choir

Sarah Kinsman, soloist

"Fill-A-Me Up"

Kenya Mission Trip Commissioning

Jim Grieser

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 970)

†Sermon Hymn

#80, "I Love You, Lord"

Sermon

"Compassionate Action"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"He Is Our Peace"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#349, v.1-4, "Trust and Obey"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#349, v. 5, "Trust and Obey"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 103:1-5 Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Matthew 14:13-21 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Accompanist | (Both) Lynne Christman | |
| Song Leader | (Both) Roger Zimmerman | |
| Acolytes | (8:00) Jude Rutledge | (10:30) Claire Bowers |
| Easy Worship | (Both) Kelly Ducey | |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) Jenna Stuckey | (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream | (10:30) Ryan Christman | |
| Nursery Assistants | (10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker | |
| 8:00 Ushers | Linda Heer | |
| Head Usher | Dave Walker | |
| 10:30 Ushers | Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller | |

SERMON NOTES: "COMPASSIONATE ACTION"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, the Bible testifies of your abundant compassion. Even while you sought solitude in grieving the death of John the Baptist, as the crowd of people sought you out, you were compassionate. I pray for the Spirit's guidance in living out such a strong faith, to not let my own circumstances prevent me from living your example – to live with a compassionate mindset. Forgive me, Lord, for when I have ignored the needs of others. As you feed my faith, may I feed others in faith, for your glory, O Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Scuba VBS** - Scuba VBS is ONE week away!!! We can't wait to see everyone who has registered starting next Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00pm for our opening night! Check-in begins at 5:50pm in the chapel narthex at the south entrance. We will end at 8:30pm each night and parents can pick up their children in the sanctuary. We're still taking registrations at www.stjohnsarchbold.org!
- ♦ **VBS Closing Program** - Save the date! All are invited to join us for the Scuba VBS closing program on Thursday, June 6th at 7:50PM in the sanctuary! It will be a fun time of singing, dancing, and celebrating our friendship with God!
- ♦ **Connections Class Summer Program for All Ages** - Everyone is invited to join the Connections Sunday school class in the chapel this summer as the class goes back to the classic Bible Stories! We'll spend the summer learning and rediscovering what they are about, and will learn how to study these passages and stories in the Bible by using a series of focus questions each week. Since this is a multi-generational summer program, leaders will provide color sheets, activity sheets, and/or worksheets for the age groups present. Classes begin on Sunday, June 2nd with the story of Creation!
- ♦ **Flood Relief Efforts** - Brazil recently experienced catastrophic flooding, which resulted in significant damage and claimed the lives of more than 100 people. The South Brazil International Airport (in Porto Alegre) has been closed. 100,000+ people have been evacuated. Many are without water and electricity, and several bridges on main roads have collapsed. The need is great, but God is greater. Tony and Leila Frank have provided information to join in the relief efforts, as they served in the area of the flooding and Leila has family in the affected areas. If you desire to help support those most needy in South America, St. John's will receive funds and forward those to The Brazil Flood Relief fund, which provides practical resources and compassionate care for those affected by this natural disaster and other similar natural disasters, wars and crises. Simply write "Flood Relief" on line 11 of your offering envelope.

EAST GARDEN SUMMER MEALS

The Archbold Area Ministerial Association is resurrecting a meal ministry at the East Garden Apartments located off of County Road D. These meals are focused on boosting morale and building relationships within the East Garden community as well as creating relationships with residents and meal teams.

Pastor Erich is coordinating the meal schedule, with meals being served on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of June, July and August, between 5:00PM and 6:30PM. Erich is looking for volunteers from SJCC to help serve as set-up and tear-down crews, as well as forming a meal team or two. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board, or speak with Pastor Erich about this ministry.

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:

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| May 26 Kings of Kings Forever ----- | Psalm 93 |
| May 27 Supernatural Courage ----- | Acts 4:13-22 |
| May 28 More, Please!----- | Acts 4:23-31 |
| May 29 What’s Mine Is Yours ----- | Acts 4:32-37 |
| May 30 The Price Paid ----- | Acts 5:1-11 |
| May 31 The Repair Shop ----- | Acts 5:12-16 |
| Jun 1 Green Light ----- | Acts 5:17-26 |

WEEK OF MAY 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun | 8:00AM | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 8:30AM | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR) |
| | 9:15AM | Faith Village/Sunday School |
| | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |
| Mon | 8:00AM | <i>Memorial Day - Church Office Closed</i> |
| Tue | 9:15AM | Bible Study (Fireside Room) |
| | 5:00PM | Community Meal - Girl Scouts (Parish Hall) |
| | 7:00PM | Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Wed | 7:00PM | Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Thu | 7:00PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| | 8:30PM | Senior High Lock-in Starts |
| Fri | 7:00AM | Senior High Lock-in Ends |
| Sun | 8:00AM | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 8:30AM | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR) |
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| | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |
| | 6:00PM | Scuba VBS Night One! |

It’s the final Sunday of the month to give to our May Mission-a-Month, Cherry Street Mission and Sparrow’s Nest. Donations can be marked on line 3 of your offering envelope.



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Gretchen Heer, recovering from hip surgery after suffering a fall; she will be in rehab at Montpelier.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, at Rupp Rehab, and receiving dialysis three days a week in Maumee.
- ◆ Regina Beck, at UPMC continuing through chemo treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace – Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59PM
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – pray for an end to a cholera epidemic; the aftermath of a recent cyclone that did not hit their area directly, but damaged surrounding areas; illnesses they each are dealing with; colleagues who survived a plane crash on the Islands; for their older children at boarding school in Kenya

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (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) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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