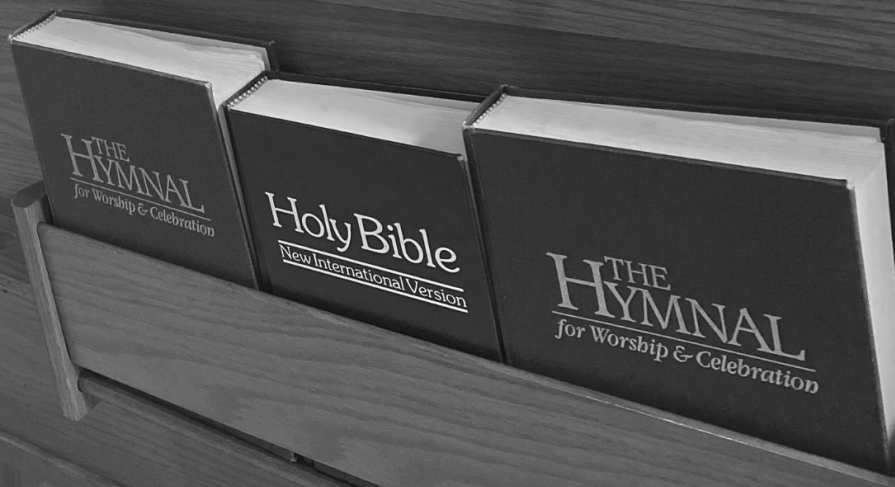




April 6, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



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

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://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!

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)*

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

*"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)*

Welcome & Announcements

Mission-A-Month

Fairlawn Retirement Community

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Micah 6:6-8 (p. 923)

(8:00) Prelude

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*"A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit"*

(10:30) Call to Worship

"By the Blood"

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#234, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#191, "There Is Power in the Blood"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Come Unto Jesus"

"Death was Arrested"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Buffy Riley & Jocelyn Walker

"The Truth"

Scripture Reading

John 19:28-30 (p. 1073), Luke 23:44-46 (p. 1046)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#208, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?"

Sermon

"At Calvary: Three Words at the End"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#506, "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"The Wonderful Cross"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#610, "Go Now and Live for the Savior"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "The Wonderful Cross"

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Micah 6:6-8** With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup> He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**John 19:28-30** Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. <sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Luke 23:44-46** It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

## MISSION-A-MONTH - FAIRLAWN

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Fairlawn began under the vision and direction of 11 area churches offering a full continuum of care on an active senior campus. Independent Living duplexes and apartments allow residents to enjoy retirement without the worries of maintenance in a friendly and safe community of neighbors. If help is needed, Fairlawn Haven Care Center and Assisted Living are nearby to offer support. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, Fairlawn depends on the generosity and support of our friends and community. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.fairlawnarchbold.com/>. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to Fairlawn by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Fairlawn" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

## SERMON NOTES - "AT CALVARY: THREE WORDS AT THE END"

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The Season of Lent is when the passion and death of our Savior come into focus. It's observed as a time for growth in faith, as well as a time for deepening the devotional life of faithful Christians. It's an invitation to 40 days of renewal, 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through the disciplines of prayer, self-denial, and rededication.

### Calvary

- ◆ The location where Jesus was crucified, just outside the city of Jerusalem
- ◆ The word "Calvary" found only in Luke 23:33 (KJV)
- ◆ "Calvary" from the Latin "Calvaria" – which translates from the Greek "kranion" (skull) and the Aramaic/Hebrew "gulgulta" (Golgotha) ("place of the skull")
- ◆ Matthew 27:33 "to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull)."
- ◆ Mark 15:22 "to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull)."
- ◆ Luke 23:33 "to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him,"
- ◆ John 19:17 "to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha)."
- ◆ The name probably came from the shape of the low, rounded hill.

### Three Words (Sayings) of Jesus from the Cross

- ◆ Jesus uttered seven words in all from the cross
- ◆ John 19:28-23
  - ◇ All was now completed, scripture would be fulfilled
  - ◇ His work, his life and his sacrificial death on the cross was fulfilled
  - ◇ 2 Corinthians 5:21 – God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
  - ◇ "I am thirsty" – hyssop a connection to Passover
  - ◇ "It is finished" – promises and prophecies, obedience and justice
- ◆ Luke 23:44-46
  - ◇ Curtain of the temple torn in two
  - ◇ "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
  - ◇ With prayer Jesus yielded his living spirit to God the Father as he yielded his body to death on the cross.

## BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF APRIL 3, 2025

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- ◆ New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room
  - ◇ The concrete floor around the elevator shaft was poured on Tuesday. Once the concrete is sufficiently set/cured, masons will lay block in preparation for setting a lintel for the elevator doorway and doorway to the custodian room.
  - ◇ Further work was done on ductwork for exhaust and HVAC.
  - ◇ New connection was made to the exterior sanitary sewer line on the east side of the building.
  - ◇ Work will be done to shore up the first floor ceiling so the hole can be cut in to the ceiling for the elevator shaft.
- ◆ New Electric Service
  - ◇ Directional boring for underground conduit was to start on Friday.
- ◆ Adjusted Schedule of Work
  - ◇ April 21<sup>st</sup> – Sanctuary pew removal, potentially accomplished in 3 days.
  - ◇ April 27<sup>th</sup> – Final worship service in the sanctuary until late July – for seating, we will use 84 new chapel chairs, 36 new sanctuary chairs, and 36 unity pews that used to be in the chapel.
  - ◇ April 29<sup>th</sup> – Sanctuary asbestos removal could begin.
  - ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28<sup>th</sup>.



**BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 3, 2025**

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Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	103,209.12
Total Expenses	\$	96,410.91
Net Operating Balance	\$	6,798.21

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	50,592.10
Total Disbursements	\$	37,209.32
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,382.78

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$ 2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,960,327.78
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	3,743.75
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	226,766.03
Expenses to Date	\$	430,198.13
Total	\$	2,621,035.69
Funds Still to be Raised		\$ 135,964.31

**DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL** Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

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- Apr 07 The Voice of the Shepherd-----John 10:22-42
- Apr 08 Confusion Reigns!-----John 11:1-16
- Apr 09 A Light in the Fog-----John 11:17-27
- Apr 10 God’s Mysterious Ways-----John 11:28-44
- Apr 11 An Unlikely Partnership-----John 11:45-57
- Apr 12 Waste Not, Want Not!----- John 12:1-11
- Apr 13 By Night----- Psalm 134

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **The Succession Team** continues meeting to help the transition from Pastor Erich's retirement to a new pastor move smoothly. Names will soon be suggested to the Consistory to start filling the positions on the Search Committee. Currently the team is working on policies and guidelines for our retiring pastor. In the future, consideration will be made on possible Succession Plan Scenarios for future reference. Please continue to pray for God's hand in this process and in God's calling of the next pastor for St. John's.
- ♦ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich ([pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org)) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ♦ **Basics of Understanding AI** (Artificial Intelligence) – **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, Fellowship Hall, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 4PM. A free presentation on the basics of AI. What is it anyway? What do we need to know? What should we be scared of? Presenter Cameron Thompson of St. Martin's, who teaches technology, will help us understand a bit of this new entry into our technological world.
- ♦ **Women's Retreat 2025** - Join us for an encouraging weekend at Miracle Camp, located in Lawton, Michigan. It is a beautiful place to step away from your routine and spend time with God. Enjoy worshiping with other women, Biblical teachings, great food and a variety of activities. We will be staying at the (hotel style) Lodge the weekend of **April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$210 and includes meals Saturday through Sunday morning and snacks. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the office. For more information talk with Sarah Kinsman or Carrie Wooley.
- ♦ **Sunday Lunch with the Pastor** - Want to know more about the theology and current ministries of St. John's Christian Church? Then this time of lunch and conversation is for you! Pastor Erich and Lynne will host the lunch in the Fireside Room following the 10:30AM service **next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church. People interested in attending are asked to: 1) speak with Pastor Erich, 2) text him (419-551-0401), 3) email ([pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org)).
- ♦ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Master Teague III & Kamryn Babb at the Archbold Evan Church on **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**. Doors open at 5:45PM. Free for men of all ages.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ♦ **College Scholarship Application** - St. John's Christian Church offers College Scholarship's each year to active members who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year. The scholarship is available to all full-time traditional and non-traditional college students. The application can be found under the "Resources" tab on the church website ([www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org)), with **all components of the application due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Walker at [jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org).
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed** in Conjunction with the Building Project
  - ◇ **April 21<sup>st</sup> - 8:00AM** - to be ready for the pew removal to begin mid-morning, we are looking for 5 people to arrive at 8AM to remove all of the pew Bibles, pew hymnals and pens/pads/envelopes from the pews and place them on carts for storage.
  - ◇ **April 24<sup>th</sup> - 4PM** (or possibly April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8AM) - to be ready for a funeral on the 26<sup>th</sup> and for worship on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we are in need of volunteers to sweep and vacuum the sanctuary and then move in chairs from storage.
  - ◇ **April 28<sup>th</sup> - 8AM** - to be ready for the work of the asbestos abatement company, we are in need of volunteers to remove all of the chairs, the piano, sound/projection system components and miscellaneous items.
- ♦ **GIF Gals of St. John's Christian Church** - Ladies, go to your closets, find those poodle skirts and your penny loafers. You might need them for our next outing. On **April 30<sup>th</sup>** we are going back to school. We have lunch plans at the Four County Career Center "Four Star" restaurant. We will meet as a group in front of the school at 11:30AM. You will need a photo ID to be admitted into the building. Please sign up early, as all names need to be submitted to them by April 21<sup>st</sup>. It sounds like an exciting time awaits us! (Our day needed to be changed to Wednesday instead of our usual Thursday because of scheduling at the school.)
- ♦ **St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the **Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM**. One of 5 curricular choirs from the Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts, the Collegiate Chorale is the university's flag-ship choral ensemble. Members of the ensemble seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE!!** Golfers - It's that time of year again! Please plan to attend the **Shalom Ministries Golf Scramble Benefit at Ironwood Golf Course**, Wauseon, OH, Saturday morning, **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. To register your team, sponsor a hole, or make a donation contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or e-mail [LRipke@shalomworks.org](mailto:LRipke@shalomworks.org). Hurry as we are once again limited on the number of teams we can register.



# *Easter Sunday* *Services*

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**7:00AM - SUNRISE SERVICE**  
**8:00AM - EASTER BREAKFAST**  
**8:45AM - KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**9:15AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**  
**10:30AM - EASTER MORNING WORSHIP**

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*He is Risen!*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS**

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer (10:30) Grant Cover
Easy Worship	Brian Roth
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Nursery	(10:30) Karen Walker, Molly Rutledge
Usher	(8:00) Jim Grieser
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Steve & Debbie Russell
Praise Team:	Kiera Christman, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley

## WEEK OF APRIL 6TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	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	6:30PM Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
	5:00PM Community Meal (St. Peter's Catholic)
	7:00PM Property Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM 4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
Wed	1:00PM Succession Team (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM LOGOS (Gym)/6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Gym)
	6:00PM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM Life Planning (Work night)
	7:00PM Evening Lent Service (Chapel)
	8:00PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Thur	7:00PM Christian Ed Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	8:00AM Kitchen Reserved
	5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal Dinner (Gym)
Sat	7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	8:00AM Bridal Party Arrival at the church
	3:30PM Kaitlyn Beck & Jeremy Lerma Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun	Palm Sunday
	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)
	11:45AM Lunch with the Pastor (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM Seekers (Kuntz's)

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, will start a new medicine at the end of the school year with hopes that it begins to shrink the cancer in her back.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, stem cells were harvested and he is now in isolation for two to three weeks prior to having a transplant.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as he continues through treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – pray for a new ministry with a youth girls club; pray in March for the culture's time of fasting, praying for people to earnestly seek God; pray for building good relationships with school teachers; pray for her ongoing language learning.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ 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)

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