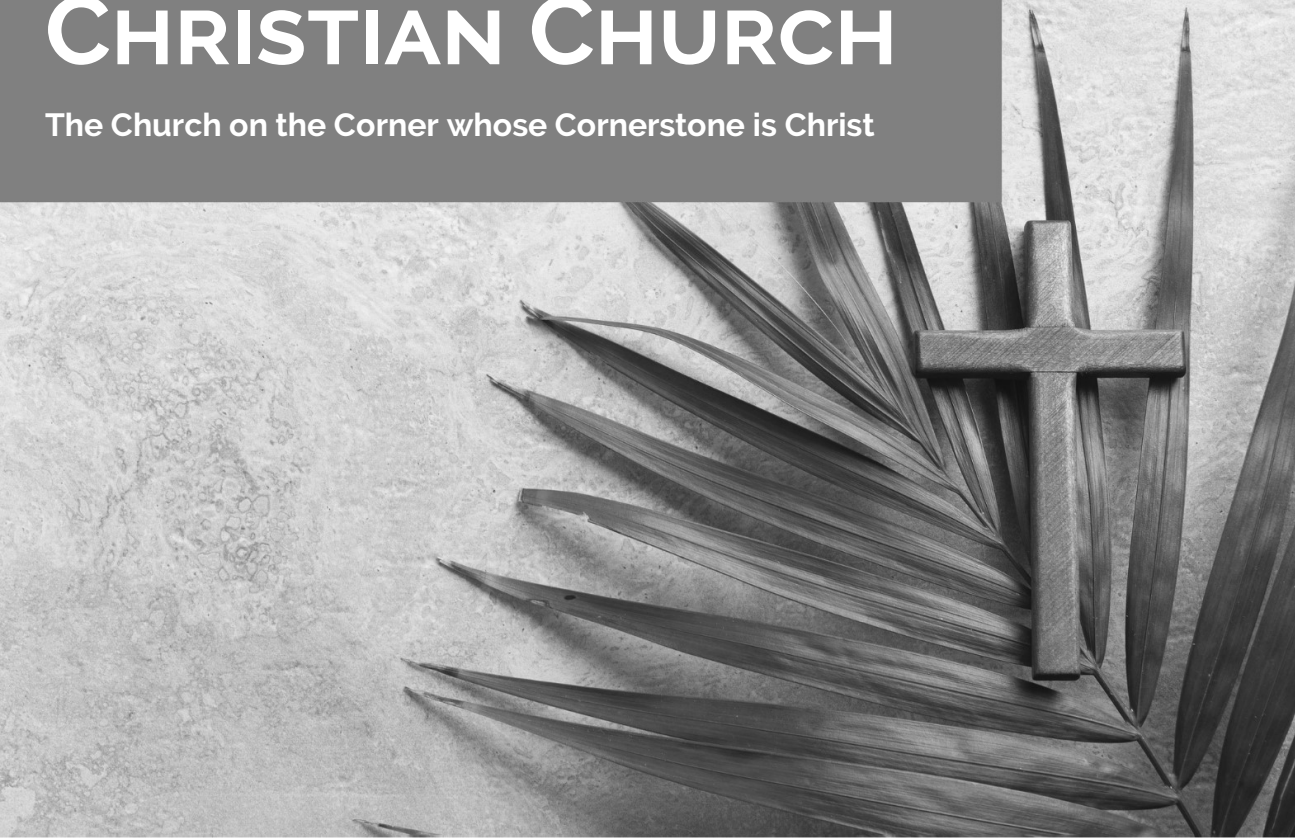


April 13, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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!

Palm Sunday

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

Prelude

“Behold the Lamb”

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Matthew 21:1-11 (p. 977)

† Hymns of Praise

#173, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#174, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

(10:30) Palm Processional

1) “Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love”

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2) “Love Him...” 3) “Serve Him...” 4) “Thank Him...”

Children’s Message

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

(10:30) Junior Choir

Flute, Kenley Lantz

“Praise to the Lord!”

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

Worship Drama

“The Table”

Ben Buehrer, Carson Baden, Ken Laub, Aimee Roth,
Richard Spiess, Darlene Steiner, Kim M. Walker, Ella Yoder
Music by Adam Swisher; Drama Directed by Matt Hines

† Congregational Response - Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Leader: In Hebrews 10:22 we read, “Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Let us pray to Almighty God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, seeking his cleansing as we unite in prayer:

All: *Gracious Lord God, in meekness and contrition, I come before you amidst this body of believers, offering my own confession of the sin in my life, in my heart. I’ve been so laden with guilt and I long for your forgiveness and grace. Free me from my guilt, O Lord, that I may be restored and strengthened to turn from future sin, living for and serving you. In your name, Jesus, I pray. Amen.*

Leader: Trusting in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, know the truth of Colossians 1:13-14, “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

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| † Hymn Response | #355, “Trusting Jesus” |
| Scripture Reading | Psalm 23 (p. 544), Matthew 9:35-38 (p. 964) |
| † Sermon Hymn | #72, “We Will Glorify” |
| Sermon | “The Shepherd’s Care Runs Over” |
| Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings | |
| Offertory | “Lamb of God” |
| †The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication | |
| † Closing Hymn | #97, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” |
| † Spoken Benediction | |
| † Benediction in Song | #74, “Majesty” |

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Psalms 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Matthew 9:35-38 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

SERMON NOTES - "THE SHEPHERD'S CARE RUNS OVER"

Palm Sunday sets the stage for the remaining events of the week

- ◆ The disciples of Jesus listened to his voice and went to the village to bring the donkey – they did as Jesus instructed.
- ◆ The shouts of the crowd – welcoming the “Son of David” and “This is Jesus” – recognized “the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”
- ◆ But there was an undercurrent of dissension present in the city.
- ◆ How did the faithful followers of Jesus cope with the undercurrent?

Psalm 23

- ◆ The faithful relied upon the shepherd.
- ◆ The shepherd provides, leads, restores, guides, is present, comforts, prepares and anoints.
- ◆ John 10:3-4 – “The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.”
- ◆ John 10:11 – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
- ◆ John 10:14-15 – “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father -- and I lay down my life for the sheep.”
- ◆ The Lord is my shepherd, I am safe.

Matthew

- ◆ Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”
- ◆ “The crowds...were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
- ◆ Listen for the voice of the shepherd.
- ◆ The voice that can penetrate through the sounds of the world.
- ◆ The Lord is our shepherd, we are safe.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 10, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

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| 2025 Operating Budget | \$ | 437,965.00 |
| Total Donations | \$ | 108,649.14 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 98,901.81 |
| Net Operating Balance | \$ | 9,747.33 |

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

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|---------------------|----|------------|
| 2025 Mission Budget | \$ | 173,000.00 |
| Total Donations | \$ | 51,734.21 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ | 37,439.95 |
| Net Mission Balance | \$ | 14,294.26 |

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

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| 2025 Project Budget | | \$ 2,757,000.00 |
| Fund Balance (EGR) | \$ | 1,967,114.73 |
| Buehrer Fund Current | \$ | 3,743.75 |
| Fund Balance (F&M) | \$ | 113,096.97 |
| Expenses to Date | \$ | 544,783.15 |
| Total | \$ | 2,628,738.60 |

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| Funds Still to be Raised | \$ | 128,261.40 |
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MISSION-A-MONTH - FAIRLAWN

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Youth Breakfast:** On **Sunday, May 4th** at 9:15AM, the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees invite all 6th - 12th graders to a delicious breakfast in the gym to wrap up the program year together! Please **RSVP by next Sunday, April 20th** to the church office or by texting Jocelyn at 419-575-4218 .
- ♦ **Graduate Recognition:** On **Sunday, May 4th**, we will be recognizing all high school and college graduates during the 2024-2025 academic year during our 10:30AM service of worship. We invite you to be in prayer for these young people in our congregation as they prepare to start the next chapter of their lives!
- ♦ **Christian Education Recognition:** The Christian Education Committee invites all volunteers in our infant through adult Christian Education programs to attend either service of worship on **Sunday, May 4th**. The Committee and congregation would like to present you with a gift as thank you for your time and dedication to our St. John's family.
- ♦ **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) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ♦ **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 **TODAY, Sunday, April 13th**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church. Let Pastor Erich know of your interest.
- ♦ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Master Teague III & Kamryn Babb at the Archbold Evan Church **TONIGHT, Sunday, April 13th, 6:30PM**. Doors open at 5:45PM. Free.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! April's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **Maundy Thursday, April 17th**, beginning at 11:30AM in the Parish Hall. Following an always delicious meal and some blessed table fellowship, those present will consider the underlying themes of Holy Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ As tradition on **Maundy Thursday, April 17th**, the Fellowship Committee will be serving a soup and sandwich supper in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00PM, followed by the 7:00PM Service of Worship and Communion.
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed in Conjunction with the Building Project**
 - ◇ April 21st - 8:00AM - to be ready for the pew removal to begin mid-morning, we are looking for 5 people to arrive at 8:00AM to remove all of the pew Bibles, pew hymnals and pens/pads/envelopes from the pews and place them on carts for storage.
 - ◇ April 24th - 4:00PM (or possibly April 25th at 8:00AM) - to be ready for a funeral on the 26th and for worship on the 27th, we are in need of volunteers to sweep and vacuum the sanctuary and then move in chairs from storage.
 - ◇ April 28th - 8:00AM - 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.
- ◆ **Senior Citizen Luncheon at AHS-** The students, staff, and administration of Archbold High School recognize the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Their support is vital in creating an environment that helps students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders. To show appreciation, senior citizens are invited to a luncheon on **Friday, April 25th, at 11:00AM** in the Archbold High School Gymnasium. Call 419-445-5579 to reserve your spot **OR** use the signup sheet on the bulletin board. All reservations must be received by NOON on Wednesday, April 16th.
- ◆ **Archbold FISH Pantry Community Open House** - Join us **Sunday, April 27th, 1:00PM-3:00PM** at 1309 S. Defiance Street. SEE - What your support does and can do. LEARN - More about what we do and how you can help. SHARE - Hotdogs, chips and cookies.
- ◆ **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 30th** 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 21st. 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 4th @ 3PM**.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF APRIL 10,2025

- ◆ New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room
 - ◇ Drywall has been delivered for ceilings, walls and bulkheads.
 - ◇ The upstairs rooms of the Tower and one-third of the Confirmation Room has seen the removal of floor tile, ceiling tile and some wall board, and the block wall between the two rooms has been removed, clearing space for the elevator shaft.
 - ◇ The masons were scheduled to lay the block around the door opening for the elevator and custodian room.
- ◆ New Electric Service
 - ◇ Directional boring for underground conduit was completed on Wednesday, with the crew fitting conduit in to a tight space under the sidewalk along the north edge of the Parish Hall. Six lines were run – one for RTEC cable, four for the new electric service, and one for future needs.
 - ◇ Creighton Electric is working to: complete the conduit runs, pour the pad for the transformer, run the wire, and install all the control panels in the boiler room.
- ◆ Wednesday’s Life Planning work night projects included: clearing instruments, sound equipment and a pew from the sanctuary choir loft; clearing of the storage room off of the youth room in preparation for new air conditioning work; and a general clean-up of the storage building – sorting through items no longer needed, pulling out pews in preparation for refinishing, and making room for items that will be cleared for the remodeling work to be done on the second floor.
- ◆ Adjusted Schedule of Work
 - ◇ April 21st – Sanctuary pew removal, potentially accomplished in 3 days.
 - ◇ April 27th – Final worship services 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 29th – Sanctuary asbestos removal could begin.
 - ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28th.

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

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| Apr 14 Who Are You Seeking? | -----John 18:1-14 |
| Apr 15 ‘I Am Not’ | -----John 18:15-27 |
| Apr 16 Traditions And Truth | -----John 18:28-40 |
| Apr 17 Power and Partnership | -----John 19:1-16a |
| Apr 18 All Part of the Plan | -----John 19:16b-27 |
| Apr 19 What Endings Are For | ----- John 19:28-42 |
| Apr 20 Seeing What’s Not There | ----- John 20:1-10 |

WEEK OF APRIL 13TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| 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) |
| Tue | 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room) |
| | 10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office) |
| | 5:00PM Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran) |
| Wed | 6:00PM 8th Grade Confirmation (Confirmation Room) |
| | 7:30PM Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary) |
| Thur | Maundy Thursday |
| | 11:30AM Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Parish Hall) |
| | 6:00PM Maundy Thursday Meal (Parish Hall) |
| | 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary) |
| Fri | Good Friday |
| | 7:10AM Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa) |
| | 7:00PM Good Friday Service (Sanctuary) |
| Sun | Easter Sunday |
| | 6:30AM Life Planning prepares Easter Breakfast |
| | 7:00AM Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary (SYF leading) |
| | 8:00AM Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall (Life Planning hosting) |
| | 8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR) |
| | 8:45AM Kids Easter Egg Hunt in the Chapel (JYF hosting) |
| | 9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School |
| | 10:30AM Easter Morning Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Accompanist: Lynne Christman | Song Leader: David Stuckey |
| Worship Leader: Jan Lindsay | Nursery (10:30) Emily Hines |
| Acolytes: (8:00) Kamy Link | (10:30) Dawson Martinez |
| Easy Worship: Mark Nofziger | Live Stream: (10:30) Ollie MacDonald |
| Sound Tech: (8:00) Kelly Ducey | (10:30) James Grime |
| Usher: (8:00) Jim Grieser | Head Usher: Greg Walker |
| Ushers: (10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Steve & Debbie Russell | |

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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 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 7th & 8th 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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