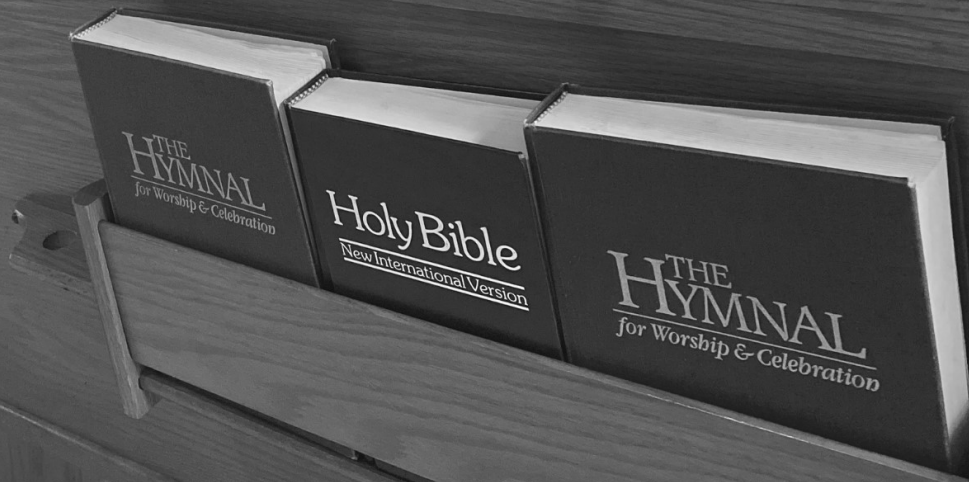




April 27, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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!

PRESENTATION 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

Scripture - Psalm 150 (p. 624)

Elijah Verhoff

Prayer of Invocation

Elijah Verhoff

(8:00) Prelude

"In Christ Alone"

(10:30) Opening Praise

"Way Maker"

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

† Call to Worship (L-Leader; P-People; A-All)

Tucker Johnston

L: Today we celebrate a journey of faith, one filled with questions, growth and discovery.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to worship God who has walked with us.

L: We as confirmands have explored our beliefs and are choosing to take this next step.

P: With courage and faith, you four journey the story God is still writing.

L: So let us worship the One who calls us, claims us, and sends us out with purpose.

A: With joy and gratitude, we come to worship God!

† Unison Prayer

Tucker Johnston

Gracious God, today we give thanks for the journey, for the questions, the doubts, the learning, and the growing. You have been with us through it all, guiding us with love and patience. We thank you for each confirmand, for their courage to ask big questions and for their willingness to say yes to a life of faith. As we worship today, open all our hearts to your presence. Help us to listen, to learn, and to celebrate your work in our lives. Surround us with your grace and remind us that we are never alone. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and friend. Amen.

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

#367, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

#554, "I'll Fly Away"

† (10:30) Songs of Praise

#554, "I'll Fly Away"

"Days of Elijah"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Ethan Krukowski

Scripture Reading - Joshua 1:6-9 (p. 208) and Jeremiah 29:10-14 (p. 780) Jude Rutledge

Children's Message

2025 Confirmation Class Creed - "What We Believe" Ethan Krukowski

(10:30) Service of Infant Dedication – Sadie Jeannine Christman

Opening Sentences and The Apostles' Creed

Scriptures – Luke 18:15-17, Proverbs 22:6

Promises of the Parents and Congregational Pledge:

You are dedicating your child, Sadie, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Sadie and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God.

Dedication and Prayer

† Song of Dedication "In Christ Alone"

(10:30) Chancel Choir "One Step He Leads"

† (8:00) Presentation Hymn #202, "Amazing Grace"

† (10:30) Presentation Praise "Same God"*

Presentations

Tucker Johnston "Why Isaiah 40:31 is My Favorite Bible Verse"

Ethan Krukowski "Significance of the Bible – Hope, Purpose and Foundation"

Elijah Verhoff "Importance of the Bible"

Jude Rutledge "Why Ephesians 6:13-17 is My Favorite Passage in the Bible"

Prayer of Dedication Jude Rutledge

Offertory "Make Me a Servant"

Second Offering

† (8:00) Closing Hymn #498, "Peace Like a River"

† (10:30) Closing Song "Build Your Kingdom Here"

† Spoken Benediction Elijah Verhoff

† Benediction in Song #244, "The Trees of the Field"**

*This praise song is a favorite of one of our JYF members involved in the youth program.

**This hymn is a favorite of Jude Rutledge, who is also one of the confirmands presenting today.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150:1-6 Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Joshua 1:6-9 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Jeremiah 29:10-14 This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

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

- Apr 27 This Is My Song-----Psalm 135
- Apr 28 Proper Perspective-----1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- Apr 29 Tearing Apart-----1 Corinthians 1:10-17
- Apr 30 God’s ‘No’ To The Culture-----1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5
- May 01 Into The Depths-----1 Corinthians 2
- May 02 No More Than Servants-----1 Corinthians 3
- May 03 Kingdom Thinking-----1 Corinthians 4

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF APRIL 24, 2025

- ◆ New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room
 - ◇ The roughly 8'x8' section of concrete has been removed from the second floor to make way for the elevator shaft – that work required building a platform in the first floor under the concrete to be cut, so that the cut pieces of concrete couldn't free fall to the level of the first floor.
- ◆ New Electric Service
 - ◇ Creighton Electric has installed the new electric panels in the boiler room and pulled the necessary wires from the new utility pole to the transformer base, and then from the transformer base to the boiler room.
- ◆ Sanctuary
 - ◇ Over the course of two days, workers from Weberding removed the pews and hauled them to their shop in Batesville, IN.
 - ◇ Removal of sanctuary items will start on Monday, then carpet will be removed so the company removing the asbestos floor tile can begin their work, hopefully on Wednesday.
 - ◇ Electrical work began weeks ago to run new conduit through the tunnels to the sanctuary, and the company assessed current breaker panels this past week in preparation for new connections.
- ◆ Work is ongoing by volunteers of the church to prepare the chapel and the gym for worship services, including temporary sound and projection systems.
- ◆ Adjusted Schedule of Work
 - ◇ 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
 - ◇ Sanctuary work is to be completed by July 28th

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 24, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	127,383.48
Total Expenses	\$	113,034.37
Net Operating Balance	\$	14,349.11

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	58,590.43
Total Disbursements	\$	37,819.78
Net Mission Balance	\$	20,770.65

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,967,114.73	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	3,743.75	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	117,468.76	
Expenses to Date	\$	546,128.94	
Total	\$	2,634,456.18	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	122,543.82
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change to Date		\$	74,219.18

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **INFANT DEDICATION** – Today we celebrate the dedication of Sadie Jeannine Christman, daughter of Ryan and Keira. Sadie was born on January 23, 2025. Her grandparents are Carl & Shari Grandey and Erich & Lynne Christman.
- ♦ **FISH Food Pantry Open House - Today, Sunday, April 27th**, from 1:00PM-3:00PM at 1309 S. Defiance Street. Come see what your support does and can do, learn more about the pantry's mission, and enjoy hotdogs, chips, and cookies while connecting with others. A great chance to learn, share and support this important local ministry!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed** in Conjunction with the Building Project
 - ◇ **April 28th - 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.
- ♦ **Blood Drive** – Ruihley Park Pavilion, Tuesday, **April 29th** from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK.
- ♦ **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 **Wednesday, April 30th at 11:30AM** we are going back to school. We have lunch plans at the Four County Career Center "Four Star" restaurant. Please enter through the main entrance, off of Rt. 66. There is visitor parking and handicap parking available near that entrance. Also, it is recommended that you enter the building as soon as you arrive so they can begin registering you to legally enter the building. (Remember that photo ID). Students will be on hand to escort you to the location of the restaurant. It sounds like an exciting time awaits us!
- ♦ **True North VBS** is heading to St. John's on June 8th – 12th for all preschool (4yrs) through 5th graders! True North's overall theme is learning how to trust Jesus in this wild world. **Register by May 1st to guarantee a t-shirt** for your child at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Youth Breakfast:** On Sunday, **May 4th** at 9:15AM, the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees will be hosting a delicious breakfast in the gym for 6th - 12th graders (who pre-registered with Jocelyn) to wrap up the program year together!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Come celebrate with David.** His family is recognizing his retirement after 25 years of service at Defiance College. Join us for a cookie social in the Parlor immediately following the worship service on **May 4th**.
- ♦ **Burger Bash 2025**, Sunday, **May 4th** at Ruihley Park Pavilion. From 11:00AM-1:00PM, serving Brookview burgers and sides for a free-will donation. Proceeds to go to Growing Hope Globally, an ecumenical mission outreach our local cattle feeders have supported for decades to fund hands-on help to people around the world with limited resources.
- ♦ **St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale on Sunday, **May 4th** @ 3:00PM. 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.
- ♦ **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 on Sunday, **May 11th**. 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).
- ♦ **Attention Golfers of all ages and levels.** Join us on **May 17th**, 2025 for the Shalom Golf Scramble benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, 8:00AM, shotgun start. Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Four person team: \$300; Individual golfers: \$75. Registration Deadline: May 10th - 26 team limit - register now! For details, email LRipke@shalomworks.org or contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552.

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS CREED - WE BELIEVE...

- ◆ In Easter's resurrection of Jesus from the grave, which affirms all the teachings and promises of Jesus. We believe in the resurrection because the Bible explains it through scripture.
- ◆ We believe the Bible is God's Word, written by people who were inspired by God in what they wrote. We believe the more you know of the Bible, the closer you get to God. We believe the Bible is the foundation of faith and life, teaching us lessons for life which we use in our daily lives.
- ◆ We understand that Jesus died in public, so why should we worship in private. Jesus did not have to die for us, but he did. He experienced the painful, dreadful crucifixion to save us from our sins.
- ◆ We believe that Jesus died for us, so we want to live for him, which gives purpose to our lives, to worship, to read the Bible, to spread the gospel. Jesus died for us, to forgive us, so why not just believe!
- ◆ We believe we each have a need to repent, for no matter how hard we try to do our best, we still commit sin; so we need to confess, ask God to forgive us, and turn away from what tempts us to sin.
- ◆ We believe our earthy life right now is not what matters most, for eternal life matters more.
- ◆ We believe that as we love Jesus our actions must show that love to others, actions such as not getting mad and seeking revenge when someone hurts you or speaking right and not taking the Lord's name in vain.

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. 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.

WEEK OF APRIL 27TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	Presentation 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)
	12:00PM Parish Hall and Kitchen Reserved
	6:00PM Seekers (Kuntz's)
Mon	8:00AM Volunteers to remove items from sanctuary
	7:00PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM Community Meal (Archbold Rotary)
Wed	11:30AM GIF Gals (Four County Restaurant)
	7:00PM JYF/SYF Concert at Pettisville Missionary Church
Fri	7:10AM Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa)
Sun	8:00AM Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School/Youth Breakfast
	10:30AM Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM Cookie Social for David Stuckey (Parlor)
	6:00PM Lynne Christman Piano Recital (Chapel)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(8:00) Roger Zimmerman	(10:30) Praise Team
Acolytes	(8:00)	(10:30) Charlee Gearig
Children's Message	Confirmands	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Easy Worship	Tom Hines	
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Usher	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
Ushers	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Steve & Debbie Russell	
Nursery	(10:30) Coreyn & Jocelyn Walker	
Praise Team:	Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ Marilyn Baron is now a resident at Fulton Manor, in rehab for now, but most likely will be a long term resident.
- ♦ Sharon VonDeylen was hospitalized in Fort Wayne for a few days and returned home on Wednesday afternoon.
- ♦ 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 6 months for scans & infusion treatment.
- ♦ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, the stem cell transplant went well, Todd is home, and his health is very good.
- ♦ 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. – Praise God for 3 months here! Pray that I may be able to understand and communicate clearly with a friend. Pray for my long term visa, that I would receive it in a timely manner and without complications. Pray for an upcoming trip into a village outside the city. Pray that it would be a restful time. Pray for a teachers training that I am helping to put on along with another colleague. Pray the teachers would feel encouraged and equipped.
- ♦ 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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