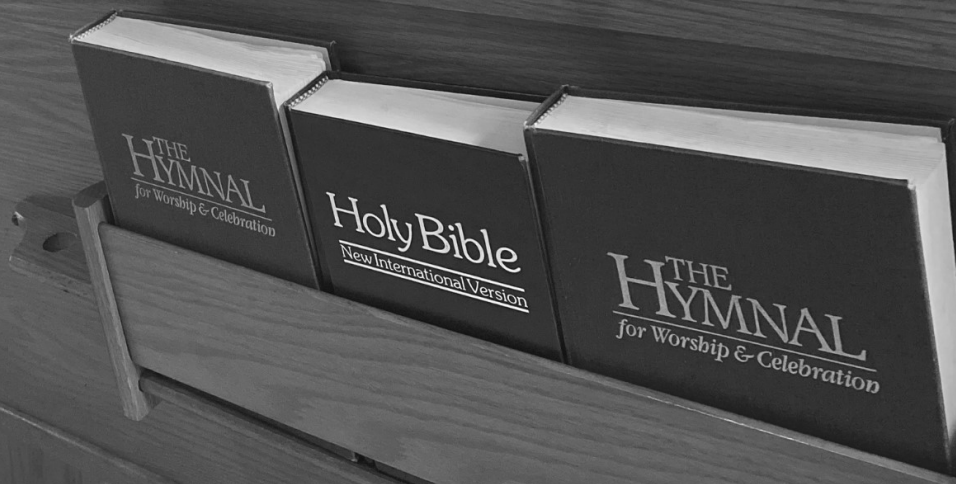




May 4, 2025 | 10:30AM

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 gym 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

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

Ringin of the Tower Bells and Lightin of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Callin of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

M-A-M Mission Moment – Cherry Street Mission Ministries

Dustin Schmidt

Responsive Scripture Reading (L – Leader, **P – People**)

Psalm 100

L: A psalm. For giving thanks. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

L: Know that the Lord is God.

P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Praise

pg. 6, “What an Awesome God”

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

† Songs of Praise

Favorite hymn of senior, Raegan Rutledge, pg. 7, “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Favorite praise song of senior, Bryce Vandenberghe, pg. 8-9, “I’ve Witnessed It”

Children’s Message

Christian Education Recognition

Message of Thanks

Words of Recognition

Presentation of Gifts

Congregational Prayer of Gratitude – **Lord God, we thank you for the hearts that have been called to serve here at St. John’s Christian Church, knowing that they have done so asking nothing in return. We thank you for their time, individual talents, and spiritual gifts that they choose to share with us. The love they demonstrate to You and to each one of us through their actions and words are a blessing. Continue to lift them up in your heart, Lord, and use them for the good of this local church and for the good of Your Kingdom. Amen.**

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

Special Music

Roger Zimmerman

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Recognition of 2025 Graduates

Opening Words of Recognition

Video Messages for High School Graduates

Congregational Prayer – ***Heavenly Father, we come to you as a church family today, asking that you bless these young individuals with your steadfast presence as they begin to enter a new stage of life. May the lessons they have learned here in this church always resonate within their hearts and grant them the ability to go forth and share your love and the promise of the gospel in their new endeavors. We pray they always know the home they have here at St. John's and the love of a church family eager to celebrate in their achievements and support through hardships. Bless them abundantly with your grace and guidance. Amen.***

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 16:23-36, Luke 17:11-19

† Sermon Song

Favorite praise song of senior, Joshua Reeb, pg. 10-11, "Gratitude"

Sermon

"Psalms of Thanksgiving"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Everything is Beautiful"

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Song

Favorite praise song of senior, Jay Riley, pg. 12-13, "Good, Good Father"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song *Favorite hymn of senior, Ollie MacDonald, pg. 17, "The Trees of the Field"*

You will live in joy and peace. The mountains
and hills will burst into song, and the trees of
the field will clap their hands!
Isaiah 55:12 NLT



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100:1-5 A psalm. For giving thanks. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

1 Chronicles 16:23-36 Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ²⁹ ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" ³² Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! ³³ Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ³⁵ Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise." ³⁶ Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."

Luke 17:11-19 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

What An Awesome God

God is great give Him all the praise
Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins
Everywhere His glory on display
Take a look at those stars He can name
them all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run the angels have
to praise
Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands
and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear no more pain
No more sorrow sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are I'll sing to You

My God You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God You're an awesome God

(Instrumental)

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

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Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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I've Witnessed It

When I was lost and all alone
Your presence was where I found home
You were there and You're here right now
In every high and every low
You never left me without hope
You were good and You're good right now

I've witnessed Your faithfulness
I've seen You breathe life within
So I'll pour out my praise again
You're worthy God You're worthy of all of it
Your promises never fail
I've got stories I'll live to tell
So I'll pour out my praise again
You're worthy God You're worthy of all of it

You left the throne and chose the cross
Laid down Your life to rescue us
The Savior then the Savior now
But even death was not the end
You conquered hell so I could live
Resurrecting then resurrecting now
Resurrecting then resurrecting now

You're good and I've witnessed it
You're strong and I've witnessed it
You're constant I've witnessed it
And I'm confident I'll see it again and again
You love and I've witnessed it
You heal and I've witnessed it
You save and I've witnessed it
And I'm confident I'll see it again and again

To the broken I've witnessed it
To the hurting I've witnessed it
To the lost I will witness it
And I'll tell them this
I'll tell them what I've witnessed
To my family I've witnessed it
To my city I've witnessed it
To the nations I've witnessed it
And I'll tell them this
I'll tell them what I've witnessed

I've witnessed Your faithfulness
I've seen You breathe life within
So I'll pour out my praise again
You're worthy God You're worthy of all of it
Your promises never fail
I've got stories I'll live to tell
So I'll pour out my praise again
You're worthy God You're worthy of all of it

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Gratitude

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

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Get up and praise the Lord

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

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Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

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GRADUATES OF THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Oliver MacDonald, son of Tony and Sue, will earn his high school diploma from Archbold High School on May 25th. During his high school years, Ollie was able to juggle his studies with tennis as well as two jobs at Eric's Ice Cream and Lange's Bakery. Ollie has been involved in Life Planning all four years at St. John's and has been active in other community youth groups fellowshiping alongside his friends. Over the last year, he's also been putting his talents and interests into serving the Lord in worship, as he's been working alongside our adult worship techs as a live stream tech on Sunday mornings. He's been a blessed addition to our tech team! After graduation, Ollie plans to pursue his love of audio-visual technology by attending a studio in Toledo to begin his education in audio engineering and music production.

Isaac Meyer, son of Rich and Jen, earned his high school diploma from Archbold High School in January 2025 – a semester earlier than most – to pursue full-time work in the construction field with Carman Construction. During his high school career, Isaac was an active member of the Archbold football team and participated in Life Planning here at St. John's. Isaac helped with the JYF night at the FISH Pantry back in November and was a wonderful “honorary” advisor for the night. Isaac will continue full-time employment with Carman Construction.



Joshua Reeb, son of Scott and Pam, will graduate from Archbold High School on Sunday, May 25th. Joshua will complete his high school career with the following achievements: Company Member - 4 years, All County Honors Choir - 4 years, Lead in Musical - 4 years, Choir Section Leader - 3 years, All County Honors Band - 3 years, Vocal Solo and Ensemble - 3 years, Band Squad Leader - 2 years, NHS Member - 2 years, Junior Student Band Conductor - 2 semesters, and Senior Student Choir Conductor - 2 semesters. Those who have watched Joshua grow at St. John's have been able to see the unconditional love he has for the Lord and worship, most evident through his special music Sundays throughout the worship year. Joshua has been an active participant of SYF, Life Planning, and SHSS, and provided the morning Easter Sunrise Service message the last two years. Joshua will be attending Wright State University in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education (vocal emphasis) with the intention of becoming a high school choir director.



Jay Riley, son of Buffy and brother of Corrie and Kristen, will graduate from Archbold High School on May 25th. While in high school, Jay was an active player on the soccer team, earning NWOAL Honorable Mention in the sport. In the spring, he was a member of the tennis team and earned the title of team captain in his senior year. During his high school years at St. John's, Jay was a member of SYF, Life Planning, SHSS; He's also been involved in the local Men's Barbershop Ministry and will be attending the Youth for Christ mission trip this summer. Jay has blessed our youth ministries with a positive attitude and humble leadership, with a clear call by God to pursue his faith boldly. After graduation, Jay plans to enter the full-time workforce while staying in the area.

Raegan Rutledge, oldest daughter of Jeff and Stacy and sister of Molly and Jude, will graduate from Archbold High School on May 25th. Raegan will graduate as a member of the National Honor Society, having been on Honor Roll every semester. Her passion of music was evident throughout her high school career, serving as the high school choir president, Solo & Ensemble Honors for piano and voice, and her involvement in the fall plays and musicals. She was also chosen to participate in BGSU Falcon Choral Festival. Those who know Raegan know of her quiet yet devoted faith, which shines brightly when she is singing or playing special music during our services of worship. She has been an active member of SYF, Life Planning, SHSS, Rest and Restoration Bible Study, and Youth Praise Team while in high school. After graduation, Raegan will be attending Bowling Green State University to pursue degrees in Music Education and Creative Writing.



Bryce Vandenberghe, son of Todd and Stacie and older brother of Blake, will graduate from Archbold High School and Four County Career Center on May 25th. While in high school, Bryce was a member of the varsity soccer team and served as team captain, earning Soccer League Honorable Mention. While attending Four County Career Center, he was also blessed to earn FCCC job placement in his trade of welding. Bryce has been an active and dedicated member of both Life Planning and SYF during his time at St. John's while attending Xperience Church in Defiance with his family on Sunday mornings. We've been so blessed to have him in our youth fellowship programs each week and have appreciated the moments he's provided his spiritual heart to our worship services here at St. John's, especially in the planning of our Easter Sunrise Services the past two years. After graduation, Bryce will continue in the welding industry while staying in the area.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORARY RECOGNITION



Mathilde Fouache, French exchange student residing with the Rutledge family for the majority of the 2024-2025 academic year, will be returning home on June 9th after receiving honorary graduate recognition at Archbold High School. While at AHS, she participated in cheerleading, choir, and the school musical. Mathilde will complete her high school career in France and is awaiting word on her acceptance into an international high school with a more rigorous curriculum. While here at St. John's, Mathilde has been involved in all things youth ministry, attending SYF and SHSS weekly, being part of the Rest and Restoration Bible Study for high school girls, helping with fundraisers like the sub sale, and even attending her first ever hockey game (and catching the t-shirt toss!) during the church's Faith & Family outing. The youth have lovingly pushed for

Mathilde experience their own loves of growing up at SJCC, getting her to help with ushering and even serving as acolyte at our Easter Sunrise Service. Her physical presence here in our church family will be missed when she returns home, but we are so blessed we've had a year full of memories, laughter, and faith discussions together!

COLLEGE GRADUATE



Kade Kern, son of Keith and Kim Kern, graduated from The Ohio State University in December 2024 with his Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration. Kade earned Cum Laude honors and was a member of the Ohio State baseball program from 2021-23, after which he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 17th round of the 2023 MLB Draft. He completed his degree around his baseball schedule and plans to continue his professional baseball career with the Braves organization. During the off-season, Kade has been giving back to the Archbold community by providing lessons to local baseball players at the Thunder Dome and plans to marry his fiancé, Baylee, in November 2025.

May God bless our
GRADUATES

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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 **TODAY, May 4th**, immediately following the worship service.
- ♦ **Burger Bash 2025, TODAY, 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 **TODAY, 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).
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! May's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **May 15th**, beginning at 11:30AM in the chapel. After enjoying lunch and fellowship around the table, a sneak peak into this summer's True North Vacation Bible School Adventure will be shared.
- ♦ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Dear St. John’s Christian Church,** Thank you for all the gifts, meals, prayers, and love you have shown us as we welcomed little Sadie into the world. We are so blessed to have this amazing church family! We know Sadie feels so loved already. Thank you again, Ryan, Keira, and Sadie Christman
- ◆ **Thank you** for all the prayer support during my treatments. Scans continue to look good. Thanks again. - Stuart & Rhonda Short
- ◆ **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. You can register your child at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs.
- ◆ **VBS Donations** - We are once again seeking donations of supplies and groceries for the week of VBS. We continue to be blessed year-after-year by the congregation’s generosity in making this week possible. You directly contribute to their faith and church memories, and for that, we are beyond thankful! Please visit the VBS board outside of the chapel to pick up a donation star or visit our Amazon Registry at <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/19UGM0EM6SGYM>. Donations can be dropped off to the church office by May 30th. You are also able to make a general financial donation by writing “VBS” on line 11 of your offering envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!
- ◆ **Jocelyn Walker Maternity Leave** - Jocelyn will be on maternity leave after worship on Sunday, May 11th through mid-July. Please contact Gloria in the church office for questions or assistance regarding youth ministries during this time, and she will be happy to assist or point you in the right direction for assistance!

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

May 04 Give Thanks!	-----Psalm 136
May 05 Stopping the Rot	-----1 Corinthians 5
May 06 Do You Not Know?	-----1 Corinthians 6:1-11
May 07 Body Matters	-----1 Corinthians 6:12-20
May 08 Freedom Isn’t License	-----1 Corinthians 7:1-16
May 09 Fruitful Wherever	-----1 Corinthians 7:17-24
May 10 What Serves Holiness?	-----1 Corinthians 7:25-40

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2025

Phase One

- ◆ New Restrooms – Drywall is being finished in the two restrooms, with wall and floor tile installation to begin soon.
- ◆ Elevator – The hole in the second floor has been created, and now the hole into the attic is being worked on, with metal columns and beams soon to be set in place from the first floor to the attic.
- ◆ Electric/Plumbing/HVAC – Work continues in the tunnels, the boiler room and the new restrooms, custodian room and preschool rooms. New HVAC units have arrived and are setting in the south parking lot.
- ◆ New Electric Service – Creighton's has pulled the necessary wires through the buried conduit and are in the process of hanging the new panels in the boiler room. They poured the concrete for the new transformer pad located north of the Fireside Room. A delay has been realized due to some discrepancies between the blue prints and items on site.

Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◆ Pews were removed the week of April 21st, taking less than two days to remove, load and transport the 51 pews to their shop in Batesville, IN.
- ◆ Volunteers emptied the sanctuary on April 28th and Lanzer's pulled the carpet in the narthex and sanctuary.
- ◆ Sauder Worship Seating will pick up the pulpit and lectern to modify their bases to make them moveable.
- ◆ Asbestos abatement began on April 30th and it was to take three days to complete.
- ◆ Lanzer's will then begin the work to make the chancel floor one level, install the ramp, rework the steps to the chancel floor and convert the organ chamber to worship storage.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	132,325.96
Total Expenses	\$	126,258.02
Net Operating Balance	\$	6,067.94

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	62,260.96
Total Disbursements	\$	52,064.81
Net Mission Balance	\$	10,196.15

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)	\$	119,438.76	
Expenses to Date	\$	546,129.90	
Total	\$	2,636,427.14	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	120,572.86
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change to Date		\$	76,190.14

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!

WORSHIP TECHS AND LEADERS BEING SOUGHT

As the renovation work in the sanctuary begins, it is a good time to seek additional volunteers to enhance our worship of the Lord. Would you be willing to serve in one of these roles? Know someone who might be interested?

- ◆ Sound Tech - staffing the sound board at 8AM, 10:30AM, or either.
- ◆ Easy Worship Tech - staffing the projection board at 8AM and 10:30AM on a scheduled Sunday.
- ◆ Live Stream Tech - staffing the live stream camera and laptop at 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Worship Leader - leading welcome and announcements, scripture reading, and similar parts of the service, serving on a schedule for both the 8AM and 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Lay Reader - reading the scriptures during a service - at either the 8AM or 10:30AM services.
- ◆ Children's Moment Leader - sharing a lesson based on the scripture and sermon, once a month or every other month, at 8AM, 10:30AM, or both.

If intrigued, please contact Pastor Erich.

MISSION-A-MONTH - CHERRY STREET MISSION/SPARROW'S NEST

Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services. Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer three meals a day, seven days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. For more information, visit cherrystreetmission.org/. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to Cherry Street/Sparrow's Nest by marking the appropriate line of your offering envelope or by selecting "Cherry Street" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

WEEK OF MAY 4TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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 Students Piano Recital (Chapel)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Lockport Mennonite) at St. Martins
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
Wed	6:30PM	SYF Last Night (Justin & Carrie Yoder's pond)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Gym)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	11:45AM	Lunch with the Pastor (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)

Pastor Erich will be attending a Pastor's Conference Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It will be his third and final time attending the conference which is held at Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He will be reachable by his cell - 419-551-0401.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Song Leader	Praise Team
Acolyte	Carson Baden	Lay Reader	Avery Roth
Sound Tech	James Grime	Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Head Usher	Matt Hines	Nursery	Eric & Anna Yoder
Ushers	Jude Rutledge, Elijah Verhoff, Jack Weber		
Praise Team:	Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Betsy Redd had hip replacement surgery on April 28th and all went well. She is at home recovering.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron is now a resident at Fulton Manor, in rehab for now, but most likely will be a long term resident.
- ◆ 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; and she continues to struggle with weight gain, which is needed.
- ◆ 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, the stem cell transplant went well. Todd is home, and his health is very good.

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 the 113 students who have come to new faith in Jesus since July 1, 2024 – pray they may grow in faith and connect with a church.

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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