

# 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/Diaper Changing Stations**

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool in the second floor room labeled "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. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young

Adults and in the Artisan's Tent. 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 chapel 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! PENTECOST 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)

Ringing 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 – Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio

Prayer of Invocation

(8:00) Prelude "God of Wonders"

(10:30) Prelude Adult Bell Choir

"Sanctuary"

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

† Call to Worship (Acts 2:1-4)

Leader: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

People: Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Leader: They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

People: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Leader: We gather in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior anticipating the presence of the Holy Spirit as we worship today.

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 7, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" pg. 10, "How Firm a Foundation"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

(10:30) Special Music

**Adult Bell Choir** 

"Seek Ye First"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20, Ephesians 2:19-22

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

(8:00) Offertory

Morning Message

(10:30) Offertory

Adult Bell Choir

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

"We Bow Down"

"The Church: Our Refuge"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Pastor: Come to the table of Jesus our Redeemer who invites us here as part of the people of God.

People: We come to the table humbly, not because we have earned a place here, but because we need the Lord's mercy and help.

Pastor: Come because you love God, and want to love God more.

People: We come because Jesus first loved us, and gave himself for us.

Pastor: Come because you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: We come because we want to experience the mystery of God's grace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of grace and peace, I join in this prayer with fellow believers in preparing to receive these elements of faith, the bread and the cup. I open my soul to you, Lord, confessing my sin, expressing my sorrow, and seeking redemption that only comes through Jesus Christ. Fill me with your Spirit's presence that I will know your will and walk in your way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Words of Institution and Sharing the Elements of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy God, we are grateful for the blessings received through this sacrament. Having remembered the sacrifice of Jesus, we know your compassion and love. Continue to transform us as your disciples so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. Amen, and Amen

† Closing Hymn

pg. 11, "The Solid Rock"

<sup>+</sup> Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 8-9, "The Trees of the Field"

# SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Matthew 16:13-20 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**Ephesians 2:19-22** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

June 08 A Radical Vision	Acts 2:42-47
June 09 Money Can't Buy You Love	Acts 3:1-10
June 10 Refreshing Faith	Acts 3:11-26
June 11 I've Got the Power	Acts 4:1-12
June 12 Illiterate and Ignorant	Acts 4:13-22
June 13 Crying Out Loud	Acts 4:23-31
June 14 How the Mighty Have Fallen	Genesis 11

# **SERMON NOTES "THE CHURCH: OUR REFUGE"**

TableTalkMagazine.com; July 2024, Rev. Jay Thomas

- "The church, the local church, is a refuge for the people of God."
- Even when..."In a moment of upheaval when many Christians, including pastors, would claim that the church is falling apart, letting in the wind and rain rather than protecting us from it."
- People can "...feel hurt, deceived, vulnerable, and skeptical not protected."

## Refuge

- A condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble.
- Something providing shelter.
- The word is used most often to refer to a place, or to tell others to take refuge.
- ◆ The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary says that it is a "shelter or relief from danger or anxiety; a high rock (Isaiah 33:16), a secure dwelling place (Deuteronomy 33:27), a place to flee to (Psalm 142:4), a shelter (Isaiah 4:6)".

#### **Scripture Verses**

- Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ◆ Psalm 118:8-9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.
- Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

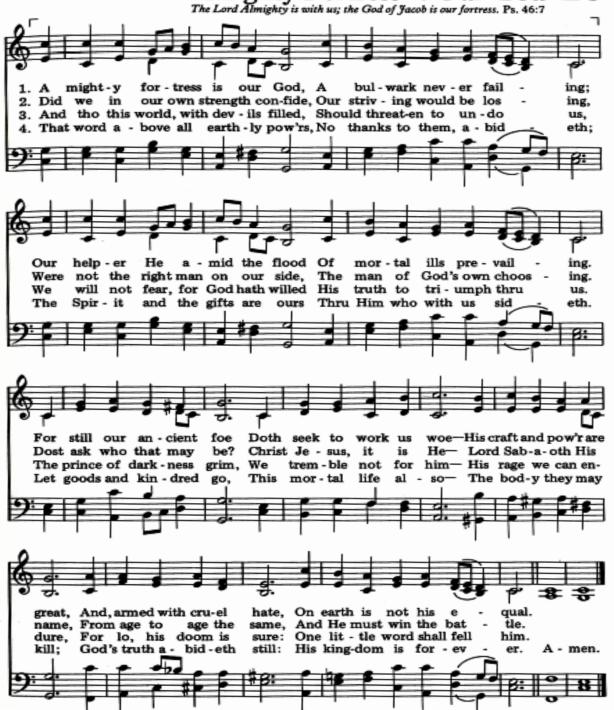
Matthew 16:13-20 – The church is established and built by the Lord.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – The church is a refuge because it is the covenant community of God.

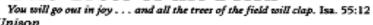
## Our Refuge

- The truth of the gospel is proclaimed.
- The sacraments are administered.
- It is the community of love.

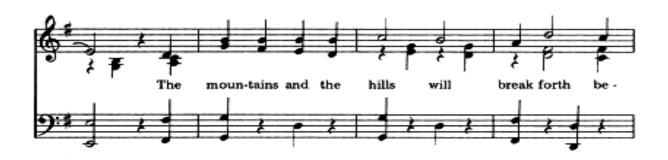
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 26



# 244 The Trees of the Field















# 404 The Solid Rock A wise man . . . built his house on the rock. Matt. 7:24 noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness; = 1. Mv hope is built on When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace; oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood: When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean Je - sus' name. dare not trust on and storm - y gale ev - 'ry high My an-chor holds with in the veil. When all a round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore the throne. RefrainOn Christ, the sol id Rock, I stand— All oth - er ground sand. Allground sink - ing sand. TEXT: **Edward Mote** SOLID ROCK MUSIC: William B. Bradbury L.M. with Refrain Alternate tune: MELITA at No. 402

# **BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 5, 2025**

Operating Fund Year to Date Report								
2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00						
<b>Total Donations</b>	\$	169,654.57						
Total Expenses	\$	172,508.34						
Net Operating Balance	\$	(2,853.77)						
Mission Fund Year to Date Report								
2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00						
<b>Total Donations</b>	\$	74,281.90						
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$	60,646.50						
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,635.40						
Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign			_					
2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00					
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,874,367.99						
<b>Buehrer Fund Current</b>	\$	3,743.75						
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	71,979.21						
Expenses to Date	\$	701,042.22						
Total	\$	2,651,133.17						
Funds Still to be Raised		Currently	\$	105,866.83				
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Change from 2/2/25 to 6/5/2025			\$	90,896.17				

### MISSION-A-MONTH - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - FULTON COUNTY

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HFHFCO) builds and repairs homes in Fulton County, Ohio for people who need affordable housing and have little or no means to better their circumstances through conventional avenues. We partner with people who are willing to work for what they need, giving a hand up, never a hand out. Each project requires pay back of the project price (determined through set standards). These payments are affordable because no interest is charged. Project costs are kept low through donations and volunteer labor from those in our communities. Principal payments from partner-homeowners are used to fund the mission, but isn't enough so we rely on donations, fundraisers and grants. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to HFHFCO by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "HFHFCO" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ True North VBS starts TONIGHT! From 6:00PM to 8:30PM, June 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th,</sup> for all preschool (4yrs) through 5<sup>th</sup> graders! True North's overall theme is learning how to trust Jesus in this wild world. You can still register your child at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs.
- ◆ ATTENTION! If you are under the age of 150, this is for you! LIFT (Living In Faith Together) This is a unique Summer Sunday School experience! It is an INTERGENERATIONAL Class. If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, come be a part of this one. Each session encourages a time to break bread, study God's Word, pray, and even play! The first session starts TODAY and runs until July 20<sup>th</sup> (with a week off on July 6<sup>th</sup>). This session focuses on Jesus' Parables. It will begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings and may be in the gym. This cannot work without you! We need all generations involved!
- Volunteers Needed! Clearing/Organizing the Storage Building Throughout the five months of the building project many items have been moved to the storage building and it is time to clear some things out! We are looking to set up for a silent auction as well as organize items that will be kept and returned to the building after the project is complete. If you could help on either Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 8AM or 9AM, please let the church office know! Thanks.
- ◆ The annual summer mission trip to LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity in northern Indiana is set for June 16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet at the church at 7AM Monday morning and, after four and a half days of home construction work, will return to Archbold late Friday afternoon. There is always work for people of various skill levels, with plenty of opportunity to learn how to use power tools! Lodging will be at a local rental home or possibly a church camp. Cost of the week, to cover transportation, lodging and meal costs, will be \$100 to \$125, depending upon number of participants. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.
- ◆ GIF Gals Welcome to summer at last! Hope everyone has enjoyed the adventures and Fellowship the GIF Gals have had so far in 2025. Well, hang onto your hat (make that your cowboy hat) because the GIF Gals are moving on to Winchester's Restaurant on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. For directions, take St. Rt. 20A through Wauseon to St. Rt. 109. Turn north (left) and continue on 109 until you see a gas station on your right. The restaurant will be in the back. Be sure to dodge the prairie dog holes (potholes) in the driveway. Wander over anytime between 11AM and 11:30AM. We look forward to seeing you at the bunkhouse. There is a sign up sheet for your scrawl on the wandering bulletin board.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Accompanist Buffy Riley

Song Leader Andrew Rohrs

(10:30) Easy Worship Mark Nofziger

(10:30) Sound James Grime

(10:30) Live Stream Ryan Christman

Nursery Assistants Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines

(8:00) Usher Tim Beck

(10:30) Head Usher Greg Walker

(10:30) Ushers Ben & Sue Buehrer, Tom & Laura Johnson

Adult Bell Choir: Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan Christman,

Ann Fether, Norm Fether, Gloria Lauber, Lynne Ries, Andrew Rohrs, Harrison Rohrs,

Darlene Steiner, David Stuckey, Director Buffy Riley

**Worship Techs and Leaders Being Sought** - Would you be interested in serving as a Sound, Easy Worship or Live Stream Tech for our Sunday morning services? What about serving as a worship leader, lay reader, or providing a Children's Moment? If intrigued, please contact Pastor Erich.

# BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JUNE 5, 2025

#### Phase One

- New Restrooms Grid for suspended ceilings has been hung, lights installed (operated by motion sensors), toilets have been hung.
- Elevator Framing and drywall was installed this past week on the interior walls of the shaft.
- ♦ Plumbing/HVAC A new 2" water meter was installed, openings were cut into two storage rooms in order to set HVAC cabinets, and water line connections have been made.
- New Electric Service Awaiting the installation of the transformer from Toledo Edison.

## Phase Two – Sanctuary

• Installation of framing, plywood and drywall was finished in the chancel area.

#### Additional Work

Carport entrance doors are installed, with some adjustment of the exterior sensor yet to be accomplished. The exterior sensor is motion activated. The interior door control is a touch pad mounted on the wall, since many people walk by that door to enter worship via the north door of the sanctuary – we didn't want the outside door constantly opening and closing!

## WEEK OF JUNE 8TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	2:30PM	Trailblazer Training
	5:30PM	VBS Team Meeting
	6:00PM	True North VBS Begins! (ends each night at 8:30PM)
Mon	6:00PM	True North VBS
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
	6:00PM	True North VBS
	7:00PM	Property Committee
Wed	6:00PM	True North VBS
Thur	6:00PM	True North VBS
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Short's Pond)

# PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

#### Care Center Residents...

- ♦ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ♦ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 232, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene Lafountaine, 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

# PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

#### Please pray for...

- Mathilde Fouache, who will be returning home to France tomorrow after spending a year in Archbold as an exchange student. Please be in prayer for her travels and for her reunion back home with family, as well as for the Rutledge family as they say goodbye until they're able to meet in person again.
- Emily S. Walker and Annie Foote, who safely arrived in Kenya on Thursday with the Kajiado Mission Trip team and will be at KCH for the week, working with the children and helping with projects around the school.
- Onnie Smith, young granddaughter of Gary & Robin Wyse, who suffered skull fractures due to a fall at Hocking Hills State Park last weekend, having made a HUGE turnaround was discharged Tuesday afternoon. Praise the Lord!!!
- Braden Martinez had surgery on May 20<sup>th</sup> at FCHC to repair damage to the patellar tendons and the lateral and medial ligaments in each knee. He will be recovering at home and will be non-weight bearing for at least six weeks.
- Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, her hospital stay was at least 7 days in length and improved health was realized as she gained some weight and was able to receive her first treatment infusion. The family shares "God's faithfulness remains evident."
- Josie Grieser, 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.

## Missions/Missionaries...

• T&M – praying for their daughter's arthritis health issue, for a boat (ferry) project they are working on, for a group of believers to form on one of the islands where a local sister is leading, for a new team of workers serving on one of the small islands.

### 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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