

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!

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

Prelude "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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

† Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-3

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of his name, make his praise glorious!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

People: So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

Leader: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,

People: They sing praise to your name!"

† Hymns of Praise pg. 6, "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

pg. 7, "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

pg. 8, "Trust and Obey"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer "You Raise Me Up"

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12, 21-26, 38-42, 43-48

Sermon "The God of Miracles: The Sermon on the Mount"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Want to Know You"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn pg. 9, "Jesus Loves Even Me"

† Unison Spoken Benediction

Leader: People of God by grace.

People: Followers of Christ by choice.

Leader: Partners of the Spirit through faith.

People: Let us serve our Creator all our days. Amen.

† Benediction in Song pg. 10, vs 2, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" ₂

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:1-3 Shout with joy to God, all the earth! ² Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

Matthew 5 ¹ Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁶ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁶ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁶ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca, 'is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

SERMON NOTES "THE GOD OF MIRACLES: SERMON ON THE MOUNT"

Sermon on the Mount – Miraculous teaching from Jesus

- ◆ The sum of Jesus' ethical teaching Teaching how to live, how we will live when Jesus is our Lord; ethical issues of fundamental importance.
- Ushering in the messianic way of life.
- ◆ Covered several days, not just an hour or two The miraculous nature of peoples interest and attention great multitudes, disciples...more than the twelve, initial followers, interested to learn more.

Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes

- To be the norms of the kingdom, the way of Jesus.
- ♦ Be-attitudes How our attitudes should be character traits.
- "That joy which is serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and changes of life." (Barclay)
- "The blessing is in every case in the present tense, a happiness to be now enjoyed and delighted in. It is not 'Blessed shall be,' but 'Blessed are.'" (Spurgeon)
- Poor in spirit First rung on the ladder starting point a confession of being sinful and rebellious and utterly without moral virtues adequate to commend one to God.

Matthew 5:21-26 – Vilifying Anger, and Reconciliation

- To the scribes, the law was really only a matter of external performance, never the heart. Jesus brings the law back to the matters of the heart.
- "Jesus forbids forever the anger which broods, the anger which will not forget, the anger which refuses to be pacified, the anger which seeks revenge." (Barclay)
- "Raca" contempt, arrogant contempt, harsh and accusing tone of voice.
- Need for reconciliation to settle matters quickly, let the anger and malice go.

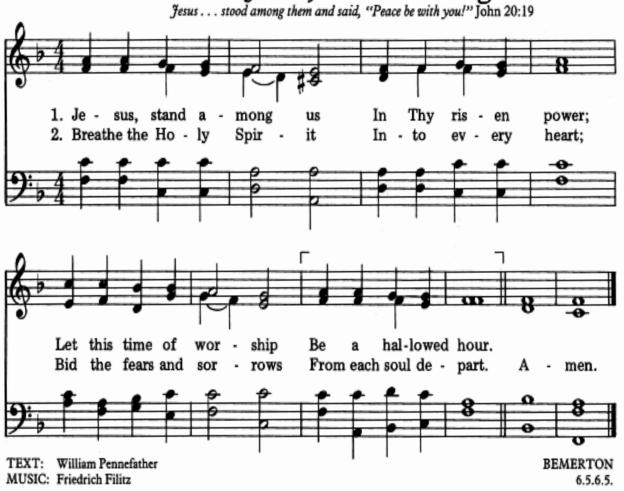
Matthew 5:38-42 - Personal Injury and Self-Sacrifice

- The principle of retribution; Old Testament law designed to limit retaliation and punish fairly; meant to curb evil because of the hardness of people's hearts.
- Attitude of the heart, better, or higher, righteousness.
- Four illustrations given, each clarifying Jesus' point.

Matthew 5:43-48 – Hatred and Love

- In this use, love is a verb, an action.
- God is love, and God loves indiscriminately.
- Christians are to love, bless, do good and pray for their "enemies."
- Parable of the Good Samaritan.

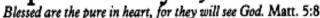
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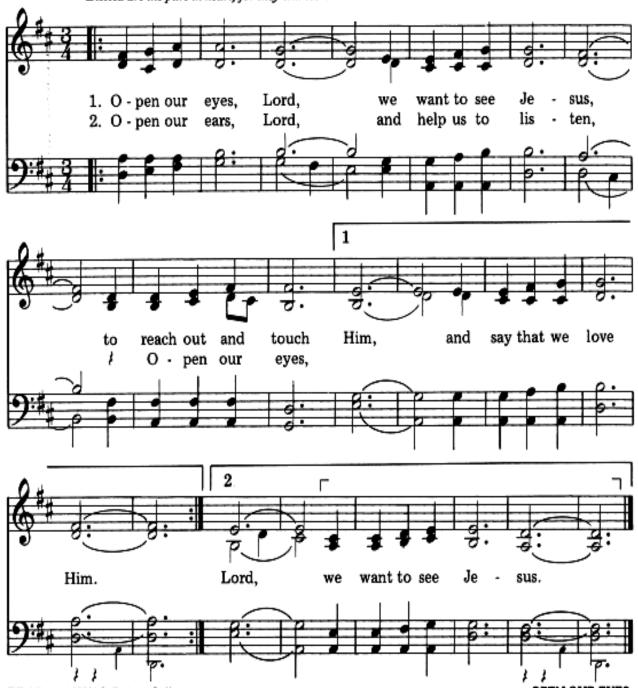


DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

June 29 Feeling Down?	Psalm 143
June 30 Remember Me	1 Samuel 1
July 01 Surprising Reversals	1 Samuel 2:1-11
July 02 Bad Boys and Linen	1 Samuel 2:12-26
July 03 So Long, Goodbye	1 Samuel 2:27-36
July 04 It's All Happening	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a
July 05 The Heart or Nothing	1 Samuel 4:1b-22

383 Open Our Eyes, Lord
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matt. 5:8

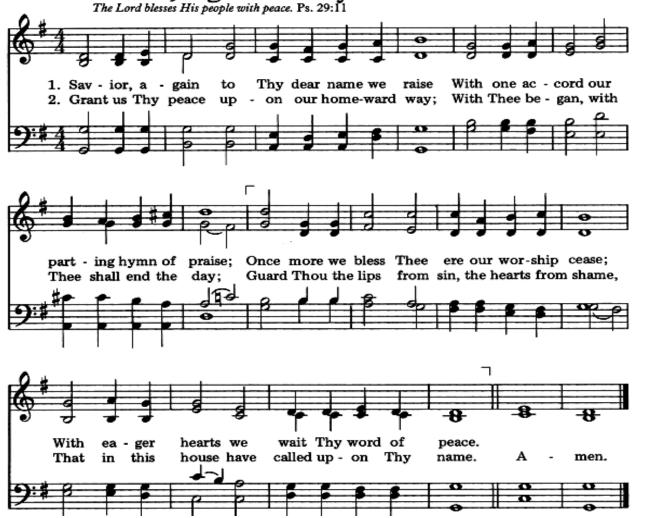




349 Trust and Obey . . . that all nations might believe and obey Him. Rom. 16:26 When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He 2. Not a shad-ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly 3. Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth 4. But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of His love Un-til all 5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still, drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows and the joy He be - stows side in the way; What He says we will do, where He sends we will □ Refrain And with all who will trust and o - bey. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o bey, for there's Are for them who will trust and o - bey. Nev-er fear, on - ly trust and o - bev. To be no oth - er way hap-py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

Jesus Loves Even Me Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. Eph. 5:25 glad that Fa - ther our in heav'n Tells of His am so 2. Tho a - way, doth for - get Him and wan - der Still He there's on - ly one song I can sing When in His Won - der things in love in the Book He has giv'n; ful stray; love me wher - ev - er Ι Back to His dear lov - ing beau - ty Ι see the great King, This shall my song in Je - sus loves me. the dear-est, that Bi - ble This is seearms would I flee When I re - mem-ber that Je - sus loves me. Je - sus loves me!" won -der, that ter - ni - ty be: what a Refrain Je - sus loves me, Je-sus loves me; am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves e me. so glad that

604 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name



PRAYERS FOR OUR 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...

- ◆ Steve Russell, who had prostate surgery on June 24th, with all going very well. He will be home recovering for two weeks.
- Rylen Hunt, grandson of Gloria Lauber, is nine months old and will be having cranial surgery on July 14th as the sutures in his cranium have fused too early. Pray for him, his parents and family as they await the day of surgery, and for the surgery itself.
- Dan Martinez had knee surgery on June 24th and is recovering at home.
- Ed Allen, who is recovering from recent MVD brain surgery to relieve pressure on a nerve to alleviate severe facial pain.
- ♦ Braden Martinez had surgery on May 20th 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, continues to receive nutrition treatment.
- ♦ 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...

- ♠ M. Praise God that 2 out of the 3 steps for my visa extension are done! Praise for the completed teacher training. Praise for completing first language assessment. Pray for the fruit of the Spirit I don't always have patience! Please pray that people here would see their deep need for God.
- 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)

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 26, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report						
2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00				
Total Donations	\$	185,026.46				
Total Expenses	\$	184,328.60				
Net Operating Balance	\$	697.86				
Mission Fund Year to Date Report						
2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00				
Total Donations	\$	81,825.15				
Total Disbursements	\$	62,108.19				
Net Mission Balance	\$	19,716.96				
Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign						
2025 Project Budget	2025 Project Budget \$ 2,757,000.00					
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,631,059.81				
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	2,417.46				
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	92,256.01				
Expenses to Date	\$	934,178.76				
Total	\$	2,659,912.04				
Funds Still to be Raised		Currently	\$	97,087.96		
Funds Still to be Raised		as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00		

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

Change from 2/2/25 to 6/26/2025

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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ ATTENTION! If you are under the age of 150, this is for you! LIFT (Living In Faith Together) If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, come be a part of this Intergenerational one! Each session encourages a time to break bread, study God's Word, pray, and even play! Sessions run until July 20th (with a week off on July 6th), beginning at 9:15 in the gym. This cannot work without you! We need all generations involved!
- ◆ CPC Women's Health Resource Project Respect's 15th Annual Golf Outing is quickly approaching. Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 at Ironwood Golf Course. The event will include 18 Holes of golf, cart, lunch, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and more! All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Project Respect, a non-profit character education program of CPC Women's Health Resource. We envision a community of young people who STAND UP against social pressures and STAND OUT as people of character. We serve students in 6 counties including Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams. For more information, visit www.projectrespectnwo.org.
- ◆ Ruihley Park Pavilion Blood Drive Tuesday, July 8th, 11AM 5PM. To register, please call 1 -800-RED CROSS or go online to RedCrossBlood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK
- ♦ Building Project Volunteer Opportunities in the next two weeks:
 - 1. Sorting Bibles and Hymnals sorting through all of our pew Bibles and Red Hymnals, setting aside books that are worn and providing a count of the number of books in good condition to be set in the pews once the sanctuary renovation work is complete.
 - 2. Removing wall paper in the Parlor east, west and south walls, with the east and west walls being mostly glass or doorway one or more folks to move furniture away from the walls, remove the wall paper and clean off the drywall surfaces.
 - 3. Removing door in the Parlor and filling in the opening in the south wall removing door in preparation for the new coffee bar removing door, removing casing trim, re moving jamb material; then framing in opening and hanging drywall on north side and plywood on south side.
 - 4. Removing tile from the walls at the drinking fountain working to chisel off the mosaic tiles with minimal damage to the underlying block, grinding down mortar bed for a smooth finish.
 - 5. Clearing the Parlor, Part-Time Staff Office and all Second Floor Classrooms several volunteers needed many light items, but many heavy items too. Plus climbing up and down the stairs multiple times. Everything will go to the storage building. We could have 3 crews one bringing items down and into trailers, one crew unloading the trail ers at the storage building, one crew in the storage building organizing items. Two eve nings are planned Tuesday, July 8th, starting at 6PM; Thursday, July 10th, starting at 6PM. Many helping hands are needed!

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JUNE 26, 2025

Status of Sanctuary:

- Unfortunately, really, really unfortunately, the work in the sanctuary has been delayed, so the deadline of August 1st is no longer a possibility.
- ◆ The overhead pendent lights are the issue their shipping date has been delayed for a third time. Interestingly, as we talked with the pew company, we learned they are working on pews for another church, and that church has been delayed due to lights not being delivered on time!
- ♦ Lights to ship July 3rd. Electricians will get installed right away
- Ceiling tongue and grove boards for over the former choir loft will return from the staining company on July 1st for installation.
- Remaining oak trim to be delivered next week.
- Ramp handrail has been field checked and is awaiting fabrication.
- If the lights are installed, the flooring contractor will install the LVT under the pew areas the week of July 7th.
- Pew installation, due to the delay caused by the delayed shipment of the lights, has been reset for the week of August 11th.
- Following pew installation, the carpet will be installed in the aisles. Chancel area carpet will be installed once oak trim and ramp railings are in place.
- The new ceiling finish of the sanctuary narthex could be started next week.

Other areas:

- The new men's and women's restrooms could be turned over for use next week. Then the demolition of the existing restrooms at the south entrance will begin.
- Further masonry work will be completed after demolition work.
- The subcontractor will continue the various exterior step and sidewalk work, saving the south porch replacement and new ramp installation until last.
- Elevator installation is confirmed for August 13th.
- The first floor and second floor single restrooms by the elevator will be pushed along by the contractor.

Remaining Rooms – (Parlor, Part-Time Staff Office and all Second Floor Rooms) – need to be cleared soon of all items for ceiling and flooring replacement and wall paint.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by November.

WEEK OF JUNE 29TH 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-Time Staff Office)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	CHURCH C	OFFICE CLOSED
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)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Jan Lindsay
Children's Message	Matt Hines
(10:30) Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Nursery Assistants	Bri Krukowski & Emma Krukowski
(8:00) Usher	Jim Grieser
(10:30) Head Usher	Greg Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Tom & Laura Johnson

MISSION-A-MONTH FOR JUNE- 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.

MISSION-A-MONTH FOR JULY - SHEPHERD CIRCLE

Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by local resident, Cecily Rohrs, in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources.



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