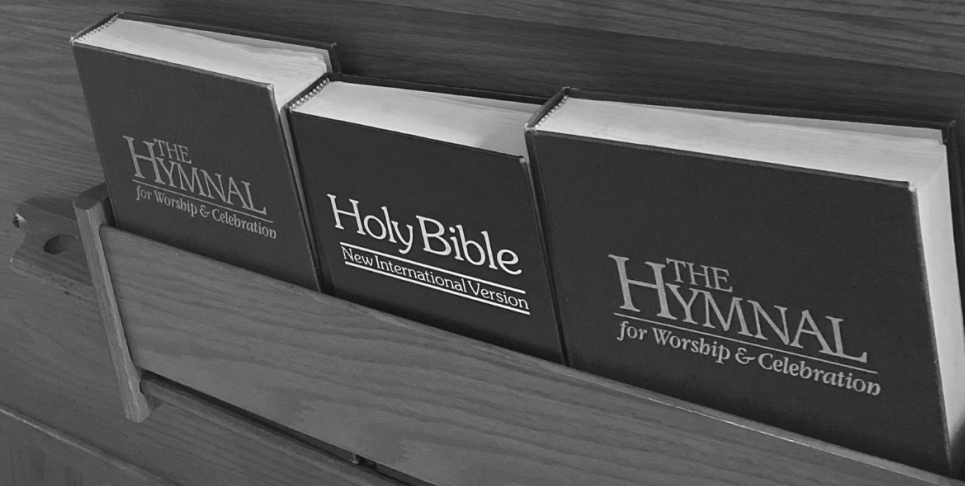




July 20, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the first floor Parlor area. 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 Parlor. 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!

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

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 and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 40:1-3

Prelude

Buffy Riley

“King of Kings”

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

† Call to Worship

Leader: We remember the Babe of Bethlehem

People: A child who came to save the world

Leader: We remember a man in human flesh who dwelt with us

People: We remember his kindness, his healing, his teaching and his love

Leader: We remember the cross where he sacrificed his life

People: The sacrifice we deserved but freely given for us to receive

Leader: We remember the Christmas story with the joy of the shepherds and the giving of the gifts by the wise men

People: We too are to be joyful and to give the best that we have to the Lord and to one another

**All: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord – our Savior, Redeemer and King!
Amen.**

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

pg. 7, “O Hearken Ye”

† Passing the Joy and Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“The Star Carol”

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 8-9, “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Sermon

“We Have Seen His Glory”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession: ***Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as our selves. Through Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us; may we know Your will and follow in Your ways, to Your glory. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Responsive Words of Institution:

Pastor: On the night of his betrayal, Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

People: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Pastor: “Take and eat, this is my body.”

People: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying:

Pastor: “Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Unison Prayer of Blessing: ***Eternal and Merciful God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. May Your Holy Spirit bless this bread and cup, that we might be strengthened in our faith and in our devotion to You. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.***

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Blessing

† Closing Hymn

pg. 10, vs. 1-3, “Joy to the World!”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 10, v. 4, “Joy to the World!”

SERMON NOTES "WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-3 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

O Come, All Ye Faithful 145

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O
2. Sing choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O sing, all ye
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him, born the King of
bright hosts of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the
Thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-

Refrain

an-gels!
high-est! O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
pear-ing!

(slight rit. last time)

O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord! Lord!

Optional transition to "For Unto Us"

150 O Hearken Ye

My soul glorifies the Lord. Luke 1:46

1. O hear - en ye who would be - lieve, The gra - cious ti - dings
2. O hear - en ye who long for peace, Your trou - bled search - ing
3. O hear - en ye who long for love, And turn your hearts to

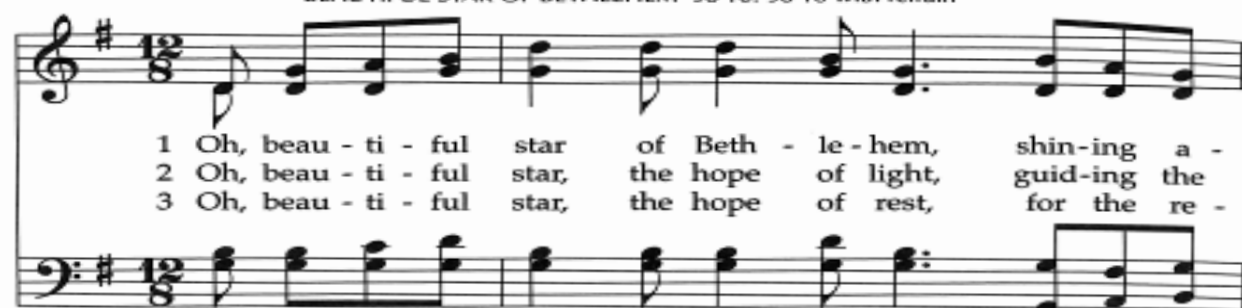
now re - ceive: The
now may cease. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o. For
God a - bove. The

might-y Lord of heav'n and earth, To - day is come to hu - man birth.
at this cra - dle you shall find God's heal - ing grace for all man - kind.
an - gel's song the won - der tells: Now Love In - car - nate with us dwells!

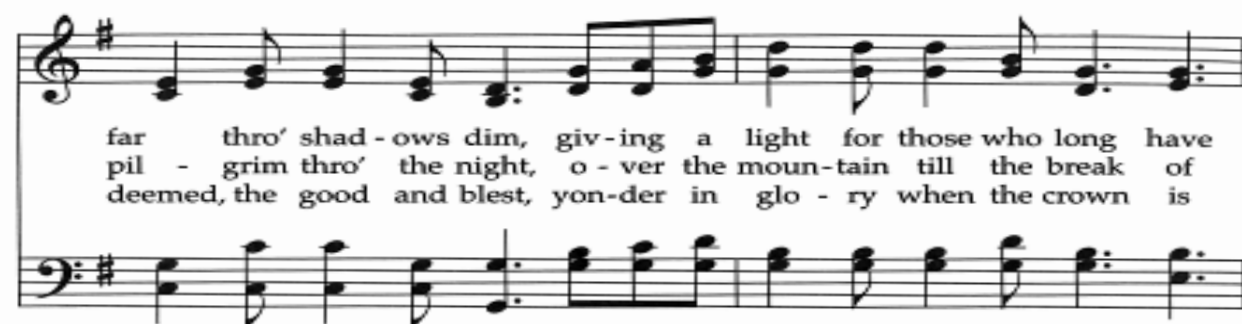
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o.

32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

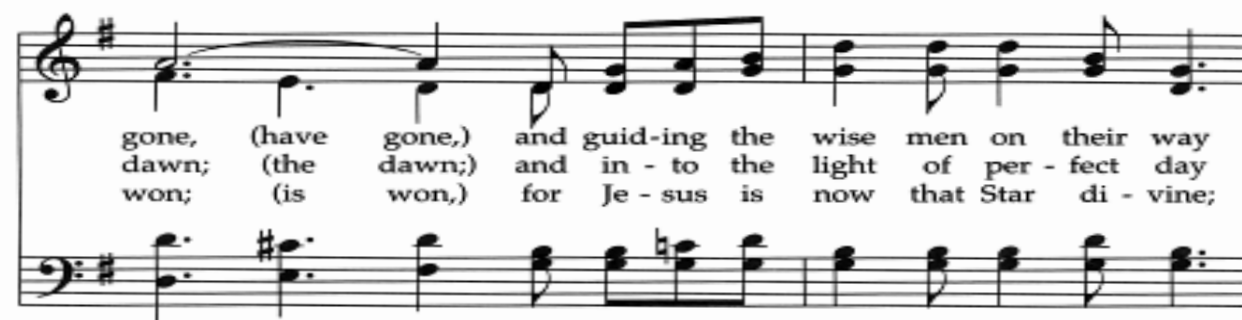
BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM 98 10. 98 10 with refrain



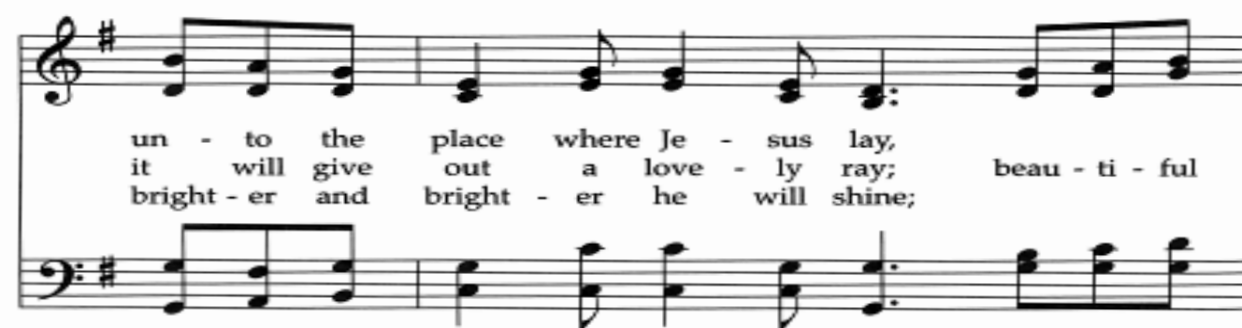
1 Oh, beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shin - ing a -
 2 Oh, beau - ti - ful star, the hope of light, guid - ing the
 3 Oh, beau - ti - ful star, the hope of rest, for the re -



far thro' shad - ows dim, giv - ing a light for those who long have
 pil - grim thro' the night, o - ver the moun - tain till the break of
 deemed, the good and blest, yon - der in glo - ry when the crown is



gone, (have gone,) and guid - ing the wise men on their way
 dawn; (the dawn;) and in - to the light of per - fect day
 won; (is won,) for Je - sus is now that Star di - vine;



un - to the place where Je - sus lay,
 it will give out a love - ly ray; beau - ti - ful
 bright - er and bright - er he will shine;

star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

Refrain

Oh, beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le -
Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful star,

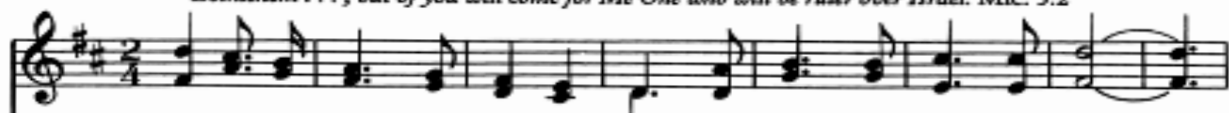
hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry
star of Beth - le - hem, shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry,

dawn; glo - ry dawn; oh, give us thy light to light the way in - to the

land of per - fect day; beau - ti - ful star of Beth - le - hem, shine on. (shine on.)

Joy to the World! 125

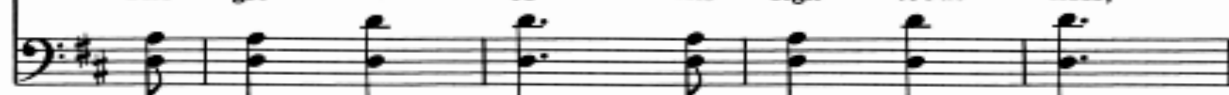
Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2



- 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
- 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
- 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

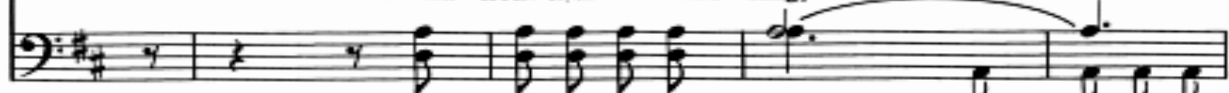


Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
He comes to make His bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



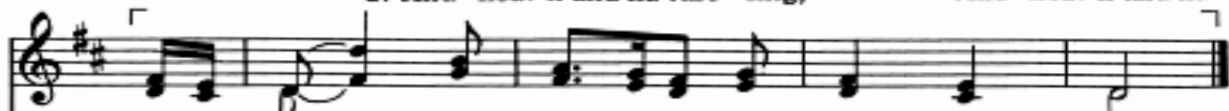
And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

1. And heav'n and na - ture sing,

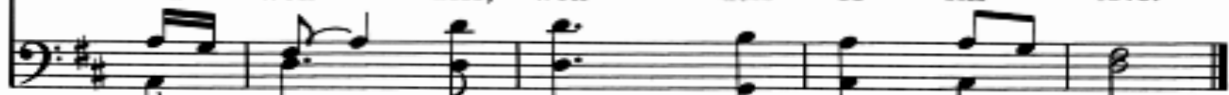


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And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
Far as, far as the curse is found.
And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



ture sing,

Choral Ending on the following page.

MISSION-A-MONTH FOR JULY - SHEPHERD CIRCLE

Shepherd Circle began as a local mission projected with the intent to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices.

Recently, the board of Shepherd Circle was led to change their intent. Factors leading to this change included a lack of volunteers to serve as shepherds to mentor the people and a lack of new, younger volunteers to serve on the board.

So Shepherd Circle will be “gifting” money to an individual or family just sort of stuck. They are not thinking of rent and utilities but rather of bigger one-time barriers like maybe reinstatement fees with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or maybe years ago they left the partner they married, yet because of no funds, never got a legal divorce. Maybe their toilets don’t flush or the ceiling is falling down. Maybe they’d like to take a class and get a better job, but there are no funds in the budget for that.

There is no deadline for these efforts. They are starting now and ending if/when the funds run low. Our support of Shepherd Circle in these efforts will be a blessing to people who find out about this intent and who apply. You can give to Shepherd Circle by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting “Shepherd Circle” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **GIF Gals** - Happy July GIF Gals! Hope everyone is finding a cool place to escape this “heatwave”. On **July 24th** the GIF Gals are invited to Sunday’s Market in Pettisville for a light luncheon, drinks and ice cream. There will be a small charge that will be split among us all. We plan to meet at Sunday’s Market at **2PM**. The proprietor “Luana Esterline”, will share some of the history surrounding the Market and answer any questions you might have. In keeping with the historical context of the Market, please be aware it is **not** air conditioned. Please check your calendar, sign up on the wandering bulletin board, and come to this fun day of “warm” fellowship and Northwest Ohio history. Friends are always welcome.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JULY 19, 2025

It was a week of no electric power at the church. Early Monday morning, the crews began the process of switching electric service from the original service to the new service, and as a result, there was no electricity in much of the building until Friday afternoon. That is when power was restored to the offices, enabling access to the computer network once again.

In the boiler room, down the south stairway, the original electric panels were located on the east wall, and now the new, much larger panels, are located on the north wall. Any of the panels that needed to remain on the east wall were replaced with new panels.

As of Friday afternoon, the only air conditioning system not working was the one in the gym!

Restrooms

- ◆ The demolition work in the south restrooms is finished and now the work will begin to install the new utilities and walls.

Status of Sanctuary:

- ◆ Installation and adjustments of the overhead pendant lights was completed this past week.
- ◆ Chalk lines were laid on the concrete floor in preparation for the LVT flooring to be installed, which is scheduled for tomorrow, July 21st. The LVT will be the flooring under the pews and in the balcony.
- ◆ The oak facing of the ramp and front of the chancel walls was begun this past week.
- ◆ Pew installation has been reset for the week of August 11th.
- ◆ Following pew installation, 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 has yet to be started.

Other areas:

- ◆ The subcontractor continues with 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.
- ◆ Work continues on installation of HVAC ductwork, air handlers and compressors – most work in the attic is complete and now they are working in the storage area off of the youth room and in the storage area off the sanctuary balcony.

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

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 19, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	203,148.52
Total Expenses	\$	212,318.24
Net Operating Balance	\$	(9,169.72)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	88,503.15
Total Disbursements	\$	73,428.32
Net Mission Balance	\$	15,074.83

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,537,756.06	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	1,744.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	55,163.25	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,074,665.65	
Total	\$	2,669,329.46	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	87,670.54
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 7/19/2025		\$	109,092.46

WEEK OF JULY 20TH 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)
Mon	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	4:15PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
Thur	2:00PM	GIF Gals (Sunday's Market)
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	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Kim Walker	(10:30) Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
(10:30) Sound	James Grime	(10:30) Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
(8:00) Usher	Shawn Stuckey	(10:30) Head Usher	Richard Spiess
(10:30) Ushers	Gary & Sandy Frazier, Rollin & Suzette Nafziger		
Nursery Assistants	Eric & Anna Yoder		

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 20	Worship and Justice-----	Psalm 146
July 21	Women and Men in Worship -----	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
July 22	The Lord's Supper or Not? -----	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
July 23	That's The Spirit -----	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
July 24	Consider Yourself a Part -----	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
July 25	Say No To Church Rivalry -----	1 Corinthians 12:21-31a
July 26	A Much Better Way -----	1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, who is in the Rupp Rehab Center for a time of therapy.
- ◆ Barbara Chapman, mother of Crissi Stuckey, was transferred on July 16th to the CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◆ Rylen Hunt, nine month old great-grandson of Gloria Lauber, had the cranial surgery on July 14th and it went well. Rylen had to endure days of swelling and was unable to open his eyes due to the swelling. By Friday, the swelling was significantly reduced and he was able to open his eyes once again. The family is thankful for the many prayers.
- ◆ Dan Martinez had knee surgery on June 24th, and has begun physical therapy.
- ◆ Braden Martinez had surgery on May 20th, and has begun physical therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, as the past five years have included scans, surgeries, nerve damage, meds, nausea and miracles. Miracles for her lungs, her heart and her legs. So many tiny miracles. Still pray and hope for the big miracle. Pray for healing from her head to her toes; specifically her stomach, back and legs. Pray for her heart to continue to be good. Pray for the infusions. In 2 weeks they will be back for all the scans once again. Pray the infusion and meds are working and that the tumor is gone.
- ◆ 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.

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 CONTINUED:

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – Asking for prayers during July for a homestay – staying with two local families to learn more about the culture and practice language full time. Pray that she will be a light and encouragement to both families and that this will be a great time of learning and that God will deepen her love for the people.
- ◆ The Waanders – For the many students who made decisions for Christ this summer during the Chicago Summer Mission, pray that they would put down deep roots in Christ and make strong connections to churches and Christian communities. The mission continues with the student-led portion for four more weeks. Pray for students to continue to grow and to experience more fruitfulness in ministry. Pray for students in Chicago, at Ohio State, and beyond – that God would continue to soften hearts.
- ◆ 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, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (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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