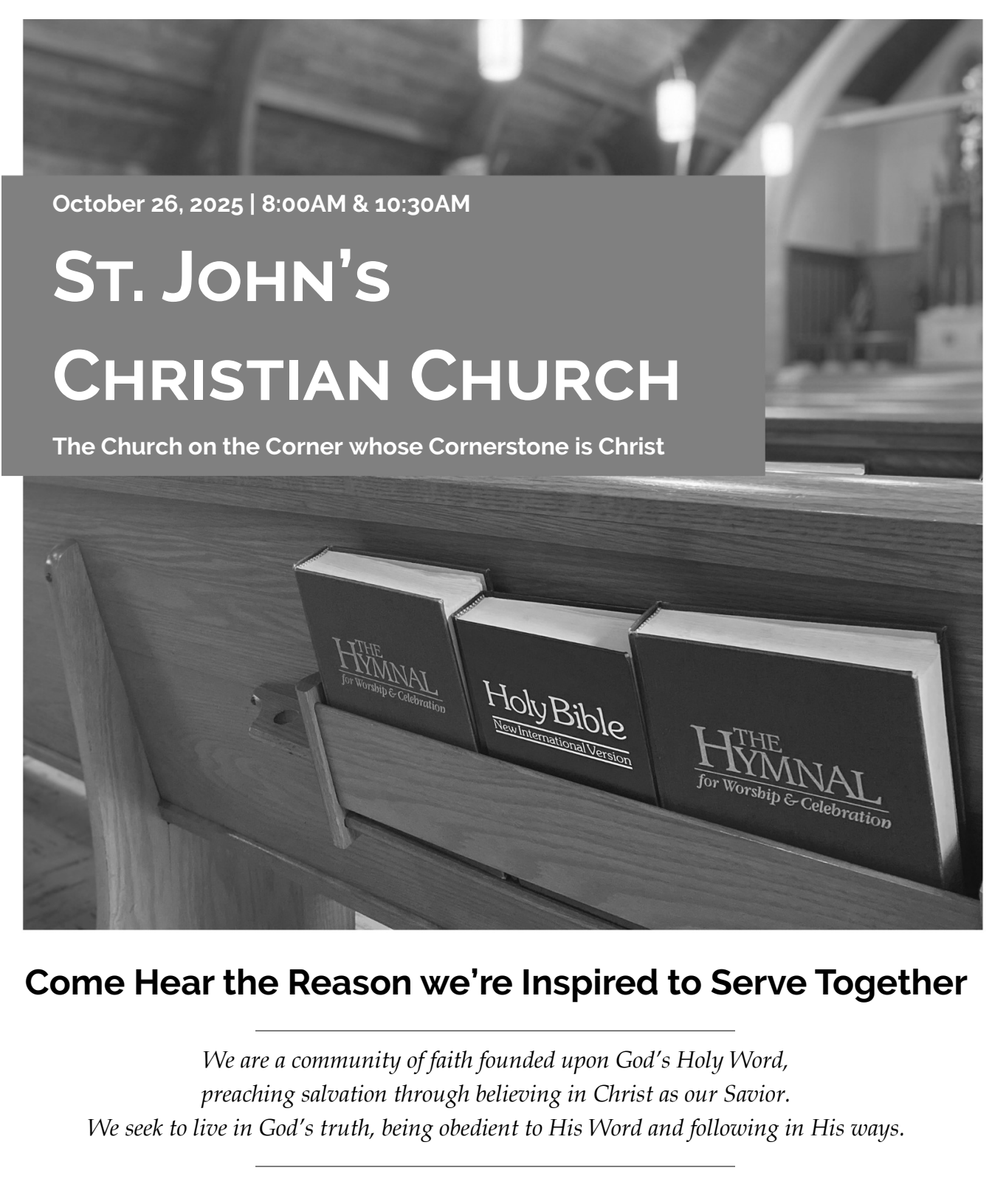
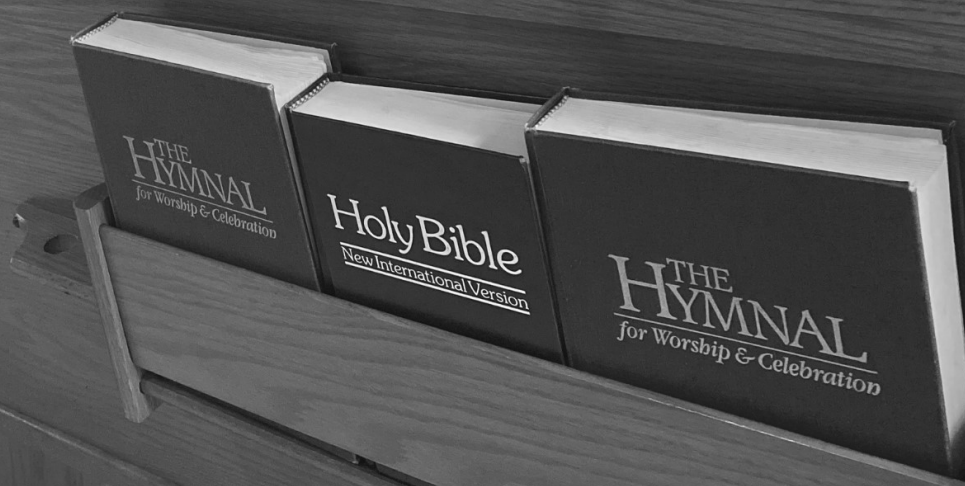




October 26, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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 Fireside Room just off the gym. 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 Fireside Room. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the 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)

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

1 Peter 4:7-11 (p. 1203)

Prelude

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

† Hymns of Praise

#542 - "When We All Get to Heaven"

#198 - "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Romans 15:1-6 (p. 1125), Ephesians 2:8-10 (p. 1157)

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

(10:30) LOGOS Junior Choir

"Don't Worry About Tomorrow"

Scripture Readings

Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 1165), 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (p. 1135)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

#59 - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Sermon

"The Five Solas of the Protestant Reformation"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn

#554 - "I'll Fly Away"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#296, V. 3, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 4:7-11 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Romans 15:1-6 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Colossians 1:15-20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God - ³³ even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 23, 2025

Building Access

- ◆ Now that the south entrance is closed off, access to the building will be through the two east entrances and the Fireside Room entrance.

South Restrooms and Preschool Restroom

- ◆ Installation of floor and wall tile was completed this week, as well as the grouting of the tile.

Sanctuary

- ◆ Though the 10:30AM services are now being held in the sanctuary, there remain several small tasks to be finished – outlet box covers, some sound system wiring at the front, some touch up painting, carpet for the pulpit steps, and the like.
- ◆ A TV monitor will be installed for the balcony, hanging from the south side of the ceiling.

Other areas

- ◆ Elevator – Installation is mostly complete, but the installation crew was pulled off to another job before they could finish. Once they are back to finish the install, the process of testing and inspection will commence.
- ◆ HVAC – Heat systems were turned on this past week and the work of setting thermostats, sensors and controls is underway. Screen fencing will be installed around the exterior air-conditioning units at the carport and south porch.
- ◆ First Floor – The “cloud” system in the center portion of the hall is nearing completion, adding additional light to the hallway; final framing and drywall is being done around the elevator, custodian room and preschool room.
- ◆ The Second Floor Restroom, Custodial Room and Elevator Shaft need final framing and drywall to be accomplished.
- ◆ The week of October 27th should see the removal of the white quarry tile throughout the first floor hallway, the installation of doors, and installation of remaining ceiling tiles.
- ◆ The Building Committee is addressing several areas affected by the project – coffee bar (for the parlor); coat racks; storage units in custodian rooms, church office, preschool room, and the balcony; furniture needs; landscaping; paraments (altar, lectern and pulpit cloths); room signage; stained glass repair; internet and network system; security system; parlor window treatments; hallway décor; and a few other odds and ends.

Additional Note – Timing delays are occurring due to the lack of available workers with some of the subcontractors working on our project (which is occurring with many other northwest Ohio projects). The Lanzer company is doing their best to get subcontractors on site to finish the project.

Anticipated Project Completion – December 1st.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 23, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	294,585.07
Total Expenses	\$	304,786.29
Net Operating Balance	\$	(10,201.22)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	131,975.32
Total Disbursements	\$	106,805.21
Net Mission Balance	\$	25,170.11

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	703,684.47	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	6,649.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	95,538.02	
Expenses to Date	\$	1,910,783.12	
Total	\$	2,716,655.11	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	40,344.89
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 10/23/2025		\$	156,418.11

MISSION-A-MONTH - LIFEWISE

October’s Mission-A-Month is LifeWise Academy-Archbold. This program is offered to K-5th grade students during school hours and is structured as an off-campus Bible learning experience. With parental approval, K-4th students are transported once weekly to the LifeWise classroom in Archbold Evan church or 5th grade students’ classroom at the Ruihley Park Scout Cabin. During their class time students learn Bible stories, scripture and positive character traits and how to apply them in their daily lives. And did you know you can volunteer to help in this program? To learn more about the program and how to volunteer visit lifewise.org. To financially support this mission, mark your offering envelope M-A-M or LifeWise Academy. Please pray for LifeWise Academy as they continue to reach our children with the Gospel.

BREEZE APP HELP DESK

It's that time of the year! The church office is kindly asking everyone to update their Breeze profiles as we head into a new calendar year. Breeze is an essential tool for St. John's, acting as our online directory, membership database, communication system, and much more! Please use one of the following to update your information ahead of 2026:

If you are new to SJCC or Breeze...

Active congregational households that do not currently have a Breeze profile will receive a registration email the week of November 10th. This email will contain instructions on how to set up your new Breeze profile, creating a unique username and password, and will allow you to directly update your personal Breeze profile. This will also give you access to the church's online directory should you need to look up contact information.

If you have an existing Breeze account...

Please log in and verify that your household contact information is up to date, including your household address, phone numbers, and all birthdays. If you need help editing your information, please contact Gloria Beck in the church office.

If you're a new or existing Breeze App user...

1. You can download the Breeze ChMS app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store
2. Open the app and enter our church's subdomain: stjohnschristianchurch
3. Enter your username and password
 - a. If you've forgotten your password, tap the "Forgot Password" link to receive a reset email
4. Troubleshooting...
 - a. Breeze makes frequent updates to their apps, which can often log us out. Make sure you have the subdomain, your username, and password saved in a safe spot for app updates!

For additional assistance with Breeze, please don't ever hesitate to contact the church office. Gloria and Jocelyn are both ready and willing to help! Thank you for helping us keep our directory updated!

SILENT AUCTION FOR BUILDING PROJECT ITEMS

As the building project moves towards completion, it is time to begin clearing out the storage building of items no longer needed in the church building. The Consistory has approved the following process:

1. Items will first be made available to the people of the congregation, through a silent auction process. Times will be scheduled for viewing the items. Silent bids may be given to the church office with name, phone number, item # and bid amount.
2. If there is no interest in specific items, efforts will be made to list the items on Facebook Marketplace.
3. Any items not taken through the silent auction or through the marketplace will be recycled or discarded.

To begin with, there are two types of items being put up for the silent auction:

1. Pews, of varying lengths, with the original red upholstery still on them.
 - ◆ Twelve 13' pews
 - ◆ Two 7' pews
 - ◆ One 4' pew
 - ◆ One 15' pew
 - ◆ Two 43" double seat pews
 - ◆ Two front rails
2. Hanging lights
 - ◆ Twelve from the sanctuary
 - ◆ Two from the balcony
 - ◆ Four from the narthex

Starting the week of **November 3rd**, the porch door to the storage building will be **unlocked from 8:00AM to 8:00PM each day** in order for people to look at the pews and lights. Upon entry into the building, the light switch is on the right hand side of the door, behind a post. Please turn the lights off when you leave. The silent auction for these items **will end on November 15th**.

There are many items in the storage building that will either be returned to the church building, available by silent auction at another time, or there are stacks of play house parts from a recent Habitat for Humanity work day with Archbold high school students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Ruihley Park Pavilion Blood Drive** - Tuesday, **October 28th**, 2025, 11:00AM to 5:00PM. To register please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK.
- ♦ **JYF** - JYF is headed to Craig & Jenny Grieser's on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Parents, **please drop youth off at 6:00PM at 24723 Co RD F** (Stryker address but just outside of Archbold). Pick up will be at 8:00PM. Youth should bring warm clothes, a flashlight, and chips, pop, or juice to share!
- ♦ **SYF** - This Wednesday, St. John's is hosting the area senior high 5th Wednesday youth night at **King's Corner Garage from 6:30PM - 8:00PM**. If you are available that evening to help with setup/cleanup or with serving pizza, please contact Jocelyn Walker. Youth should come directly to King's Corner at 6:30PM and can dress in an appropriate costume (think masquerade/20's).
- ♦ **Knowing The Master** - Faith, Family, Football. **November 2nd, 3:30PM-7:00PM** Pettisville Missionary Church. Special Guest Master Teague III. Free and open to everyone. Meal provided. Sponsored by Pettisville Man Cave.
- ♦ **Starting Point at SJCC** - Whether you're new to St. John's or simply wondering how you can further explore your calling in the church, we'd love to see you at Starting Point, a new program here at SJCC that will be held on the first Sunday of each month during the 9:15AM Education Hour! Starting Point will meet in the gym next Sunday on **November 2nd** and will give attendees a chance to meet some of our staff and leaders, learn more about who we are and why we're here, and help you discover how you can get involved and live out your own faith life. If you have any questions prior to our gatherings, please contact Pastor Erich in the church office. We look forward to seeing you!
- ♦ **Special Congregational Meeting** - The Consistory is calling a special congregational meeting, scheduled after each service on **Sunday, November 9th**. There are two agenda items for the meeting: 1) to seek approval of contracting with Shepherd Staff for the pastor search process; and 2) to seek approval of a contract for landscaping work. An informational packet will be available on Sunday, November 2nd.
- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast** - **Sunday November 9th**. Breakfast starts at 9:15AM immediately following the early service. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Please *sign up by TODAY, Sunday, October 26th*.
- ♦ **Piano Duo Concert at St. Martin's** - **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00PM**. The Admission is free, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **Church potluck** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck on **Sunday, November 16th** following the 10:30AM service. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share and spend some enjoyable time with your church family!
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, November 20th, 11:30AM** in the gym. Come one and all for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **Advent & Christmas Decorating - November 23rd at 1:30PM** We are looking for new faces to join our team of volunteers who decorate the church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Decking the halls is a meaningful gift of your time to the Lord and to all people who attend St. John's through the holidays! We have great volunteers, but have lost a few in recent years. The strain of less help has made the task harder. Many hands make light work! Anyone can help, so if you would like to join the fun let us know by signing the sheet on the bulletin board.
- ♦ **St. John's Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner - December 4th at 5:30 PM.** There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board with a *final count needed by November 16th*.
- ♦ **Siberian Solstice 2025** – Coming to SJCC Saturday, **December 6th, at 7:00PM.** Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story. No tickets needed, free-will donation. Bring your friends, spread the word and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music.
- ♦ **Fulton County Christmas Cheer 2025** - Volunteers are needed to help at the store with a variety of jobs. Starting at 9:00AM Monday, December 8th through Thursday, December 11th. Lunch is provided for volunteers by area churches. Sign up by dialing 419-551-6573 or by email at lilliradabaugh1@gmail.com.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Oct 26 When God Feels Far Away -----	Psalm 10
Oct 27 The Father and the Son -----	John 14:1-14
Oct 28 Comforter -----	John 14:15-31
Oct 29 Stay Connected -----	John 15:1-25
Oct 30 Prepare Your Hearts -----	John 15:26-16:15
Oct 31 Friends Reunited -----	John 16:16-33
Nov 1 Sent -----	John 17:1-19

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	7:00AM	Back Bay Mission Trip Departure
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	10:30AM	LOGOS Junior Choir
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:15PM	Budget & Stewardship (Chapel)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (St. John's Lutheran)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)
	6:00PM	JYF (Craig & Jenny Grieser's)
	6:30PM	SYF Area Youth Night (King's Corner)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	FALL BACK TIME CHANGE	
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School / Starting Point
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
(10:30)Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
(10:30)Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
(8:00) Usher	Linda Heer
(10:30)Head Usher	Dave Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short
Nursery Assistants	Collin & Emily Walker

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, having spent 23 days in the hospital as of October 21st, as she recovers from lower back surgery. She was moved to rehab on October 22nd. Pray for miraculous progress and healing to her nerves. From a low of 66 pounds at the beginning of the summer, she now weighs 101, which is a true blessing of health.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as a new round of chemo treatment for Greg is scheduled to start October 30th, for his 5th treatment, then 21 days later for his 6th, and hopefully final, treatment.
- ◆ Back Bay Mission Participants – Today through Friday – Larry Auck, Kent Christman (Pastor Erich's older brother), Betsy Ducey, Jim Grieser, Gloria Lauber, Steve Sauder, Warren Sauder, Kim M. Walker, Pastor Erich.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise continues through treatment of cancer, doing as well as can be expected, and still going to work regularly.
- ◆ 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 401, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 407 E Lutz Road, 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

And 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)

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