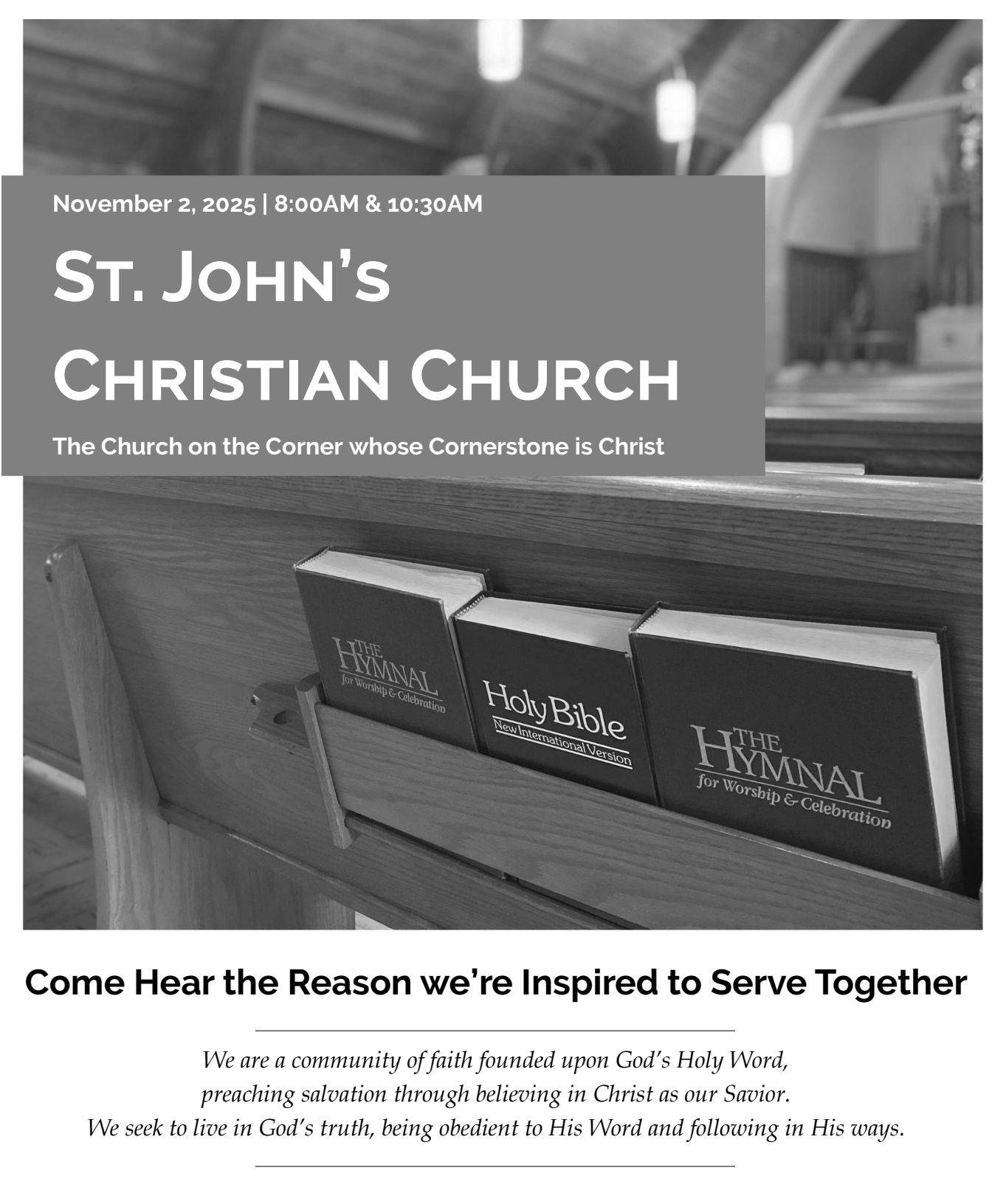
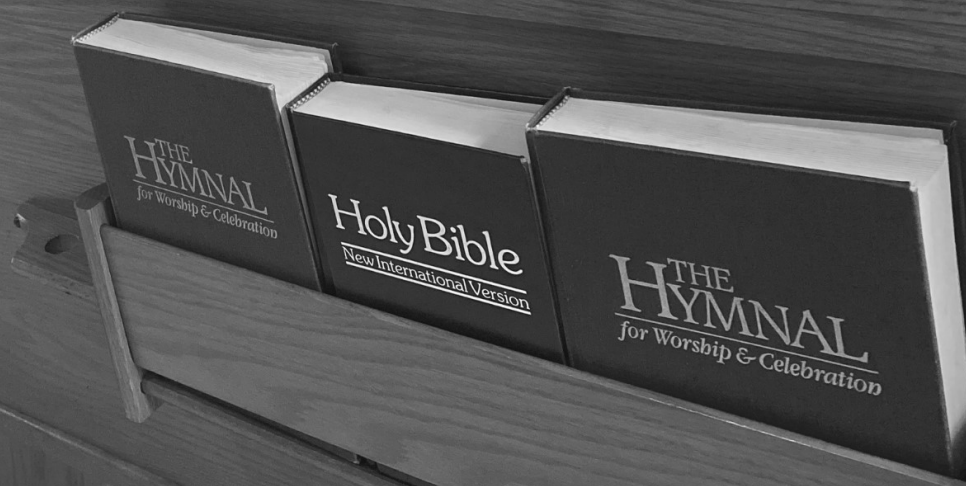




November 2, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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 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 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.

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance devices are available for use with the sanctuary sound system. Please see an usher if you'd like to check out one of these devices for our service today.

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 130 (p. 614)

Prelude

"I Lift my Eyes Up Medley"

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

† (8:00) Openin Hymns

#345, "Blessed Assurance"

#421, "Be Calm My Soul"

bulletin pg. 5, "I'll Be a Sunbeam"

† (10:30) Call to Worship

"For Your Name is Holy"

† (10:30) Openin Praise Songs

"Here for You"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"Your Love O Lord"

† Passin the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 983)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

#430, "I Must Tell Jesus"

† (10:30) Sermon Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)"

Sermon

"The Parable of the Talents"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharin of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Breathe"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closin Hymn

#499, "Sunshine in My Soul"

† (10:30) Closin Song

"Rise Up and Praise Him"

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

#335, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

"Benediction"

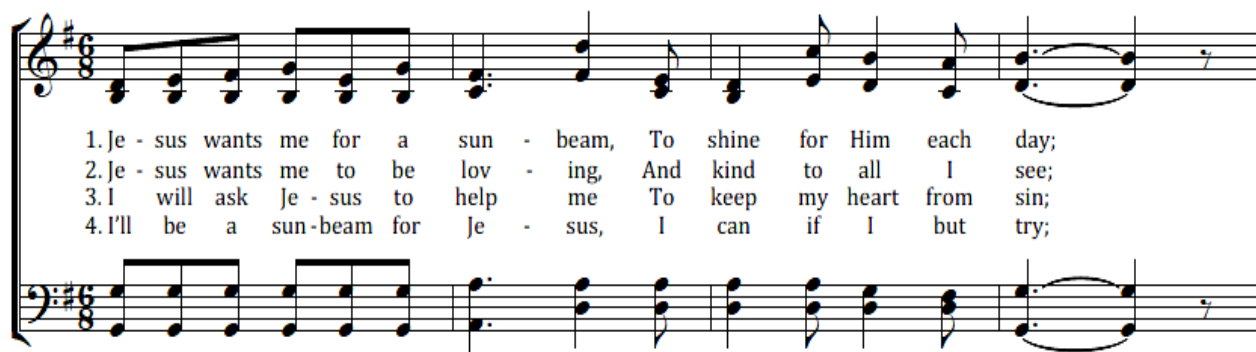
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 130:1-8 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; ² O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

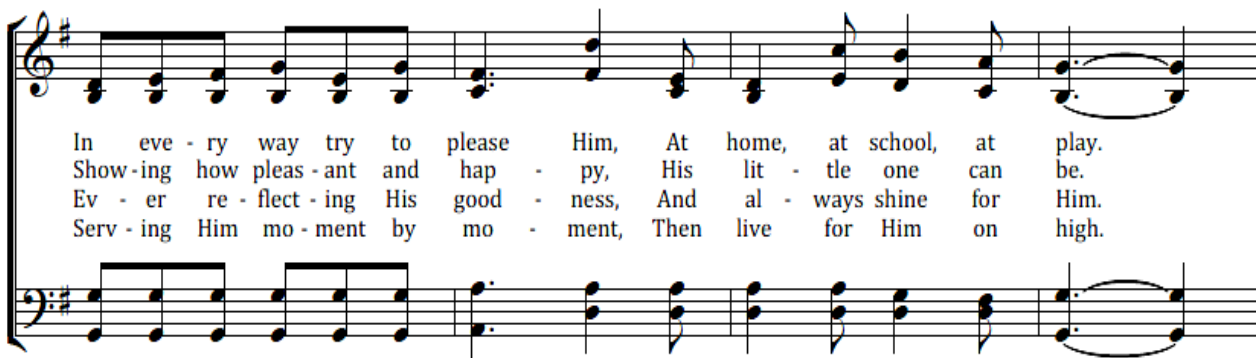
Matthew 25:14-30 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²² "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴ "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

I'll Be a Sunbeam

Let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. Jdg. 5:31

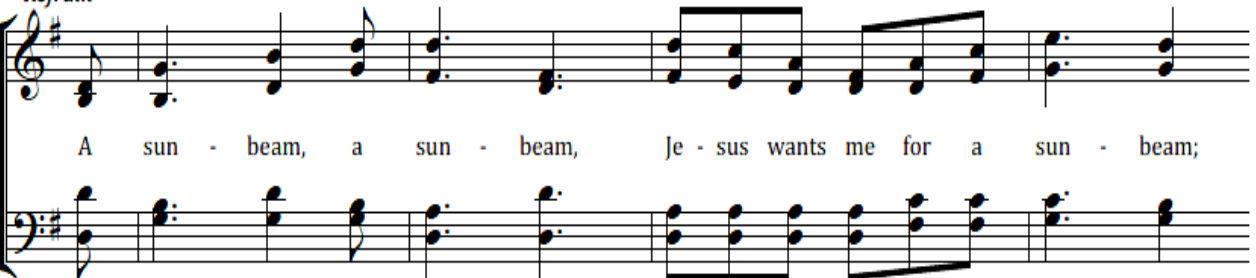


1. Je - sus wants me for a sun - beam, To shine for Him each day;
2. Je - sus wants me to be lov - ing, And kind to all I see;
3. I will ask Je - sus to help me To keep my heart from sin;
4. I'll be a sun-beam for Je - sus, I can if I but try;

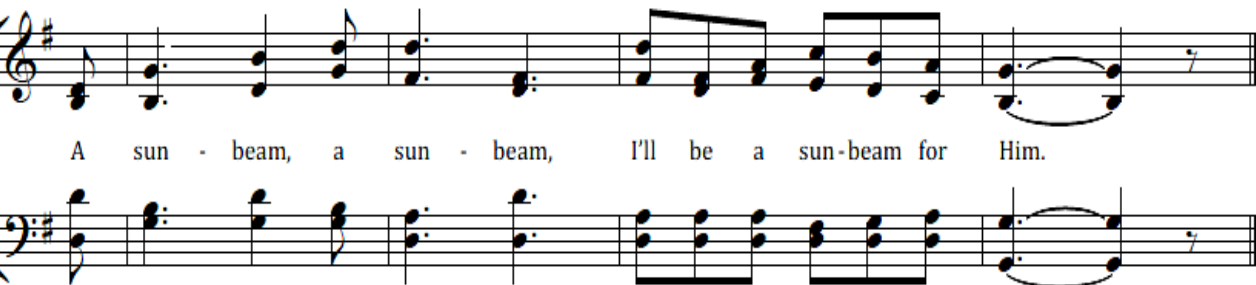


In eve - ry way try to please Him, At home, at school, at play.
Show - ing how pleas - ant and hap - py, His lit - tle one can be.
Ev - er re - flect - ing His good - ness, And al - ways shine for Him.
Serv - ing Him mo - ment by mo - ment, Then live for Him on high.

Refrain



A sun - beam, a sun - beam, Je - sus wants me for a sun - beam;



A sun - beam, a sun - beam, I'll be a sun-beam for Him.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report	
2025 Operating Budget	\$437,965.00
Total Donations	\$306,320.31
Total Expenses	\$306,880.02
Net Operating Balance	\$(559.71)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report	
2025 Mission Budget	\$173,000.00
Total Donations	\$156,008.62
Total Disbursements	\$147,799.93
Net Mission Balance	\$8,208.69

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)	\$117,652.74	
Expenses to Date	\$1,910,948.40	
Total	\$2,738,935.11	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$18,064.89
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 10/29/2025		\$178,698.11

MISSION-A-MONTH - FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

Fulton County Christmas Cheer is the one organization that unites the entire county in serving our needy. Thanks to generous donations from area churches, organizations, and community members, families in need have the ability to "shop" for free items ahead of the holiday season, including essential items such as toilet tissue, detergent, cleaning needs, etc., and other items such as toys and gift cards. St. John's participates each year with the Cheer Tree, which is decorated with tags indicating specific items in need from Cheer. Gifts can be placed in the white donation box outside the chapel to be taken to the Cheer center for distribution on December 8th. To learn more about this local initiative, visit fultoncountychristmascheer.org. You can financially give to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by filling out line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting it in the drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2025

South Restrooms and Preschool Restroom

- ◆ Final work is in process.

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 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 Mel Lanzer company is doing their best to get subcontractors on site to finish the project.

Anticipated Project Completion – December 1st.

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

- ♦ **Starting Point at SJCC** - Starting Point will meet in the gym **TODAY, November 2nd** giving 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.
- ♦ **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 in the gym following the early worship service for all those who signed up.
- ♦ **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!
- ♦ **Greetings GIF Gals** - November is here and the holidays will be upon us sooner than we can wipe off the gravy from Thanksgiving. This month we will get together on **Tuesday, November 18th at the TOP DOG in Napoleon at 11:00AM**. Top Dog (2525 Oakwood Ave. - north east side by the Red Heart gas station) is a new restaurant for most of us, so it should be a nice experience and fellowship with good food. Mark the date and bring a friend. Many blessings to each of you until we are together again.
- ♦ **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*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Knowing The Master** - Faith, Family, Football. **TODAY, 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.
- ♦ **Complimentary (Free) Veterans Luncheon - Thursday, November 6th** - Northwest State Community College Auditorium, E-42 Door Entrance. Social Hour: 11:00AM - 11:30AM, Program: 11:30AM - 1:00PM. Please RSVP by Monday, November 3rd to kadams@northweststate.edu or call 419-267-1392.
- ♦ **Piano Duo Concert at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its 2025–26 Concert Series with a dynamic Piano Recital featuring husband-and-wife duo, Jeff Nicholas and Vanessa Kwiatkowski Nicholas on **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). Admission is free, and all are invited to enjoy this afternoon of great music. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Worship Leader	David Stuckey
(8:00) Song Leader	David Stuckey
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge (10:30) Avery Roth
(10:30) Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley and Bruce Wooley
(10:30)Easy Worship	Brian Roth
(10:30)Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
(8:00) Usher	Judy Sears
(10:30)Head Usher	Greg Walker
(10:30) Ushers	John & Deb Kauffman, Keith & Kim Kern
(10:30) Nursery	Corey & Jocelyn Walker

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2ND 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 / Starting Point
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	4:15PM	Budget & Stewardship (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (United Methodist)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)
	6:00PM	JYF (Fulton County Humane Society)
	7:00PM	SYF (FISH Pantry)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	7:05AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	Special Congregational Meeting following each service	
	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Veteran’s Breakfast (Gym)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

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

Nov 2	When Doubt Comes to Call -----	Psalm 11
Nov 3	In the Glory Story -----	John 17:20-26
Nov 4	Foolish Leadership -----	1 Samuel 13
Nov 5	Tough Leadership -----	1 Samuel 15
Nov 6	Unlikely Leadership -----	1 Samuel 16
Nov 7	Faith-Filled Leadership -----	1 Samuel 17:1-27
Nov 8	Talented Leadership -----	1 Samuel 17:28-58

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, continues to make progress 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 started October 30th, for his 5th treatment, then 21 days later for his 6th, and hopefully final, treatment.
- ◆ 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 LaFontaine, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 180, 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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