



Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:30AM

St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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 at south stairs. 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 nursery. 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!
“HARVEST – FOOD FOR THE BODY AND THE SOUL”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Refrain ~ Psalm 118:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.”

† Opening Songs

“Yes, I Will”

“Forever”

Bread Tasting Challenge

First Homily

God is the Provider of Our Food and
Some of it Comes from Simple Seeds

Kim S. Walker

Bible Reading ~ Acts 14:17

Second Homily ~ Our Response to God’s Goodness: Thankfulness

Roger Zimmerman

Puppet Drama ~ “Why Can’t I Have?”

Madison Bowers as “Jane”, David Stuckey as “Dad”

Connecting Link ~ Practical Ways to Develop a Thankful Spirit

Refrain ~ Psalm 118:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.”

† Song of Thanksgiving

“Let it Be a Hallelujah”

Prayer of Thankfulness

Kim S. Walker, Brad Roth, Madison Bowers,
Avery Roth, Roger Zimmerman, Lainey Holdgreve

Connecting Link ~ Our Response to God’s Goodness: Sharing

Drama ~ “The Tin of Candy”

Eric, Anna, Finn, Liam, Cullen and Reilly Yoder

† Song of Thanksgiving

“Gratitude”

Prayer of Confession

David Stuckey

Connecting Link ~ God Provides Us with Food for Our Souls

Scripture Video ~ Parable of the Sower – Mark 4:3-9, 13-20

Third Homily ~ What is the “Word” that the Farmer Sows?

Prayer of Commitment to Jesus

Roger Zimmerman

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Offering and Tithes

Offertory

“Enter His Courts with Praise”

Refrain ~ Psalm 118:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.”

Service Reflection

† Closing Song

“How Great Thou Art”

Refrain ~ Psalm 118:1 - “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever.”

(All Age Worship Resources, Jane Hulman, 2015)



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 14:17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Mark 4:3-9 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." ⁹ Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Mark 4:13-20 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop-- thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Nov 16 How Long, Lord? ----- Psalm 13
- Nov 17 Encourage Each Other ----- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Nov 18 Be Prepared and Persevere ----- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Nov 19 Finally and Farewell ----- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
- Nov 20 Grace and Peace to You ----- 2 Thessalonians 1
- Nov 21 No Need to Panic ----- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- Nov 22 Stand Firm and Pray ----- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Punch List

- ◆ “Punch List” is the term given to a list of items of concern that need to be addressed before the project can be considered finished. The building committee has walked all areas of the project to create such a list, which will then be reviewed with the general contractor and architects.
- ◆ Life Planning youth and adults engaged in a service night on Wednesday, helping to move many items back in to place in the second floor, as well as clearing out the gym and cleaning the youth room. Their efforts were fantastic and are greatly appreciated!

Building Access

- ◆ The last three entrance doors were replaced this week, with temporary closers and latches, while awaiting installation of the power actuators.
- ◆ A design issue with the south ramp is being dealt with, with the hope to still get the ramp finished this month.

South Restrooms

- ◆ The two family restrooms are available for use. The diaper changing stations still need to be installed, and step stools for children to reach the sinks are on order.

Sanctuary

- ◆ A monitor for the balcony is in the works, and outlet box covers, some sound system wiring at the front, some touch up painting, carpet for the pulpit steps, and the like, still need finished.

Other areas:

- ◆ New internet cabling and equipment has been installed over the past two weeks.
- ◆ Elevator – The work is on hold due to a tariff cost submitted by the elevator company. The architect firm and general contractor have been asked to deal with that extra expense. In addition, we learned that the elevator needs its own phone line, so that is in the works now, too.
- ◆ HVAC – Final duct connections are being made in various rooms, and Richard Spiess is working with the subcontractor on heat settings and monitoring the system. The new boilers (there are two of them) are in the inspection process by the state. Screen fencing will be installed around the exterior air conditioning units at the carport and south porch.
- ◆ First Floor
 - ◇ Drywall finishing was completed, and painters were on site this past week to prime and paint those areas, and many others.

- ◇ The flooring crew installed the tile along the entire hallway, with entrance area carpet being installed as they have time, with cove base yet to be started. Flooring in the mothers room, narthex, parlor, and preschool room is yet to be finished.
- ◇ There is still ceiling grid work to do in the part-time staff office, parlor and preschool room.
- ◆ Second Floor – Five rooms are in use, with the junior high youth room awaiting painting and flooring. The hallway carpet is being installed and the restroom tiling is complete.
- ◆ Being addressed: Parlor coffee bar, 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; security system; parlor window treatments; hallway décor; and a few other odds and ends.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	318,201.51
Total Expenses	\$	327,515.31
Net Operating Balance	\$	(9,313.80)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	137,684.70
Total Disbursements	\$	120,904.47
Net Mission Balance	\$	16,780.23

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	597,146.85	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	6,649.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	108,019.92	
Expenses to Date	\$	2,034,581.22	
Total	\$	2,746,397.49	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	10,602.51
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 11/13/2025		\$	186,160.49

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Congregational Meeting Results** - Here is information regarding the special congregational meeting held last Sunday, to deal with two contracts: a contract with Shepherd Staff and a contract with Rock Solid Landscape. The contract with Shepherd Staff, a church staffing organization, for the pastor search process, was approved, with an understanding that the search committee and the consistory will fiscally manage the contract cost. The contract with Rock Solid Landscape was approved, to remove and replace the lava rock with river rock, in all the landscaped beds around the church building, with a cost not to exceed \$33,000.
- ♦ **Christmas Cheer Tags** - Beginning today, our Christmas Cheer Trees filled with paper ornament tags will be located near the Chapel and the Church Office. As you leave church in the coming weeks, consider picking out one or more tags off the tree. Shop for the things on the tags you've chosen and bring the items **back here to the Church by Sunday, December 7th**. The donations we collect will be delivered to the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Monday morning, December 8th.
- ♦ **Advent Season Worship** - The Advent season will begin on Sunday, November 30th this year. With the various plans for each week's service, and to have the Advent wreath and Nativity stable viewable by everyone, Pastor Erich would like to have the 8:00AM services held in the sanctuary through the Advent season.
- ♦ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - It's that time of the year! Poinsettias are available for purchase beginning November 5th. Proceeds support the Junior Youth Fellowship program at St. John's for 6th - 8th graders. Please see one of our JYF youth or visit the wandering bulletin board to place your order. Flowers are \$18 each and will be ready in mid-December. Thank you for your support of our youth programs!
- ♦ **Church potluck** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck **TODAY, Sunday, November 16th** following the 10:30AM service. Table service and drinks are being provided. Stay, even if you forgot to bring a 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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 TODAY, 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.
- ♦ **Stage Crew Needed:** Sermon in Music will take place this year on **Sunday, December 7th** at the 10:30AM service. We are looking for a few people to help with the moving of mics and music stands during the service. These individuals will help facilitate the flow between musicians and will greatly reduce setup/changeover time. If interested, please contact Buffy Riley or Gloria Beck in the church office.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **2026 Offering Envelopes** - Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. If you don't see your name, please let Gloria in the church office know.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Dave and Karen Walker, as Dave had ankle replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- ◆ Gary Mohre, father of Brittany Martinez, who is scheduled for prostate cancer surgery on December 2nd; also praying for the children and schools while he is off work from his position as the Williams County Diversion Officer.
- ◆ Josephine Short, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, who has been hospitalized at Montpelier with bronchitis.
- ◆ Joanie Grieser, who continues in rehab at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, after spending 45 days in the hospital, returned home on the 13th! Pray for a smooth transition home and continued healing.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as Greg was hospitalized for several days this past week, dealing with side effects of the treatments.
- ◆ 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, 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

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, with Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – Pray for a student (Matthew) to continue to grow and deepen his trust in Jesus as he connects further into Christian community at Ohio State; pray for KJ to continue exploring faith in Jesus. Pray that his new friendships from Fall Get-away would grow deeper and, in time, help him know Jesus. We have another exciting event coming up on November 7th called Go Night! Pray that students would come to the event and feel empowered to “go” as a result!
- ◆ M – Praise God as she completed and passed all parts of her 2nd language exam; pray as she takes half of the 3rd level at the end of November; she will be going out of the city to help with a pre-school – pray for clear language and that she and a colleague can be an encouragement to the team and staff; pray for an upcoming family conference in January. This conference is for all of the local non-profit staff and their families in the country, both believers and non-believers.

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)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH 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
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	Church Potluck (Gym)
	2:30PM	BASIC to TGRM
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	GIF Gals (Top Dog, Napoleon)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (PEACE Mennonite Fellowship)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
Fri	7:05AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa)
Sun	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 Bells/Chimes
	1:30PM	Advent/Christmas Decorating (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside Room)



TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Keira Christman, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Sound	James Grime
Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser, John & Deb Kauffman
Nursery	Corey & Jocelyn Walker

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