



***Easter Morning!***  
***Christ is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!***



**Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
**10:30am**

**St. John's Christian Church**

***"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"***

# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship our risen Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. We 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 & Mother's Room

Easter Sunday is a day to celebrate as a church family, and **we welcome the blessed sounds of children in worship with us this morning!** That said, the Nursery is not staffed today. However, parents are welcome to use the Nursery, located on the first floor, in Room #125 for any little ones who may get the jitters during worship. The Mother's Room, located outside of the Sanctuary in Room #138, is also available for nursing mothers and mothers with infants who need a quieter space. Live streaming of the service is available in both rooms. Changing tables are available in both locations, as well as the family restrooms at the south end of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**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.

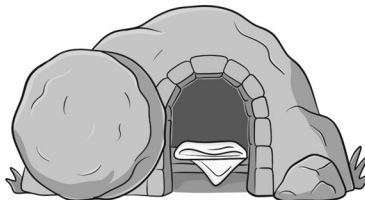
**Hearing Assistance** in the Sanctuary is available through Bluetooth connection to a person's hearing aids or via use of a hand-held amplifier and headphones. Please see an usher for further assistance.

Let's Connect!



# EASTER MORNING! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Song of Celebration		“He Arose”
Easter Greeting		
Scripture and Prayer of Invocation		Acts 10:34-43
The Story of Easter		“Jesus is Alive!”
†Easter Songs of Rejoicing	“Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He’s Not Dead)” “Every Morning is Easter Morning”	
Easter Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>debts/debtors</i> )		
Children’s Message		
Special Music	Joshua Reeb	“He’s Alive”
Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		“Living Hope”
†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
†Easter Song of Praise		“Lift Your Glad Voices”
†Scripture Reading		Matthew 28:1-10
Easter Message		“Glorious Good News”
†Easter Song of Victory		“Resurrecting”
†Spoken Benediction		
†Benediction in Song		#220, v. 1, “He Lives”



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Acts 10:34-43** Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen-- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Matthew 28:1-10** After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist: Buffy Riley

Sound: James Grime

Worship Leader: Carrie Yoder

Easy Worship: Brian Roth

Lay Reader: Avery Roth

Live Stream: Ollie MacDonald

Head Usher: Greg Walker

Ushers: Keith & Kelli Kuntz, Todd & Jill Nafziger

Praise Team: Lynne Christman, Buffy Riley, Corrie Riley, Bruce Wooley

## SERMON NOTES - "GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS"

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From the cross to the grave...



From death to life...



Looking to the return of the Lord...

**FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. AFTER THAT, WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND ARE LEFT WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND SO WE WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOREVER.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17**

## EASTER FLOWERS

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### GIVEN BY:

Buffy Riley..... Children

### IN HONOR OF:

### GIVEN BY:

Bill & Kathy Bostelman ..... Our son, Jeff  
Dean Buckenmeyer ..... Dale & Virginia Buckenmeyer  
Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer ..... Quirico & Terecita Gabuelo  
Audrey Burkholder ..... Scott Burkholder  
Denny & Jan Caryer ..... Our Parents  
Brad & Susie Enderle ..... Parents  
Dale & Ann Grime ..... Loved Ones  
James Grime ..... Loved Ones  
Mary Ellen Johnson ..... Loved Ones  
Rodney & Joyce Kinsman ..... Loved Ones  
Gloria Lauber ..... Loved Ones  
Ken & Cathy Laub ..... Parents & Siblings  
B. C. D. Martinez ..... Janet Crouse  
Todd & Jill Nafziger ..... Father  
Chris & Toni Neuenschwander ..... Jeremy  
Betsy Redd ..... Jim Redd  
Buffy Riley ..... Parents  
Doug & Nancy Rupp ..... Loved Ones  
Jeff & Stacy Rutledge ..... Parents  
Linda Rutledge ..... Loved Ones  
Kent & Shiela Short ..... Parents  
Richard Spiess ..... Cathy Spiess  
Curt & Kay Stamm ..... Tara  
Shawn & Jenna Stuckey ..... Loved Ones  
Allie Walker ..... Ali Held Herman  
Corey & Jocelyn Walker ..... Loved Ones  
Greg & Kim Walker ..... Parents

### IN MEMORY OF:



*Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.*

## WEEK OF APRIL 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	7:00AM	Sunrise Service ( Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Kids Easter Egg Hunt (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Moring Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon		<i>Pastor Erich out of the office all day</i>
	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part-Time Staff Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. John's Christian Church)
Wed	4:30PM	VBS Director Meeting (Director YYA Office)
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room/Fireside)
	7:00PM	JYF (Youth Room)/Life Planning (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	9:15AM	Membership Orientation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside)

## APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: FAIRLAWN HAVEN

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Fairlawn began under the vision and direction of 11 area churches offering a full continuum of care on an active senior campus. Our Independent Living duplexes and apartments allow residents to enjoy retirement without the worries of maintenance in a friendly and safe community of neighbors. If help is needed, Fairlawn Haven Care Center and Assisted Living are nearby to offer support. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, Fairlawn depends on the generosity and support of our friends and community. To learn more, visit their website at <https://www.fairlawnarchbold.com/>. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to Fairlawn by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Fairlawn" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **"Easter Amazing Race"** Life Planning will meet this Wednesday April 8th. Please meet in the Chapel at 7:00PM for devotions. Dress accordingly because we will be outdoors for our Easter Amazing Race. Hope to see everyone there!
- ◆ **Membership Orientation Sessions** - These sessions have a two-fold propose: to inform people about the faith, ministries and history of SJCC, and to get better acquainted with people of the congregation. There are four sessions, three in a group setting and one that involves a home visit with the pastor. Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings, April 12, 19, and 26, during the 9:15 to 10:15 Sunday School hour. Please let Pastor Erich or the church office know if you are interested in participating in these sessions.
- ◆ **GIF Gals 5th Anniversary Celebration!** We will be meeting at King's Corner Garage on April 23rd at 5PM. Come for fun & fellowship! Food will be catered by The Barn Restaurant. Please sign up on the bulleting board outside of Pastor Erich's office.
- ◆ **Archbold High School Senior Citizen Luncheon** - The students, staff, and administration of AHS recognize the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Your support is vital in creating an environment that helps our students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders. To show our appreciation for your support, we invite you to this luncheon. Friday, April 24th at 11:00AM in the High School Gym. RSVP by April 20th by calling: 419-445-5579 or email: aoyer@archboldschools.org
- ◆ **An Evening with Andy Peterson, Presented by Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Everyone has a lion in their life. What is yours? Hear an amazing story of how a man, far from God, had a run in with a mountain lion and was saved twice that day. All are welcome to join, April 26th at 6:30PM at Pettisville Missionary Church.

## SEARCH COMMITTEE: MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE

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Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (A reminder that the search is ultimately led by God, not just a committee.)



*Glorious Good News!*

# STEWARDSHIP & BUILDING REPORTS

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## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Operating Budget	\$	473,915.00
Total Donations	\$	98,531.40
Total Expenses	\$	129,233.58
Net Operating Balance	\$	(30,702.18))

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Mission Budget	\$	170,000.00
Total Donations	\$	48,745.87
Total Disbursements	\$	40,864.22
Net Mission Balance	\$	7,881.65

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Project Budget	\$	2,757,000.00
Expenses to Date	\$	2,532,570.53
Budget Remaining	\$	224,429.47
Funds on Hand	\$	248,842.75
Balance of Funds on Hand	\$	24,413.28

**Operating Fund**—\$25,000 of the expenses come from the pastor search process and the river rock work.

## Building Project Update as of April 2, 2026

1. The punch list is complete; we are following up on a few concerns with the architects.
2. Projects being coordinated by the church:
  - a. Security System: work to be finalized within the next six to eight weeks.
  - b. Sanctuary Tech Systems: addressing final cabinets and countertops for the tech stations
  - c. Sanctuary Paraments: the work has been delayed due to locating additional cloth material
  - d. Hallway Coat Racks: a solution has been decided upon and parts are on order
  - e. Hallway Welcome Stations: awaiting delivery and installation of TV's
  - f. Sanctuary Narthex: awaiting two floating shelves and some greenery.
  - g. River Rock: will be finished once an opening is filled in the exterior wall of the boiler room, where the conduits for the new electric service enter the building.
  - h. A host of other small maintenance tasks are being addressed as each week goes by...

## WEEK OF APRIL 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Apr 5 True Story -----	Mark 16:1-20
Apr 6 Marriage Guidance -----	Proverbs 5
Apr 7 Lazy Troublemakers -----	Proverbs 6
Apr 8 Wisdom Personified-----	Proverbs 8:1-21
Apr 9 Creative Wisdom-----	Proverbs 8:22-36
Apr 10 The Host's Table -----	Proverbs 9
Apr 11 To Be With Him-----	Mark 3:7-19

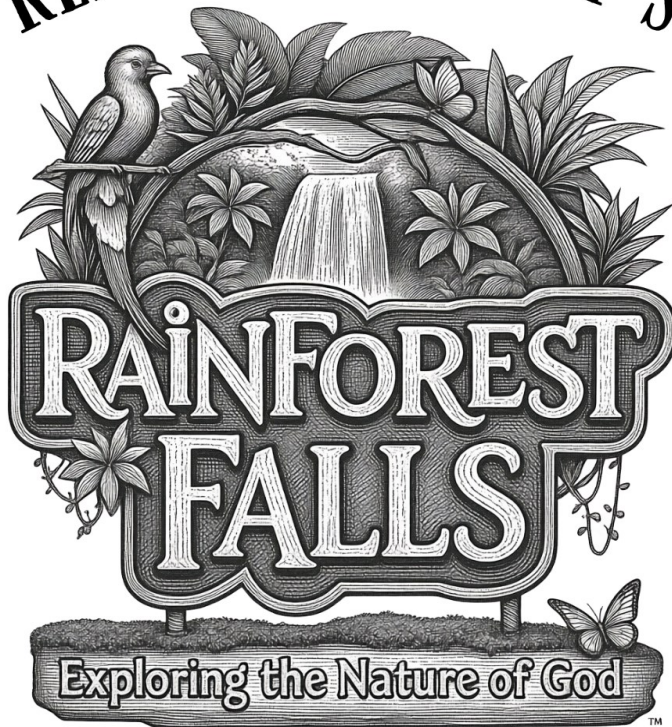


### **Young Adult Sunday School & Small Group**

Sundays at 9:15am in Room 208 (Second Floor)

*Parents are welcome to bring infants and toddlers!*

GET READY FOR VBS AT SJCC!



JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>

All preschool\* thru 5<sup>th</sup> Graders ('26-'27 school year) are invited to come and have a **vine** time at St. John's VBS this summer!

*\*must be enrolled in a preschool program and toilet trained.*



REGISTER  
NOW!



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Ed Wyrick as services in memory of Ed will be held Friday, April 10th with visitation from 3 to 5pm in the chapel and the memorial service in the sanctuary at 5pm.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and is going through twelve weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, prayers for courage and strength on her part as she continues to trust that all other matters are in God's hands.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, as recent scans have shown a return of cancer. Jim will be undergoing a PET scan and a biopsy on at least one tumor. Pray for the power of God's healing upon Jim's body.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, dealing with facial pain.
- ◆ Cathy and Ken Laub, as Cathy continues to recover from a recent surgical procedure.
- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda continues to recover from a recent surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she had her first injection on February 6 to build bone and slow down bone loss, and now dealing with bursitis below her left knee with physical therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, continues with physical therapy, now having movement in both legs!
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, praising the Lord as tests reveal Greg is now cancer free!
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, having scans and infusion treatments every six months.

### 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, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

### ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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