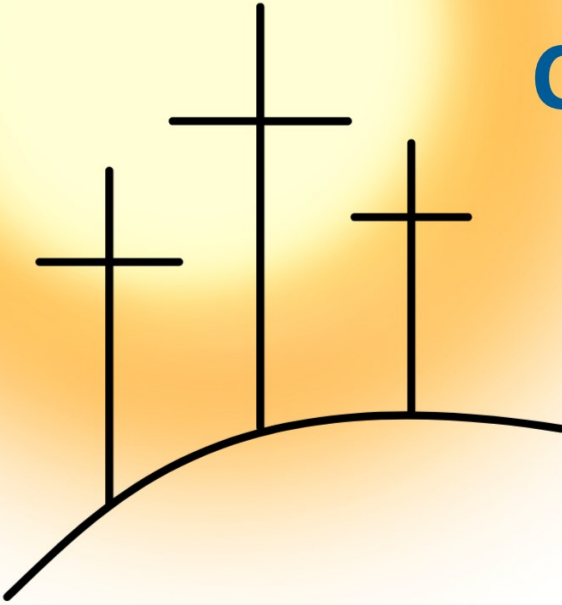


St. John's Christian Church

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



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 5th, 2026 | 7:00am

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said"



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. 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 SUNRISE SERVICE
CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!

Then angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. His not here; he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:5-6

The Easter Prelude "Majesty"

Draping the Cross in Celebration of the Easter Resurrection

Welcome

†Easter Hymns #217, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
#216, "Christ Arose"

†Responsive Scripture Reading Ella Yoder Matthew 28:1-10

L: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

P: 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.

L: His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

P: The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified."

L: He is not here; He is risen, just as He said."

P: He is not here; He is risen! Alleluia!

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Message SYF Boys

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

Scripture Reading Evy Roth Isaiah 53:2-7

†Song of Praise "Death Was Arrested"

Scripture Reading Molly Rutledge Isaiah 53:10-12, 1 Peter 3:18

Confessional Reading Emma Krukowski "Thanks to Jesus"

Easter Meditation Madison Bowers "Past Versus Present"

†Closing Song "Every Morning is Easter Morning" (pg. 10-11)

†Breakfast Prayer Ethan Krukowski

†Spoken Benediction Elijah Verhoff

†Benediction in Song (Chorus) "Every Morning is Easter Morning"

†Exit Offering

Please join us in the gym after worship for a congregational Easter Breakfast!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:2-7 ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10-12 ¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

1 Peter 3:18 ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

St. John's Family, Friends, and Visitors:

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! This morning's Easter Sunrise Service is prepared and led by our senior high school youth and advisors. The high schoolers have filled this year's Easter service with their favorite songs of praise, hymns, and Easter morning traditions that are near and dear to their hearts as young people of faith. As we come into our time of praise and prayer today, watching the sun rise through the stained-glass windows on this glorious morning, please center your own prayers on their humble willingness to serve in our celebration of Christ's resurrection – and what a joyful morning it is to celebrate together!
Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

May the peace, grace, and love of Christ fill your hearts today and always.

Jocelyn Walker, Director of Youth & Young Adults

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Piano - Buffy Riley	Acolyte - Elijah Verhoff
Trumpets - Andrew & Harrison Rohrs	Children's Message - SYF Boys
Guitar - Adam Swisher	Sound Tech - Jenna Stuckey
Song Leaders - Molly Rutledge & Jocelyn Walker	Video Tech - Cayla Swisher
Lay Readers - Evy Roth & Molly Rutledge	Morning Message - Madison Bowers

Draping of the Cross: Cagney Grime, Jude Rutledge, Jack Weber

Ushers: Carrie Yoder, Ella Yoder, Evy Roth, Ethan Krukowski

Bulletin Cover Artwork: Emma Krukowski

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

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)

EASTER FLOWERS

GIVEN BY:

Buffy Riley..... Children

IN HONOR OF:

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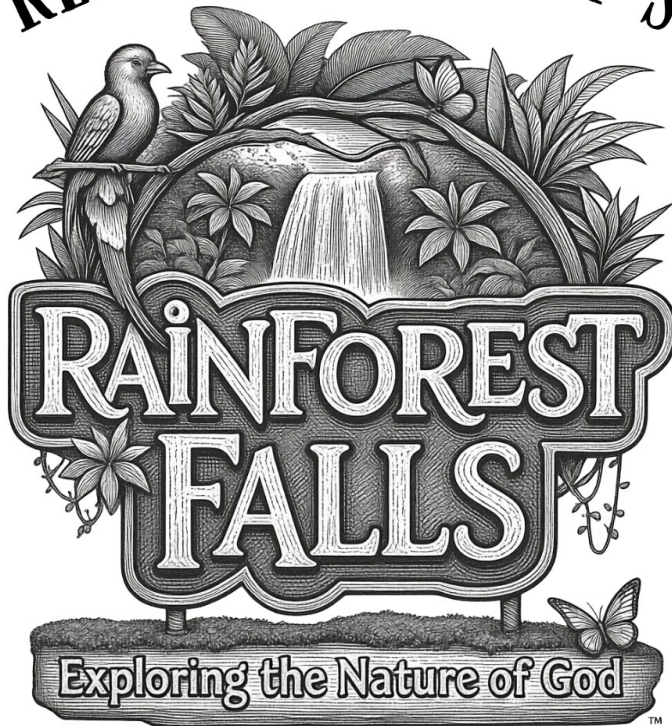
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Dean Buckenmeyer Dale & Virginia Buckenmeyer
Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer Quirico & Terecita Gabuelo
Audrey Burkholder Scott Burkholder
Denny & Jan Caryer Our Parents
Brad & Susie Enderle Parents
Dale & Ann Grime Loved Ones
James Grime Loved Ones
Mary Ellen 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.

GET READY FOR VBS AT SJCC!



JULY 26TH - 30TH

All preschool* thru 5th 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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **"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** - 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.

APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: FAIRLAWN HAVEN

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.

STEWARDSHIP & BUILDING REPORTS

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...

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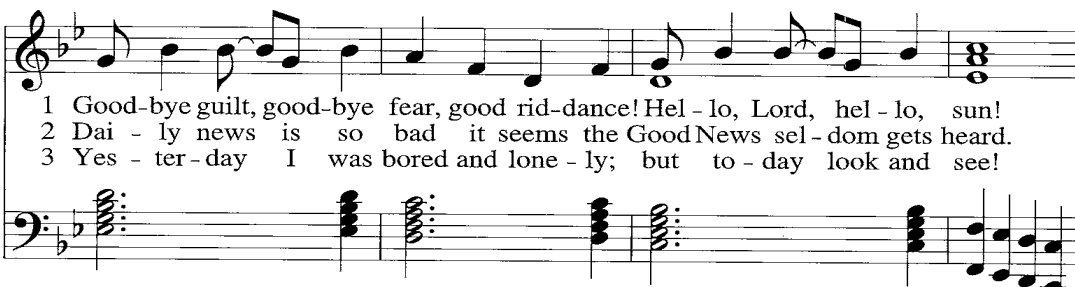
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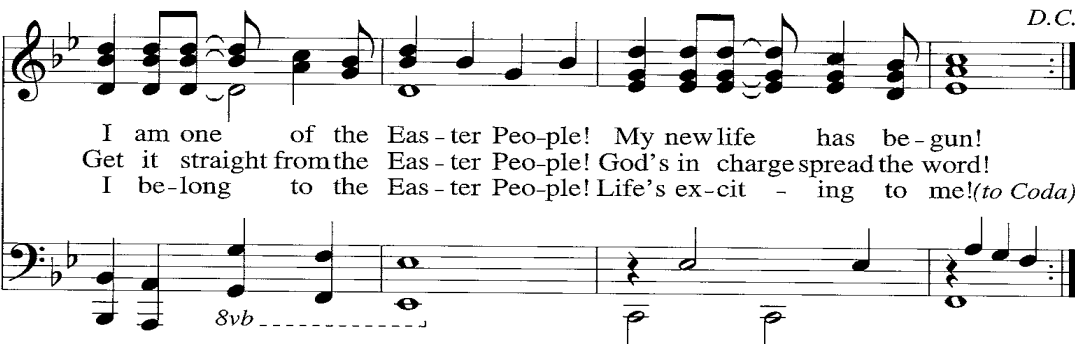
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Ev-'ry day's re-sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!



1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo, Lord, hel - lo, sun!
 2 Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel - dom gets heard.
 3 Yes - ter - day I was bored and lone - ly; but to - day look and see!



D.C.

I am one of the Eas - ter Peo - ple! My new life has be - gun!
 Get it straight from the Eas - ter Peo - ple! God's in charge spread the word!
 I be - long to the Eas - ter Peo - ple! Life's ex - cit - ing to me! *(to Coda)*

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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)

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