

# St. John's: Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
211 EAST CARROL STREET  
KENTON, OH 43326

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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 2020**

*Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for children 0-4 years of age.*

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**Contemporary Worship Service**

**8:30 AM**

Welcome

Praise

Prayer

Offering – **Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads**

Children's Message    **Weeds in the Garden**    Matthew 13:40-41

Scripture

**Romans 8:12-17**

**Matthew 13:24-43**

*(The scripture can be found in the bulletin.)*

Sermon

**A Little Goes a Long Way**

Praise

Benediction

**Children through grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School following the children's sermon.**

# Traditional Worship Service

10:30 AM

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## **“TOLLING OF THE BELLS”**

*(Let us begin to still our hearts and minds for worship with the tolling of the bells.)*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** *In Every Corner Sing* R.G. McCutchan

**Choral Introit** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* Haydn

**\*Hymn # 24** *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Toni Pfister

L: Leader C: Congregation

**Psalm 86:11-13**

L: Teach me Your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in Your truth;

**C: unite my heart to fear Your name.**

L: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole  
heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

**C: For great is Your steadfast love toward me;  
You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Demonte Atkins-Warren, OH

Mission of the Month: Jamie & Susan Ramge

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

**Children's Message** *Weeds in the Garden* Matthew 13:40-41

**Hymn # 23** *Come, We That Love the Lord*

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offertory *1<sup>st</sup> Movement Theme*

W.A. Mozart

**Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads**

\*The Doxology

**Scripture**

**Romans 8:12-17**

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**Sermon**

**A Little Goes a Long Way**

**Chancel Choir**

***Father, O Father***

Harris

Soloist: Jennifer Whitaker

\*Hymn # 19

***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

\*Benediction

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Crosby

**Postlude**

*Servant of God*

W. Croft

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\*— Those who are able, please stand



**Welcome to St. John's Church!**

## **Scripture Readings (ESV):**

### **Romans 8:12-17:**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

### **Matthew 13:24-43:**

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

<sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

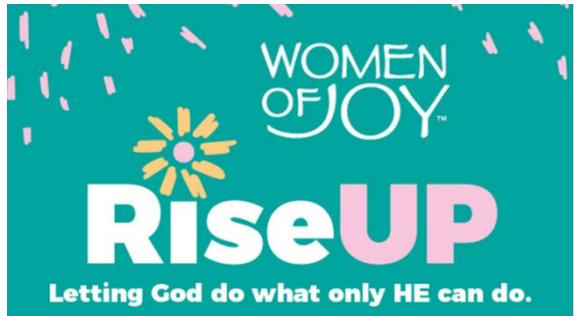
“I will open my mouth in parables;

I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

<sup>36</sup> Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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Today in our society, we truly believe that Women are so busy with life that we never slow down long enough to work on our relationship with Christ or with



other Women. At Women of Joy it's their main priority! Are you ready for the best weekend of your life? It's time for us Women to rise up! A group of ladies will be traveling to Indianapolis, IN on August 14th & 15th, 2020. The cost will be around \$200, this includes your lodging and conference fee. Deadline to register is May 15th. If interested or would like more information please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact Michele Sherman.

Sermon Notes  
**09 February 2020**

Scripture: **Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:24-43**

Sermon: **A Little Goes a Long Way**

1. In Christ, every chain of slavery to sin has been broken and we are children of God and co-heirs with Christ (**Romans 8:14-17**). How do you use your freedom in Christ to bless others and live for God?
2. What does the parable of the Wheat and Tares mean to you? How have you treated the 'weeds'? In light of what Jesus teaches, how will you treat them now and going forward?
3. What do the parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast mean? Why do they 'interrupt' the parable of Wheat and Tares and its meaning? What small things does God utilize today for His kingdom's sake?
4. What is your response going to be in light of Jesus' teaching in **Matthew 13**? What good things are springing up in your walk with Christ? How is that impacting others? How is that in line with the Father's will?

## Week at a Glance:

Today 2/9: 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:50 AM – 11:30 AM Jr. Church  
12:00 PM Pastoral Relations- library  
7:30 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 2/10: 5:30 PM Missions Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, 2/11: 12:00 PM Prayer  
12:00 PM AA – Chapel  
6:00 PM WAM Meeting  
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel  
6:45 PM Bells  
7:15 Myers Life Group- FH

Wednesday, 2/12: 5:15-7:15 PM Disciple Me  
6:15-7:45 PM MS & HS Youth  
6:45 PM Children's Choir  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, 2/13: 12:00 PM AA Meeting – Chapel  
7:00 PM Church Council - library

Friday, 2/14: 12:00 PM Prayer  
5:00 PM NA – Chapel  
HCC Winter Retreat

Saturday, 2/15: 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast-  
McDonalds  
12:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel  
HCC Winter Retreat

**Children's/Youth Ministry  
Volunteer of the Week:  
Kristi Weaver**



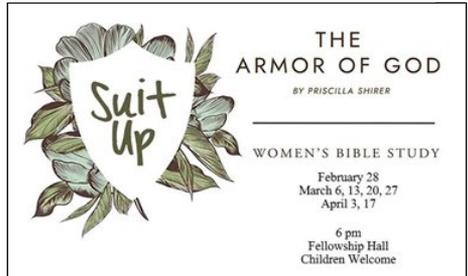
## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Child:** our prayers today go out to Demonte Atkins missing since January 28, 2020 from Warren, OH.

**Mission of the Month:** Jamie & Susan Ramage

**Substitute Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Substitute Sunday School teachers needed as back-ups. See Trish for more details.

**Women's Bible Study Group- The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer:** Starting February 28 – Fridays at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A cunning, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you – your emotions, your mind, your family, your future.



But...when the enemy meets a woman dressed for the occasion, he fails miserably. Join us in a 7 session Bible study that will challenge you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life. Will meet the following dates: February 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 & 17. If interested, please contact Michele at 567-674-7902 and she will get you signed up and order material. Cost is \$15. **Deadline to sign up is February 12.** Light refreshments provided and children welcome.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 26 at 7 pm. Several community pastors plan to participate. More information to follow.

**Passion Play Practice & Performance Schedule:** A brief informational meeting is Sunday, February 16 at 1 pm in the sanctuary. If you cannot attend, please let them know you will participate. Practices will begin the following week from 1 –3 pm each week. The schedule is as follows:  
2/23: Entire Cast; 3/1: Half Cast (scenes 1-3);  
3/8: Half Cast (scenes 4-6); 3/15: Entire Cast; 3/22: Entire Cast; 3/29: Entire Cast; 4/5: Entire Cast; 4/7: Dress Rehearsal—8 pm (arrive by 7:30); 4/9: Performance 1—8 pm (arrive by 7:30); 4/10: Performance 2— 8 pm (arrive by 7:30). A sign-up sheet is in the back on the credenza. If you have questions, please contact Julie Strous (419-673-1587), Miranda Strous (567-674-1256), Kendra Dilts (419-674-1336) or the church office (419-673-7278).

## Rummage Sale & Food

**Truck Event:** April 4 from 9 am – 2 pm. Reservations are being taken for an approx. 9 ft. space which includes a table if wanted for \$10/space. Space will be in the fellowship hall and other inside areas if



The graphic features the words "RUMMAGE SALE" in large, colorful letters. "RUMMAGE" is in blue and "SALE" is in orange. To the left, "Food Trucks" is written in a curved font above an illustration of various food trucks. To the right, "Free Car Wash 1-3 pm" is written in a curved font above an illustration of a car wash. At the bottom left, there is a small "SALE" sign with colorful letters. The event details are listed in the center: "Saturday, April 4", "9 am - 2 pm", "St. John's Church", "211 E. Carrol St. Kenton, OH", and "Tables available for \$10 each".

needed. **Please pay for your space to hold your reservation. Each rented space is responsible for their item set up, sales, and clean up and removal of items.** Deadline to pay for your reserved space is Sunday, March 28. Please see Jane Donnelly if you would like to reserve a space or two or contact the church office at 419-673-7278. Food trucks will be outside but there will be room for eating inside as well. A free community car wash will also take place in the east parking lot from 1-3 pm that day.

**Free Community Car Wash:** April 4 from 1-3 pm in East parking lot. Volunteers will pass out upcoming event information while washing cars.

**Youth Sunday:** April 5 we will have ONE service with TBD. The children & youth of our church will run the morning worship service. Plan to attend to support our youth!

**Community Palm Sunday Service:** April 5 at 6:30 pm including the Kenton Chorale performing.

**Passion Play:** April 9 & 10 at 8 pm

**Community Breakfast & Egg Hunt:** April 18 from 9:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship hall. **Donation requests for giveaway baskets:** family friendly DVD, microwave popcorn, boxed candy, bubble solution, sidewalk chalk, jump rope, balls, kite, sand toys, beach towel, water goggles or money to purchase items. **Volunteers also needed.** See Trish with questions.

**Spring Serve Day:** April 26 – One service at 8:30 am followed by service projects and lunch.

**End of Year Wed. Night Party (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade):** May 2, 5-7 pm in Bus barn

**Youth Lock In:** May 22 in the fellowship hall. **Adult volunteers needed.** See Michele.



The graphic features a silhouette of a cross against a dramatic, cloudy sky with a warm, golden light. The text is centered and reads: "St. John's Evangelical Church Presents their annual portrayal of **The Passion of the Christ** at 211 E. Carrol St. Kenton, OH Thursday, April 9 @ 8:00 PM Friday, April 10 @ 8:00 PM". Below this, a smaller line of text states: "The Passion of the Christ is a reenactment of the last week of Christ's life on Earth. It brings to light the emotions of betrayal and abandonment that Christ experienced and the agony of suffering that Christ endured at the time of His death."

**Crafting Fundraiser:** May 3 from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your mom, grandma and friends! Celebrate Mother's Day with them and help a great cause! Refreshments will be available. There are a few sign options. It's \$40 per person. Let Steph know if you want to sign up today. Register directly with Simple Treasures by Steph on Facebook or by calling 419-302-0336, or contact the church office. Facebook.com link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2347979822199242/>

**Children's/Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** May 23 at 6 pm

**VBS- Concrete & Cranes- Building on the Love of Jesus:**

June 8-11 from 5:45 – 8 pm for preschool (potty trained) - grade 5. This summer we will build on the love of Jesus. So, grab your hard hat and tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by June 5 at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=54591>. Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Volunteers can complete a form located on the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary.



**VBS Donation Request:** any construction type things for decorating. May include: safety glasses, safety vests, hard hats. plastic fencing, plastic blueprints, safety signs etc. Please place your donations in the tote beside the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary. See Trish Wilcox or Michele Sherman with any questions.

**Scioto Valley Cook out:** July 11 from 1-3 pm

**Forest Court Cook out:** August 1 from 1-3 pm

**Mystery Party (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade):** August 9 from 3-5 pm

**Bulletin Announcements:** due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

A bulletin board with a light blue background. At the top center, it reads: 'Simple Treasures By Steph Crafting Fundraiser for Missions Trip Sunday May 3rd 1-3pm St. John's Fellowship Hall 211 E. Carrol St., Kenton Pick your sign, and make it! Refreshments available. Bring your friends and family!'. On the left is a vertical sign that says 'Welcome to our porch SIT long TALK much LAUGH often'. On the right is a vertical sign that says 'HOME sweet HOME'. At the bottom, there are three signs: 'FAMILY with life lessons and love... MEMORIES', 'GRANDKIDS', and 'Home Sweet Home'. In the bottom right corner, it says 'Contact Stephanie Myers at Simple Treasures By Steph Facebook Or 419-302-0336'.

## **Prayer of Repentance and Salvation**

**Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His death on the Cross for my sins and for the sins of the whole world.**

**I repent of my sins and turn to You for salvation. I surrender my life to You; come live in me.**

**Change me, cleanse me, forgive me, and make me the person that You want me to be in this world.**

**I receive You, Jesus Christ, as my personal Lord and Savior, today and forever more.**

**In Your holy name I pray. Amen.**

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### **WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Contemporary Worship Leader: Kendra Dilts

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

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### **Last Week:**

Attendance:                    8:30 a.m.: 64  
   10:30 am: 79

Envelopes and Loose Offerings: \$7956.00

Loose \$1.00 bills - Good Samaritan Fund: \$24

Total of February (Jamie & Susan Ramage): \$400    January: \$2263.00

F.A.I.T.H. Time:

Golden Buckeye Attendance – 12

Golden Buckeye Offering – \$12.00

### **Ushers:**

2/9: (8:30) Tony & Autum Brown

2/9: (10:30) Deb Hord, Denise Mustain, Gary & Janet Billenstein

2/16: (8:30) Trish & Nancy Wilcox

2/16: (10:30) Jane Baker, Donna Myers, Peggy Cahill, Carol Wilcox