

12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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



**FOR YOU
WILL NOT
ABANDON MY SOUL
TO SHEOL, OR LET YOUR
HOLY ONE SEE CORRUPTION.**

PSALM 16:10

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April 12, 2026

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude

Meditation

Oberg

*Hymn #93 *Deep in My Heart There's a Gladness*

*Call to Worship **Anaphora of the Apostles**

From The Ethiopian Orthodox Church

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church has over 40 million adherents and has an ancient history. It is the oldest sub-Saharan Christian tradition. Today's Call to Worship reminds us with whom we gather in our assemblies of worship.

Leader: You, who are sitting, stand up.

Pastor: There stand before You a thousand thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand, both the holy angels and archangels and Your honorable beasts, each with six wings.

Leader: Look to the east.

Pastor: With two of their wings they cover their face, with two of their wings they cover their feet, and with two of their wings they fly from end to end of the world.

Leader: Let us give heed.

Pastor: And they constantly hallow and praise You, with all them that hallow and praise You. Receive also our hallowing which we give to You: Holy, holy, holy, perfect Lord of Hosts.

Leader: Answer.

People: Holy, holy, holy, perfect Lord of hosts, heaven and earth are full of the holiness of Your glory.

Pastor: Truly heaven and earth are full of the holiness of Your glory, through our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, Your holy

Son. He came and was born of a virgin that He might fulfill Your will and make a people for You.

People: Remember us all in Your kingdom; remember us, Lord, Master, in Your kingdom, as You remembered the thief on the right hand when You were on the tree of the holy cross.

*** Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Wyatt Pryor – Lancaster, OH

Mission of the Month: SOUP

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

Seeing is Believing

John 20:19-31

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

New Member Reception

Logan McClellan

Bruce Mortensen

Victoria Mortensen

Annie Richards

Kayla Wicker

Pass the Peace – Greet One Another

Special Music

David Beazley

Scripture

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31

Sermon

God Will Not Abandon You

*** Hymn #312**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*** Benediction**

Postlude

'Tis So Sweet

*— Those who are able, please stand

When the Christ Candle enters, may we center ourselves on worshipping Him.

When the Christ Candle leaves, may we follow Christ into the world.

Scripture:

Psalm 16:

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.” ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 20:19-31:

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Wyatt Pryor missing from Lancaster, OH.

Dana Musser – 90th Birthday: Dana's 90th birthday is April 15. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 363 N. Barron St., Kenton

Dessert Pans: There are many left in the church kitchen. If you have one, please pick it up. See Nancy Weaver with questions.

Dinner Club: April 17 at 6 pm Cheers to You (Upper Sandusky) – meet at the church at 5:30

New Saturday morning Bible Study (6 wks.): Starting April 18 from 10:30-12, Anna will lead the Max Lucado study called "In the Footsteps of the Savior". The study guide can be purchased on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Footsteps-Savior-Bible-Study-Streaming/dp/0310163838> and if you want the book <https://www.amazon.com/Footsteps-Savior-Following-Jesus-Through/dp/1400335167> or here's the set on faith gateway <https://faithgateway.com/products/in-the-footsteps-of-the-savior-standard-bundle> A sign-up sheet is on the welcome center.

Book Club: April 20 at 1 pm at Kae Merold's- *The Lost Letter* by D. Stevens

Morgan's Place – more than a cemetery: April 26 – Speaker will share during worship info. regarding their ministry to assist those who have experienced a miscarriage, abortion or still birth. Please invite anyone to join us in worship. Lunch will be served after worship with an opportunity to ask our speakers questions.

Dinner Club: May 15 at the Bears Den (Mt. Victory) at 6 pm, meet at church at 5:30

Carl Lotz Scholarship: Students must either attend school or church within Hardin County to be eligible, due May 20. Please complete the application online at: <https://forms.gle/tBA1fMWDrkyh9esJ8>

Fishing Derby: May 30, 9:30-Noon at Boy Scout Lake

Confirmation Sunday: May 31

Graduation Sunday: June 7 – we will honor our graduates during the service. Please let Janie know if you are graduating this year.

Joint Service & Picnic with Stone Table Church: June 14 -combined service in the sanctuary at 10 am then go to Boy Scout Lake for a picnic

Dinner Club: June 27 meet at church at 11:15 am – G&R Tavern, Waldo (cash only)

VBS: July 19-22

Elijah: Star Theater Day Trip: Oct. 3 at 1 pm for show and dinner after. Cost is \$69.44 (show, dinner, tax, tip) Tickets need ordered soon- See Janie

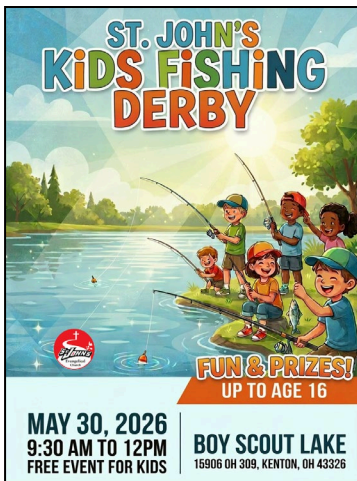
Jr. Church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

Nursery Subs Needed: We are in need of a few nursery subs, someone who can fill in when needed,. If you are interested, please talk to Janie.

MomCo Mom's group –The meetup will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:30 am and the 2nd and the 4th Monday at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Janie is in need of volunteers to help with the moms and with the kids. Please consider joining her in building this program and getting young families involved in our church.

Laundromat Ministry: A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church with upcoming dates. See Mary Ralston if you would like to schedule a different time or date. You may also support the ministry by filling pill bottles with quarters that are included in the packets. They are also available on the welcome desk.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM. If you wish to have it added to the website, please email Richard at rkatterjohn@gmail.com.



**ST. JOHN'S
KIDS FISHING
DERBY**

**FUN & PRIZES!
UP TO AGE 16**

**MAY 30, 2026
9:30 AM TO 12PM
FREE EVENT FOR KIDS**

**BOY SCOUT LAKE
15906 OH 309, KENTON, OH 43326**

Please join us for our Annual Bike Blessing



And Car and Bike Show



May 17, 2026
211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH
9:00 - 11:30 Registration
12:00 – 2:00 Car and Bike Show
12:15 – Blessing of the Bikes
1:30 – Presentation of Trophies
Food available at 11:00 from Kenton Scouts 121

Open to the Public
Open invitation to all to attend Worship
Service beginning at 10am

Hosted by:
**St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder**



The flowers on the altar this morning are in honor of Dan and Jo Ann Erwin's First Anniversary in Heaven together on April 10 by Heather Erwin.

Week at a Glance

Today, 4/12:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service Jr. Church after children's message
Monday, 4/13:	2:00 PM Vaughn Funeral (11-2 viewing) 6:00 AM MomCo 6:30 PM Scout Troop 121 – Basement
Tuesday, 4/14:	5:00 PM CR Step Studies 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 4/15:	5- 6:45 PM Kingdom Kids Club
Thursday, 4/16:	6:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel 6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Basement
Friday, 4/17:	11:30 AM Friday w/Friends Bob Evans (Lima) 6:00 PM Dinner Club – Cheers to You Upper Sandusky (meet at 5:30)
Saturday, 4/18:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9:00 AM Bible Recap Study- library 10:30 AM Max Lucado Study – FH

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (4/5): 97
Envelopes: \$3955
Loose Offering: \$80
Loose Ones: \$2.61
Mission (SOUP): \$265

Ushers:

4/12: Jane Donnelly & Nancy Wilcox
4/19: Virginia Tice & Nancy Rickenbacher



*Welcome to
St. John's Church*