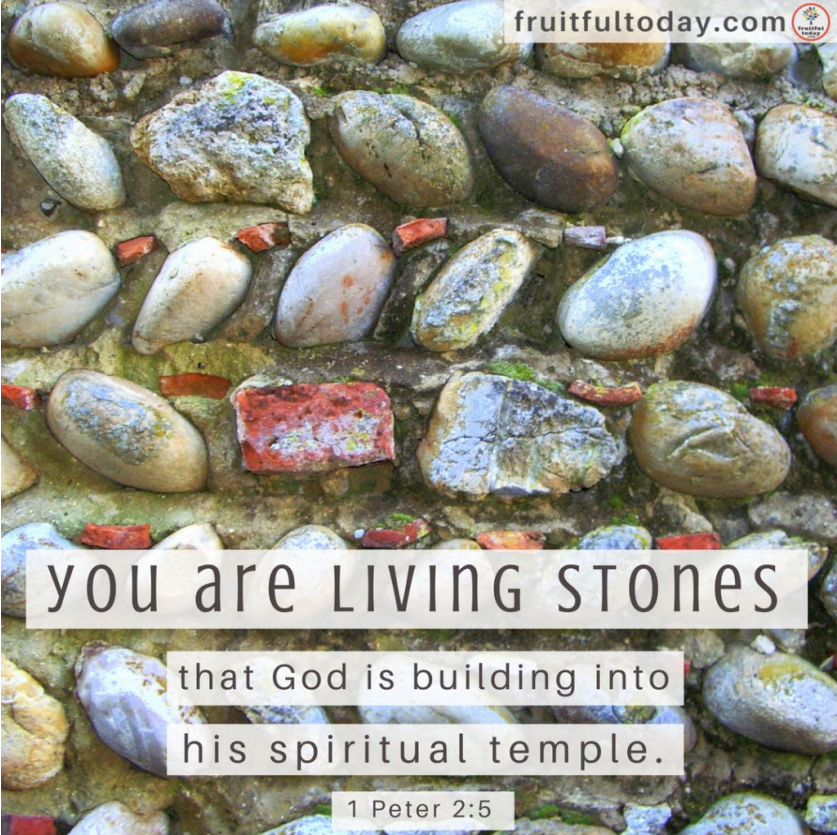


St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ



you are LIVING STONES

that God is building into
his spiritual temple.

1 Peter 2:5

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude

My Tribute

Crouch/Glyncannon

***Hymn #506**

O Jesus, I have Promised

***Call to Worship**

Acts 7:55-60

L: Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

C: Lord God, You have forgiven such great sin in us.

May we forgive others in like manner.

May we behold the face of Jesus in the midst of suffering.

May we be led by the Holy Spirit in all things.

Father, grant us this peace and hope as we enter into worship now.

*** Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Malakai Hoffman– Cleveland, OH

Mission of the Month: Angels for the Elderly

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon

“I Am the Way”

John 14:6

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sermon

Remember Who You Are

Chancel Choir

Come to the Table of the Lord

Liebergen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Apostles’ Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

*** Hymn #338**

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Toccatina

Ritter

*— 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.



*Welcome to
St. John’s
Church*

Scripture:

I Peter 2:2-10:

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴ As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14:

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”

Sermon Notes

03 May 2026

Scripture: **I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14**

Sermon: **Remember Who You Are**

1. What discouragements have you faced as a Christian? What steals your focus and keeps you from seeing what Christ is capable of doing in and through you by His Spirit?
2. What greater things (**John 14:12**) is Christ doing through you? How is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (**John 14:6**) being expressed in your Christian walk? How is Christ evident in you?
3. How are you a living stone built into God's spiritual house and a part of the priesthood of all believers (**I Peter 2:5, 9**)? How do you share God's mercy with others (**I Peter 2:10**)?
4. As you remember who you are in Christ, how can you help others do likewise? How can you encourage others in the Church, and how can you share with those outside of the Church?

Sola Christus (Christ alone)—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."—**John 14:6**

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Malakai Hoffman missing from Cleveland, OH.

Thursday Bible Study: The Bible Study on Thursdays at 6 pm, for the summer, will study *Cost of Discipleship* by Bonhoeffer. All are welcome and the book is provided.

Euchre: May 14 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

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

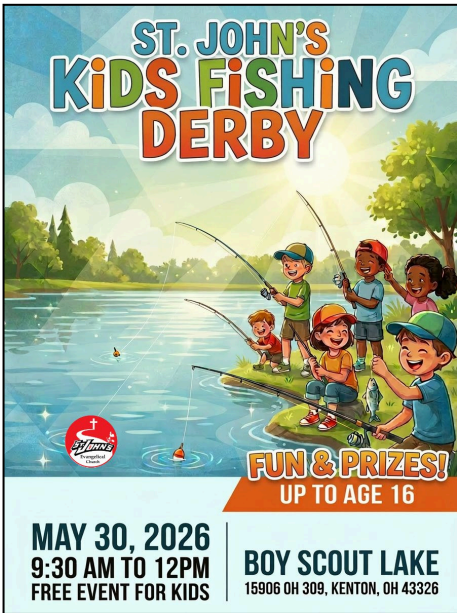
Jr. Church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

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 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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



**St. John's & Stone Table
PICNIC
in The Park**

FOODS - GAMES - FUN

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL DAY BRIMMING WITH SUNSHINE,
JOY, AND A LOVELY PICNIC IN THE PARK.

SUNDAY
14
JUNE

**BOY SCOUT LAKE
AT 11:30 AM - 3 PM**
15906 OH 309, KENTON - BIG PAVILLION

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT. JUST BRING YOUR
FAVORITE SIDE DISH (NOT REQUIRED). ALL ARE WELCOME

Week at a Glance

Today, 5/3:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service
Monday, 5/4:	10:30 AM PM MomCo 5:00 PM Mission/Evangelism 6:30 PM Scout Troop 121 – Basement
Tuesday, 5/5:	1:00 PM First Tuesday 5:00 PM CR Step Studies 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Thursday, 5/7:	6:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel 6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Basement
Friday, 5/8:	12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary
Saturday, 5/9:	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 (4/26): 66
Envelopes: 4/19: \$2315 4/26: \$1870
Loose Offering: 4/19: \$30 4/26: \$75
Loose Ones: 4/19: \$6 4/26: \$16
Mission (SOUP): \$195 4/26: \$45

Ushers:

5/3: Linda Zeigler & Jane Baker
5/10: Janie Risner & Jeff Neuhauser

