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Rooted in the Evangelical and

Reformed Traditions

We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a

Time of Chaos

So We May All Be One



I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
I KNOW MY SHEEP
AND MY SHEEP
KNOW
ME.



JOHN 10:14, NIV

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Outdoor Drive-In Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “Now the Green Blade Riseth” Traditional Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** **“Morning Has Broken”** **No. 53**

(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

1) **Morning has broken like the first morning
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

2) **Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.**

3) **Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are welcomed into the family of God on this Fourth Sunday of Easter. Let us worship God together in faith, hope and love.

People: **We lift our eyes, thoughts and hearts to you, O God. Your pastoral care of all of us brings us together. We offer our praise and thanks to you for shepherding our church family and indeed the whole United Church of Christ.**

ALL: **We pray for blessings, instructions and peace through our Welcoming Shepherd, Jesus. Amen.**

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Let us come before God trusting that all are included.

People: **Gentle God, remind us that as part of your family no one is unattended, or considered “less than,” or left outside the fold of your realm.**

***Please stand if you are able**

Leader: Especially on this Sunday of the church's glorious Easter season, help us to recognize the strength we gain from one another.

People: **Welcoming Shepherd, may we be ever mindful of the distinctive gifts each of us bring into our wider UCC family. Forgive us when we forget. Create in us a renewed gratitude for relationships with all your people. We pray these things in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray together ...**

***The Lord's Prayer* - Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: As does Jesus, our Savior and Good Shepherd, we can know each other by name. As Jesus taught us, we can feed and be fed by each other. The Welcoming Shepherd leads us to stand with one another in times of trials and difficulties. God's mercy reaches all parts of the church through the ministrations of the Holy Spirit. God's grace is assured. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

*Please refrain from applause and the use of photography during the ceremony.
There will be an opportunity for pictures following the service.*

The Order of Baptism

Address

Pastor: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. The promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

Questions of the Parents

Question: Do you, **Makayla Sheets & Dominiick Vanick**, desire to have **Adelynn Jean Sheets** baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? Do you promise, with the help of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents: *We do, with the help of God.*

Question: Do you promise, according to God's favor given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, and to help Adelynn become a faithful member of the church by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that she may affirm her baptism?

Parents: *We do, with the help of God.*

Question of the Godmother and Grandparents

Question: Will you, Emaleigh Salina, as Godmother and Angela Sheets & Patrick Sheets, who are Grandparents to this child, promise to support these parents in the fulfillment of their covenant that this child be instructed in the Word of God, brought up in the nurture and kindness of our Lord and kept in communion with the church? Will you, with God's help, guide and encourage Adelynn by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ?

Sponsors: *We will, with the help of God.*

Congregational Assent

Question: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of unmerited favor in baptism love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: **We promise our love, support, and care to Adelynn and her family.**

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

The Greeting of Christian Love

Unison Prayer for the Baptized

All: We give you thanks, O Holy One, for Adelynn and for the favor acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Grant us the kindness to receive, nurture, and befriend her in the body of Christ. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Amen.

Baptismal Song “Jesus Loves Me” No. 113

**Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

Scripture Acts 4:5-12

Scripture John 10:11-18

Sermon Rev. Dr. Alan Baughcum

Hymn (11:00 a.m.) “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 56

- 1) **For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

- 2) **For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

- 5) **For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Invitation for Generosity and Faithful Giving

***Doxology**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source of hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (8 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) No. 2**

- 1) Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**
- 2) All Thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**
- 4) Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o’er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev’ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen.**

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Postlude “How Can I Keep From Singing?” Traditional Todd Baldosser

Lectionary Readings for April 21 through April 27
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables. Thank you!

welcome

We welcome Rev. Dr. Alan Baughcum back to our church today. Rev. Baughcum will be bringing us the message at both of our services today and through the month of April.



Adelynn Jean Sheets

Born: March 26, 2023

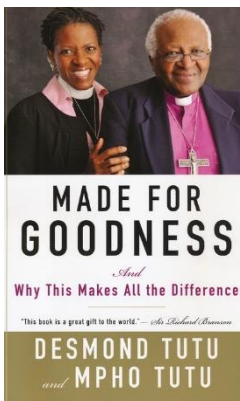
Baptized: April 21, 2024

Parents: Makayla Sheets
& Dominiick Vanick

Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, May 1, at Noon, to celebrate our 152nd Anniversary. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share for our Annual Salad Smorgasbord. Our Annual Anniversary Offering will be taken: 1 penny for each year old we are = \$1.52. We will meet in the Large Meeting Room. Following lunch, we will go to the Sanctuary for a special program.

All ladies of our St. John's Church Family are invited to attend. Please RSVP to our caller, Beverly Lange, 740-277-3392 so that we have enough seats for all.



You are welcome to attend the book study group as we renew our meetings in April. We will meet on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the River Road Coffee House on North Park Place in downtown Newark at 11 a.m. The book we will be discussing is "Made for Goodness" by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was instrumental in the fight to rid South Africa of apartheid and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. The book is available in paperback and online.



**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION**

Luncheon

A luncheon will be provided for those who volunteer this year as ushers, acolytes, Sunday School teachers and helpers, choir members and special music and office help. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

May 19, 2024
following the 11AM service

St. John's Little Free Pantry

It's *EASY* to *DONATE*

Walk or pull your car up to the pantry and place your donation inside.
ANYTIME, at your convenience.

The Little Free pantry is for everyone. Anyone can donate what they have to give and anyone can take what they need.



THANK YOU for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled.



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2024 to celebrate the momentous event.

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office by May 5, 2024!

Name _____

Parents/Church Family _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____

Plans for the future _____

Additional information to share _____

Join us



Let's come together and pray for our church and our new pastor, whoever that maybe. This will be silent and self-led prayer time. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Pray for few minutes or longer.

Following the 8AM service and again before the 11AM service.

Quiet Prayer Time



**The St. John's Memorial Chapel
will now be open for quiet prayer time.**

**Sunday Mornings anytime between
7:30AM to 8:00AM & 9AM to 11am.**



General Prayers:

Barbara McKee, Judy Goodman

Homebound and Nursing Facility

Residents: Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Irmgard Rhodes, Molly Sheets & Lois Swonger.



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

Andrew Ackerman recovering from open heart surgery

The Turban Project & Newborns In Need Program – looking for a new home

Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy – is backing off on her treatments.

Samantha Swartz – New Health Concerns

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Todd Baldosser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,

Larry Jones, Terry Gano,

Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Elaine Gard/Matthew Kroah

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah



Sunday:

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Wednesday:

- 6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

Thursday:

- 11:00 am Book Study Group at River Road Coffee on the square.

7:00 pm Thursday Prayer Service live streamed on St. John's Facebook page and uploaded on You Tube. The link is available on our church website stjohnsnewark.org

- 7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sunday: April 28, 2024

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of April 14, 2024	<u>2,787.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 2,053.42)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	- <u>9,018.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 17,385.99

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday- 9 am -12 pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

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