

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember....Welcome home to....



The 2024 August Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

General Prayers: Don Boldt & Bill Carr

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.

Please contact the church office if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember, if you want someone on the Bea's Blessings prayer chain, you can email the office at stjohnsunitied@windstream.net

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued monetary donations. We appreciated your congregations love.

Sincerely,

Trish Perry & the Team @NHO.

Afternoon Circle -

-will meet on Wednesday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room at St. John's. Our program will be "Sadako and the Thousand Cranes", remembering the 79th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Pat Farley will serve refreshments. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Last month we had a wonderful picnic at Rotary Park on Sharon Valley Road. The temperature was pretty hot, but the breeze through the shelter house was wonderful. And the potluck lunch was delicious.



August Sunday Worship Hours

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

Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.

Except Sunday, August 4-One Service Only at 11:00 a.m.

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of July 21, 2024	<u>5,228.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 388.08
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	10,498.20
Donations still needed	\$ 16,155.99

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
For additional times, please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make an appointment or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218. Thank you!

Reverend Dr. Walker

To reach Rev. Dr. Walker, call her cell number 614-370-5346.

Please leave a message and she will return your call as quickly as possible.

Her email address is 7akaboah@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Please plan to attend the service on Sunday August 4, 2024, at 11:00AM. There will be no 8:00 AM service that day only. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on calling a new minister to St. John's. In addition to hearing our prospective minister preach, we will vote on a temporary suspension of a rule in our constitution and on a budget item to fund our new minister.

It is with great pleasure that the Search Committee of St. John's is recommending that Reverend Dr. Stephen Swisher be called by the congregation of St. John's UCC as our new pastor and teacher.

As required by the Constitution of St. John's, to call a new settled pastor a congregational meeting must be called and a majority vote is required to complete the call. In addition to voting on Pastor Swisher, we will also require a vote for an increase in budget as the current budget only accounts for Pulpit Supply pastors. Lastly, as has been recommended by our UCC Conference Minister, we will ask the Congregation to suspend the section of the Constitution that requires the pastor to have standing in the United Church of Christ. This is a temporary suspension for one year or until Reverend Swisher can work with our denomination and complete the process to become a minister with standing within the UCC. This process can take up to a year.

Reverend Dr. Stephen Swisher has recently been the regional Chaplin for the Careline Health Group and Associate Pastor for the Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus. Pastor Swisher was a minister in the United Methodist Church (UMC) for 28 years. Recently, Rev Swisher served the Etna, OH UMC. At Etna, Rev Swisher grew that congregation from 40 members to over 400 members. After Etna, he was required to move and serve Epworth UMC, the largest UMC Church in the Toledo area. After starting during a COVID shutdown, he revived the congregation and returned to normalcy. Rev. Swisher was forthcoming about a controversy at Epworth. The search committee has verified that he was without responsibility. We verified this with both Epworth lay leadership (Council) and UMC Conference leadership. Rev Swisher left the UMC last year for multiple reasons, but not being able to choose his ministry and moving frequently were the primary reasons.

Reverend Swisher grew up in a ministerial family with his father being a Methodist minister and his mother a missionary. Reverend Swisher spent time growing up in Japan and Korea and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at age 9 and gave his first sermon at that age. Steve has a 13-year-old daughter who lives with her mother in Dallas, TX but she visits Ohio frequently to stay with her dad. Reverend Swisher has both a MDiv and PhD in Government and Religious Studies.

Our ministerial description is what drew Rev. Swisher to St. John's. His beliefs and tenets are an exceptional match to our beliefs as summarized in our recent surveys.

We hope to see you on August 4, 2024.

On behalf of St. John's Search Committee
Tim Powers, Chairman

Summer Mission Focus

The Lookup Christian Community Center has a faith based half day learning program for potty trained children aged 3 to 5 years. This fall will be the third year for students. They receive no state funding but are supported by donations from area churches. They anticipate about 15 students this fall. **We can help** by donating glue sticks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, child size round tip Fiskars/scissors, tissues, and moistened hand wipes (not hand sanitizer bottles). A bin will be in the fellowship room to collect these items if you would like to assist with this program. We will collect items through the end of August.

July 15, 2024 Council Meeting



Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by council President Jeff Connor. Also attending were members Tim Powers, Frank Davis, Charles Dudley, Frances Hill, Greg Crothers, Brian Lensink, Gary Kinser, April Kinser, Julie Davis. Also in attendance were Terry Gano, Anita Chirdon, and Kim Workman. Devotions were led by J. Connor who brought a message about how God can change our attitude.

Tim Powers, reporting for the search committee, reported they have found an ordained pastor they would like to bring before the congregation. His application was received through churchstaffing.com and has been a United Methodist minister. A congregational meeting is scheduled for August 4 as required by our constitution to call a settled pastor. There will only be one service that day at 11am. Council voted to approve 3 items with regard to this matter. 1.) To forward to the congregation the need to suspend for one year our constitutional requirement that the pastor have standing in the UCC. During this year he would work to acquire standing in the UCC. 2.) To forward to the congregation for approval a call agreement between the pastor and the congregation which would also involve budget changes since he would be a full-time called pastor. 3.) A letter will be sent to the congregation members outlining details and more information. The candidate is Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher, who has recently been the regional chaplain for Careline Health Group and Associate Pastor for the Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus. In the past he has served Methodist churches in Ohio.

Council also approved that Christian Education may sell pizza rolls as a fundraiser for the mission project next year.

Elaine Gard has offered to teach a confirmation class this fall. Council extended a "vote of confidence" for her to move forward with this project. This apparently would include new confirmands or those who would like a refresher.

Greg Crothers indicated that the Evangelism and Outreach committee would like to expand and update our church website to include more information on our ministry and beliefs. Council approved these changes, and they will be found on the church website in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

April Kinser, Secretary Jeff Connor, President

The next meeting is on Monday, August 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

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.

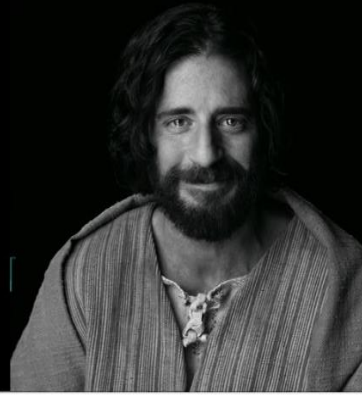


THANK YOU for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled.

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SEASON 2

WEDNESDAY'S
6:30PM—8:00PM
August 21— September 11



Invite a friend and join us for fun, lively fellowship.

August 21 discussion on episodes 1 & 2

August 28 discussion on episodes 3 & 4

September 4 discussion on episodes 5 & 6

September 11 discussion on episodes 7 & 8

Books are available to purchase online or at Memory Petals & Christian Gift Shop in Heath, or if you like, the church will purchase the book for you.

It is not necessary to have the book for the discussion group



Rally Day *Revisiting Our Roots*



Community Social
Root Beer Floats

September 8, 2024
12:00PM

Plus a special Fellowship Hour
9:30AM to 10:30AM



From the St. John's Evangelism and Outreach Committee

YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THE WAITING ROOM

By Rick Warren — May 13, 2024

From Daring Faith

“After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.” Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)

When you're waiting on God, remember that you're in good company.

Millions of saints before you have sat in God's waiting room. You're not alone! In fact, if you're in the waiting room right now—maybe you're waiting on a job, on an answer, or on a result—there are a lot of people around you who are in that same situation.

Hebrews 11:2 says, “People who lived in the past became famous because of faith” (ICB)—and every one of those people had to wait.

Think about Hannah, who had to wait years to have the baby that she was praying God would give her.

Think about Joseph, who had a God-given vision of being a ruler from a very young age but spent 14 years in a prison for a crime he did not commit.

Think of Moses, who wandered in the wilderness for 40 years while he waited for his next assignment and to know his purpose in life.

Think of Abraham, who waited a hundred years before he had Isaac, the child God had promised him years before.

Think about Noah, who waited 120 years before it rained.

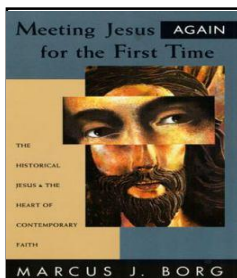
Think of David, who was told he would be king but then was sent back to the pasture to shepherd for years before he ever saw the inside of a palace.

God waited thousands of years before sending the Messiah that had been promised. And he spent 400 years in silence before Jesus was born, with no message for the people who were waiting for deliverance. Your wait may seem too long for you to handle. But there were many faithful people throughout history who waited far longer than you and still trusted in God's goodness and promises.

We get in a hurry. But God is never in a hurry. Waiting is essential to your faith, so God is going to use all the time it takes to make you into the person he wants you to be.

Hebrews 6:15 says, “After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised” (NIV).

While you're waiting, remember those who have waited faithfully before you who saw God answer in ways even bigger than they imagined. Ask him to help you wait faithfully too.



The book study group will meet on Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at the River Road coffee shop on the Square in Newark at 11am. Please join us as we continue our study of the book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" by Marcus Borg. The book is available online.



"Clap your hand, all you people. Shout to God with joy." (Psalm 47:1)

Sunday afternoon, July 14, 2024, our young people shared the joy of bubbles at Rotary Park in Newark. They handed out bottles of bubbles to everyone at the park and blew bubbles too. It was too windy to make giant bubbles, but they gave it their best try.



RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE Vacation Bible School Fun 2024! "Run in such a way as to get the prize." I Cor. 9:24-25 (24b). There were 14 students, 16 Youth and adult teachers and helpers. We learned about the many adventures of Paul through stories, crafts, science and games. Our week long mission was to raise funds for Newark Area Special Olympics. We met Special Olympians Justice and Ellie and heard about their training and competing. With the help of Mission and Outreach, we were able to raise over \$400 to help purchase equipment and uniforms.

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.**



The Chosen Season 2 - A fun, lighthearted discussion group will meet August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 6:30PM to 8:00PM. It is helpful to have watched the TV series for discussion, but it is not necessary to have the book. If you would like to purchase the book, you can do so online or at Memory Petals & Christian Gift Shop in Heath, or if you like, the church will purchase the book for you.

Rally Day is September 8! Join in the celebration, "Revisiting Our Roots!" 9:30AM Special Fellowship Hour. Then following the 11AM service, a Root BierGarten Neighborhood Social. Come for fellowship, come for fun, come for the Root Beer Floats!



Bible Discovery Zone will begin September 8 at 11:00AM, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin September 22 and Youth Group will also begin September 22 following the 11AM service.

There will be a Confirmation class starting this fall. Elaine Gard will be leading a class for anyone ages 12 through Adult. This class will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, starting with a short organization meeting September 8.



Mark your calendar for Trunk or Treat on October 20 and The Christmas German Service December 8. More details to come.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – will break for the summer see you in September.
Bible Discovery Zone – will break for the summer see you in September.
Cradle Role – Available during the 11AM service.

August Worship Service Duties

Ushers: Frank Davis, Jeff Conner, Larry Jones, Terry Gano, Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll

4 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
 11 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
 18 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
 25 Avery Nagle/Volunteer

Cantors

4 Julie Davis
 11 Diane Reef
 18 Todd Baldosser
 25 Julie Davis

Sunday Sound Worship Team

4 Mike Dooley
 11 Ken Kroah
 18 Mike Dooley
 25 Ken Kroah

Sunday Video Worship Team

4 Tom Lawyer
 11 Julie Kroah
 18 Tom Lawyer
 25 Julie Kroah



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Lammers Memorial Sunday</p> <p>8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service - Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher - Prospective St. John's Minister</p> <p>12:00pm Congregational Meeting - Vote on calling a new minister, budget & Constitution line item</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Communion Sunday for August</p> <p>8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Christian Education Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:45pm Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p> <p>6:30pm The Chosen Season 2</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p> <p>6:30pm The Chosen Season 2</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One*

Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-in Service

Come as you are! Stay in your car!

No 8:00 a.m. on August 4

11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service

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Another Gospel by Alisa Childers. Answers for a culture of endless questions.

Overcomer DVD. Family film with a mix of faith, humor and heart.

For Children

Answers Book 4 Teens. Vol 1 by Bodie Hodge. Make no mistake ... God is seeking you.

***** These featured books and DVD's can be found in the church library on the center shelves*****