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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***



***June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday***

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

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

June 8, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“Shine Jesus Shine” Kendrick

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 618

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

- 1) **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!
What more can be said, than to you God has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2) **“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 5) **“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved, the Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as
family in Christ

All: We are children of God, heirs of grace

Leader: Have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us creating and
renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and
one another

All: We are children of God, co-creators in grace

Leader: Be encouraged, the Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with
mercy and Grace, witnessing to us about God’s steadfast love for His
people

All: We are children of God, witnesses to grace

Leader: Whether in a rushing wind or gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes
you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace

**All: We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit. Thanks be to
God, Amen**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: May we feel Your Presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people who gathered on that first day of Pentecost. May You rush into our hearts and empower our souls. May we be inspired by Your Spirit to love a life more faithful to God as we pray the words Jesus' taught us, ...

***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.

***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.

Affirmation of Faith:

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself,

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,
to resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

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 Reading	John 14: 25-27
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Scripture Reading	Acts 2: 1-4
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Sermon	"As Yet There was No Spirit"	Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher
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Hymn	"There's Something About That Name"	(Repeat 2X) No. 115
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!		
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.		
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:		
kings and kingdoms will all pass away,		
but there's something about that name!		

Invitation for 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 for the Offering**

All: God of wind and flame set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of Your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the day of Pentecost. Remind us that the gift You gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different languages but also the gift of hearing and understanding. May Your Holy Spirit keep us at tinder to the voices around us and Your voice within as we hear and share words of hope, faith, compassion and blessing. May these tithes and offerings today, given through Your Church, meet the needs of the people in our Church, Community and beyond. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 5

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God’s grace.**
- 2) Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life, and health, and peace.**
- 4) Glory to God and praise and love
be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.**

***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. CCL#2548454**

Postlude

“Rejoice the Lord is King” Traditional

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” Corrie Ten Boom

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

June 15, 2025

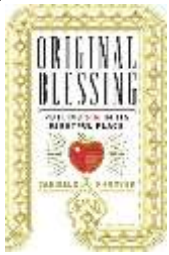
A Father's Love

Psalm 103:13

Sermon Notes

To our members, 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!



The book study group will continue to meet during the summer. In June, we will meet each Thursday (5, 12, 19, 26) at the River Road Coffee House on the square in downtown Newark at 11am. Sometime this month, we will finish the current book and move to another. We find our discussions welcoming and affirming as we share ideas and discussions about growing as Christians. This summer we will be discussing love, grief, politics and community, sometimes difficult topics to cover. Come and enjoy excellent coffee and meaningful discussions as we grow together in faith.

Mission Focus for June

The Mission Team will be leaving on June 29, 2025, for Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. This will be the 10th year that St John's has been involved with this mission. We continue to collect 13-gallon size garbage bags and 33-gallon size trash bags (new boxes of each) as our special gift to the mission. Please place your donation in the baskets in the fellowship room prior to June 29, 2025. All bags donated will be sent to Big Creek Missions in Bear Branch, Kentucky, along with our missionaries. Thanks for helping to make this a special year for our team.
Mission and Outreach Committee

You are cordially invited

to the

Service of Installation

of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher

as the Pastor

of St. John's United Church of Christ

285 W. National Dr., Newark, Ohio

June 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.



With gratitude and great joy, we celebrate the installation of Reverend Dr. Stephen Swisher as our Minister, Teacher, and Leader in Christ.
A reception will follow the service

St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27

Join us for music, stories, science, games, snacks and more!

9:00am – 11:30am

Ages pre-school through 6th grade.

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ST. JOHN'S UCC VBS REGISTRATION FORM

285 W. National Dr. Newark, OH 740-323-2407

Preschool through Sixth Grade

June 23 - 27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Child's age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

T shirt size: Child S___ M___ L___ Adult S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the VBS staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Photographs (Please sign only to disallow photo use)

I **Do Not** allow photographs and/or video representations of me or my child to be taken for the express purpose of telling stories about the church VBS experience and/ or promoting church activities in the future.

Signature _____ Date _____



General Prayers: Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Lois “Lyn Cayton” Montgomery & Molly Sheets

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:

Mel Cunningham, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Molly Sheets, Lois Swonger & Debbie Snow



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

- Aiden Barnes
- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father)
- Mr. Bill Klinesmith (Julie Kroah's father)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher
- Mark D: Cancer return

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Diane Reef

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Larry Jones, Terry Gano,

Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

10:30 am: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah

Thank you for your continued support! In addition to your giving in person, by drop off, by mail, or by clicking on the donate button on the website, you can also scan this QR Code.

We continue to find new ways to connect with our members and our community that are convenient, secure, helpful, and relevant to the ways in which some people prefer to donate. We thank God for our ability to offer these methods for those who may choose to use them.



Sunday: June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am Thursday Book Study

“Original Blessing, Putting Sin In Its Rightful Place”

Shroyer - at River Road

Coffee on the Square

Sunday: June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of June 1, 2025	1,043.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 7,376.25)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	\$ 25,688.20
Donations still needed	\$ 965.99

ATTENDANCE

Report for Sunday, June 1

8:00 am - 24 11:00 am - 70

Sunday, June 1 Live Stream Views - 294

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: 9am -12pm. 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!