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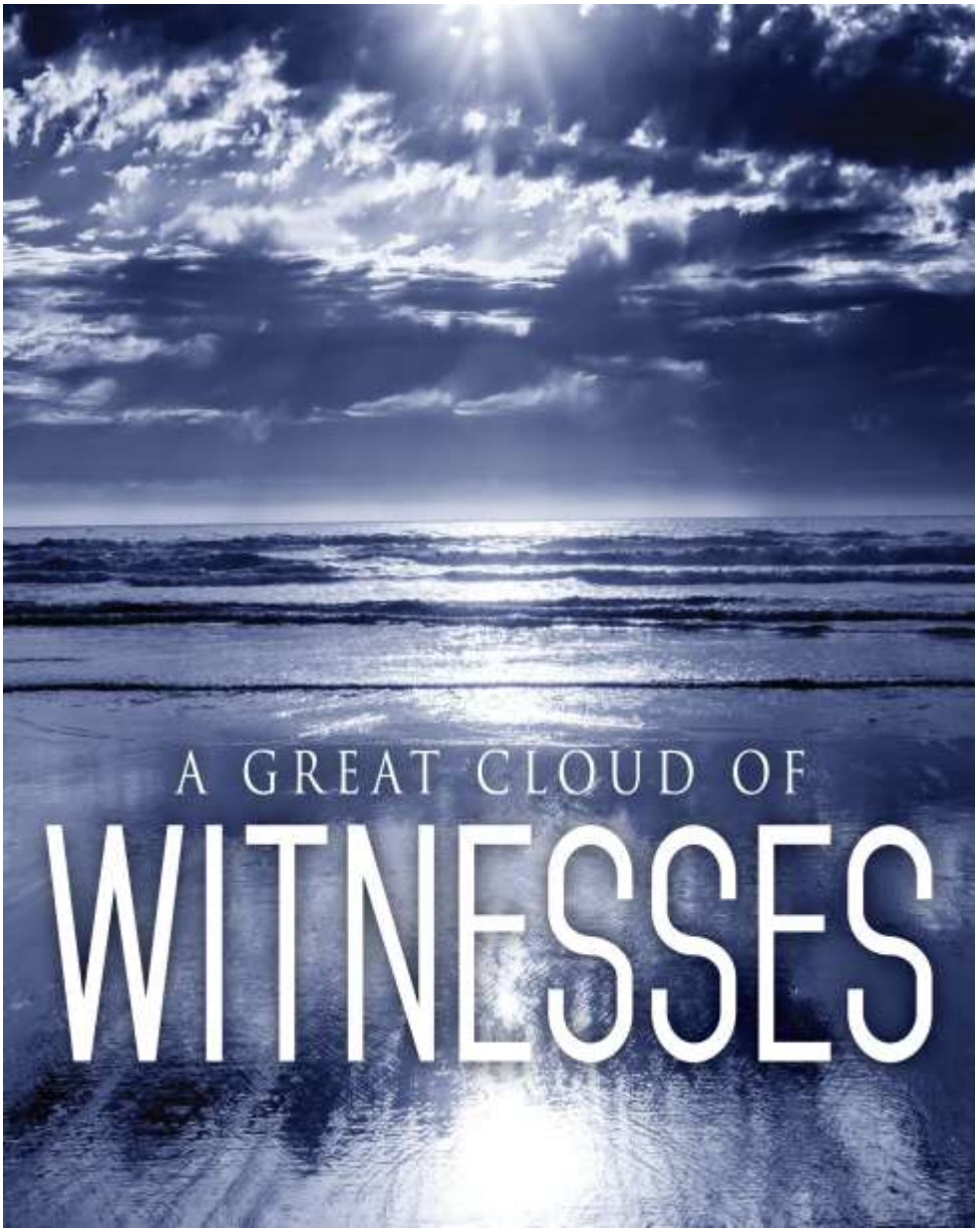
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Rooted in the Evangelical and Reformed Traditions
We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One



November 1, 2026
Communion Sunday
All Saints Day
International Day of Persecuted Churches

Chapel Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

November 1, 2026 *Chapel Service* *8:00 am*
Sanctuary Service *10:30 am*

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude (8:00 a.m.) Jane Shoemaker
"Ring the Bells of Heaven" arr. by Berry

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Pie Jesu" *from Requiem* Faure Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn "For All the Saints"** (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5) **No. 637**

1) For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2) Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What kind of love has God given us?
All: A love that proclaims we are God's very own
Leader: On this day, we remember the Saints of God who have gone before us
All: And we claim our own inheritance of faith in Christ
Leader: We Praise the Lord and sing a new song of thanks for all the people of Light who have paved the way
All: Come, let us Worship God with all of our hearts, souls and voices

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: **God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of Saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within us as encouragement and strength. As we step over the threshold into November, walk with us in every sunrise, every challenge, each opportunity and every quiet moment of grace. Lead us by Your wisdom, keep us in the shelter of Your love and help us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as we pray His words of faith;**

******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.

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.

Special Music (8:00 a.m.) Jane Shoemaker

"Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. by Hayes

Choir Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Peace Like a River" Althouse

Ringing of the Bell Jeff Connor



Remembering Our Saints

Mel Cunningham Died: November 12, 2025	C. David Carpenter Died: May 19, 2026
Edward C. Hummel Died: December 2, 2025	Lois Ann Meyers Died: June 15, 2026
Norma Jean Martin Died: December 25, 2025	Rosalie Johnson Died: May 4, 2026
Larry E. Crane Died: January 18, 2026	Phyllis J. Lawyer Died: September 28, 2026
Sally Kay Penrose Died: April 11, 2026	Rachel Ilardi Died: October 18, 2026
Donald M. Boldt Died: April 23, 2026	

Scripture Reading Joel 2:32 Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1:2

Sermon "Remembering" Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn **"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"** **No. 638**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

1) **In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;**
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2) **There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;**
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3) **In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;**
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Service of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation:

Pastor: This table continues to draw us to the place of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and breakthrough. All are Welcome to both Celebrate and Participate in this Holy Sacrament.

Prayer of Confession:

All: Return to the Lord for He is merciful. Dear God we pause with our hearts open to You that there may be things we have not confessed with our whole hearts. We release those things now in Jesus' Name and ask for Your cleansing and forgiveness.

Declaration of Renewal:

Pastor: Hear the Good News of the Lord; "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud and your sins like the morning mist, I have forgiven your mistakes and guided you into my loving Presence." (Isaiah 44:22)

The Giving of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "He Is Exalted" Paris Todd Baldosser

***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 Thanksgiving over the Offering**

All: God of all generations, Like Your saints who have gone before us, we pray that You will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in Your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far away. So that in so doing, one day we may stand amidst a multitude of the faithful gathering around Your Heavenly throne. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

***Closing Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" No. 4**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2) Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everliving, through eternity.

4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***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. CL#2548454

Postlude (8:00 a.m.) "For All the Saints" arr. by Berry Jane Shoemaker

Postlude (10:30 a.m.) "When the Saints Go Marching In" Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week
"There is nothing like a dream to create the future."
Victor Hugo
Legendary author

Dr. Swisher's message next week:
Sunday, November 8, 2026 (Veteran's Day Sunday)
"The Enduring Power of Freedom"
1 John 3: 1-3

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!



Starting November 1, 2026

Join us inside for the 8:00AM Chapel Service.
With the weather turning colder, the Outdoor Drive-In Service will be moving indoors.



November 1, 2026

More than 388 million (360 million in 2025) Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith in Jesus.

We Enter Through Our Front Door Because We CAN!

To observe the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church where many have to hide their Christian faith in fear of persecution, we here at St. John's are encouraging everyone to enter through the front door. Enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary as you walk up the front steps while remembering and praying for those who cannot worship in freedom as we can.

Mission and Outreach for November

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, thankful for the many ways God has blessed us this year, we look for ways to share our blessings with others. One that we did last year was especially appreciated. We would like to continue this year collecting boxes of cereal for the St. Vincent Men's Haven. There will be a collection container in the Fellowship Room for boxes of cereal. All kinds are appreciated. Thanks for giving.

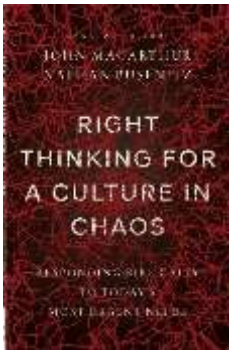
MEMORIAL GIFTS

To the Glory of God And in Loving Memory of Phyllis Lawyer
by Bill & Nancy McInturf

In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Carl Kochendorfer
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Susan K. Bourquard
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Bill and Sharla Miller
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Jill Carpenter
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by James Pryor
In memory of Phyllis Jeanne Lawyer from Chip & Tina Taft
In memory of Phyllis Jeanne Lawyer by Timothy Perna
In memory of Phyllis Jeanne Lawyer from Rich & Debbie Cottrell
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Brad Edwards
To the Glory of God And in Loving Memory of Phyllis Lawyer
by Frank and Vicky Davis
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Tim and Beth Powers
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Ralph and Charla Devine
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Wilson, Shannon & Snow, Inc.
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer from the Applegate family
In memory of Phyllis Lawyer by Chuck and Anita Chirdon
In memory of the joy he (Lawrence Joseph Jones) brought to many lives…
his friendship was a blessing - Forever in my heart - Jill Ehrenfried



As we move forward with the elevator upgrade project, we have placed envelopes at both bulletin tables in the Sanctuary for your use if you would like to contribute to the Elevator Project Fund. Contributions will be used to repay the loan amount back to the Foundation Fund. You can also mark your offering envelope or check with Elevator Fund. Thank you for your support for this important investment for our church.



Book Club

The Book Study group will meet on Thursday, November 5, 12 and 19 at 11am as usual. There will be no meeting on the last Thursday of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We meet at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. The current book is Right Thinking for a Culture in Chaos, Responding Biblically to Today's Most Urgent Needs by John MacArthur and Nathan Busenitz. Come join the discussion and fellowship.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE -

- will meet this month on Wednesday, November 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room of the education building. Hostesses for the day are Mrs. Vicky Davis and Mrs. Janet Snider. Our Bite Size Bible Study will be on the Widow of Zarephath.

Our program will be the gathering service of our Thank Offering jars, and the decision of where to give the offering this year.

We will also gather and finish assembling our "Thanksgiving Dinner for 2" for distribution through our Little Pantry. Ingredients to include in the bag are:

1 box of turkey stuffing,
2 small cans of turkey or chicken
1 packet of Pioneer turkey gravy mix (2 cups)
1 small packet of mashed potato mix
1 can of corn.

All ingredients will fit in one-gallon zip-lock bag. We will include instructions for making the meal.

Our business meeting will also include making plans for our December meeting (December 2, 2026). All women of St. John's are always invited to attend our meetings for food, fellowship and study.

St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.



To replenish our food pantry every day we need your help every week. There are collection boxes near each entrance to the Church. Keep in mind that many of the people using this pantry have limited cooking facilities. Ollie's, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's are good places to find foods at good prices. Cans with pull tabs when possible and no glass containers! Thanks for your support! https://www.littlefreepantry.org/



Bible Discovery Zone Sunday Classes
9:00AM

Adult Class



Join us for

Revelation: Hope vs Fear

by Carl Kochendorfer

Led by Carl Kochendorfer

Meet in the large meeting room

Youth Class



Join us for

"The Thread"

By YM360

Led by Elaine Gard

Meet in the small meeting room

Classes at 10:30AM

Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church

Ages 5 - 12: Join us for Bible lessons, crafts and games

Meets in the Bible Discovery Zone classroom

Ages 0—5 Nursery care is available



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Advent Study

Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us!

Join us November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2026, at 9:00AM in the Large Meeting Room

St. John's United Church of Christ

Positive Living
Podcast



Hosted by

Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Swisher

St. John's UCC Senior Pastor

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Special Guests Include



Shawn Barker
Johnny Cash
Tribute Artist



Clint Holmes &
Kelly Clinton Holmes
Entertainer
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Karen Hester
Dolly Parton
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Donna Chafee
Author of
"First Great Sorrow:
My Years with RFK"



Dr. Robert A. &
Donna Schuller
Crystal Cathedral
Ministries



Rev. Adam Hamilton
Sr. Pastor and Author



Dwight Icenhower
World Renowned
Elvis Tribute artist



Justin Ezra Sullivan
Kenny Rogers
Tribute artist



E'Casanova Evans
Official Michael Jackson
Body Double

Special Guests Include



Steve March-Torme
Musician/Radio Host
Son of Mel Torme



Butch Patrick
Child start Best known
as Eddie Munster



Brandon Cruz
Child start Best known
as Eddie in
The Courtship of Eddie's Father



Ty Herndon
Country Music Star
"What Mattered Most"



James William Anderson III
Singer, Song writer & TV Host
Member of the Grand Old Opry



Tom Stevens
Tony Bennett Tribute Artist



Dion DiMucci
Of Dion and the Belmonts
Rock & Roll HOF Inductee



Graham Nash
of Crosby, Stills & Nash
and The Hollies



Dion Pride
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Poinsettia ORDERS

This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office.

6.5" pot $ **12.00/each**
1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

Please order early. The DEADLINE for placing orders is Sunday, November 29, 2026.
Please pick up plants after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 20, or after the Christmas Eve Services on December 24.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.
_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

For Poinsettias and Memorials: Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin: (i.e.: In honor of or in memory of……..... by or from……..……)

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You may also choose **(please check the box below)** to remember a loved one with a gift to the Abiding Memorial Fund ☐ or the Foundation Fund ☐ (if one is established). All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 6** will be listed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 13, Sunday, December 21 and Christmas Eve.** Fill out the information above. Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office, or mark your envelope with the information.

Thank you!



General Prayers: Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Eli Taylor, Carl Kochendorfer, Trisha Boehmer, Delores Williams, & Jerry Goodman

Church Members Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents: Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Faith Kelly, Dolores McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Molly Sheets, Debi Snow

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:
Jeff Conner

Cantor:
10:30 a.m. Todd Baldosser

Ushers:
Frank Davis, Terry Gano,
Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:
Volunteer

Bible Discovery Zone:
Brian Lensink/Youth

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:
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.

Attendance Report for Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 20 10:30 a.m. – 65
Sunday, October 25 Live Stream Views – 192

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday:	**November 1, 2026**
	All Saints Day
	Communion Sunday
	International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Indoor Chapel Service
9:00 am	Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30 am	Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
10:30 am	BDZ Children's Church & Cradle Roll
Tuesday:	
12-1:00 pm	LifeWise Academy
Wednesday:	
1:00 pm	Afternoon Circle Meeting- Thank Offering Collection
6:00 pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting
6:00 pm	Crystal City Chorus
Thursday:	
11:00 am	Thursday Book Study, Right Thinking for a Culture in Chaos, Responding Biblically to Today's Most Urgent Needs by John MacArthur and Nathan Busenitz. at River Road Coffee on the Square
12:30-1:30 pm	LifeWise Academy
Sunday:	**November 8, 2026**
	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Indoor Chapel Service
9:00 am	Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30 am	Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
10:30 am	BDZ Children's Church & Cradle Roll

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

Finances for the Month and Year to Date

General Fund Income	September	Year to date
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	6,246.32	76,435.48
Income from Foundation Fund	11,500.00	103,500.00
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	33,824.97
Month & YTD Total Income	21,998.21	220,534.53
General Fund Expenses	24,343.40	233,943.97
Over/Under Month & YTD	**(2,345.19)**	**(13,409.44)**

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