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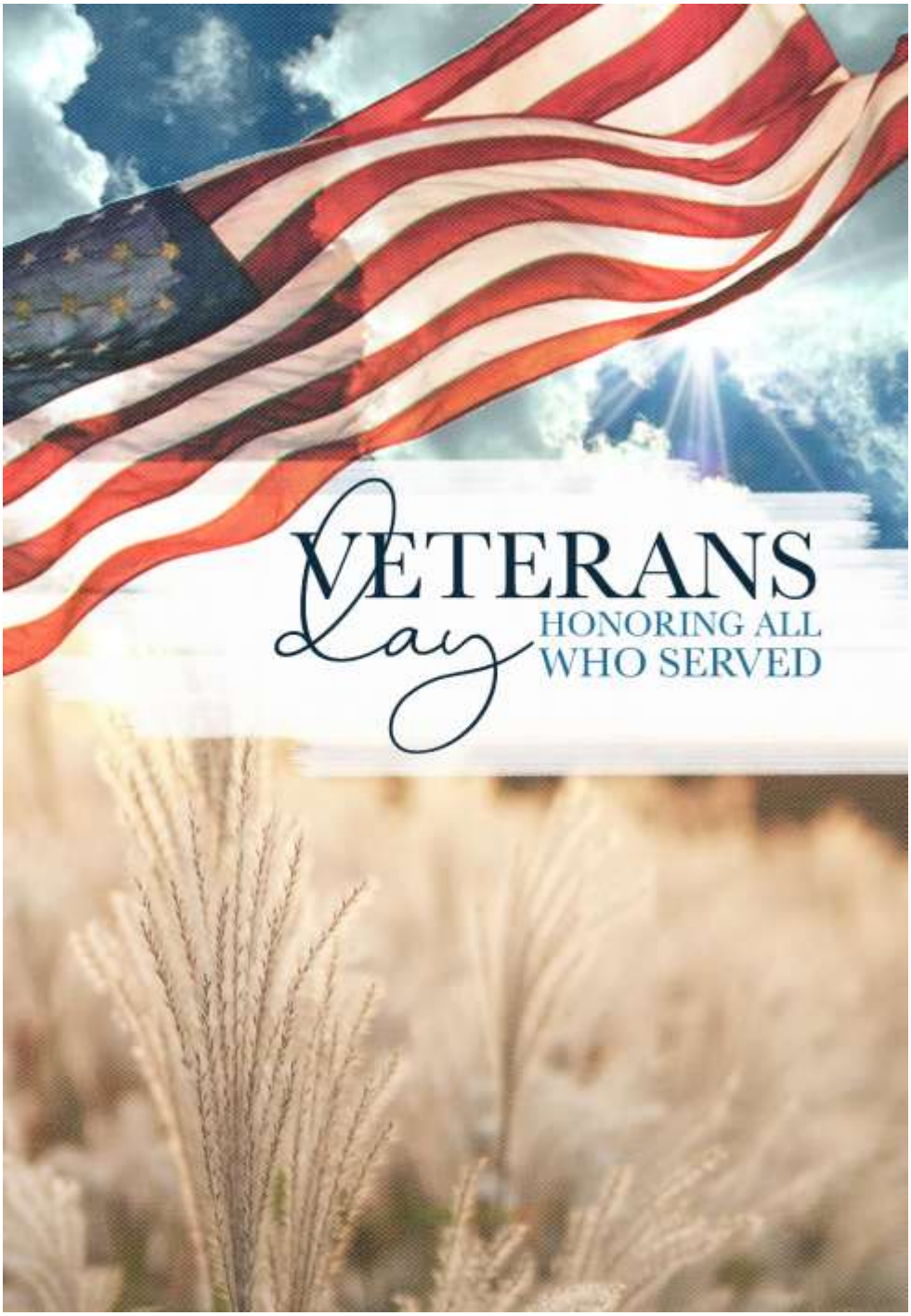
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Rooted in the Evangelical and Reformed Traditions
We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One



November 8, 2026

Veterans Day Sunday

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

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

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude (8:00 a.m.) Jane Shoemaker
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" arr. by Thygerson

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "God Of Our Fathers" Warren Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** **"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"** **No. 705**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of sis terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Refrain ***Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!***
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

3) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,
while God is marching on.

Refrain

***Please stand if you are able**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This week we recognize and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of men and women who have served in the Armed Forces

All: For all who have served to ensure our freedom, we honor you

Leader: We remember the hardship, separation from loved ones and sacrifice endured by our service members and their families

All: Grant each one, dear God, Your everlasting love, protection and comfort

Leader: Even the strongest human heroes stand in need of God's grace. wisdom and guidance

All: Let us Worship and praise God together

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Lord, God, creator of us all, author of eternal Light and originator of Peace, We are mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess in the United States of America. We ask You to Bless the members of our Armed Forces, Civil Service and those in elected offices and Foreign Service as they are deployed here at home or in an embassy, a border or a forward-operating Base worldwide. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light, discouragement to hope and doubt to faith. As we pray Your words of ultimate Freedom;

******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 — The Apostles' Creed *(Traditional Version)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Honoring of our Service Branches
(As the hymn of your military branch is played please stand and be recognized)
Our list of our Veterans is located at the end of the service in the bulletin.

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
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. by Wallis

Special Music (10:30 a.m.) "Over There" Cohan Johnny Pfeffer

Scripture Reading Romans 8:14-16 Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Sermon "The Enduring Power of Freedom" Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn "There's Something About That Name" 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

Offertory (10:30 a.m.) "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee" Smith 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: **Dear God, Our hearts of full of gratitude for Your abundant blessings and the freedom we enjoy in this Nation. As we bring our tithes and offerings to Your altar, we especially remember and honor the brave men and women of the United States military. We ask that You bless these gifts that they may be multiplied and used to extend Your love, peace, goodness and justice throughout our community and across the world. Protect our active-duty service members, comfort the families of those who have sacrificed, and grant each Veteran Your deep and abiding peace. May our lives and giving reflect the spirit of selfless service modeled by so many among us. In Jesus' Name. Amen**

***Closing Hymn** **"Marching to Zion"** (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) **No. 707**

1) **Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;**
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;**
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2) **Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;**
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

4) **Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;**
we're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching thru Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

***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.) Jane Shoemaker
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. by Johnson

Postlude (10:30 a.m.) "America the Beautiful" Ward Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week
"Faith, determination and a Positive attitude will take you further than ability."
Roy Benavidez
Legendary Green Beret
Medal of Honor Recipient

Dr. Swisher's message next week:
Sunday, November 15, 2026
"Information Verses Transformation"
Romans 12:2

Sermon Notes

Members Serving Our Country

We Thank You for Your Service!

Active Service Members

Colonel John (Jack) Jansheski U.S. Air Force
Connor Boyce - PO3 (Petty Officer Third Class) Navy



Sharon Foucht Alvarez – Air Force
Glenn C. Applegate – Navy
Ed Bagent – Army
"Red" Bebout – Navy
Richard Boyd – Army
Larry Crane – Army
Joan Mumaw Claypool- Air Force
Ron Claypool – Air Force
Scott Claypool – Air Force
Richard Conner – Navy
Mel Cunningham – Army & Air Force
Wilbert Davis – Army
Charles E. Dudley – Army
Weldon Dudley, Jr – Army
Joseph Dunn
Richard E. (Dick) Dunn – Army
James Everett – Army, National Guard
Gerald F. Farmer – Marines
Kenneth Ford, Jr – Marines
Charles Foucht – Navy
Steve Foucht – Air Force
Ed Fulk – Army
Charles Gillham – Army
Ron Gordon – Air Force
Larry Hamm – Army Nat'l Guard, Army Reserves
Don Handel – Army
Larry Handel - Army
Lester Handel – Army
Loren Hewitt – Army
Richard Hickman – Army
Terry Hill – Army
James Hostetler - Army & Ohio Nat'l Guard
Pat Huff – Women's Army Corp
David Hummel – Navy
Edward F. Hummel – Army
Edward C. Hummel – Navy
Melvin Imler – Air Force
Ralph William (Bill) Jackson –Navy
Waide James – Army
John Jansheski – Air Force
William Jansheski – Navy
Larry Jones – Air Force
Will Kern – Air Force
Gary Kinser – Marines
Louis Lammers, Jr. – Marines
William E. Lange – Army - Spec 4 & Air Force Reserves
William Lavelle – Army
Dr. Owen Lee – Army
Charles May - Air Force
Christopher W. McInturf – Marines
George McInturf - Navy
Timothy W. McInturf – Marines
William Miller – Army
Brodi Moeller – Army
Michael Moeller – Marines
Richard K. Muhleman - Army
Kelly Ann Nill - Air Force
Spencer Penrose - Air Force
John Pfeffer- Army, Air Force (POW)
Terry Priest
Rev. Glenn Rettig –Army - WWII
Grant A. Rhodes – Army
Jerry Satterfield – Air Force
Merle E. Scheetz – Army
Russell Snider – Army
Brice D. Shumaker – Army
James L. Shumaker - Army
Allie Snow – Air Force
Lowell H. Swisher – Air Force
Major Thomas W. Swisher – Air Force
Allen Tilton – Coast Guard
Don Trout – Air Force
Ernest Vannest – Army

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!

Special Veterans Day Positive Living Podcast

Available Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 10AM



Col. William J. Butler

President of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio.

Our special guest Army Airborne Ranger, Col. William J. Butler, the President of the National Veteran's Museum and Memorial in Columbus, Ohio. The only National Museum in America dedicated to honoring and elevating the stories of Veteran's of every branch of service. Col. Butler has served in Command positions around the world including tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also served as the military technical advisor for the Columbia Pictures/Ridley Scott film; Black Hawk Down.

Rededication of the St. John's Prayer Walk

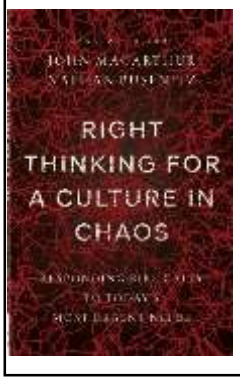
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The St. John's Prayer Walk, originally dedicated September 2020, has been updated with new signs, seating and mulch. Thank you to Pat Farley and Pat Gilbert for donating benches, to the Ladies Afternoon Circle and the Chirdon family for their monetary donations and to the Youth Group for laying new mulch and mounting new signs.



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 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.

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/

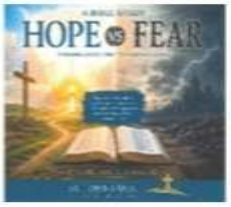


Mission and Outreach for November

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.

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

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. Diane Reef

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

Cradle Roll:
Volunteer

Bible Discovery Zone:
Marla Crowthers/Emmaleigh Crowthers

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:
10:30 am: Karson Ewing/Tom Lawyer

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday:	**November 8, 2026**
	Veteran's Day Sunday
	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Indoor Chapel Service
9:00 am	Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30 am	Sanctuary Service
10:30 am	BDZ Children's Church & Cradle Roll
11:30 am	Youth Group Meeting
Tuesday:	
7:00 pm	Finance & Stewardship Committee Meeting
12-1:00 pm	LifeWise Academy
Wednesday:	**Veterans Day**
10:00 am	Christian Education Committee 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
7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Friday:	
2:30 pm	Music Committee Meeting
Sunday:	**November 15, 2026**
	Twenty-fifth 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

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, November 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 21 10:30 a.m. – 52

Sunday, November 1 Live Stream Views – 159

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	October	Year to date
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	8,242.82	84,678.30
Income from Foundation Fund	16,000.00	119,500.00
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	37,583.30
Month & YTD Total Income	29,479.06	250,013.59
General Fund Expenses	24,732.82	258,676.79
Over/Under Month & YTD	**$4,746.24**	**($8,663.20)**

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