

Welcome Home!

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



The 2023 July Chimes

United Church of Christ

Prayer List

General Prayers: Debbie Jones, Barbara McKee & friends and families of Sandra Donson & Margery Kinser

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents: Barbara and 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 & Pat Farley

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 Rebecca Swartz at rebecasmail@aol.com

Church Family News

Sandra K. Donson

Born: August 16, 1954

Died: May 23, 2023

A member of St. John's since 1967



Margery A. Kinser

Born: January 6, 1924

Died: June 4, 2023

A member of St. John's since 1948

Afternoon Circle -

Last month our meeting was so much fun and so informative with Nancy (Kinser) Taylor of the Newark Water Department telling us all about WATER.

This month, we will meet on Wednesday, July 5, at Noon for a picnic lunch at the large shelter house at Rotary Park on Sharon Valley Road (behind the OSUN/COTC campus). We will be dining on KFC's delicious chicken pot pies, cookies, and punch. Please RSVP to Vicky Davis by Sunday, July 2, so she can order your pot pie. The cost is \$5.00. All ladies of our St. John's family are invited to attend.

July Sunday Worship Hours



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

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,422.17
Income as of June 25, 2023	<u>5,924.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,498.17)

Thank you for your support!



2023 Envelopes Boxes

Assigned Offering envelope boxes have arrived and are in the Fellowship Room. Please contact Anita in the office if your envelope box is not there or if you would like assigned envelopes. Thank you!



Independence...a concept that we in America hold dear. We celebrate it every year on July 4. But like any good thing, independence can be taken too far. When we become so invested in not needing to depend on anyone else for livelihood, subsistence, influence – when we are determined to be self-sufficient, unconnected, separate – we can also become too distant, too untethered. All the words I used here (not depending on anyone for livelihood, subsistence, influence, being self-sufficient and unconnected and separate) are different definitions and ways of explaining independence. Of course, being free from a tyrannical authority and being able to make fundamental decisions for ourselves is a good thing. But our original quest for independence in this country was focused not on each individual, but on all the people currently living in our country together. We sought independence TOGETHER. We wanted to make the decisions that were in the best interest of all of us living together in this country, not have those decisions made for us by someone else who wasn't experiencing what we experienced. Our United Church of Christ operates in similar ways. Each church is its own autonomous congregation, while still being in covenant with all the other churches in the United Church of Christ. So our visioning, our goal setting, our financial decisions all include discerning not only what is best for us at St. John's but also how our decisions affect the other churches and their members in our Association. Our decisions are made taking into consideration the needs of the Heartland Conference and our National setting. And, as followers of Christ, called to love our neighbors as ourselves, all our decisions are made thinking about the effects on all people in the world. Independence is a wonderful thing. Especially when it's accomplished in covenant with our neighbors.

Vintage Voices
CELEBRATE AMERICA!
July 4, 2023
2:30 & 4:00 p.m.
Centenary United Methodist Church
102 East Broadway
Granville, Ohio
Director: Kenneth Tubaugh

Concert is Free and Open to the Public; but we love donations! 😊

Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart®
Coming in September ...
A Ladies Mini Retreat
Details to come.
It is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8
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Fellowship Room

Visioning Meeting Comment Box

Please feel free to anonymously drop additional thoughts or comments that you would like to share with the Search Committee regarding the Visioning meetings. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary St. John's

July 18, 1841

Celebrating 182 Years

“Welcome Home, Welcome Home to St. John’s”

(By Mike Livingston for the 175th Anniversary)

Many years ago, not so far away, began a church in the south end of town
They gathered to worship their Lord and their Savior
and German was spoken out loud.

After years of staying true, they grew and they grew
And they ran out of room for the crowds
New land on the hill beckoned them still
further out in the south end of town.

Chorus: You may run, you may hide, but you're never too far away
If Jesus is really your guide
You may be brand new here,
or many years you have stayed
Welcome Home, Welcome Home to St. John's

A beautiful building, stately and new, grew up in the south end of town
Built by sweat, built by toil, and the sacrifice of love
Welcome Home, Welcome Home to St. John's

Through good times and bad, through fun times and sad
Stands the church in the south end of town
We've a story to tell of a faith that's done well
Welcome Home, Welcome Home to St. John's

Refrain: Our story is rich and we love where we've been,
but it can't be what we're all about
For the Savior is calling, and the harvest is ripe
Welcome Home, Welcome Home to St. John's

Thanks be to God for the many before us
The Witnesses who watch from above
May we follow in a way, that the Master will say
Welcome Home, Welcome Home from St. John's

**L.H. Lammers
Memorial Fund Sunday
July 30, 2023**

Rev. Louis H. Lammers was pastor of St. John's Church from 1922 until his sudden death in 1960. He married his wife, Bertha, shortly after graduating from Eden Theological Seminary and shortly before beginning his pastorate here. They had 4 children who grew up in St. John's and Newark. **Today** 2 of his grand-daughters, Mrs. Laurie Homrighouse, and Mrs. Cristi Hunkler are members of St. John's.

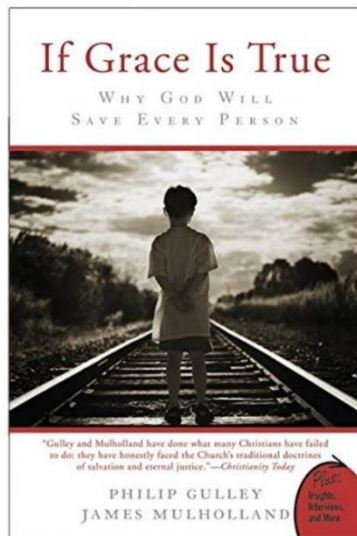
Rev. Lammers was much loved by this congregation and by this community. The church grew so much during his pastorate, a move to this brand new sanctuary was necessary in 1957. More fellowship groups were formed, new ways of reaching out to the surrounding community were performed, a son of the congregation was in seminary preparing for ordination.

Rev. Lammers died unexpectedly the day after returning from vacation. The congregation and the town were in shock. He was the beloved shepherd of St. John's. He was the dean of pastors in Newark.

To remember Louie Lammers, the Church Council voted the following June, 1961, to establish the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund to be able to provide scholarship money for students from this congregation studying for full time Christian ministry. The rules of the fund state that the loose offering on the **last Sunday** in July, would be put into the fund for this purpose. And every year since then, St. John's has collected this offering.

This year, **July 30**, is designated as the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund **Sunday**. Again, all loose offering (coin and currency not in an envelope) will be placed in that special fund. Anyone wanting to make a donation by check should clearly mark the check on the memo line with LAMMERS FUND, or have that on the envelope.

We hope to have Laurie Homrighouse and Cristi Hunkler with us on **Sunday, July 23**, to talk about their memories of their Grandpa and his work at St. John's. Please plan to be with us both **July 23**, and **July 30**, as we remember this great man in the history of St. John's.



Summer Book Study

Beginning July 6

"If Grace Is True"

By Philip Gulley and James Mulholland

11AM at the River Road Coffee House
on the Square, Newark.

Beginning July 6, Pastor Joyce will lead a book study on the book "If Grace Is True" by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. The study will meet at River Road Coffee-house (26 N Park Pl in Newark, just a few doors from Midland Theater) on Thursdays. We will meet at 11am and be done by noon. The book can be purchased at Amazon for approximately \$12. If you need help getting a book, please contact Pastor Joyce and she'll get one for you. This study will go through August 24, taking August 3 off while Pastor Joyce is on vacation. Please join us for some engaging conversation and faith exploration!

From the St. John's E&O Committee



By *Go Movement World – Kenya May 5, 2023*

Only God has the power to save.

But in our human zeal, we sometimes forget that. We like to make plans, draw diagrams, rally the troops, and take the hill. And we fail to remember that “unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1a).

We need to partner with God in this work of evangelism so that our labor is not fruitless or futile. So how do we access

that building power that the psalmist speaks of?

We ask Him for it. Prayer is where we start.

→ Ask God to help you identify 5 people for whom you can begin to pray. We have put together a list of biblical prayers to help guide your prayer times for your 5. Download it here at gomvmt.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/my5.pdf .

There is more to developing a consistent prayer life than loving God; there are practical matters. Here are two things to help you grow in prayer throughout the month of May (and beyond):

1. Set a schedule for regular prayer times.

There are many demands on our time so we must be intentional. If we do not set our schedules ourselves, others will set them for us, and the result will be very little time for prayer.

2. Make a prayer list.

Write out your prayer list (using our quick prayer card, for example) and use it during your prayer times. We will pray more often and with greater focus if we develop prayer lists and bring them to our prayer times.

Jesus is our example. He did not permit ministry to others to hinder His prayer life, nor did He allow His prayer life to hinder His ministry to others. Even after He had ministered long hours in preaching and healing the sick, He still departed to a solitary place to pray—to commune with His Father and be strengthened.

If praying was that important to Jesus, how much more important should it be to us?

Let's GO!

Note: Go Movement My 5 Help Guide is available in St. John's Fellowship Room.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL -

St. John's Church Council met on Monday, May 15, 2023



Devotions: Given by Rev. Joyce Wealand

Turban Project: Turban Project has a worldwide reach making and distributing turbans, hats, beanies and caps. The project is currently looking for a new place and we have agreed to allow the group to tour our building.

Treasurers report: As of May 31st, our total giving was (\$3987.78) less than budgeted but our expenses were (\$6093.95) less than budgeted. We are falling short approximately \$800.00 per month to support the budget. Hope we can continue to keep our expenses below budget to help the shortfall. Approval of report received by Greg Crowthers with a second by Tim Powers. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor Joyce asked we all commend and hold in prayer the search committee members as they are doing a wonderful job. Pastor Joyce will be attending seminars at NWCC. She will also attend camp at Temple Hills to work with and teach youth participants. See written report for additional information.

Communications: Alarms and suspicious activity at St. John's UCC should be reported to Tom Lawyer. Additional security cameras will be installed mid-June. An invitation to visit Trinity UCC has been received from Ryan Shield. Three (3) council members have accepted and are planning a visit in August.

New Business: Pastor Joyce wanted to gauge interest in Family Fun Fest for the community at St. John's. (This is not instead of Rally Day but in addition to/along with). Food and activities were suggested and given to Pastor Joyce for consideration.

Executive Session was opened to open Foundation Fund meeting.

Foundation Fund was opened and a Foundation Fund in the name of Sandra Donson was approved.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jeff Conner with a second by Francis Hill to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: is Monday, July 17th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

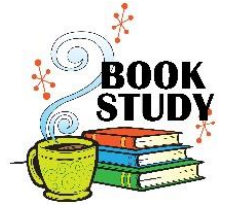
Congregational Meeting Re: Boiler Replacement

The results of the June 25th congregational meeting were to replace the boilers and create a Boiler Replacement Fund to generate the additional income needed for the project. Estimated cost of replacing the boilers and adding a backup generator is \$110,000. \$50,000 will come from the Property Maintenance and Improvement Fund, \$19,900 from the Glenda Prescott Estate Fund and the balance to be borrowed from the Mary Martin Estate Fund (to be paid back as money is received into the boiler Replacement Fund).



Rally Day is September 10, 2023! Celebrating 200 year of the song “Amazing Grace” with a Rally Day Carnival. Join us for breakfast following the 8AM service and enjoy games, fun and fellowship for all ages. Learn about upcoming activities as we anticipate the start of the new church school year.

Mid-week Book Study on Thursdays beginning July 6 through August 24 (taking off August 3,) Pastor Joyce will be hosting a book study on *“If Grace Is True”* By Philip Gulley and James Mulholland at 11AM at the River Road Coffee House on the Square in Newark.



Youth Group is taking a field trip July 30th to Flory Park for an afternoon of Frisbee Golf and a picnic.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Will break for summer.

Bible Discovery Zone – Will break for summer.

Cradle Role - During the 11AM service, for all ages.

July Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Role

- 2 Michelle Knowlton
- 9 Kelsie Best
- 16 Frances Hill
- 23 Frances Hill
- 30 Julie Kroah

Cantors

- 2 Diane Reef
- 9 Julie Davis
- 16 Don Boldt
- 23 Todd Baldosser
- 30 Diane Reef

Sunday Sound Worship Team

- 2 Mike Dooley
- 9 Julie Kroah
- 16 Mike Dooley
- 23 Julie Kroah
- 30 Mike Dooley

Bible Discovery Zone

Summer Break

Thursday Media Worship Team


- 6 Tom Lawyer
- 13 Julie Kroah
- 20 Tom Lawyer
- 27 Julie Kroah

Sunday Video Worship Team

- 2 Tom Lawyer
- 9 Julie Kroah
- 16 Tom Lawyer
- 23 Ken Kroah
- 30 Tom Lawyer



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 5:00am Bible Discovery Zone & Child Care 5:00am Visioning Process Session - One combined service beginning with breakfast 11:00am Congregational Special Meeting - Boiler Replacement</p>	<p>26 9:00am VBS - Hotline Hero</p>	<p>27 9:00am VBS - Hotline Hero 10:15am Chinese Assembly</p>	<p>28 9:00am VBS - Hotline Hero 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>29 9:00am VBS - Hotline Hero 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>30 9:00am VBS - Hotline Hero</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2 Communion Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>3 7:00pm Scout Meeting</p>	<p>4 Independence Day  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 12:30pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - Picnic in the Park (Fodary Park) 525 Sharon Valley Road 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>6 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce - "If Grace is True" - River Road Coffee on the square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>12 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>13 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce - "If Grace is True" - River Road Coffee on the square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service 2:00pm Todd Baldesser's Student Recital</p>	<p>17 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 2:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>20 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce - "If Grace is True" - River Road Coffee on the square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30 Lammer Memorial Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service 11:45am Youth Group - Flory Park</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>3 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>



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8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service
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For Children

Miriam Experience first hand the struggles of the Israelites in the land of Egypt.

From the Young Readers Christian Library.

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