

Welcome Home!

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



The 2023 June Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

General Prayers: Debbie Jones, Barbara McKee & friends and family of Carol Johnson

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents: Barbara and Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Sandra Donson, 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 rebecasmil@aol.com

Thank you

From Mary Prophet, President of South Newark Civic Association:

Dear Pastor Joyce, On behalf of the South Newark Civic Association (SNCA) I would like to express our thanks to you and your congregation for the support of St. John's in our spring cleanup. St. John's has made the effort possible year after year for the past 11 years. This year's event was one of our most successful of recent years. St. John's has been there through good years, great years, bad years and pandemic years. Thank you for that support and especially for your willingness to join our board. Sincerely, Mary Prophet, President SNCA

Our Little Pantry Thank you!

Thank you very much and Bless you – you're a life saver
Adam

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,422.17
Income as of May 21, 2023	<u>6,687.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 2,734.67)

Thank you for your support!



Carol Sue Johnson

Born: November 4, 1942

Died: April 27, 2023

A Member of St. John's since 1955



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!



June Sunday Worship Hours

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

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Except June 25 Visioning Session 9-11:30 a.m.



**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

Deuteronomy 15:7

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor."

We have lots of neighbors. How we define "neighbors" may be different for each of us. There's the neighbors who live next door to our homes. There's the neighbors who live in the area of our church. There's the neighbors who are part of the groups we are a part of – our congregation, our Bible Studies, our hobby groups, our friends. There's the neighbors who we don't know, but for whom we pray and support – those affected by wars or natural disasters in faraway places. While some of our neighbors may be far away, many of our neighbors are close by. Often as close as sitting in the next pew on a Sunday morning or worshipping online at the same time we are.

And there are many different types of needs. Some of our neighbors need financial help. Some of our neighbors need clothing or shelter or household goods. Some of our neighbors need companionship, spiritual care, presence. Some of our neighbors simply need a smile and a Hello.

Scripture tells us if there is any among us in need, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward them. We are called to give to help those in need. Give our financial gifts to help those who need financial support. And give of ourselves – our time, our listening ears, our loving hearts – to those who need us to be there for them. The giving of ourselves can be the harder of the options.

In the coming days, my prayer for us is that we open ourselves to one another, to hearing each other's questions, concerns, dreams, goals, and visions. That we are never hard-hearted in our approach to one another. That we offer all our neighbors, including each other, the love of God in whatever manner it is needed most. May it be so.

A Reminder:

Our Congregational Care Team, with Council approval, has updated our Prayer List protocols. If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please be in contact with Pastor Joyce or with Rebecca Swartz (rebecasmail@aol.com). Names will stay on the list for 1 month. A request can be made to continue to keep a name on the list. Please contact Pastor Joyce if you have any questions.

One Call Now:

In our busy times, reminders can be helpful! So St. John's uses our One Call Now system to send phone messages to our members to keep them updated on things happening at the church. If you're not getting our reminder calls and you'd like to, simply put a note with your name and phone number in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or contact the church office by phone or email. Your phone number will be added to the list. When you receive a call, the caller ID will show St. John's as the caller. When you answer, you'll hear the message: "Please stay on the line for an important message from St. John's Church." If you are not home, or can't answer the phone, the message will go to your answering machine or voice mail so you can listen to it at your convenience. You can remove yourself anytime by following the instructions as the end of the message, or by notifying the church office. Help us stay connected with you by adding your name and number to our One Call Now notification system!

Looking for Thursday Prayer Service leaders:

We all have important faith stories to share. We'd love to hear yours! Beginning in September, we will have a regular rotation of leaders for our Thursday Prayer Service. Pastor Joyce will continue to lead most services, but we invite others to lead as well. If you are interested in leading the service 2 or 3 times a year, please be in contact with Pastor Joyce to let her know. You can choose to create the entire service, or you can simply prepare a message to share and Pastor Joyce will create the rest. We look forward to hearing some new voices.

Congregational Meeting to Approve Replacing the Boilers

Sunday, June 25

Congregational Meeting



The boilers that provide heat to the church have reached the end of their useful life. Some repair parts are no longer available, so before a total breakdown we would like to replace them with two new high efficiency boilers that would also reduce our use of natural gas. We have obtained 3 bids, with the lowest coming from Houston Plumbing. It has been suggested that we also add a backup generator that would power the heating system to maintain heat during any extended power outage. Total cost would be \$110,000. We do have money available for this project but would need to borrow \$41,000 from a fund that would need to be paid back. We propose to start a boiler replacement fund and ask the congregation to support this fund in order to repay the \$41,000. For any questions regarding the replacement contact Frank Davis. If you have questions regarding the financing contact Bill McInturf or any member of the finance committee. **Please plan to attend this important meeting.**

FOSTERING FURTHER RECEIVES AWARD

Licking County's Fostering Further, a nonprofit organization that helps children in foster care, was recently honored by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund for their work in promoting and preserving the well-being of children. Presented during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Everyday Ohio Heroes Award was established under OCTF's Be a Hero in the Eyes of a Child campaign to celebrate individuals and organizations that dedicate their time, efforts, and lives to preventing child abuse and neglect. Fostering Further was one of 8 organizations to receive the award.

Fostering Further, with one of their outreaches located in St. John's Education Facility, is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that ensures child abuse and neglect victims are not forgotten. In 2013, a small group of volunteers consisting of adoptive and foster parents started the "Grant a Wish" program to help secure gifts for foster children that their foster families may not have been able to provide. "Starting Strong" was also formed under Fostering Further to assist old foster children with things like getting their driver's licenses, learning social skill, and more.

We congratulate Valerie Smith and all the volunteers from Fostering Further for their outstanding work and this wonderful recognition.



GRADUATION SUNDAY was May 21, 2023

Congratulations!

College Graduates

Shelby Weaver – Mt. Vernon Nazarene University

Bachelor's Degree

Granddaughter of Sharon Hickman

Shelby works at State Farm as an underwriter

Lauren (French) Dixon – Walden University - January 2023

Master of Science in Education, Curriculum & Instruction

Parents: Kevin & Pam French

Grandparents: Bill & Dorothy Jackson

Lauren plans to continue teaching 5th grade math and science
at Granville Intermediate

Search Committee Report May 12, 2023

Committee Members: - Chairman, Tim Powers - Co-Chairman, Terry Gano

- Brian Lensink - Jane Shoemaker - Pam Tulloss, Secretary - Barb Beck - Elaine Gard - Julie Kroah - Chuck Chirdon

The committee continues its progress organizing and assisting Pastor Joyce with the Visioning process.

I want to thank those in the Congregation that provided input on this process during the April 23 Visioning Session.

We have concluded one of four Whole Church Visioning Meetings.

A summary of our first meeting will be presented at the May 21 Visioning II meeting.

The committee met on May 10th to review the Congregation's input on the 4/21 visioning session and to review our timeline. We continue reviewing additional mini-survey results.

The committee's timeline is: - Visioning II whole church worship/meeting (including breakfast), on May 21, 9AM-11AM, both services combined. (Who is my neighbor/What are our core values)

The Committee will meet May 24 and review and condense input from the first two visioning sessions and begin assembling the Detailed Survey.

Visioning III whole church worship/meeting (including breakfast), on June 25, 9AM-11AM, both services combined. (Our UCC Heritage and UCC initiatives)

The Committee is to meet, review and condense input from this session and to complete the Detailed Survey by July 7, making it ready to send out to entire congregation. This may take two meetings.

Assemble and send out the Detailed Survey the week of July 10. Request surveys be returned by August 1.

The Committee will meet and review the survey and assemble the overall Profile by August 18.

Targeting Aug 27 for Visioning IV, which is the sharing of detailed survey results and the rough outline of our Church's profile.

Publish final draft of the profile by Sept 15.

I want to thank the committee for their work on this process and their input on all of the items it takes to create a profile for our Church. Getting everyone's input is critical to truly understanding who God is calling us to be and who God will send to us to be our Minister and Leader. I hope everyone will be able to attend the May 21 Visioning II session (and breakfast)!

Brightest Blessings,

Tim

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.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –

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



Devotions: Given by Rev. Joyce Wealand

Church Issues: Lammers Fund rules revision: Elaine Gard addressed the need for changes to rules #6 and #7 of the fund. Motion to change rules #6 and #7 given separately by Francis Hill, both seconded from Jeff Conner. Motions carried.

Boiler Replacement. Bill McInturf stated three estimates have been received for the replacement of the boilers. The planned budget for this replacement is \$100,000. A generator should also be considered for an additional \$10,000. A motion to go before the congregation with a request of \$110,000 was made by Jeff Conner with a second by Greg Crowthers. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, our total giving was (\$2,555.50) less than budgeted. Our expenses were (\$3,902.95) less than budgeted. Treasurer's report was given approval by Robin Green with a second from Greg Crowthers. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Joyce Wealand: To better meet the need, church committees will be asked to assist with visitations. M&O will create hygiene kits to be donated to Church World Service. In Sept., rotations will begin for Thursday evening prayer service.

Communications: The Southeast Newark Civic Association sent a thank you card for the Spring cleanup. Also, a thank you was found in the little pantry stating, "you saved my life."

Search: Visioning Session #2, is on May 21, Session #3 is scheduled for June 25. A survey will be completed and sent July 10th. Aug. 27, results of the survey reviewed, and a profile generated. Profile to go out Sept.15, 2023. Tim is organizing a trip to Trinity UCC. Contact Tim ASAP if you would like to go.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Greg Crowthers, seconded by Jeff Conner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Next Meeting: is Monday, June 19th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, June 7, at 1:00 in the Large Meeting Room for its monthly meeting. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Nancy (Kinser) Taylor from the Newark Water Department, talking to us about, what else? - WATER! We will also have our Bite-Size Bible Study, a business meeting, and refreshments will be furnished by Elaine Gard.

Last month's 151st Anniversary celebration was a huge success, thanks to everyone's salad making skills. And we learned a lot about our relationship with God by studying bird nests.

All ladies of the St. John's Church Family are invited to attend any or our meetings.

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Be sure to join the

Visioning Session #3

Sunday June 25, 2023

9:00AM — 11:30AM

In Hermann Hall

Breakfast will be served

Combined 8AM and 11AM worship services along with small group dialogue as we continue to work toward finding a called pastor.

Children's Sunday school will be available during this time.



Making Disciples as We Go

By Joel Vande Werken TodayDevotional.com May 2019

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples...” Matthew 28:18

Before Jesus ascended, he explained the mission that awaited his followers after he returned to his heavenly Father.

“Go and make disciples,” Jesus says. Although this may seem to involve two separate actions—going and making disciples—a better translation of this command is “Make disciples as you go along.” It is assumed that Jesus’ followers will often be “on the go” and actively doing something. And whether they are far away or close to home, their task is to walk alongside others by teaching them about Jesus and by demonstrating, through the work of the church, what it means to serve him.

“Making disciples” does not mean just bringing others to a one-time “moment of decision.” It involves continued learning together, growing together, and increasingly understanding what God has done in sending Jesus to die for our sin and calling us to serve him. All who follow the ascended Jesus share in this task.

Because we serve the Lord of all, we regularly ask ourselves whom God has in mind for us to meet as we go along. We seek to make disciples of our children, our neighbors, our co-workers, our whole world. And when we doubt or struggle in this task, Jesus promises that the authority of heaven will support us in it—always.



ST. JOHN'S UCC VBS REGISTRATION FORM
285 W. National Dr. Newark, OH 740-323-2407
Preschool through Sixth Grade
June 26 - 30, 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: _____

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 _____

St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible School

June 26 - 30

9:00am – 11:30am

Ages Preschool through 6th grade.

285 W. National Drive, Newark

740-323-2407 www.stjohnsnewark.org



Vacation Bible School 2023 – Hero Hotline! June 26 -30, 2023. Join us 9:00AM to 11:30AM as we learn how we are “Called Together to Serve God!” Cookie donations are welcome for snack time. Our mission this year will be to raise money for S.A.R.A (Sharing America’s Resources Abroad). S.A.R.A. is a non-profit organization incorporated in Ohio that distributes medical supplies, equipment and expertise throughout the world.

VBS donations are always welcome. This year feel free to stop by and help with registration or leading kids to their stations or just come sing and dance with us at the open and close. We are also accepting packages of cookies, large containers of bubbles and bottled water. Any donations can be dropped off in the Christian Education office.



The St. John’s Mission Team will be traveling to Kentucky June 4 – June 10. Please keep our missionaries in your prayers through their week of service.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Car Wash. It was a beautiful Saturday for a car wash and the kids worked really hard. We had a steady flow of customers for the whole 3 hours.



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.



June Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Role

- 4 Michelle Knowlton
- 11 Kelsie Best
- 18 Frances Hill
- 25 Frances Hill

Cantors

- 4 Diane Reef
- 11 Julie Davis
- 18 Don Boldt
- 25 Todd Baldosser

Sunday Sound Worship Team

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

Bible Discovery Zone

Summer Break

Thursday Media Worship Team

- 1 Julie Kroah
- 8 Pre-recorded
- 15 Pre-recorded
- 22 Pre-recorded
- 29 Pre-recorded

Sunday Video Worship Team

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



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	Choir Recognition Sunday Pentecost and Communion Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	Mission Trip - Big Creek Missions 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service 12:00pm Church & Ministry Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	9:00am Bible Discovery Zone & Child Care 9:00am Visioning Process Session - One combined service beginning with breakfast 11:30am Congregational Special Meeting - Boiler Replacement	26	27	28	29	30	1



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Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In
 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
 Except June 25, 2023 Visioning Session-9am Breakfast
 Followed by a Congregational Special Meeting
 7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service
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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR JUNE

Frush's Journals of Faith by Peggy L. Jenkins (sister of St. John's member Mike McCreary). A record of early Pentecostal history according to an eyewitness

The Inheritance (1997) DVD movie. A 19th-century woman, companion to a blue-blooded New England girl, falls for an aristocrat.

For Children

Great Miracles of Jesus by Borji Svensson. A change-the-picture storybook that lets the miracles of Jesus happen before your eyes with moveable tabs.