

# Welcome Home!

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

# St. John's

The 2023 October Chimes



## Prayer List

**General Prayers:** Debbie Jones, Barbara McKee, and Anita Chirdon

**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 [rebecasmil@aol.com](mailto:rebecasmil@aol.com)

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who were able to celebrate Rally Day with us. A special thank you to **Elaine Gard** for her presentation of "Celebrating 250 years of Amazing Grace the song" and to **Gary Kinser** for constructing the Noodle Javelin and Frog Flippin' games, for our celebration. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,422.17
Income as of September 24, 2023	<u>6,202.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,219.67)
Boiler Estimated Cost	\$ 110,000.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 41,000.00
Boiler Donations received	<u>3,533.20</u>
Donations still needed	(\$ 37,466.80)



Budget Meeting

Please mark your calendar - The Congregational 2024 Budget Approval Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2023 after the 11:00 a.m. service



## October Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-in Service  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service



The Outdoor Drive-In Service will be moving indoors for the colder months.

Starting November 5, 2023

Join us for the 8AM Indoor Sanctuary service.

## Member News!

### Wedding Announcement

Danielle Chirdon & AJ Davis  
Marriage Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Parents: Chuck and Anita Chirdon

## Member News Continued

### Area physician uses global experiences to connect to patients locally

By  
**Sidney Daily News**

August 31, 2023



DAYTON — Jennifer Lee, DO, MPH, is a family medicine physician with Wright State Physicians (WSP), and an assistant professor of family medicine with Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM). In addition to family medicine, Lee has a deep interest in and experience with global health. She is one of the main faculty for BSOM's Global Health Scholars Program (GHSP). She credits her global experiences with positively effecting how she cares for patients here at home.

Following residency, Lee devoted two years to completing a global health fellowship at the University of South Carolina and a Master of Public Health in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior. During this fellowship, she traveled to Nicaragua, where she did research in hypertension and provided patient care. Her work with BSOM's GHSP has allowed her to travel back to Nicaragua and take BSOM students with her.

When asked about the challenges that can come with global healthcare, Lee responded, "Global health takes time, investment, understanding, respect, compassion, humility, creativity and patience." She added how this experience has translated to the way she cares for patients at WSP: "My global health experiences continue to remind me that every person brings their own life story. All people have experienced beautiful joys and deep tragedies, either personally or in their family's history. An individual's life is rooted and enriched by one's background, culture, and community, all of which influence the patient's perspective and health in the biggest ways to the smallest details. For my patients, I strive to join each person on their journey for our time together, and global health enriches me so that I can do that to my fullest ability."

Lee is also trained in Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy (OMT). OMT uses manual manipulation to assess and treat the body for pain or restriction, and restores inherent function or range of motion through treatment. It can help with conditions including tension headache, pain with pregnancy, menstruation, sinus pressure, and back or neck pain. Lee's additional clinical training includes travel medicine, point-of-care ultrasound, and Lifestyle Medicine.

Lee is accepting new patients in family medicine and for OMT. Lee sees patients at the WSP main health center, 725 University Blvd., Fairborn, near the soccer fields on the Wright State University campus. Call 937-245-7200 to schedule an appointment.

#### *AFTERNOON CIRCLE -*

*- will meet on Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Mrs. April Kinser will be the hostess. Our Bite-Sized Bible Study will be on "Abi". Don't know her? Come and meet her with us. As part of our program, we will be decorating Thank Offering jars. Please bring a medium jar (glass or plastic) with a lid.*

*All women of our St. John's family are invited to join us.*

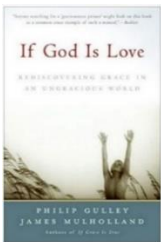


Name a famous character who is green. This is just one of the many “Family Feud” style questions we enjoyed at our recent Game Night. Everyone brought their own dinner and we gathered around a table to eat and get to know one another better. Then the games began! With many options to choose from, we laughed over random questions that tested our thinking as we started playing a game together. (Kermit the Frog...the Jolly Green Giant...who else was green?) We snacked on the shared desserts that were brought, told some stories about baking and cooking mishaps from our pasts, then moved on as some played Skip-Bo and some played Euchre. The evening ended much too soon and we all agreed we need to do this again. Through it all, the spirit of fellowship and love was very present.

In Matthew 18: 20, as Jesus was teaching the gathered people about how to be a community and how to live and function together, he said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” When we are together, in small groups or larger ones, in worship or in meetings or over a meal or around a card table, whenever we gather as a community of faith, we are reminded that we are not alone. We are surrounded by our teachings, by our commandments to love one another, by our call to share our resources. When we gather – two or three of us, or more –every space around us is infused with the Holy Spirit, urging us to engage in healthy conversations with one another, stretching us as we navigate different perspectives and points of view, guiding us as we change and grow, and encouraging us to invite others on this journey with us.

Being the church can be hard work sometimes. It requires moving outside of our comfort zone. It asks us to wrestle with hard topics. It calls us to love one another, even in our unlovable moments. Along the way, there is value in simply gathering to have fun and to laugh together. When we do, the Holy Spirit laughs along with us and our interwoven connections with one another grow stronger. The next difficult conversation becomes a bit easier because there is new common ground we’ve experienced together.

Spending time with each other, as God’s beloved community, bears good fruit. Thanks be to God. Come join us in whatever we plan next!



Rev. Wealand is having a Book Study discussing the book, *If God is Love* by Phillip Gulley and James Mulholland, Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at River Road Coffee House on N Park Place.



**Here are some titles that have been out for some time.**

*Best Loved Poems of the American People* by Hazel Felleman

*He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado

*Gentle Moon: The story off Molly Lee* by Deanna Windon

*Please Give a Devotion for Woman’s Groups* by Amy Bolding

*Reaching Out to the Unchurched* by Douglas Johnson

*Faking Church* by Dan Schaeffer

*No More Shacks!* By Millard Fuller

*Devotions for Growing Strong* by Charles Swindoll

## Update from your Search Committee

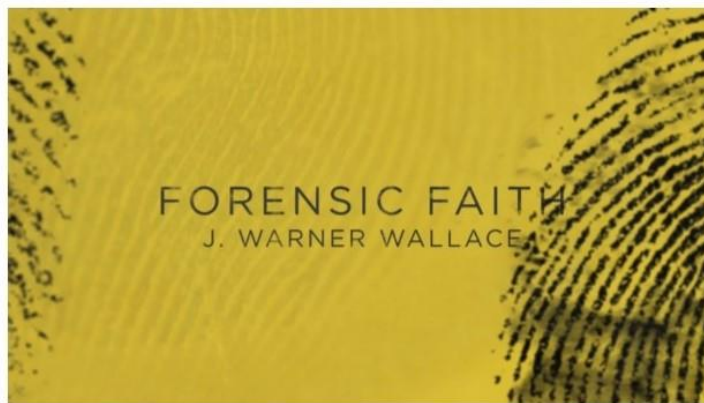
We are in the final stages of preparation in our search process.

1. Now that we have completed the self-study (Visioning) and community learning process (Surveys) which identified our church's imagination for the future and corresponding pastoral needs, we are in the process of completing a church profile for potential candidates.
2. We will initiate a search process for a new pastor in accordance with our bylaws. Our conference office will advertise our open position to UCC clergy across the country. Our search committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation.
3. Our goal is for the congregation to elect, in a unified way, a new pastor whose gifts God can use with us and among us for the sake of the Gospel.

The tradition practiced in the United Church of Christ of "calling" a pastor affirms the active presence of God's Spirit in the search process. We will prayerfully seek a pastor with particular gifts and skills while recognizing that candidates are also engaged in a Spirit-led discernment process. We will keep you informed on a regular basis as we move toward God's future as a congregation.

In Christ's name,  
St. John's Search Committee

ADULT  
Sunday School



Starting September 17, the Adult Sunday School class will meet at 9:30AM. To start the year off we will be looking at the DVD based Bible study "Forensic Faith" by J. Warner Wallace a veteran cold case detective. Come join us!

**NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL** – St. John’s Church Council met on Monday, September 18, 2023



**Devotions:** Tim Powers shared Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. There is a time for everything.

**Search Committee: Committee Chair** Tim Powers provided Council with their own copy of the Ministry Description created by the Search Committee. The quality and accuracy of the document was referenced, and the council thought it an excellent summary of the congregation’s goals for a new pastor.

Documentation of the church constitution was also presented in order to clarify the process by which a pastoral interview and hiring process can move forward and meet the requirements and/or recommendations of the constitution and the denomination.

Using data collected in the search for a new Pastor, the Search Committee has worked hard and has done a fantastic pulling together of the survey data in an understandable format. Results are on display in the Fellowship Room and may soon be accessible electronically.

Greg Crowther’s thanked the committee for passing along the survey response data to the council so that they can understand what the congregation wants us to know.

**Treasurers report**

Based on giving and expenses St. John’s is currently in the red at (\$6,795.38). Treasurer’s report received approval from Greg Crowthers with a second from Kirk Homrighouse. Motion carried.

**Personal Outreach Project – April Kinser**

April requested permission to use the St. John’s name as part of a scholarship for education at C-Tec on Price Rd. in Newark Ohio. The name to be used is St. John’s United Church of Christ Cloud of Witnesses Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is her intention to set up (and finance) a scholarship to benefit foster children in the C-TEC system. Further plans are in the works.

**Adjourn**

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

**Next Meeting:** is Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John’s are always welcome to attend.

***St. John’s Little Free Pantry***

Thank you for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled

The Little Free Pantry is for those who want and/or need to give. The Little Free pantry is for everyone. When you bring items to donate, put them right into the LFP. **Anyone** may access the LFP at any time. LFP is a reminder of our neighbors’ need that creates a place for exercising compassion, trust, and mutual aid.

**What to put in the Little Free Pantry**

Canned vegetables, fruits, pasta and proteins, peanut butter, kid-friendly non-perishables, snack-sized fruit cups, individually wrapped crackers, personal care items, paper goods, small school supplies, wrapped plastic utensils (saved from a restaurant).





## **Sent People**

by A.J. Gretz

August 25, 2020

Todaydevotional.com ReFrame Ministries

*"As you sent me into the world [Father], I have sent them into the world."  
— John 17:18*

The Bible describes Jesus' followers in a number of ways. We are called forgiven sinners, adopted sons and daughters, and beloved members of the body of Christ. All of these are key aspects of who we are in Christ.

But one of the most important identities we have is as "sent people." Just as Jesus was sent into the world to show God's love, so he now sends us to do the same.

After Jesus' resurrection, his followers received the Holy Spirit to empower them for mission. As Jesus' followers today, we are called to share the good news of Jesus in our words and actions, inviting people to place their faith in Jesus just as we have done.

Too often, local churches become wrapped up in their own concerns. Christians spend so much time running programs and dealing with internal goings-on that they have little energy to build relationships with people outside the church. It's not surprising that many of our churches are shrinking and that a lot of church "growth" is just a result of Christians transferring from one congregation to another. Jesus' teaching makes clear, however, that his followers are partners in God's mission of saving people who are lost in sin. It's not enough to simply talk about sharing our faith—it's part of our identity in being the people God calls us to be.

*Father, use my words and actions to help others understand the gospel and see their need for you. Amen.*

# Trunk *or* Treat



St. John's United Church of Christ

October 22, 2023 4pm—5:30pm

285 W. National Drive

Family Fun! Come in costume, enjoy candy, games, hotdogs and more. For more information about this community event call the church office at 740-323-2407.

**St. John's members and friends** - Come in costume and decorate your car! We'll be voting on the best decorated car/trunk!

Candy donations are gratefully accepted.



Trunk or Treat will be October 22, 2023 4:00PM -5:30PM. Everyone is invited to come and pass out candy from the trunk of their car to the neighborhood kids. We will also be providing a meal to all who attend. Be creative and decorate you car, wear a costume and add to the fun. Plan for about 300 kids. We are also accepting donations of candy. There will also be a competition for the best decorated car/trunk. See you there!

Youth will be meeting October 8 and 22 at 11AM. Bring a friend as we continue to work on service projects, study devotionals and games, fellowship and fun.



Adult Sunday school class will meet at 9:30AM. To start the year off we will be looking at the DVD based study "Forensic Faith" by J. Warner Wallace a veteran cold case detective. Come join us!

Looking ahead, the Children's Christmas Program will be December 10 during the 11:00 a.m. service. Practice will be held during Children's church in the weeks leading up the 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Sunday School Classes**

- Adult class** – Meet at 9:30AM in the large meeting room.
- Bible Discovery Zone** – meet at 11AM in the Thou Art room
- Cradle Role** – Available during the 11AM service.

**October Worship Service Duties**

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

**Cradle Roll**

- 1 Volunteer
- 8 Julie Kroah
- 15 Volunteer
- 22 Frances Hill
- 29

**Cantors**

- 1 Diane Reef
- 8 Julie Davis
- 15 Todd Baldosser
- 22 Don Boldt
- 29 Diane Reef

**Sunday Sound Worship Team**

- 1 Ken Kroah
- 8 Mike Dooley
- 15 Ken Kroah
- 22 Mike Dooley
- 29

**Bible Discovery Zone**

- 1 Brian Lensink & Emmaleigh Crowthers
- 8 Ken Kroah & Matthew Kroah
- 15 Elaine Gard & Karson Ewing
- 22 Frances Hill & Pat Farley
- 29

**Thursday Media Worship Team**

- 7 Tom Lawyer
- 14 Julie Kroah
- 21 Tom Lawyer
- 28 Julie Kroah

**Sunday Video Worship Team**

- 1 Julie Kroah
- 8 Tom Lawyer
- 15 Julie Kroah
- 22 Tom Lawyer
- 29 Tom Lawyer



# Quiet Prayer Time



**The St. John's Memorial Chapel  
will now be open for quiet prayer time.**

**Sunday Mornings**

**7:30AM - 8:00AM and 9:00AM - 11:00AM.**

## Volunteers Needed



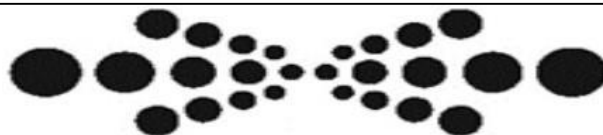
WAYS  TO SERVE



**Audio:** 11AM Sunday Morning Sound. Set up, monitor and record the 11AM Sunday Worship service. Training provided. Volunteer commitment is once or twice a month.

**Video:** 11AM Sunday Morning Video . Set up , monitor and live stream the 11AM Sunday Worship service. Training provided. Volunteer commitment is once or twice a month.

**Teachers:** Children's Sunday school teachers in the Cradle Roll and Bible Discovery Zone classrooms. Teach once a month with a helper. Lesson and activities are provided ahead of time. Enjoy spending time with our amazing kids.



*Youth Group*

October meeting dates

October 8 and 22

**11:00AM —12:00PM**

**Everyone welcome • Invite your friends.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 World Communion Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>2 7:00pm Scout Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>5 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce -"If God Is Love "- 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. 7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings 11:00am Youth Group Meeting 12:00pm Church &amp; Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Finance &amp; Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>11 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>12 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce -"If God Is Love "- River Road Coffee on the square 3:00pm Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>16 6:30pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>19 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce -"If God Is Love "- 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. 7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 Reformation Sunday 8:00am The Last Outdoor Drive-In Service for the season 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Reformation Day</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>2 11:00am Book Study with Pastor Joyce -"If God Is Love "- 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. 7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>



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### **Worship Services!**

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In  
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service  
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service  
Volume 23 Number 10

### **Address Service Requested**



October

#### **Main Office Phone**

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***The John Wayne Movie Bible Study*** by Stephan Skelton. Application for daily living featuring a classic film with relevant scripture on the teachings of Jesus.

### **For Children**

***A Child's Book of Grace*** by Paragon Publishing. Introduce children to the beauty and wisdom of faith.

**\*\* These featured books and DVD's can be found in the church library on the center shelves\*\***