

# Welcome Home!

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



# St. John's

The 2023 September Chimes

United Church of Christ



## Prayer List

**General Prayers:** Debbie Jones, Barbara McKee, the family of Richard K. Boyd, Rev. Joyce Wealand, and her family.

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



Please continue to keep Rev. Wealand and her family in prayer. Rev. Wealand's mother passed away on Saturday morning (August 12) after a brief time in hospice care. A Celebration of Life service will be held on September 9 in Pennsylvania.

## *IN LOVING Memory*

*Richard K. Boyd (of Cumming, GA)*

Born: October 8, 1946

Died: July 25, 2023

A member of St. John's since 1971

He is survived by members, wife, Patricia Steele Boyd, son, Darin Boyd, daughter, Melissa (Brett) Hunter and sister Dorothy Turdo.

## Thank You!

St. John's UCC,

We are so grateful for your generosity! Thank you for your gift! It is only by support such as yours that we continue to serve those in our care! God Bless You All!

Jessame Fout – St. Vincent Haven

## Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,422.17
Income as of August 27, 2023	<u>5,254.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 4,168.17)
Boiler Estimated Cost	\$ 110,000.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 41,000.00
Boiler Donations received	<u>2,968.20</u>
Donations still needed	(\$ 38,031.80)



## 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



## September Sunday Worship Hours

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

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service



Life has a way of catching us off guard. Even when we think we've prepared ourselves.

As many of you know, my mother died on August 12. She had been ill with Rheumatoid Arthritis for over 30 years. The medication she took to relieve her pain and allow her to have some quality of life took a toll on her body. The last few years have been difficult. I miss her and will continue to miss her every day, but I am thankful that for her, there is no more pain. I've known this day was coming, when her body would give out, when she wouldn't be here for me to text or call or visit. I've intentionally spent the last few years making more visits, having the conversations I wanted to be sure we had, sharing that extra cup of coffee together before I ended a visit and returned home. But I still wasn't ready.

It's at moments like this when our deepest understandings of our faith are so important to us. My mother and I talked often about our faith. She was one of the most advanced thinkers I know, and our faith understanding was closely aligned. I know she wasn't afraid to die; in fact, she was ready. I know her relationship with her God was something she held confidently. I find comfort in that. I know that some of her beliefs were ones that others didn't agree with. And I'm ok with that. I know in the depths of my heart that my mother is at peace, and that the love of God surrounds her.

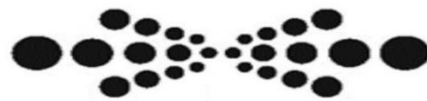
God's grace is grace that is extended to all of us. We don't have to all think alike. We don't have to all believe the same thing. Some of our beliefs may even be in direct opposition to what others believe. Those are our human conversations to navigate. I believe that regardless of what we believe or whether or not we agree, God's grace is grace that is extended to us all. For some people, that is a very comforting thought, for others it's a very challenging thought. But there it is. One of the most important lessons I learned from my mother: God's grace is grace that is extended to every person - past, present, future.

Rest well, Mom. I'll miss our morning coffees together. Thank you living your life showing God's love and grace to all you met.

#### AFTERNOON CIRCLE -

-will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room. We will have another installment of our Bite-Sized Bible Study, this month on "Belshazzar's Mother". We will spend our meeting working on a special service project. Refreshments will be provided by Beth Lee.

There are only a few places left for the Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 to Noon. "Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart" will be the theme. Relaxing, Renewing, Refreshments, Reading, Reacquainting. The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring this event in the Fellowship Room for all ladies of our St. John's Family. Please call the Church Office by September 10, to reserve your place.



*Youth Group*

First meeting of the year

**Sunday, September 10**

**11:00AM — 12:00PM**

**Everyone welcome • Invite your friends.**

Kicking off a new year of learning, fun, service projects, and more!

We will meet in the Youth room.



September 10, 2023

8:45AM—10:30AM

8:45AM Continental breakfast available

**9:30AM Rally Day Program**

**“Celebrating 250 years of Amazing Grace” by Elaine Gard**

Following the program family games for all ages

*Join us for Food! Join us for Fellowship! Join us for Fun!*



**CALLING ALL YOU YOUNGSTERS  
WHO ARE *50 and over.***

*Vintage Voices Open House - Tuesday, September 12, 2023*

*Centenary United Methodist Church*

*102 East Broadway, Granville, Ohio*

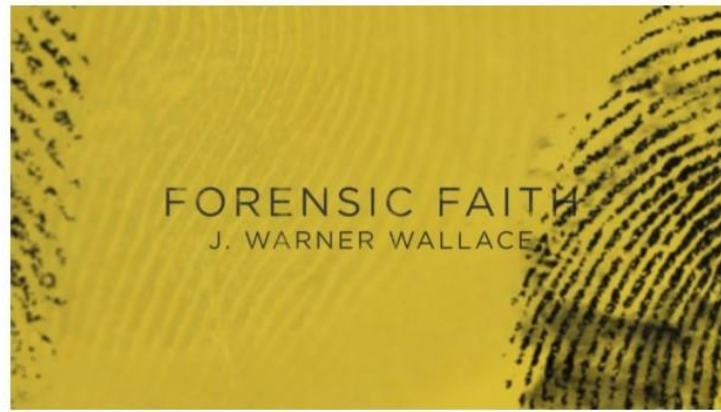
*6:00-6:30 pm: Refreshments and chit chat/question time.*

*6:30-7:30 pm: Find out what we're singing for Christmas  
concerts and sing a bit with us.*

***WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!!***

Vintage Voices Choir Open House on September 12, 2023 Come join us for refreshments and get to know us from 6:00-6:30 pm. Then, from 6:30-7:30, we will find out what we are singing for our Christmas concerts and try some of them out. Meet us at Centenary United Methodist Church, 102 East Broadway, Granville, where we have our weekly practices. For more information, please call the church office at 740-587-0022 and they can give you a point of contact. If you are 50 or over, we'd love to see you!!

*Sunday School*  
**ADULT**



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!

*Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart*

*Ladies Mini Retreat*

*at St. John's United Church of Christ 285 W. National Drive*

*September 23, 2023 9:00AM—12:00PM*

*Snacks provided*

*Registration cost is \$5.00.*

*740-323-2407 or email [stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net)*

## Bringing People to Jesus

By John D. Howe

CBN 12-8-22

**BRING  
PEOPLE  
TO JESUS**

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus (John 1:40-42 a KJV).

Most Christians know who Simon Peter is. Even people who don't claim to be Christians are often familiar enough with the Bible to know that Peter was a prominent apostle out of the twelve (after all, isn't it Peter who is thought to greet people at the pearly gates?). However, a far smaller number would probably know who Andrew was. While Peter may get most of the attention, what if Andrew had failed to bring his brother to the Lord? How different history might have been!

Down through the annals of church history, there are many prominent believers who we still remember to this day. Famous men like George Whitfield, John Wesley, Charles Hadden Spurgeon, Dwight L. Moody, and Billy Graham are just a few examples of people with easily recognizable names. What is less likely known are the individuals who were responsible for these men coming to Christ!

To have a Spurgeon, you must first have a Robert Eaglen to bring him to Jesus. To have a Moody, you must have an Edward Kimball. To have a Billy Graham, you must have a Mordecai Ham (a prominent evangelist in his own right during the Depression Era). It is rare for anyone to come to Christ on their own. God uses men and women to reach other men and women!

Who was it that was instrumental in bringing you to Christ? Who told you that they had found "the Messiah" or "the Christ" and brought you to Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and the salvation of your eternal soul? Whoever that person was, they were taking heed to Proverbs 11:30,

**"... he that winneth souls is wise."**

Every time we share our Christian faith with another person, we have the opportunity to bring them to Jesus. We have the privilege of being an instrument of God to potentially deliver someone out of darkness and into His glorious light, if they believe our testimony.

It's been said that "the only thing you can take out of this life are the souls that you bring to Jesus." The Apostle Paul understood this when he wrote,

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy" (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20).

**NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL** – St. John’s Church Council met on Monday, August 21, 2023

**Devotions** Given by Joyce Wealand



**Treasurer’s Report – Frank Davis**

Giving was less than budgeted, expenses were less than budgeted. As of July 31, giving was (\$6695.71) less than budgeted and expenses were (\$5611.90) less than budgeted leaving a deficit of (\$1083.81). Also, the November Council meeting needs to be on the 13<sup>th</sup> to approve the budget. The treasurer’s report received approval from Tim Powers with a second from Frances Hill. Motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report - Joyce Wealand**

Joyce gave a sincere thank you to everyone for their flexibility and understanding during the passing of her mother.

A list of appropriate next steps for the interim pastorate was presented, including but not limited to, vision sessions, membership, personnel policy and procedures, and media which includes screens and monitors in worship, live streaming, the St. John’s website, and the Facebook page. No action was taken at this time.

**Communications:** Reports for the Chimes are due Thursday 8/24.

**Search:**

A conversation was held regarding the direction of St. John’s U.C.C. as the interim process continues. The theological perspective, congregational preferences and its understanding were also discussed.

Greg Crowthers requested that each council member receive a copy of the survey, not just a tally. No opposition was expressed pending determining a process that maintains the survey participant’s anonymity.

Tim Powers also announced that the trip up North was canceled due to scheduling conflicts among those that wished to attend.

**Old Business:** Old boilers have been removed and clean-up of the area has finished. The boiler room is now asbestos free. New boilers are to be installed in the first part of September.

**New Business:** Recently, it was discovered that money can be applied for upgrades to energy using equipment. St. John’s has applied for these funds. Should they be received, the money will be used to cover or help to cover the cost of boiler installation.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Jeff Conner with a second by Owen Lee that this meeting of the Church Council be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John’s are always welcome to attend.

**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.



**Rally Day is September 10, 2023!** Celebrating 250 years of the song “Amazing Grace.” Join us for a continental breakfast served all morning along with games for all ages. At 9:30AM will be the “Amazing Grace” program by Elaine Gard. There will be lots of information about upcoming activities as we anticipate the start of the new church school year.

Youth will have its first meeting September 10 during the 11AM Sunday school hour. We will be deciding what activities and missions we want to participate in this year. As well as find time for FUN! See you there.



“Amazing Grace for a Woman’s Heart” Ladies Mini Retreat hosted by Elaine Gard will be September 23, 2023 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Let’s gather and learn together a deeper and more profound understanding of God’s amazing grace. The cost is \$5.00 and snacks will be provided.

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 study “Forensic Faith” by J. Warner Wallace a veteran cold case detective. Come join us!



Teachers are needed in the Bible Discovery Zone and Cradle Roll classrooms. Teach once a month, lesson and activities are prepared for you. If you are interested please contact Julie Kroah or the Christian Education committee.

Mark your caledars – Trunk or Treat is October 22, 2023! Details to come.



### Sunday School Classes

- Adult class** – Will begin September 17, 2023 at 9:30AM
- Bible Discovery Zone** – Will begin September 10 at 11AM
- Cradle Roll** – Available during the 11AM service.

## September Worship Service Duties

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

### Cradle Roll

3 Volunteer  
10 Julie Kroah  
17 Volunteer  
24 Frances Hill

### Cantors

3 Diane Reef  
10 Julie Davis  
17 Todd Baldosser  
24 Don Boldt

### Sunday Sound Worship Team

3 Ken Kroah  
10 Mike Dooley  
17 Ken Kroah  
24 Mike Dooley

### Bible Discovery Zone

3 Brian Lensink & Matthew Kroah  
10 Ken Kroah &  
Emmaleigh Crowthers  
17 Elaine Gard & Karson Ewing  
24 Frances Hill & Pat Farley

### Thursday Media Worship Team

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

### Sunday Video Worship Team

3 Julie Kroah  
10 Tom Lawyer  
17 Julie Kroah  
24 Tom Lawyer

## Volunteers Needed



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**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.

## 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.



The Mission and Outreach Team invites you to help provide Church World Service Period Packs.

During the next 3 weeks, we will collect items needed to assemble Period Packs according to the directions provided by Church World Service. Why are we doing this?

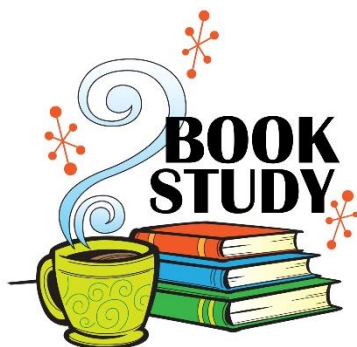
Providing Period Packs to help end period poverty is an easy way we can help share our love with others. It's a chance to be an even greater blessing to individuals who lack access to necessary feminine care supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, and soap. And it's easy! By making these simple kits we will be offering women and girls a sense of dignity during the menstrual cycle.

Our goal is to create 25 kits to be delivered on September 29<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Wealand to the Festival of Sharing, held in conjunction with our Heartland Annual Gathering at Gender Rd Christian Church in Canal Winchester. To participate, please purchase any of the items listed below and bring them to the Fellowship Room. Rather than each person buying separate items to create one kit, please feel free to purchase a quantity of an item listed. We will then supplement what we need to create complete kits. We may even have an assembly party!

- One 1-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- 5 regular Tampons
- 5 super absorbency Tampons
- 10 Pads (Unscented. Long super ultra-thin.)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging.)
- One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count)
- Six fragrance-free laundry sheets (placed in small, Ziploc bags)



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Wealand.



Our Study Group will continue: The Book Study of **If Grace is True** conclude on Thursday, August 31. But we will continue gathering for coffee and conversation Thursday mornings at 11am at River Road Coffeehouse On the Square at 26 N Park Place, just a few doors down from the Midland Theater. Stay tuned for what we will read/study/discuss next! That decision is pending. But please plan to join us. The company is wonderful and the conversation is engaging and enlightening. There's a seat at the table for you!



# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:00am Review Survey Results 11:00am Sanctuary Service	28 4 Labor Day 7:00pm Scout Meeting	29 5 10:15am Chimes Assembly 2:30pm Staff Meeting	30 6 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice 1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	31 7 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	1 8 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	2 9 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.
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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 9

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### LIBRARY FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER



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***Growing Strong in th Seasons of Life*** by Chuck Swindoll. A devotional that helps you grow closer to God through every season of life, in every condition of the heart.

***The Mayberry Bible Study*** by Stephan Skelton. Refresh the world weary souls of long time believers. With practical applications for daily living.

**For Children**

***Bob and Larry's Book of Prayers*** by Peggy Schaefer. Join the Veggie crew as they talk to God throughout the day.

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