

Welcome Home!

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



The 2024 April Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

General Prayers: Barbara McKee, Judy Goodman
Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:
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.

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 the office at stjohnsunited@windstream.net

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
For additional times, please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make an appointment or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218. Thank you!



April Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-In.
Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of March 24, 2024	<u>5,769.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 928.58
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	8,868.20
Donations still needed	\$ 17,785.99

Thank You

Thank you to my St. John's church family for helping me through my back problems. Whether you prayed for me, called me, sent me cards, or whatever, I really appreciate all that you did for me. A special thanks to Anita Chirdon, Elaine Gard, and Frank and Vicky Davis. They went above and beyond to see me through all my needs. Please continue praying for my back and leg nerves as they recuperate. Jane Shoemaker

Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room. After having chosen our Easter outfits, our program will be "7 Things a Christian Woman Should Always Wear". Our Bite-Size Bible Study will be "The Marys". Our Hostess for the day will be Charlotte Kinser.

All women of our St. John's Church Family are invited to attend.

Looking forward, the Afternoon Circle will be celebrating its 152nd Anniversary at our meeting on May 1, at noon. We will have our traditional salad smorgasbord pot luck. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

St. John's will be hosting a Life Line Screening Event on Thursday, June 6, 2024. We have a (1) complimentary screening certificate available to use. If anyone is interested in using this certificate, please contact the office for instructions. Thank you!



News from Church Council

Council meeting was called to order on Monday, April 17, 2024, by President Jeff Connor at 6:35 p.m. Members present were Tim Powers, Charles Dudley, Frances Hill, Greg Crowthers, Brian Lensink, Gary and April Kinser, Julie Davis and Mike Dooley. Also present were Anita Chirdon and Kim Workman and Terry Gano.

Search Committee: No new profiles for a permanent pastor from the UCC. Will post an opening to pastors outside of the UCC. The cost for posting the opening on Churchstaff.com will be \$679.00 for six months and was approved by council.

South Newark Cleanup Day will be April 13, 2024, and St John's will again be acting as host for the event. A meal will be served for those volunteers.

Remembrance of loved ones: When a member of the church passes away, that person will be remembered and honored with a candle on the alter, rather than just announcing the death and funeral arrangements. This remembrance will take place before the call to worship and will be accompanied by a prayer. Thanks to Elaine Gard for suggesting this new procedure for us.

Mission committee: One member has asked to step off of the committee due to health concerns. Robin Green has agreed to serve on the committee.

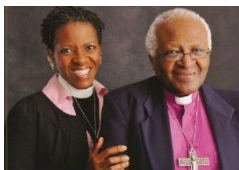
Lifeline screening will be using the church on Thursday, June 6, 2024, for health screening.

The Last Supper Portrayal plans continue for Maundy Thursday with excitement growing. Communion will be offered that night.

Council approved a fund raiser for the church. Gary Kinser has been making woodworking items such as rustic and contemporary candleholders, book holders, crosses, birdhouses, etc. Church members may buy them by making a donation to the fund of their choice at St John's United Church of Christ. **NO MONEY WILL GO TO GARY KINSER.**

There is one opening on Church Council. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.



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GOODNESS**

And
Why This Makes All the Difference

"This book is a great gift to the world." — Archbishop Desmond

**DESMOND TUTU
and
MPHO TUTU**

You are welcome to attend the book study group as we renew our meetings in April. We will meet on Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the River Road Coffee House on North Park Place in downtown Newark at 11 a.m. The book we will be discussing is "Made for Goodness" by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. Archbishop Tutu was instrumental in the fight to rid South Africa of apartheid and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. The book is available in paperback and online.

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**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION**

Luncheon

A luncheon will be provided for those who volunteer this year as ushers, acolytes, Sunday School teachers and helpers, choir members and special music and office help. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

May 19, 2024

following the 11AM service



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2024, to celebrate the momentous event. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office by May 5, 2024!

Name _____

Parents/Church Family _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____

Plans for the future _____

Additional information to share _____



Living Courageously

Sharing God's Heart by *Craig Denison* at first15.org

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9 ESV



To live as an authentic disciple of Jesus is to live courageously. Jesus didn't call us to a life of shrinking back. We're not commanded to sit on the sidelines. He didn't call us to pursue comfort, stability, approval with man, or societal status. He's called us to love unconditionally, give sacrificially, obey him unreservedly, and to live courageously.

In John 15:19 Jesus clearly says, "If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." To be of God and practice the things of God is in powerful, direct opposition to the things of the world and its ruler, our enemy. For this reason, God offers encouragement to those who face trial—to those who live courageously. 1 Peter 4:12-14 says:

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

God is calling you to a life far greater and more important than comfort and worldly pleasure. He's calling you to live by faith, believing that true blessing and true pleasure is found in him alone. He's calling you to step out of your former ways and live in accordance with his will that you might experience fullness of life in him.

For this reason Scripture says in Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." In the midst of any trial you can have transcendent, tangible comfort in God. In this midst of any suffering or pain you can find rest in the loving arms of your heavenly Father. And in the face of great opposition you can choose to live courageously. Your God is with you. He will never leave you. Courage comes from acknowledging the reality and power of God's nearness.

As we finish this week on sharing God's heart, find courage today to boldly love others. Take time to receive God's unconditional love and grace that you might share him with a world who desperately needs transcendent comfort and peace. Live courageously today and see heaven come to earth around you. Seek life and love in God alone. May your time of guided prayer be filled with encouragement from the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

When you choose to respond to God's call in faith, know that he will fill you with courage and boldness. The disciples were not naturally courageous people. Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit they were weak, selfish, and cowardly. But in God they were made strong. In God they accomplished the impossible. In God they were used for eternal purposes that bore fruit you and I are still experiencing. Decide today to partner with God in seeing his kingdom come to earth through your life. Decide to jump in and be an active part of the spiritual awakening happening all around us. Decide to get off the sidelines of the Christian life and share God's heart with all those he leads you to. May your day be filled with boldness and courage in the Holy Spirit.



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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR APRIL

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

Thinking Like Jesus: A Psychology of a Faithful Disciple by Dr. Ray Guarendi. "This is a must-read for anyone wanting to approach everyday problems with the mind of Christ."

Death and Salvation DVD Bible: The New Testament, Vol 8. DVD study . Depicts the final years of St. Paul's life and his martyrdom on the orders of the Roman Emperor Nero.

For Children

Touch-and-See Bible by Eileen Hine. Sensory exploration, touch and feel, interactive.

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Mark Your Calendar!

RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE



Vacation Bible School

June 24—28



Youth group will be meeting April 6-7 for the Youth Overnight & Youth Sunday and April 21 following the 11AM service.

Youth Group

Adult Sunday school class continues to study *Defined* by Alex and Stephan Kendrick. Come join us the first and third Sundays of April and May



Youth Sunday is April 7, 2024. The Youth will be presenting "I Thank God." Join them and hear about thanking God for being picked up, turned around with the transforming love of Jesus. The Youth Overnight will start April 6 at 6:00PM.

Graduation Sunday is May 19. Be sure to let us know about your graduate!



Save the Date! VBS is June 24 – 28. The Olympic theme will have us "Running for the Prize." Join us as we travel with Paul and learn about running the good race (2 Timothy 4:6-8) with games, crafts, science, stories, and more. Bring a friend or tell a neighbor. Everyone is welcome!



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Meet at 9:30AM the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the large meeting room.

Bible Discovery Zone – meet at 11AM in the Thou Art room

Cradle Roll – Available during the 11AM service.

April Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Roll

- 7 Avery Nagle
- 14 Avery Nagle
- 21 Avery Nagle
- 28 Avery Nagle

Sunday Sound Worship Team

- 7 Ken Kroah
- 14 Mike Dooley
- 21 Ken Kroah
- 28 Mike Dooley

Sunday Video Worship Team

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

Bible Discovery Zone

- 7 Marla Crowthers & Emmaleigh Crowthers
- 14 Brian Lensink & Karson Ewing
- 12 Elaine Gard & Matthew Kroah
- 28 Frances Hill & Kayden Ewing

Thursday Media Worship Team


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

Cantors

- 7 Don Boldt
- 14 Diane Reef
- 21 Todd Baldosser
- 28 Julie Davis



APRIL

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
 7:00am Easter Sunrise Outdoor Drive-In Service 7:30am Easter Breakfast served by the Youth 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings			1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	11:00am Book Study "Made for Goodness" 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.		6:00pm Youth Overnight
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Youth Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service		7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	11:00am Book Study "Made for Goodness" 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.		South Newark Civic Association Clean Up Day- Hosted by St. John's
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8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-in Service
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11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service
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Youth Sunday



April 7, 2024
at 8AM and 11AM