

Welcome Home for Easter..

St. John's

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST



Easter Drive-In: 7:00am – Traditional: 11:00am

Prayer List



General Prayers: Barbara McKee, Jane Shoemaker, Judy Goodman, Ken & Julie Kroah and family

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!



March Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service
Except Easter Sunrise Outdoor Drive-In at 7:00 a.m.
Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.

Judy and Jerry Goodman have 2 burial plots at Newark Memorial Gardens that they would like to offer to anyone in the congregation. The only cost involved would be the 225.00 transfer fee charged by NMG. Jerry's phone number is 740-348-9971 if anyone is interested.

Thank You

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for our family at the passing of my Dad. We are very grateful for your kind words of sympathy and support during this time. Ken Kroah and family.

Thank you to Larry Jones for organizing the sanctuary and to Gary Kinser for maintaining the altar candles and the Acolyte candle lighters.

Afternoon Circle -

- will meet again on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. This month we will meet in the Fellowship Room, and then move into the Sanctuary for our annual Lenten Quiet Hour. This year's theme will be "Are You a Ewe?". After our quiet time, we will return to the Fellowship Room for refreshments - our traditional "punchkeys" - and a business meeting.

We invite all women of our St. John's Church Family to join us for fellowship, Bible study, good food, and service. And bring a friend! There's always a seat and a plate for one more.

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of February 25, 2024	<u>6,465.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 1,624.57
Boiler Estimated Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	8,428.20
Donations still needed	\$ 18,225.99



NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL – St. John’s Church Council met on Monday, February 19, 2024

Opening: Called to order at 6:35 pm by Jeff Connor, President. Prior to start of meeting, the election of officers was facilitated by Tom Lawyer, outgoing president. Officers this year include Jeff Connor, President, Tim Powers, Vice President, Frank Davis, Treasurer, Brian Lensink, Assistant Treasurer and April Kinser, Secretary. Officers to be installed Sunday February 25,2024 during worship service.

Search Committee: Additional profiles have been received. One will be followed up on. The candidate comes from the UCC but is not local. Dr. Walker has agreed to be with us as pastor through Easter.

Communications: Use of facility request for a craft night on March 20th, Wednesday, was approved.

Music committee: Would like to have an additional pianist as occasional back up. Unforeseen illness or medical issues can cause disruption in who is available.

Old Business: For The Portrayal, the prepackaged communion cups will be used. Dress rehearsal will be the night before which is the 27th of March. There will be no Good Friday service this year.

New Business: Visitation for shut in's is needed. Once a month is preferred frequency. Visitation protocol and schedule need to be established.

A volunteer appreciation luncheon will be planned for the end of May. Special events committee to coordinate. (Tim Powers)

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:48 by Gary Kinser with second by Greg Crothers. Council members and staff present joined hands in fellowship and recited the Lord's Prayer together as is the council custom.

Respectfully submitted:


Jeff Connor, President

April Kinser, Secretary


The next meeting is on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John’s are always welcome to attend.

Additional information - Church Council Committee Chairs are as follows:

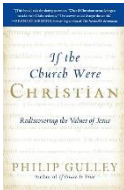
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| Christian Education Committee – Frances Hill | Congregational Care Committee – Charles Dudley |
| Church & Ministry Committee – Jeff Conner | Evangelism & Outreach Committee – Temporary liaison – Greg Crowthers |
| Finance & Stewardship – Frank Davis | Mission & Outreach Committee – April Kinser |
| Music Committee – Julie Davis | Personnel – Mike Dooley |
| Property Committee –Greg Crowthers, Gary Kinser | Special Events – Tim Powers |



Todd Baldosser student's winter concert!
 "A Musical Afternoon at the Movies" will now occur on Sunday March 10, at St. Johns U.C.C. at 2:00 pm. Please invite friends and family. See you there!



A Card Shower! It’s a Surprise!
 Would you like to help Janet Snider celebrate her 90th birthday on March 22? Make her day by sending a card to 7353 Hirst Rd SE, Newark, OH 43056.



You are welcome to attend the book study group as we continue our discussion of the book "If the Church Were Christian, Rediscovering the Values of Jesus by Philip Gulley. The group will meet Thursdays, March 7 and 14th at the River Road Coffee House on North Park Place in downtown Newark at 11am. There will be no meeting on March 21 or 28. The group will resume meeting on April 4th, 2024.



Lenten Study Series “The Chosen”

February 21 6:30PM –8:00PM

February 28 6:30PM –8:00PM

March 6 6:30PM –8:00PM

March 13 6:30PM –8:00PM

Palm Sunday - March 24 Services at 8:00AM and 11:00AM.

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28 7:30PM

“The Last Supper Portrayal” living portrait. In person and live-streamed

Easter Sunday Services - March 31 at **7AM** Outdoor Drive-In Sunrise Service and **11AM** Sanctuary service.

Easter Breakfast serving from 7:30AM to 10:30AM.

The Outdoor Drive-In service returns April 7 at 8:00AM.

** All Sunday 11AM services and Thursday Prayer Services are live streamed on St. John’s Facebook page.





The Last Supper Portrayal

Maundy-Thursday Service

Experience a Living Painting

St. John's United Church of Christ

285 W. National Drive

March 28, 2024 at 7:30pm

The presentation of *The Last Supper* will be a blending of the artist's view and realism as we would expect of that time. Also, incorporated, will be the symbolism of Christ's presence.

Each disciple was significant and especially chosen for his personality, traits and actions and each had a role to play. Listen to the disciples tell of their roles in Christian history and learn of the sacrifices made for Jesus.

Don't miss this dramatic and meaningful celebration of Holy Week.

Sharing God's Heart

By Craig Denison at first15.org



The idea of evangelism has always been terrifying to me. Going up to someone and interrupting their day to tell them about Jesus, no matter how real and good I know him to be, has never been comfortable for me. But you can't read Scripture and escape God's command to share the gospel. You can't read through the New Testament and discount the reality that the disciples gave themselves entirely—to the point of death—that the world might come to know Jesus.

Verses like [Mark 16:15-16](#) couldn't be more clear. Jesus commands us, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Evangelism is meant to be a part of our normal lives. It's not just for the few. It's not just for pastors or the intensely extroverted. It's for you and me.

When I assess my own heart I discover that my fears related to evangelism are entirely selfish. In fact, I don't know if I could do something more selfish than hold back the one hope for the world just to protect my own image. Jesus is clear in [Mark 16:16](#) that those who don't believe in him will be condemned. It's like I contain the cure for a deadly disease and rather than sacrificing my image to love them by sharing the one cure, I just let them continue to suffer.

In pondering my own heart, I realize that the way to engage in evangelism isn't fixing myself; it's getting over myself. Is my image really so important that it's worth condemnation for another? Are the opinions of others really so important to me that I would withhold from them eternal, abundant life with a God who loves them relentlessly and perfectly?

I am made to share God's light. I have been commissioned by my King to go out and share his heart. It's time that we obey God's command in [Philippians 2:3](#): "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Sure, people might think I'm weird. Sure, it might be a little awkward. But God is after the hearts of his creation, and he's called me to help. May we be those who set aside our pride, seek humility, and love others whatever the cost. May we be so bold as to set our eyes on heaven and sacrifice this life for the sake of eternity. And may the world change around us as we humbly and courageously proclaim the goodness of our heavenly Father.

1. Meditate on God's call for you to engage in evangelism.

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." [Mark 16:15-16](#)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." [Luke 19:10](#)

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." [2 Corinthians 5:20](#)

2. What are your fears in regard to evangelism? What holds you back from telling others about the good news of God's unconditional love?

3. Take time to humble yourself before God and others. Ask him for grace to love others above yourself. Set your eyes on him and open your heart to receive his affection.



*watch
discuss
reflect
rejoice*

This Lenten season watch and discuss the story of Jesus
come to life through the global hit TV series

“The Chosen”

Season 1

Wednesday's 6:30pm—8:00pm in the large meeting room

February 21 discuss episodes 1 & 2

February 28 discuss episodes 3 & 4

March 6 discuss episodes 5 & 6

March 13 discuss episodes 7 & 8

snacks provided

Watch the episodes ahead of discussion sessions



WHERE To WATCH

The CHOSEN

SEASON 1

FREE

•St. John's owns seasons 1, 2, and 3 on DVD.
Contact Julie at 740-323-2408 or
stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net to make an
appointment to watch any episode.

FREE—on your smart tv, computer or tablet

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•Apple TV

The Youth of St. John's presents



Easter Breakfast

Sunday March 31

Serving 7:30am – 10:30am



Lent begins in the dimness of winter. It is a time to shed light on our lives, our habits and to let God's presence be known. It is a spring cleaning of our souls - to open up our dark corners and be renewed. Jesus is the "Light of the World". He instructs us to be a light, too, and to make a difference.

- Where do you shine in the world?
- How do you keep your light lit?
- How can you help "light" others' "candles"?

One way is to make a contribution to the Mission and Outreach of St. John's through a Lenten Offering. Please give generously so that we can extend the love of Christ into our world through the support we provide to individuals and organizations dedicated to serving Christ through serving others. Thank you for your gift.

Mission Focus for March



Licking County Jail Ministry is a local group serving those in our community who are incarcerated. The group is made up of paid and volunteer staff who work together to bring the message of Christ to those in prison through Bible study, employment assistance, housing assistance, clothing assistance, rehab placement and other services. At the annual meeting on February 20, 2024, they were also celebrating 147 decisions for Christ and 129 baptisms for the past year. At the present time, they are requesting men's coats (all types) and men's shoes (used are fine). Please consider doing some early closet cleaning and donating what you can. A box will be available in the Fellowship Room to gather your donations through the end of March.

Church Council Spotlight



Property Management Committee

The purpose of the Property Management Committee is to maintain and improve the physical property of the church as well as the equipment in the church. They are responsible for the planning, supervising and keeping records of all the work done on church properties and equipment including the parsonage. If you would like to be involved in the maintenance of the church contact Gary Kinser or Greg Crowthers.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

It is the responsibility of the Finance and Stewardship Committee to study and make recommendations to the church council concerning the ongoing budget process. They keep track of all areas of finance and year round motivational and informational Christian Stewardship to the congregation. If you would like to know more about this committee contact Frank Davis.



You are invited to a "Spring Fling" craft night on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm in the large meeting room. Cindy Dunn will be directing us in crafting handmade greeting cards. Materials will be provided. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring your own sack supper and a snack to share if desired. A signup sheet is available in the Fellowship Room.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF OUR ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY

Frances (Ford) Hill remembers Dorothy Bullock helping her find books when the Church Library was located in the Kitchen of St. John's. In talking with Dorothy's daughters, they recall "that there were nice wood shelves on the full counter space on the right as you entered the kitchen through the door on the same wall as the ladies restroom. Mom had always enjoyed reading at the Newark library so this was a good fit. I have no idea how long she did it or who had served there before her, but I do recall that if we were gone and sometimes as extra hands, Jean Welsh was there." The sisters, Bev, Linda and Rita, also recall a small room in the Education Building being used as a library, but do not recall exactly where that room was. They think "it was at the top of the stairs on the right." Does anyone else recall where that might be?

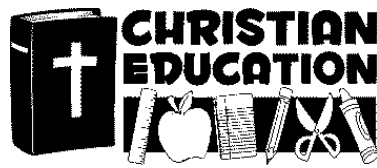
The Young Peoples League/Society, which started the Library back in 1924, was apparently THE group to which everyone wanted to belong. We think as the Youth Fellowship grew older, the young people remained together into their young adulthood. It also seemed to be the place to meet your future spouse. Annabelle and Weldon Dudley were members (parents of our present members Chuck and Bud), as were Weldon's twin sister and her husband John Hawkins (the Librarian). Katherine Redman was a member, along with her future husband Archie Handel (parents of present member Sally Penrose). Then there was Mary Vogelmeier who married Walter Zerger, recently arrived from Monroe County, Ohio (great-aunt and -uncle of member Marla Crowthers). These folks were a powerful influence on St. John's then, and their families have remained faithful to this day.

If anyone has any memories of our Library, please let Elaine Gard know about them. We'd like to add more to our celebration of having a library in our church for 100 years.

Youth Sunday



April 7, 2024
at 8AM and 11AM



Youth group will be meeting March 3 and 17 following the 11AM service in the Youth room. We will be planning the Easter Breakfast and Youth Sunday.



Adult Sunday school class continues to study *Defined* by Alex and Stephan Kendrick. Come join us! Based on their movie, *OVERCOMER*, this new Bible Study is about finding your identity in God.

Our Lenten study and discussion on the hit TV series *The Chosen* Season 1 continues March 6 and 13 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Plan to watch the program ahead of time. If you do not have a way to watch the TV show, contact the Christian Education office for viewing availability. Snacks provided.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth and Summer missionaries. We raised \$581.31 at the Valentine Spaghetti Dinner for the Mission Trip June 9 – 15. If you'd like to join us on the mission trip, reach out to Julie Kroah.

Thank you to the generous St. John's congregation for supporting the Soup-er Bowl of Caring and our Youth. On February 11 we collected 60.8 pounds of food and \$130.00 Licking County Food Pantry and our Little Free Pantry.



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.

March Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Roll

- 3 Avery Nagle
- 10 Avery Nagle
- 17 Avery Nagle
- 24 Avery Nagle
- 31 Avery Nagle

Cantors

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

Bible Discovery Zone

- 3 Brian Lensink & Karson Ewing
- 10 Marla Crowthers & Emmaleigh Crowthers
- 17 Elaine Gard & Matthew Kroah
- 24 Frances Hill & Kayden Ewing
- 31 Julie Kroah & Emma Crowthers

Thursday Media Worship Team

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

Sunday Sound Worship Team

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

Sunday Video Worship Team

- 3 Julie Kroah
- 10 Ken Kroah
- 17 Julie Kroah
- 24 Tom Lawyer
- 31 Ken Kroah



Join us at Union Square Music Hall on March 9, 2024 for MHA's Night of Hope and help us break the stigma surrounding mental health. The evening will feature a cash bar, live auction showcasing a variety of exciting items, and live music with Big Bad Stache.

\$100 VIP Tickets: 6 pm Complimentary food and drink prior to the live auction and music.

\$35 Tickets: 7 pm live auction and 8 pm music.

To purchase:
<http://tinyurl.com/482x5e78>

Questions? Call 740.522.1341



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2024 CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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25	8:00am Early Indoor Service - Sanctuary 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Singings	26	27	28 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice 6:30pm Lenten Study "The Chosen - Season 1- Episode 3 & 4"	29 11:00am Book study at 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.	1	2
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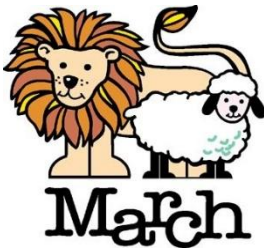
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Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. - Early Sanctuary Service except
7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Service
7:00 p.m. - Thursday Prayer Service
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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR MARCH

Son of Man by Emil Ludwig. The story of Jesus.

Why Easter Matters by Andy Stanley . DVD study . A look at the lives of those who intersected with Jesus in His final weeks.

For Children

The Easter Story by Heather Amery. A simple retelling of the Easter story for young children by Usborne books with illustrations by Norman Young.

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