

The Chimes

Welcome Home to the Church you remember.....
Welcome Home to St. John's!

Church Family News



Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our shut-ins and the following members, David Hummel, Lois Boldt, Rev. Harold Beesley, Jean Livingston, Alison Armstrong, Shirley Rohan, Donna Hewitt, Barb Smith, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Dorothy Zenger, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Kathy Wilson, Mary Lou Hostetler, Sharon Hickman, Jeanette Morris, Faith Kelly, Braxton Picklesimer, Doris Sheets, Sandra Donson, Paula Hatfield, Paxton Hill Debi Snow, Marie Conner, Ruth Satterfield, Jane Shoemaker, Rev. Bob & Peggy Settlege, Jeff Knepp, Jack Emerson, Sandy Johnson, Bea Pursley, & Dick Tulloss.

Please call the church office if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember if you want someone on the prayer chain, you can fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate or call or e-mail Bea

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL @ 9:00 in the Meeting Room

On Sunday, Dec. 3rd – NO MEETING because of Bethlehem Marketplace

On Sunday, Dec. 10th – *Happy? What it is and how to find it* "Beyond Circumstances"

On Sunday, Dec. 17th – *Happy? What it is and how to find it* "A Way of Being"

On Sunday Dec. 24th and 31st – NO CLASS (Next Adult Class on Jan. 7th, 2018)

LUNCH BUNCH @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room
The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study



On Tuesday, Dec. 12th – "The Clampetts in Court" based on 2 Corinthians 9:6

Tuesday, Dec. 26th – NO MEETING (Next Lunch Bunch on Jan. 9th, 2018)

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$	9,825.00
Income as of November 26, 2017	\$	8,883.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$	942.00)

Thank You!

Thank you to Rev. Mark for his hospital visit and phone calls and to all my church family for cards and well wishes following my recent surgery.
Sandy Johnson

I'd like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers since I have been out since September.
Jeanette Morris

Congratulations!

Bob Shoemaker won five gold medals recently at the Martin County Senior Games in Jensen Beach, Florida. Competing in the 75-79 age group, Bob captured the 50, 100 and 200 – meter dashes, as well as the long jump and standing long jump.



Come and join St. John's Choir to go caroling to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 17 following a light lunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please RSVP to Julie or Todd.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill and Jeff Keane



"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."

from *JoyfulNoisemaker.com*
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Pastor's Thoughts – Rev. Mark Katrick

The 12 Days of the Bethlehem Marketplace

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - a visit with the Holy Family and their newborn baby Jesus!

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - census takers with pens in hand. (And they don't believe in tax reform!)

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - Interpreters that can't wait to tell you "the old, old story of Jesus and his love!"

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - grouchy, grumpy Roman guards in full armor. (But, they're really very nice guys!)

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - a sly and cunning carpet maker who will make you an offer you can't refuse. (But you might want to seriously consider it!)

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - merchants aplenty for those last minute gifts, (The mall doesn't have anything on us!)

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - women at the well, ready and more than willing to offer you a cup of water and the latest news (gossip)!

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - beggar children that will tug at your heartstrings!

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - a wandering rabbi. (He doesn't want to spend all his time by the synagogue arguing with the money changer and having staring contests with the llama.)

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - all God's creatures great and small (mainly chickens and sheep and THAT ORNERY LLAMA!)

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me - dates and nuts and cheese and all kinds of tasty things (and they don't come in gift boxes that say DO NOT OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 25th)

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, "a partridge in a pear tree!" (Actually, they're palm trees and we weren't able to find any partridges. But, we sure tried.)

At St. John's UCC, we have been singing our version of "The Twelve Days" to entertain and educate the church and community about the true meaning of Christmas since the mid-80's. As always, our organist and choir director, Todd Baldosser, Jane Shoemaker, our chapel pianist and musical guests will share the sounds of the season in the sanctuary.

The cost is only a food or monetary donation to the food pantry. To see and be a part of all of these wonderful things, why not bring someone you love to the 2017 edition of The Bethlehem Marketplace!



Advent Offering

What do you get for a person who has everything? That is a question often asked this time of year when we are searching for the “perfect” Christmas gift. And it hasn’t gotten any easier, even with all the shopping options out there.

In situations like this, I have sometimes opted to make a donation in the name of a loved one to one of their favorite charitable causes. Sadly, there are far too many people who don’t have anywhere near everything, lacking even the basic necessities of life.

The annual Advent Offering at St. John’s provides resources for our Mission and Outreach Committee to offer help, support and encouragement for people in our church, community and throughout the world. It also helps to replenish the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

There is a great and honored tradition of giving to missions at St. John’s, and we are grateful for the kindness and generosity of our members and friends. In this holiday season, thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the Advent Offering on your shopping list.

Chucky’s cast notes from Bethlehem Marketplace



Make sure you line up early for cast lunch, even if you have to leave before the end of the sermon - sorry Rev.
Costumes are going fast - sure glad I don’t need one.
I can’t wait to see my animal friends. We have a lot of catching up to do since the last Marketplace!

My endless quest to scare a Roman guard resumes!

It’s time to clean out the refrigerator to make room for leftover cheese cubes.

It’s time to clean up my bedroom to make room for fresh straw from the animal pen.

Will this be the year they allow beggar mice?

Will this be the year I get to entertain our guests in the sanctuary? Todd keeps looking for a Christmas carol fit for a church mouse.

My most favorite place to be is and will always be the Nativity scene. “O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!”

Afternoon Circle Christmas Gathering



The Afternoon Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 6, at Noon, in the Fellowship Room for their annual Christmas Gathering. Ladies are asked to bring a luncheon dish to share. Meat, rolls, and beverages will be supplied.

The theme of the gathering is “BEING AN ORNAMENT FOR CHRIST”. Please bring along a favorite ornament and be ready to share its history and why it is so special to you.

We will also make a new ornament to take home.

“Santa” will make a visit, as usual, to this gathering.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please call either Dorothy Turdo or Donna Hewitt to RSVP.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

From the Treasurer:

We are still in the black for this year, but plate offerings have dropped \$1700. Please check your offerings and make sure you are up to date in your giving.

From FOSTERING FURTHER:

Council is looking for a person to be in charge of the nonperishable food items in the Fostering Further "Home Store" in our lower level. When young people are emancipated from the foster care system, and living on their own, it may be a while until food stamps kick in. So, we offer free nonperishable food items to them. We need someone to maintain the shelves, keeping them stocked with food. Please speak to a Council member today if you are interested.

From Stewardship and Finance:

Please look elsewhere in this Chimes for the Proposed 2018 Budget to be voted on at the Special Congregational Meeting on December 10.

From the Administrative Assistant:

Anita will be out several days this month due to surgery scheduled for December 14. Office coverage has been planned.

From Church and Ministry:

Poinsettias will be placed in the Chancel on Saturday, December 16. After services on both December 17, and December 24, Council, Church and Ministry, and Church members will be delivering poinsettias to our shut-ins.

From Mission and Outreach:

The Angel Tree this year will benefit children in the foster care system. Please take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Room, and be "Santa" for that child. Return unwrapped gifts to under the tree and we will see that they get to the proper agency for the children.



Donations were made last month to:

- Supplement needed gifts for Fostering Further
- The Discretionary Fund for needs that Rev. Katrick is aware of in our congregation and community.

From the Music Committee:

A new light has been purchased for the grand piano.

The Adult Bell Choir will not be able to perform at Christmas because of scheduling conflicts.

From the Christian Education Committee:

Please see notices elsewhere in this Chimes regarding Youth, Children's and Family activities during the month of December.

From Personnel:

Members of the Personnel Committee have met with all the paid staff in the past several weeks, bringing job descriptions up to date, discussing how jobs are going, etc. All have benefitted from these conversations.



The Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross is a fund that provides direct financial assistance to individual United Church of Christ clergy and the lay church employees. The envelopes for giving to this fund will be in the Bulletin on December 17, 2017. Thank you for your generosity in this worthy cause so that more individuals will receive the support of the Church in their time of need.

Mission & Outreach

FOSTERING FURTHER

Valerie Smith and Chrissy Wissinger spoke to us on Sunday, Nov. 12, about the Fostering Further organization and their work. After worship, they gave us tours of their new “Home Store”, located in the lower level of the Education wing, directly under the Church Office (the former Drama Den). This ‘store’ is available for those young people who are aging out of the foster care system. Not all of those young people are ready to go out on their own, so Fostering Further helps them with furnishing rooms, learning to budget, cook, clean, etc. And since it can take a while for Food Stamps to begin coming (if needed), the ‘store’ also carried nonperishable food items.

If YOU would like to take charge of the food items (keeping the shelves stocked, organizing food drives within the church, checking for out-dated items, etc.), please speak with a member of Church Council today!

Some of the ladies of the church helped out a new mother, who just was emancipated from foster care, by supplying lunches for her for a week. She lives in the neighborhood of the church and has been very grateful for the help and nourishment.

Around our building, you will find small posters with scripture verses on them. You can read for yourself, in black and white, what God has to say to us about our involvement with Fostering Further and these children, young people, families, and social workers. Please take the time to read the posters, and then spend time in prayer for our involvement and the recipient of our actions.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1-4 P.M.



THANK YOU to all of you who contributed to the success of our **Bethlehem Marketplace**: the construction crew, the cast, the decorators, the parking lot attendants, those who fed us, those who applied beards, those who baked, those who ushered/greeted, those who made the

ornaments, those who spread the word, those who made music, ... the list goes on and on.

THANK YOU to the entire church family for making sure we had a **Bethlehem Marketplace, 2017**. We will publish all the statistics in the next Chimes.

Proposed 2018 Budget for Congregational Budget Meeting on December 10, following the 10:30 a.m. service

In the past years, “Faith Promise” has provided a necessary process for anticipating the income provided by the congregation to support the needs of St. John’s. Unfortunately, this year has created an exceptional challenge to the budget process. We received far fewer cards, totaling far fewer dollars than past years. In calculating a balanced budget with some additional compensation for our professional staff, as recommended by the Personnel committee, we would need “Faith Promise” income of \$118,897, an amount we anticipate receiving in the current year. It has been decided to provide additional compensation to the staff as a mid-year bonus only if giving continues at the current level. We would need \$16,847 more than pledged in order to balance the budget and provide this bonus. We have faith that our faithful members will continue to support the church as they have in the past. We will monitor the giving and make a decision at mid-year to determine if bonuses are achievable at that time. “Faith Promise” is an important part of planning for the future of St. John’s and we encourage our members to consider its importance in future years. See the next pages for the proposed 2018 budget.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
IV <u>MUSIC COMMITTEE</u>			
a. Choir/Organ/Handbell Supplies	800	800	800
b. Guest Musicians	150		
c. Instrument Maintenance	400	400	400
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Total Music	1,350	1,200	1,200
V <u>FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
a. Office Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
b. Miscellaneous	750	750	750
c. Copier Lease	5,547	5,547	5,743
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Total Finance & Stewardship	10,297	10,297	10,493
VI <u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
a. Christian Education Expenses	5,000	4,500	3,500
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Total Christian Education	5,000	4,500	3,500
VII <u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
a. Kitchen Supplies	500	500	500
b. Church Lunches	750	750	750
c. Receptions	150	150	150
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Total Special Events	1,400	1,400	1,400
VIII <u>MISSION</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
a. Mission Projects	4,800	6,000	6,000
b. OCWM (basic support)	4,000	4,000	4,000
c. Minister Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000
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Total Mission	11,800	13,000	13,000
IX <u>CONGREGATIONAL CARE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	300	400	400
X <u>EVANGELISM & OUTREACH</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	2,000	8,000	8,000
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TOTAL MISSION PLAN	\$230,675	\$243,500	\$251,247

<u>Proposed Income</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
“Faith Promise” From Cards	101,774	117,900	102,050
Additional "Faith Promise" needed			16,847
Initial Offering	500	500	500
Plate Offering (Cash)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Use of Facility (Fees)	500	500	500
Interest Income	50,400	55,200	82,500
Grocery Coupons	125	125	125
Advent Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	1,000	750	750
Lenten Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	750	600	600
Prospect St. Property Rental Income	7,200	7,200	7,200
Church Luncheons	300	300	300
Other Income	425	425	425
Miller Estate	31,450	31,450	31,450
Bebout Estate	28,251	20,550	
	\$230,675	\$243,500	\$251,247

Annual German Service

The annual German language Christmas Service for the Newark area, which for over 20 years had been held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, will once again be held here this year by Pastor Bill Rauch. The service will be held on the Sunday before Christmas, December 17, at 4:00 p.m. here at St. John’s United Church of Christ, (St. John’s was Newark’s original German speaking congregation.) As in the past, the service will be mostly in German, though for the sermon a printed English translation will be available. After the service, traditional German Christmas goodies will be served in the Fellowship Room

Our Youth will present a Living Nativity from 3:15pm to 4:00pm, just before the German Service.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St John's United

Church of Christ. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial. Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!



December 17 the Children's Christmas program will be presented during the 10:30 service and will include the Ring Out! Choir. **Practice will be December 10th during the 10:30 service.**

December 17 join the church for Caroling to our sick and shut-ins after the 10:30am service and a light lunch. Please RSVP to Julie at 740-345-1645.



December 17 the Youth will present a Living Nativity 3:15pm to 4:00pm, just before the German Service. **Participants please meet at 3:00pm.**

December 20 The Youth Group will be shopping for a Fostering Further family. Meet at 6pm at the 30th street McDonalds for dinner and then shopping.



NEW DATE! Thursday, December 28 is St. John's UCC family bowling night. Meet at Park Lanes at 6pm for bowling, pizza and Pop. **You must RSVP for this event to Julie at 740-345-1645.**

January 20 - Slam Dunks and Slices at Mt. Vernon Nazarene College. Meet at St. John's at 12:20pm. **Please RSVP** to the church office for this event and tell us if you need a ride.



Adult class 9:00am.
Bible Discovery Zone during the 10:30am service.
Nursery care and Pre-school class available at 10:00am.

<u>Cradle Roll</u>	<u>Bible Discovery Zone</u>	<u>DVD Filming</u>	<u>Sound System</u>
3: Julie Kroah	3: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah	3: John West	3: Tom Lawyer
10: Kayla Hill	10: Ken Kroah & Cheyene Igo	10: Dick Tulloss	10: Dick Tulloss
17: Frances Hill & Makayla Sheets	17: Brian Lensink & Connor Boyce	17: Gary Kinser	17: Julie Kroah
24: Julie Kroah	24: Kara Deal & Pat Farley	24: Ken Kroah	24: Ken Kroah
31: Kayla Hill	31: Anita Chirdon & Colleen Kroah	31: Bill McInturf	31: Julie Kroah

December

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 8:00 AM Chapel Service -"Hanging of the Greens" 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School- "A Way of Being" 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- with Hanging of the Greens, Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment making cards for the troops!</p>	27	28 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch with "The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study" 6:30 PM Bethlehem Marketplace Cast Meeting	29 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	30 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1 Pick up plants	2 1:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace Dress Rehearsal
<p>3 Adv ent 8:00 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment 1:00 PM Presentation of "The Bethlehem Marketplace"</p>	4 Return plants 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace tear down	5 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace tear down	6 10:00 AM N.A.R.F.E. Meeting 12:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting-Christmas Luncheon and Program 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace tear down 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	7 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace Put flats away 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace tear down 6:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8 6:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace tear down	9
<p>10 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment 11:30 AM Congregational Budget Meeting</p>	11	12 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch with "The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study" 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	13 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	14 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15 Poinsettia Delivery	16
<p>17 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- Children's Christmas Program & Children's Bells 11:30 AM Light Lunch for Carolers 12:30 PM Christmas Caroling 3:00 PM Youth - Live Nativity 4:00 PM German Christmas service with Rev. William Rauch</p>	18	19 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice 6:00 PM Youth meet for shopping for Fostering Further. Meet at 30th Street McDonald's then shopping	21 First Day of Winter 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23
<p>24 8:00 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment 3:00 PM Communion & Candlelight Early Service 7:00 PM Pre-Service Music 7:30 PM Communion & Candlelight Late Service</p>	25 	26	27 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	28 6:00 PM St. John's Family Bowling Night at Park Lanes! Includes Pizza & Pop- Please RSVP Julie at 740-345-1645 7:00 PM NO Choir Practice	29	30
<p>31 8:00 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment</p>	1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting	3 10:00 AM N.A.R.F.E. Meeting 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	4 6:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5	6 Epiphany

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Worship & Classes!

8:00 am – Chapel Service
9:00 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Traditional Sanctuary Service
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CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 10M 2017 FOLLOWING
THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

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Please Join Us!

St. John's United Church of Christ – December 24, 2017



- 8:00 a.m. Regular Sunday Chapel Service**
- 10:30 a.m. Regular Sunday Sanctuary Service**
- 3:00 p.m. Early Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service**
- 7:00 p.m. Special Pre-Service Music**
- 7:30 p.m. Communion & Candlelight Service**

