

# The Chimes

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



## 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, Donna Hewitt, Barb Smith, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Dorothy Zerger, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Kathy Wilson, Mary Lou Hostetler, Sharon Hickman, Jeanette Morris, Faith Kelly, Doris Sheets, Sandra Donson, Paula Hatfield, Paxton Hill, Debi Snow, Marie Conner, Jane Shoemaker, Bea Pursley, Brian Lensink, John & Machele West, Sylvia Yaekle, Brycen Crase and the families of Shirley Rohan and Suzanne Hurdiss.

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

*Loving  
Memory*

*Shirley I. Rohan*

Born: January 6, 1929

Died: January 7, 2018

*A member of St. John's since 1965*

*Suzanne L. Hurdiss*

Born: January 31, 1931

Died: January 10, 2018

*A member of St. John's since 1961*

## Church Family News

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during the past almost three years while our nephew and first cousin both battled glioblastoma brain tumors. Your support helped in many ways, and we appreciate your caring.  
Bob and Jane Shoemaker

Dear Saint John's Choir,  
Thanks for the Aldi Gift Card. I love it and will use it for groceries. Best wishes for a great 2018.  
Todd Baldosser

The Lunch Bunch @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room

*The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study*



On Tuesday, February 13th - "The Clampetts in Court" based on 2 Corinthians 9:6. *The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

On Tuesday, February 27th - "The Giant Jackrabbit" based on James 1:6. *But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind;*

## Men's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be at the home of Frank and Vicky Davis, 6579 Jacksontown Rd. SE, Newark, Ohio, on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 7 P.M. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jeff Gill, pastor of Central Christian Church.

## *Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck!*

Sunday, February 18, 2018 following the 10:30 a.m. service

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,907.00
Income as of January 21, 2018	\$ 6,190.00
Month to Date Balance	\$ 3,717.00

## Pastor's Thoughts – Rev. Mark Katrick

How are you liking the new Kroger store by now? Going “Krogering” now means hearing live music, and getting free samples at the Deli. They insist that you take them, while trying to convince you that you’re hungry.

When Laura and I visit my children, we’ve been stopping by the Vermont Country Store, a catalog, retail and ecommerce business opened in 1946 that gained national attention with an article in The Saturday Evening Post.

What gained our attention was all the free samples they had - cookies, crackers, cheeses and lots and lots of maple products! We even had shots at the maple syrup bar.

This time of year, people like to sample from a Whitman’s Sampler (though it isn’t for free). These have been around since 1842, and offer the opportunity to test your taste buds on a variety of chocolates. How does having a cherry cordial, chocolate truffle, almond nougat or caramel sound about now?

For your spiritual taste buds, here is a sampling of “Beautiful Bible Verses” from [www.bibletools.com](http://www.bibletools.com), a Valentine’s Day gift from me to you.

“Whoever does not love, does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:8

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3:14

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.” Genesis 29:20

“Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

“To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12:33

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” Romans 12:9

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

For a chocolate lover, and even for people who prefer to have shots of maple syrup, can there be anything sweeter than knowing God, through Jesus Christ, loves us in such deeply personal and lasting ways?

Here is a very good way to begin your Lenten journeys. Starting Ash Wednesday and on a daily basis, sample and commit to memory one of these verses. Repeat this verse throughout the day, doing your very best to be faithful to its meaning and intent.

Most importantly, please ponder in your hearts that though the grace of Jesus Christ came without cost to us, our Savior, through his great faithfulness, forgave and saved us from our sins at great cost. And that, my brothers and sisters, is how you “put on LOVE.”

Confessions of a Church Mouse (just in time for Lent)

It's me, Chucky, who ate most of the Cheetos® from the box in the meeting room. But I got help from the staff.

It's me who hides Pastor Mark's reading glasses so that he thinks he's misplacing them.

It's me, who turned off the pastor's lapel mic when it fell on the floor.

It's me who took the clip from the mic so it would fall on the floor. And now, I can't remember where I put it, Julie. Honestly!

It's me who tried to change the presets on the organ. I like to hear the bells. But I only did it once, Todd

It's me who trips the switch on the coffee machine and microwave. You aren't blowing fuses, Anita and Charlie.

Oh, almost forgot - a few small bulbs are missing from the Christmas tree that I may have had something to do with. You see, I've got this bough of holly and needed something to deck my halls with.

Dear members and friends, Please forgive me, Jesus has. Besides that, I'm a church mouse, I'm cute and kids love me!

Youth Fundraiser  
**Pepperoni Roll  
Sale**

Orders will be taken through February 18. Drop into the offering plate or turn into the Christian Education office. The Youth will bake the Pepperoni Rolls on February 24 and pick up will be Sunday February 25 in the Fellowship room following the 10:30 service. Feel free to take extra order forms and ask friends and co-workers.

Name	Cheese only \$3.50	Pepperoni & cheese \$4.00	Marinara sauce .50	Total	Amount paid

## **The Afternoon Circle -**

--will try again to have lunch together on Wednesday, February 7, at Noon, at the Lucky Bamboo Restaurant on Granville Road near Dugway. Last month we were chilled out by the very cold temperatures.

Anyone from our Church Family is welcome to attend with the members of the Afternoon Circle, just please call either Donna Hewitt or Dorothy Turdo to "RSVP".

In case of inclement weather, the lunch will be cancelled.



## **LENT BEGINS - Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

### Lenten Offering

One of the ways we can share the love of Jesus and let our lights so shine before others is through the Lenten offering. This year's gift to the Lenten Offering will provide continuing support for local and wider ministries. Thanks for all you give and all you do for the outreach ministries at St. John's United Church of Christ.

## **NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL**

### From **The Pastor:**

- has applied to Wellstreams for the spiritual director's training program, to begin in the fall.
- is on a call list at area funeral homes for families who need a pastor to do

funeral/memorial services.

### From **Congregational Care:**

We welcome Bea Pursley back as the keeper of the Prayer List!

### From **Missions and Outreach:**

A donation was made to The Community Health Clinic in Newark.

Mittens and hats collected in the Fellowship Room will be given to the children at Ben Franklin School.

Karen O'Hare will oversee the food pantry of the Fostering Further Store in our lower level.

### From **Property Management:**

Hand Rails are being installed in the Ladies Restroom near Hermann Hall.

### From **Christian Education:**

A Lenten study will be held again this year on Wednesday evenings, February 21 through March 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will be studying Jesus' humanity with the book SNEEZING JESUS.

### For **Special Events:**

A HUGE thank you to Frank and Vicky Davis and all their helpers for the Bereavement Dinners offered lately to members of our Church Family.

### **To Members of St. John's United Church of Christ:**

We are still in need of three good people to become members of the Church Council. Members are required to attend the Council meeting once a month, be a liaison with one of the committees of Council, and help serve communion whenever served. We have been operating with a less than full table for several years and need to remedy that situation.

We all know that St. John's is smaller in numbers than we once were. Many people do monumental tasks to keep us serving each other and our community. But, the load needs to be shared. Pray about how you can serve on Council or a Committee.

## **Fostering Further**

The folks from Fostering Further ask that we NOT donate used bedding or towels. New sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels are purchased for each of the emancipated youth who need them.

The story is told of one of the young gals who was setting up her new living quarters. Her friends wanted to take off the tags from the bedspread. The gal said, "No, please. I've never had brand new sheets and blankets of my own. I want to leave those tags on as a reminder." Since then, Fostering Further always purchases new bedding for these young adults. Thank you.



Sunday, February 4 the youth will be making soup to raise funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The funds raised by St. John's Youth will help our local community.



February 10 **\*NEW DATE\*** the Youth will be attending Slam Dunks and Slices at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. We will have lunch with other Youth Groups and then watch them take on Bethel College. Meet at the church at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Julie Kroah.



**Sneezing Jesus: How God Redeems Our Humanity** will be our The Lenten Bible study this year. This book and video series will cover the extraordinary truth that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. Jesus came to earth to redeem humanity itself, and through Him, that redeemed humanity is available to us all.

**Join us Wednesdays during Lent. February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**



Saturday February 24 the Youth will meet in the kitchen to make pepperoni rolls to sell as a fundraiser for future activities. We will be taking orders in the weeks leading up to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Order forms available in the bulletin and The Chimes.



The Mission trip this year will be June 3-9 at Big Creek Missions in Bear Branch, KY. All are welcome ages 13 and up. If you are interested in attending we need to know by Sunday February 4. If you have any questions feel free to contact Julie Kroah at [stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net) or you can check out the Big Creek Missions web site at [www.bigcreekmissions.com](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com). Information packets are in the Fellowship room.

**Adult class 9:00am.**

**Bible Discovery Zone** during the 10:30am service.

**Nursery care and Pre-school class** available at 10:00am.



**Cradle Roll**

- 4: Julie Kroah
- 11: Kayla Hill & Makayla Sheets
- 18: Frances Hill
- 25: Julie Kroah

**Bible Discovery Zone**

- 4: Anita Chirdon & Pat Farley
- 11: Brian Lensink & Cheyene Igo
- 18: Kara Deal & Connor Boyce
- 25: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah

**DVD Filming**

- 4: John West
- 11: Dick Tulloss
- 18: Gary Kinser
- 25: Ken Kroah

**Sound System**

- 4: Tom Lawyer
- 11: Dick Tulloss
- 18: Julie Kroah
- 25: Ken Kroah





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 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</p>	29	30	31 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	1 6:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3
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<p>11 Transfiguration Sunday 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</p>	12	13 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch with "The Beverly Hills Bible Study" 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship at the home of Frank Davis- Guest speaker- Jeff Gill, pastor of Central Christian Church	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	15 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16	17
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8:00 am – Chapel Service  
9:00 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Traditional Sanctuary Service  
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