

St. John's

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember....Welcome Home to St. John's!
The 2018 December Chimes



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, Alison Armstrong, Barb Smith, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Mary Lou Hostetler, Jeanette Morris, Sandra Donson, Paxton Hill, Marie Conner, Brian Lensink, John & Machele West, Sylvia Yaekle, Linda Wolfle, Dick Boyd, Sherry Hupp, Kate Hannum Rose, Debi Snow, Kathy Wilson, Judy Armstrong, Relna Cornell, Braxton Picklesimer, Lois Boldt, Mari Dailey, Vicky McGee, Keith Ford, Julie Kroah, Stephanie Oliver, Brenda Pursley, Megan Pursley & Chuck Chirton.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room
 Featuring Adam Hamilton's "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why"
 Tuesday, December 11th - "The Forgiveness of Sins"
 Thursday, December 27th - "The Resurrection of the Body"



Carolers needed to brighten our St John's Shut-ins on December 23, 2018 at 1:00. Contact Todd at 614 598 1264 or scarlatti35@hotmail.com

Thank You!

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers following my surgery. I appreciate being part of and working with the wonderful and supportive people of St. John's. Thank you, Julie Kroah

It is really hard to find the words to say how thankful my family and I are for the outpouring of care and concern given to us in the loss of my son, Jeff Pursley. This has been a real shock to me, to his sisters: Mari Dailey and Brenda Pursley, his wife, children and grandchildren and so many other relatives and friends. We really appreciate every kindness we have received - prayers, food, cards, visits, Rev. Katrick, calls, words of comfort. Thank you, Bea Pursley and Family



Congratulations!

Delaney Mae Lewis

Born: November 16, 2018

7 lbs, 10 oz.

Parents: Megan Pursley & Jay Lewis

Siblings: Elijah, Brycen, Addy, Anna, Gabby

Grandparent: Brenda Pursley

Great-Grandparent: Bea Pursley



A Giving Tree for foster children is set up in the Fellowship Room.

There will be cards from The Village Network fostering program

on the tree for the congregation to take to purchase a gift for a child for Christmas. There will be more information about this in the bulletin. Thank you for considering this project of giving for foster children at Christmas. Mission and Outreach

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,908.00
Income as of November 25, 2018	\$ 8,115.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 1,793.00)



Please help wish Mrs. Elli Saari a happy 90th birthday on December 27, 2018.

Send a card to:

12955 Fairview Rd, Newark, OH 43056!

Dear members and friends of St. John's:

A concerned little girl approached her father one day and said, "Daddy, I just don't believe it's right to ignore Jesus."

The father, more than a little confused, answered, "I agree with you. We shouldn't ignore Jesus. But what made you think of that?"

"Well, it's that Christmas song we sing at church. You know, the one that says, 'O come let us ignore Him'."

By this time of the year, it is difficult, if not impossible to ignore Christmas songs. You hear them on radio stations and on television commercials. You hear them while you're walking at the mall. You hear them in the waiting room at the dentist's and the doctor's offices. And then your internal recording system replays them for the rest of the day.

Nothing can compare with singing carols and hymns at church. In the month of December, there will be several opportunities to enjoy our favorite songs of the season:

- On the four Sundays in Advent, December 2nd, 9th, 16th and the 23rd at the 8:00 and 10:30 services
- While we're decorating Christmas trees during the services on December 2nd
- While we're enjoying the Children's Program during the 10:30 service on December 16th
- During the German Service on December 23rd at 4:00
- At the 3:00 and 7:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (and don't forget the special music beginning at 7:00)
- And tune up your vocal chords for the hymn (carol) sing at both services on December 31st.

One of the Christmas songs my internal recording system replays is the Jose Feliciano version of "Feliz Navidad". The message here is a simple one. "I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year and happiness from the bottom of my heart."

Leonard Sweet believes that "the instinct to 'go home' this time of year is worldwide and unstoppable. There is in each of us a 'homing instinct' that Christmas draws out of us. Why else is Barbara Streisand now singing 'I'll be Home for Christmas' in your head?"

As a pastor, there is no sweeter sound than exchanging "Merry Christmases" with our members, friends and visitors, and hearing a chorus of voices doing the same.

This December, will you prayerfully consider welcoming a brother or sister home to St. John's UCC to sing the songs of Christmas?

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Chucky the Churchmouse

Why Chester and Me are good at decorating

- Mice love trees - they make great nesting places!
- Mice are not afraid of heights. Who do you think adjusts the angel at the top?
- Mice hang ornaments, unlike cats who play with them
- Mice can fill in those hard to reach places.
- Mice can replace the teeniest, tiniest light bulbs
- Mice can find and replace missing tree hooks
- Mice like to put on the tinsel
- Mice can decorate and "squeak" carols at the same time
- After putting up the Nativity Set, we become a part of it
- We're also really good at cleaning up Christmas cookie crumbs



ADVENT OFFERING

A missionary pastor who worked among the most impoverished people in Africa had just finished preaching the morning message. It is the custom there to take the offering after the sermon. The missionary pastor wondered what those in attendance could possibly place in the offering baskets. However, the baskets were passed. Some put in plastic buttons, some placed coinage equal to our pennies.

One particular woman who owned nothing but the one dress on her back, stared at the plate. After a moment, she stood up and stepped right into the offering basket. She offered herself. This is still the best gift and response you can ever make in response to the Christmas story.

Thank you for ALL you have given this past year as members and friends of St. John's. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure, including the Advent offering, supports our mission and outreach ministries. You make ALL the difference in the world to the church and the community we serve. God bless you for ALL you are and ALL you do!

Rev. Mark



AFTERNOON CIRCLE

A noon dinner will be catered by Susie's Bistro and Baker on Wednesday, December 5, in the Meeting Room. (Reservations were due on November 25 to Vicky Davis.) The meal will be followed by the program "The Little Lord Jesus Asleep on the Hay", the Christmas story in art and carols. If you cannot make the dinner, please come for the program at 12:45 p.m. Santa is scheduled to make an appearance as well.

The Afternoon Circle does not have regularly scheduled meeting in January and February. But, please watch the Sunday bulletins and the Chimes for informal lunches out together.



December Worship Service Duties

<u>DVD Filming</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>
2: John West	2: Dick Tulloss	Chair – Larry Jones	2: Greg & Marla	2: Kirk Homrighouse
9: Dick Tulloss	9: Julie Kroah	Bill & Sharla Miller	Crowthers	9: Greg Crowthers
16: Gary Kinser	16: Tom Lawyer	Brenda Pursley	9: Anita Chirdon	16: Pamela Tulloss
23: Ken Kroah	23: Ken Kroah	Kelsie Pursley	16: Terry & Frances Hill	23: Jesse Chirdon
30: Bill McInturf	30: Dick Tulloss		23: Sharon Hickman & Rachel Iardi	30: Nathaniel Kroah
			30: Brad & Barb Beck	



Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Budget Meeting on December 9, 2018. Below is the proposed budget for you to review prior to the meeting. Copies are also available in the Fellowship Room.

I	<u>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Senior Pastor</u>			
	a. Salary	36,588	36,588	37,686
	b. Housing Allowance	18,000	18,000	18,000
	c. Social Security Allowance 7.65%	4,176	4,176	4,260
	d. Travel Allowance	3,500	3,500	3,500
	e. Ministerial Annuity 14%	7,642	7,642	7,796
	f. Continuing Education	-	-	1,000
	Bonus provided in lieu of providing any insurance.	15,400	15,400	4,800
	Total Compensation Package	85,306	85,306	77,042
	Pulpit Supply	500	500	500
	<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	23,808	23,808	25,000
	<u>Temp. Secretary</u>	4,160	4,160	4,160
	<u>Church Sexton</u>	6,899	6,899	7,106
	<u>Organist / Adult Choir Director</u>	13,069	13,069	13,461
	Organist Supply	412	412	412
	<u>Pianist - Chapel Service</u>	430	430	443
	<u>Media Coordinator</u>	3,250	3,250	3,348
	<u>Nursery Worker</u>		1,040	1,040
	<u>Director of Christian Education</u>	6,342	6,342	6,532
	Social Security/Church Paid 7.65%	4,465	4,730	4,705
	Workers' Compensation	468	500	500
	Payroll Company Fees		1,639	1,639
	Total Personnel Committee	149,109	152,085	145,888
II	<u>CHURCH & MINISTRY</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Registration & Meeting Expense	400	400	400
	b. Books & Worship Material	1,200	1,200	1,200
	Total Church & Ministry	1,600	1,600	1,600
III	<u>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	1. Church			
	a. Utilities	23,000	26,000	27,000
	b. Insurance	8,500	8,500	8,500
	c. Church Maintenance	4,500	4,500	4,500
	d. Lawn and Landscape Care	4,450	4,600	4,600
	e. Cleaning Service	12,444	12,444	12,444
	f. Snow Removal	1,100	1,100	1,100
	Total Property Maintenance	53,994	57,144	58,144

IV	<u>MUSIC COMMITTEE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Choir/Organ/Handbell Supplies	800	800	800
	b. Guest Musicians			
	c. Instrument Maintenance	400	400	400
	Total Music	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
V	<u>FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Office Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
	b. Miscellaneous	750	750	750
	c. Copier Lease	5,547	5,743	6,028
	Total Finance & Stewardship	<u>10,297</u>	<u>10,493</u>	<u>10,778</u>
VI	<u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Christian Education Expenses	4,500	3,500	3,500
	Total Christian Education	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
VII	<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Kitchen Supplies	500	500	500
	b. Church Lunches	750	750	750
	c. Receptions	150	150	150
	Total Special Events	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
VIII	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	a. Mission Projects	6,000	6,000	6,000
	b. OCWM (basic support)	4,000	4,000	2,000
	c. Minister Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Total Mission	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
IX	<u>CONGREGATIONAL CARE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
		400	400	400
X	<u>EVANGELISM & OUTREACH</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
		8,000	8,000	8,000
	TOTAL MISSION PLAN	<u>\$243,500</u>	<u>\$248,822</u>	<u>\$241,910</u>

<u>Proposed Income</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
“Faith Promise” From Cards	117,900	102,050	98,160
Additional "Faith Promise" Needed		14,422	3,900
Initial Offering	500	500	500
Plate Offering (Cash)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Use of Facility (Fees)	500	500	500
Interest Income	55,200	82,500	90,000
Grocery Coupons	125	125	125
Advent Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	750	750	750
Lenten Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	600	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	20,550	-	-
	<u>\$243,500</u>	<u>\$248,822</u>	<u>\$241,910</u>

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Kroah

We are \$3600 in the black, thanks to interest from various accounts.



Church and Ministry Committee: Gary Kinser

Christmas Trees will be decorated during worship on Dec. 2.
We will host the German Service on Dec. 23, at 4 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service are at 3 and at 7:30 on Dec. 24.

Mission and Outreach Committee: Owen Lee

A Christmas Tree with 25 names on it will in the Fellowship Room. Names are of children involved with the Village Network fostering program, and contain their requests for Christmas presents.

Congregational Care Committee: Jeff Knepp

Prayer lists are being updated.

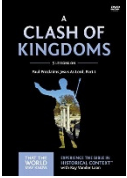
Old Business:

Ken Kroah has been contacted by another neighbor seeking the help of the Home Repair Mission. He will be gathering information and prices.

Council voted to again present The Portrayal on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019

New Business:

The 2019 Mission Plan was approved to bring before the congregation at the Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, after the 10:30 worship.



The 9:00am Adult Sunday school class (Youth ages 14 and up). For the next few weeks we will be discussing "Clash of Kingdoms" by Ray VanderLaan.

The Ring Out! Children's choir will be performing December 16 during the 10:30 service.



On December 23, the Youth will present a Living Nativity 3:00pm to 4:00pm, just before the German Language Christmas Service. **Participants please meet at 2:45pm.**

The Children's Christmas **Program** is December 16 during the 10:30 service. **Practice** will be December 9 during the 10:30 service.



Thursday, December 27 is St. John's UCC Family Night. Meet at Park Lanes at 6pm for bowling pizza and Pop. **Please RSVP for this event to Julie at 740-345-1645.**

St. John's is collecting funds for a new Peace Pole. The collection box is in the Fellowship room. The current pole, on the south lawn of the church, is showing lots of wear and tear.



Adult class (including Youth 14 and up) 9:00am.
Bible Discovery Zone during the 10:30am service.
Nursery care and Pre-school class available at 10:00am.



Cradle Roll

- 2: Frances Hill
- 9: Marla Crowthers
- 16: Kayla Hill
- 23: Julie Kroah
- 30: Frances Hill



Bible Discovery Zone

- 2: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah
- 9: Kara Deal & Connor Boyce
- 16: Brian Lensink & Pat Farley
- 23: Kara Deal & Connor Boyce
- 30: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 9:00 AM Confirmation Class from 9:00 am to 9:45 am 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary 11:30 AM "Hanging of the Greens"	26	27 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Bible Study	28 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice changed	29 6:00 PM Mission & Outreach Committee	30	1
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16 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary- Children's Christmas Program &"Ring Out" (Children's Bell Choir)	17	18 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	19 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21 First Day of Winter	22
23 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary 1:00 PM Christmas Caroling for our Shut-ins 3:00 PM LIVE NATIVITY by our youth - MEET AT 2:45 PM 4:00 PM Annual Newark Area German Language Christmas Service- Rev. Bill Rauch	24  3:00 PM Communion & Candlelight Early Service 7:00 PM Special Pre-Service Music 7:30 PM Communion & Candlelight Service	25 	26 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	27 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Bible Study 6:00 PM St. John's UCC Family Bowling Night at Park Lanes RSVP to Julie at 740-345-1645 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28	29
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Worship & Classes!

8:00 am –Chapel Service
9:00 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Traditional Sanctuary Service
3:00 pm – Early Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm - Special Pre-service Music
7:30 pm - Christmas Eve Service
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You may choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the _____ Abiding Memorial Fund or the _____ Foundation Fund.

All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 9, will** be listed in the bulletin on **DECEMBER 16** in addition to the bulletins on **Sunday, December 23 and Monday, December 24**. Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office.

Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin: (i.e.: In honor of or in memory of.....by or from.....) Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone: _____