

St. John's

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember....Welcome Home to St. John's!
The 2019 February Chimes



Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our shut-ins and the following members, David Hummel, Lois Boldt, Alison Armstrong, Barb Smith, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Mary Lou Hostetler, Jeanette Morris, Sandra Donson, Machele West, Sylvia Yaekle, Linda Wolfle, Dick Boyd, Sherry Hupp, Kate Hannum Rose, Debi Snow, Kathy Wilson, Judy Armstrong, Braxton Picklesimer, Lois Boldt, Mari Dailey, Vicky McGee, Keith Ford, Stephanie Oliver, Megan Pursley, Phyllis Miller, Larry & Debbie Jones & family, Terry & Frances Hill and family and the family of Marie Conner, Rev. Harold Beesley and Linda Miracle.

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.



Nathaniel Kroah received the Individual Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement at the AIESEC Winter Conference in Falls Church, Virginia. This award is sponsored by AIESEC United States and Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University.



On Friday, January 25, 2019 Jeff Sheets was inducted into the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame in Columbus.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the members of St. John's for your cards, prayers and contributions to the church in my mother's name. Thanks to all that came to calling hours and the funeral service. A special thank you to Rev. Katrick for his comforting words and to the Special Events Committee for the wonderful luncheon. My mother loved her Church Family very much and it was wonderful to see that the feeling was mutual. Your outpouring of love and support has given me comfort and strength.
 Thank You
 Jeff Conner



Marie E. Conner

Born: December 18, 1927

Died: January 2, 2019

A member of St. John's since 1941



Rev. Harold Beesley

Born: March 13, 1952

Died: January 13, 2019

A member of St. John's since 2010



Linda A. Miracle

Born: September 8, 1945

Died January 17, 2019

A member of St. John's since 2013

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,505.00
Income as of January 27, 2019	\$ <u>8,248.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 257.00)

Dear members and friends:

Don Emmitte shares the story of a young man shuffling through the card racks. The clerk finally asked him if he needed any help.

"I need something that expresses longing, devotion, passion, and undying love," the young man said. The clerk picked up a lacy Valentine that said, "To My One and Only Love." The young man's eyes lit up. "That's perfect! Give me four no, six of those!"

Like that young man, I shuffled through the racks. But I only needed one Valentine - for my high-school girlfriend. And, having been taught the fine art of card selection by my mother, I didn't need any help finding the right one.

As a younger man, I was not as selective. Do you remember those big packs of assorted Valentines and the small heart-shaped candies we got for school? There were more than enough for your classmates. I got hand cramps signing all those cards at the kitchen table under mom's supervision.

What would Saint Valentine have thought of giving out candy and cards every February 14th? He probably wouldn't have thought of it at all, since most of his time and energy was spent defending the Christian faith.

According to time.com, there may have been more than one Valentine. "One was a Roman priest and doctor persecuted by the emperor Claudius II for marrying Christian couples. There is another Valentine that appears in early martyrologies as Bishop of Terni, Italy.

One thing we know for sure is that St. Valentine loved his Lord and Savior. He had to be "crazy in love" to risk his own life trying to convert the Emperor.

Shahid Shahbaz Khan believes, "the love of God graces us with a gift, which is not sold in the biggest shopping malls of the world. No purse or pocket can pay for it. The Apostle Paul in his epistle to the Romans says: 'The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' ([Romans 6:23](#))."

This Valentine's Day, "Let's be different than the world," says Shahbaz Khan. "How about sharing and learning the greatest love of all, a Man who laid down His life for all of us."

Better yet, how about making every day a Valentine for Jesus by following his greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36-40). There's nothing sweeter than "loving the Lord our God with all our hearts and with all our minds and with all our souls and our neighbors as ourselves."

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark



Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational meeting and POTLUCK on February 17, 2019

Chucky's Annual Report

Chester and me didn't miss a Sunday. We have one of the most important jobs in the whole church - keeping an eye on the refreshments in the Fellowship Room.

Church mice love cookies. But we love cheese even more. One Sunday they put out Cheetos®. I make a motion for more Cheetos®. Chester seconds.

Our next most important job is making sure the coffee is warm. No worries - we don't taste it, we just snuggle up next to the coffee machine.

We got to all the committee meetings. They are doing a really good job. Our favorite is Christian Education. Sometimes, they bring stuff to eat.

The best part of the annual meeting is potluck. Someone always brings macaroni and cheese and/or cheesy potatoes. I make a motion for more potlucks. Chester seconds.

We don't get as many visitors these days. They said it had something to do with a mouse trap. I thought Mouse Trap was a game you play with dice.

This is my tenth annual meeting! The Rev and me want to thank you for putting up with us these past ten years. You are the best church ever! And Anita, Charlie, Julie, Todd and Jane are the best staff ever!



AFTERNOON CIRCLE LUNCH –

The ladies of the Afternoon Circle will meet for lunch on Wednesday, February 6, at Noon, at THE OLIVE GARDEN (Rt. 79 and South 30th Street in Heath). This, of course, is weather permitting. Please call Mrs. Donna Hewitt to make your reservation. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



**THE SONG YOU
KNOW.
THE STORY YOU
DIDN'T.**

Before he became the lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard suffered through a painful childhood, which led to him building walls around his heart. In the *I Can Only Imagine Bible Study*, Bart shares his story and leads you on a redemptive journey to see yourself through God's eyes. Find rest in His approval, purpose, and eternal hope as you reveal the heart of the God who loves you ... more than you can imagine.

March 13 at 6:30pm (movie showing). Lenten study March 20, 27, April 3, 10 at 6:30pm

Bring your own lawn chair for the movie showing for an extra comfy seat.



News from Church Council –

With several big snows coming so far this winter on the weekends, Church Council passed the following policy on Sunday morning services:



When a Level 2 Snow Emergency (or higher) is declared in Newark City and/or Licking County, Sunday morning church services at St. John's United Church of Christ will be cancelled.

Council is also looking into an automated phone system through which we could call members to inform them of cancellations or other events, as well as an email system. Please look for updates on these two methods. Please continue to check local radio stations and television stations for cancellations.

From the Treasurer:

We ended 2018 about \$7000 short in Faith Promise giving; however, that was made up for in other ways.

We did not spend all of the Emerson Miller money; we did not touch the remainder of the Bebout money.

From the Christian Education Committee:

The Youth will be making Potato Soup on Feb. 3, for members of the congregation to purchase. Proceeds will go to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

From the Special Events Committee:

Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Frank Davis, chair of the Bereavement Dinners. We thank Frank and Vicky for their tireless work organizing and serving in this important ministry.

From the Mission and Outreach Committee:

Monetary gifts were given to The Community Health Clinic and to St. Vincent de Paul.

From Fostering Further:

Council received a letter from Valerie Smith and Erica Kalkowski stating their desire to move all of the items from the "store" in St. John's lower level to another facility where furniture is also stored for emancipated youth. Taking its place at St. John's would be a "store" with items for children coming into the foster care system (diapers, formula, clothing, toys and books, personal care items, etc.). Council gave its blessing for this change and looks forward to our continued partnering with Fostering Further.

From the Foundation Fund:

A new Foundation Fund has been established in the names of Richard H. and Marie E. Conner.

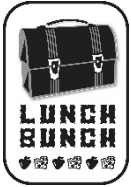
We are still looking for three good people to fill the three 3-year terms that remain open beginning next month on Church Council. These folks are to be elected at the Annual Meeting on February 17, 2019. The one slot that is filled is Relna Cornell (who will be the liason with the Music Committee). Thank you, Relna. If you would like to serve on our exciting Church Council, please speak to President Greg Crowthers, Vice President Tom Lawyer, or any member of Council today.



February 9 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 Huntington University. Meet at the church at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Julie Kroah.



I Can Only Imagine will be our Lenten Bible study this year. Join us at 6:30pm March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10. This study is based on the Movie and Song of the same name. March 13 will be a viewing of the movie in Hermann Hall (bring your own lawn chair for an extra comfy seat) and then join us the following weeks for a study and discussion in the meeting room.



Lunch Bunch will meet February 12 & 26 at 12:00pm. Bring your lunch and Bible study, discussion and fellowship. Current study features **Bad Girls of the Bible**.



Starting in January for the sermon series focused on the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon on the Mount is the longest continuous discourse of Jesus found in the New Testament. It includes some of the best teachings of Jesus Christ. Themes covered are The Beatitudes, Salt and Light, Light of the World, Lamp under a bushel, Wise and Foolish Builders and more.



Adult class 9:00 a.m.

Bible Discovery Zone during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Nursery care and Pre-school class available at 10:00 a.m.

Cradle Roll

3: Kayla Hill
 10: Marla Crowthers
 17: Julie Kroah
 24: Frances Hill

Bible Discovery Zone

3: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah
 10: Brian Lensink & Pat Farley
 17: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah
 24: Kara Deal & Connor Boyce

February Worship Service Duties

DVD Filming

3: John West
 10: Dick Tulloss
 17: Gary Kinser
 24: Ken Kroah

Sound System

3: Dick Tulloss
 10: Julie Kroah
 17: Dick Tulloss
 24: Ken Kroah

Ushers

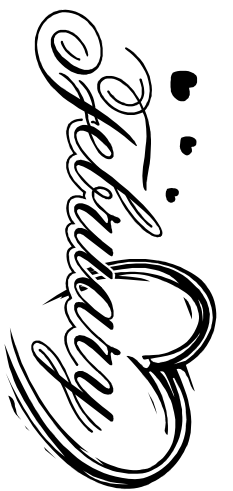
Chair – Jay Satterfield
 Mike Dunn
 Greg & Marla Crowthers

Greeters

3: Bill & Nancy McInturf
 10: Don Handel & Sally Penrose
 17: Kirk & Laurie Homrighouse
 24: Jay Satterfield

Liturgists

3: Kirk Homrighouse
 10: Gary Kinser
 17: Frank Davis
 24: Rev. Mark Katrick



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 9:00 AM Confirmation Class- Meet in the Youth Room 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary	28	29 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Bible Study- Bad Girls of the Bible	30 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	31 7:00 PM Choir Practice	1	2
3 Communion Sunday 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary 11:30 AM Souper Bowl of Caring- Youth making Soup - free will donation will help our local community. Available after the 10:30 service	4	5 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting	6 10:00 AM STAFF MEETING 12:00 PM Afternoon Circle will meet at the Olive Garden in Heath at 12:00 weather permitting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	7 7:00 PM Choir Practice	8	9 12:30 PM Slam Dunk and Slices at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. Meet at the church
10 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 9:00 AM Confirmation Class- Meet in the Sanctuary to talk about Baptism 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary 11:30 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 11:30 AM Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting	11	12 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch Bible Study- featuring Bad Girls of the Bible 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	13 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	14 Valentine's Day 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15	16
17 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School (Youth ages 14 and up) 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary 11:30 AM ANNUAL POT LUCK & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	18 Office Closed Presidents' Day	19 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	21 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22	23
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9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 am – Traditional Sanctuary Service
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The Lunch Bunch – featuring *Bad Girls of the Bible*
Learn the Truth about God's Goodness from the Bible's Bad Girls

Join two dozen women in a cozy coffeehouse setting, as author and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs explores the lives of ten of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales. From Eve to Jezebel to Delilah, each woman's story and struggles come to life, as Liz brings home this vital truth: "No one is good--except God alone" (Luke 18:19).

Divided into ten lessons--each lasting ten to twelve minutes--the Bad Girls of the Bible DVD offers a fresh way to engage with the truths found in the best-selling book, whether used for personal enjoyment or in a group setting. Find out why women everywhere say, "You have to hear Liz teach!"

February 12th @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room – Lot's wife: "Pillar of the Community"

February 26th @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room – The woman at the well: "Dying for a drink"