

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember....Welcome home to....

St. John's

The 2020 November Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our shut-ins and the following members, David Hummel, Alison Armstrong, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Mary Lou Hostetler, Jeanette Morris, Sandra Donson, Machele & John West, Dick Boyd, Kate Hannum Rose, Debi Snow, Kathy Wilson, Judy Armstrong, Braxton Picklesimer, Vicky McGee, Virginia Lavelle, Brenda Simross, Paula Hatfield, Donna & Loren Hewitt, Harriett Applegate, Bill Jansheski, Charles & Lois Meyers, Mike Boyce, Relna Cornell, Esther Gillham, Todd Baldosser & family.

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 Michelle Reedy jmichele.reedy@gmail.com

WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER THE 8:00 A.M. AND THE 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR SERVICES NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2020.

MASKS ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED AND SELF-DISTANCING RULES APPLY DURING OUR 9:15 A.M. SANCTUARY SERVICE.

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29, OUR SERVICE HOURS WILL CHANGE TO 9 AM OUTDOOR, 10 AM INDOOR, 11 AM OUTDOOR THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2021.

Keep The Bells Ringing
at St. John's United Church of Christ

Goal:	\$ 37,470.00
As of October 25, 2020:	\$ 34,520.00
Still needed:	\$ 2,950.00

Thank You!

Thanks so much for the goody bag. (Rally Day bag)
Paula Hatfield

A big "Thank You" for the "Rally Day Bag". Made my day. It was a nice gesture & again "Thanks" Prayers, Dolores McDonald

St. John's Church Family,
Hope your ministry is being blessed even through these uncertain times. We are grateful for your continued support and prayer. We could not meet the need in our community without our partners. God Bless,
Lori Hubble (The Look Up Center)

Dear Church Council,
Thank you for supporting me in my efforts to earn my Gold Award. Creating the Prayer Walk at my church made the work all the more special to me. Thank you again and God Bless.
Love, Colleen Kroah

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,002.59
Income as October 25, 2020	<u>\$10,427.05</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 1,424.46

Please Note: To all members that are currently listed on the greeter, usher, liturgist rotation. If you are listed to serve as an usher and feel safe to do services, please call Frank Davis at 740-323-2160 for information. Thank you!



Dear members and friends of St. John's:

Years ago, someone I cared for, whose opinions I valued said, "These outdoor services are great! You should try them all year round." Being all too familiar with Central Ohio winters, I gave a quizzical look and said some inconsequential thing like, "I don't know if that would be possible."

Yet this person's idea was as strong and sure as a nudge from the Holy Spirit. So I stored it away in my heart until that same Spirit reappeared at St. John's last March and nudged us to move our 8:00 and 10:30 services outdoors.

Since that time, we've enjoyed a long string of beautiful Sundays in the sun, worshipping the Holy One together. That word together sounds so good these days, doesn't it?

Now that winter is drawing near, I was moved to offer council a proposal to continue our drive-in services through the months of December, January and February. Many of our members and friends had already affirmed this by saying that it would not only be possible but desirable, considering the circumstances.

"We can turn our car heaters on," you said. "But we're worried about you." Well, don't you worry about me. That big umbrella on the patio can keep off the snow as well as the rain. And I can always retreat to behind the glass inside. As my oldest son Nick, who lives in Vermont tells me, "Just dress for the cold, dad!"

Because of what Mother Nature may have in store, we could call this a leap of faith. But when you stop and think and pray about it, it's not such a leap after all, because God is involved. And with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Beginning November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent, there will continue to be three opportunities to worship. But the times will change with drive-in-services at 9 and 11 and a service in the sanctuary (with masks and distancing) at 10, that will also be streamed. This will allow for more daylight, warming temperatures, and better road conditions. And as always, if it is a level two or above, all church activities will be cancelled.

So on behalf of the council and church and ministry committees, I offer this revised schedule of worship services with the greatest of hope, remembering all those Sundays last winter when I said, "Charlie, it's warm enough to have church outside, this morning."

Whether there is rain, snow, sleet, hail or the gloom of thick, gray, wintry clouds, we will let the sunshine in by sharing this sacred space together, both indoors and outdoors. Let's imagine it's Sunday morning in the parking lot and there's a brand new sparkling coat of freshly fallen snow. And Elaine is out there taking pictures of another historic event in the life of our church.

All the while, God and our great cloud of witnesses will be smiling down on us saying, "We knew you could do it." Just like a special someone said to me years ago.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Christmas Eve services

With the hope, peace, love and joy of the season, we are planning to have two Christmas Eve services at St. John's. As of now, our 3:00 p.m. service will be in the parking lot for those of you who feel more comfortable worshipping outdoors. Our 7:30 p.m. candlelight service will be in the sanctuary with social distancing and face masks. For your safety, we would also ask that people leave in sacred silence and try not to congregate inside afterwards, just like we do for Lenten services.

Starting December 1, we'll be asking you to call in if you plan on being at the late service, so we can have an idea how many will be in attendance. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services, with the elements distributed in sealed containers. Please stay tuned for further updates.



Lillian Mae Alice Wilson

Born: August 11, 2014

Theodore William Wilson

Born: November 7, 2016

Parents: Jessica and Henry Wilson III

Adults: Sydney Rian, Melanie Wilson-Mason, Brandy Vickers,
Henry Wilson III, Henry Wilson Jr.



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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

***Showers of Blessing* by Helen Steiner Rice.** Reminders of God's promises of everlasting love, abiding joy and reflections on the many blessings our loving Father pours upon us.

Go Fish. Andy Stanley's 6-part series exploring the motivation behind sharing our faith and how it can become a natural part of life.

For Children

***Read-Aloud Bible Stories vol.1* by Ella K. Lindvall.** Award winning book that is meant to be read aloud. Old and New Testament stories with illustration and applications made just for kids.

OUR GIVING TREE WITH TAGS FOR CHILDREN'S GIFTS

...will happen this year, but will take place a little differently.

We have been in contact with the Village Network of Newark, and will be receiving Gift Tags as usual. The tags have the first name and age of the child, and their wished for gifts for Christmas. We will either have a tree available with the tags at the bottom of the steps after worship, or you may ask an usher for a tag.

Purchase the gift, but **DO NOT WRAP IT**. Return it to the church by giving it to an usher as you enter the parking lot, and we'll get it to the Village Network for distribution.

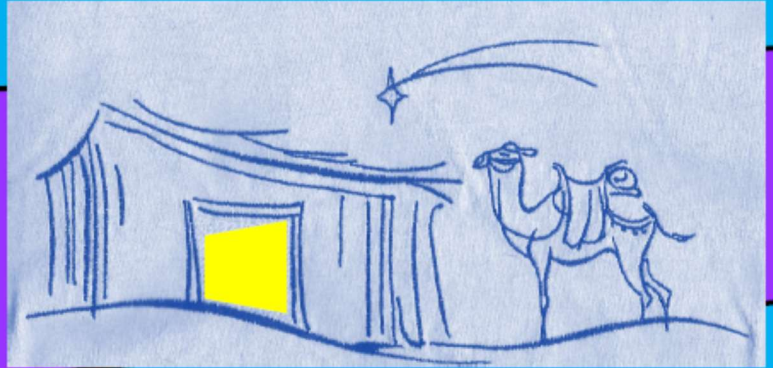
Please watch the Sunday bulletins and next month's Chimes for dates. And thank you for helping to make a foster child's Christmas a little brighter.

- Your Mission and Outreach Committee



COME AND EXPERIENCE ...

**BREAKING
NEWS**



IN **BETHLEHEM**

DECEMBER 6, 2020

1PM, 2PM, 3PM

Space is limited. Call the church office to reserve your parking space. Attendance is FREE. Non-perishable food items & donations will benefit the Licking County Food Pantry. This is an outdoor, stay in you car event.

Social distancing guidelines will be in place.

Meet the people of Bethlehem,
interviewed by a roving
reporter as we journey to
welcome the new born King.

ALL PROCEEDS
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Our Outdoor Christmas Program Has A New Name
Breaking News in Bethlehem

THERE ARE LOTS OF JOBS TO BE DONE
and no good way to put up a sign-up sheet.
But you can VOLUNTEER!

<u>If you would like to help with:</u>	<u>Contact:</u>
Parking and traffic control	Tom Lawyer
Publicity (mailings, putting up posters, etc.)	John West, Julie Kroah
Collecting canned goods for Food Pantry	Owen Lee, Susan Jansheski
Arranging for music between performances	Relna Cornell, Todd Baldosser
Costumes and Props	Elaine Gard
Being a greeter or running sound system	Gary Kinser
Assembling and passing out Parting Gifts	Michele Reedy
Recruiting or being an "Actor"	Robin Lyn Green
Census Taker	"
Prophet	"
Tent Maker	"
Inn Keeper	"
Roman Soldier	"
Mary	"
Joseph	"
Shepherds	"
Carpenter	"
Dyer/Tanner	"
A few Minglers	"

30-Minute Performances will be at 1, 2, and 3:00 p.m.
on **Sunday, December 6, 2020**
in St. John's Parking Lot
COME AS YOU ARE; STAY IN YOUR CAR

Reservations Must Be Made
By Calling The Church Office (740-323-2407) By December 4, 2020.

Indoor Sanctuary Service 9:15am COVID 19 Safety Information

If you are interested in coming into the sanctuary for the 9:15am indoor sanctuary service, please be aware that guideline for social distancing and safety are in place. Masks are required while you are in the sanctuary. The room is cleaned weekly, the Fellowship room is not in use at this time. We ask that you do not gather before or after service while inside the church. If you have any questions call the church office.



Usher tables are placed at the front and back of the sanctuary. This is for no contact bulletin, Communion element pick up and offering drop off. Masks and hand sanitizer are available as well.



Every other pew is closed off to allow for proper safe distance. Please sit at least 6 feet apart. Families may sit together. At this time the choir is not present during services.



Afternoon Circle Will Not Meet in November

We had the most beautiful day of the fall for our October meeting in the Parking Lot and visiting the new Prayer Walk. We applaud Colleen Kroah for all her thought and work.

We will not meet in November for our Annual Thank Offering Service. With Coronavirus numbers on the rise in Licking County, we decided it is safer for us to not meet indoors at this time.

Members will receive by mail another Letter to His Princess, and a short Thank Offering Prayer for your own use. Please continue to put your coins in your Thank Offering jar. Despite the Pandemic, there are lots of things for which we can be thankful.



In every Christian tradition, there is generally a time in the service for an offering. However, in today's world of social distancing, digital streaming and outdoor services, giving can look very different to each giver. We may give by "passing the plate," dropping offerings in a collection box, sending them through the mail, or electronically. God's Word teaches that Christ followers should generously give back to Jesus and others, their time, talents, and treasures. How much we give is between ourselves and God. We want to thank our members and friends for all you do to support the ministries and the mission of St. John's United Church of Christ!



NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL, MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2020 –

Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

We are \$5,930.71 below budget on spending so far this year.

We are \$4,701.95 behind on Faith Promise so far this year.



Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Katrick

The Central Southeast Ohio Association will be moving their files into the Koinonia Room on November 17.

Council approved the Winter Worship Schedule to be from November 29, 2020, (the first Sunday of Advent) through February 28, 2021, 9:00 – Outdoors, 10:00 – Indoors, 11:00 – Outdoors. These will be approximately 30 minute services. Hopefully the equipment will be here to live-stream the 10:00 service.

We are looking into ZOOM possibilities.

Communications: Anita Chirdon

The Crystal City Chorus is temporarily practicing at another location.

We received a thank you from Colleen Kroah for permission to do her Gold Award project in our 'backyard'.

Christian Education: Elaine Gard

November 15 – Youth will meet to put together the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to help.

November 22 – The Adult Sunday School Class will meet together to discuss the book HEAVEN.

Outdoor Christmas Program: Elaine Gard

New name – BREAKING NEWS IN BETHLEHEM

Church and Ministry: Gary Kinser

November 1 – Communion at all services

November 3 – The church will be open for prayer and meditation, 9-5pm, Pastor will be available; use the office door to enter

No real 'Hanging of the Greens' this year. The Christmas Tree will be put up and lit in the Sanctuary.

Property: Tom Lawyer

Concrete work in the driveway may be delayed until spring.

The renters have moved out of the parsonage.

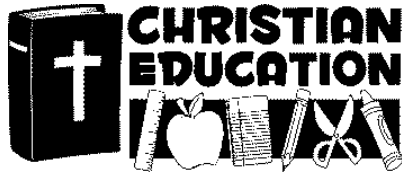
Mission and Outreach: Owen Lee

October donation was made to Neighbors in Need Offering.

In November, donations will be made for local needs due to the pandemic.

The plan is to have the Giving Tree for foster children through the Village Network of Newark.





Sunday, November 22, at 9:00am. Adult Sunday school wrap up of the book "Heaven." Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't read or finish reading the book.

On, November 15 at 10am, the Youth will be assembling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.



Breaking News In Bethlehem December 6, 2020.

Performances at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. Meet the people of Bethlehem, interviewed by a roving reporter as we journey to welcome the new born King. This a drive-in program. Space is

limited, call the church to reserve your parking space. We will need approximately 20 "actors" and a lot more support staff.



Like the Israelites, God will lead us through this wilderness. All Sunday school classes, Cradle Role, Bible Discovery Zone, Teen and the Adult class will be done through **email** or **Sunday morning paper-pick-up**. The childrens classes will have a crafts on the last Sunday of each month. Please register so that we have an adequate number of materials.

Sunday School Classes

Adult class – By email or Sunday morning pick-up

Bible Discovery Zone - By email or Sunday morning pick-up

Cradle Role - By email or Sunday morning pick-up



November Worship Service Duties



Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Frank Davis &
Gary Kinser

9:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Chair – Kevin French
Pamella French
Doug & Sue O'Brien

Sound System 9:15 a.m.

1 Julie Kroah
8 Dick Tulloss
15 Tom Lawyer
22 Ken Kroah
29 Julie Kroah

Acolytes 9:15 a.m.

1 Matthew Kroah
8 Logan Workman
15 Carter Hahn
22 Aidan Blaney-Sines
29 Matthew Kroah

Liturgists 9:15 a.m.

1 Larry Jones
8 Rev. Mark Katrick
15 Greg Crowthers
22 Kirk Homrighouse
29 Jay Satterfield



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 All Saints Day Communion Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car! 9:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 9-15 a.m. 10:30 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>4 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - Cancelled 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>15 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car! 9:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 9-15 a.m. 10:00 AM Youth to assembly - Operation Christmas Child Shoes Boxes 10:30 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car! 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School Wrap Up! 9:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 9-15 a.m. 10:30 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Chimes Assembly</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>26 Chorus Closed Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27 Chorus Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Advent 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car! NEW TIME! 10:00 AM Morning Service in the Sanctuary - NEW TIME! 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car! NEW TIME!</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>2 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - TBD 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>



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Worship Services! (Through November 22)

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service (9:00 am starting 11/29/20)
 9:15 a.m. – Sanctuary Service (10:00 am starting 11/29/20)
 10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service (11:00 am starting 11/29/20)
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Anita Chirdon Administrative Asst. stjohnsunity@windstream.net	Charles Bruah Church Sexton 740-975-2699	Julie Kroah Christian Education Director stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net

This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office. 6.5" pot \$ 11.00/each 1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)



The DEADLINE for placing orders is **Sunday, December 6, 2020.**
(Please pick up plants after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 13, 20, or after the Christmas Eve. Services on December 24.

____ I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.
 ____ I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

You may also 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 6** will be listed in the bulletin on **DECEMBER 13** in addition to the bulletins on **Sunday, December 20 and Thursday, December 24.** Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office.