

Welcome Home!

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

St. John's

The 2020 December 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, Helen McGaughy, Adam Crase & family & the families of Christina Claypool and Bob Shoemaker.

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

Keep The Bells Ringing

at St. John's United Church of Christ

Goal: \$ 37,470.00
As of November 22 2020: \$ 35,305.00
Still needed: \$ 2,165.00

The bells are now out of service and repairs are being made. We hope to have them back up and ringing for Easter 2021. Thank you for your continued support for this project.

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal \$ 9,002.59
Income as November 22, 2020 \$ 8,632.50
Month to Date Balance (\$ 370.09)

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone at St. Johns for their support, prayers, and cards during October. Your thoughtfulness really helped during a difficult time for my family.

Todd Baldosser



Christina Lynn Claypool

Born: February 4, 1969

Died: October 30, 2020

A member of St. John's since 2008

Robert "Bob" W. Shoemaker

Born: November 9, 1939

Died: November 23, 2020

A member of St. John's since 1977

welcome
to our church family

Rebecca Swartz and Michael Dooley joined our Church Membership on November 8, 2020.

An Opportunity for part-time Employment

Sandy Hummel is looking for someone to help with her husband Dave's care on the weekends. If you have interest or know of someone who does, please call her at [740-345-3655](tel:740-345-3655).

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29, OUR SERVICE HOURS WILL CHANGE TO 9 AM AND 11 AM OUTDOOR DRIVE-IN SERVICES THROUGH FEBRUARY OF 2021. ALL INDOOR SERVICES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Dear members and friends:

It was Christmas Eve night 1982 at St. Peter's U.C.C., in Clinton, Ohio. The weather was unseasonably warm. People were outdoors in their shirt sleeves visiting, while the sanctuary was filling up with the smiling faces of worshippers.

As the newly called student pastor, I could feel the love pouring out in that sacred space. After we lit candles and sang *Silent Night*, that love, along with the hope peace and joy of the Advent/Christmas season, was carried out into the world by all who had worshipped there.

Now, nearly 38 years later, I'm feeling the same spirit of anticipation and excitement, as we plan and prepare for Christmas Eve at St. John's. In our strivings to create a worship environment that is safe and secure for all, our Church and Ministry Committee and Church Council have decided to stay outdoors this year, whether it's shirt-sleeve weather or not. Drive-in services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., and we look forward to seeing the parking lot fill up with your smiling faces.

We had planned to be in the sanctuary for the late service. Then an email was received from the Heartland Conference, **STRONGLY** recommending that there be no indoor worship through the end of the calendar year. The COVID virus has spread in some of our congregations and deaths can be directly attributed to it.

Thank you for your patience through these changing circumstances. Please know that you have brothers and sisters in Christ who care about you, and are acting in prayerful consideration for the greater good of all.

Even though social distancing is keeping us apart, there is "nothing that can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord (Romans 8:39)."

And after we light our electric candles and sing *Silent Night*, the hope, peace, and love of the Advent/Christmas season will be carried out into the world with this song in our hearts.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

In Christ's love,
Rev. Mark



Mission and Outreach will be sponsoring the Village Network Christmas Tree for foster children again this year. There will be 25 tags on the tree. The tree will be available on Sunday, November 22 at the parking lot level of the church during the outdoor services. The congregation is invited to participate by taking a tag and buying a gift for a foster child for Christmas. The gifts should be returned unwrapped in a bag with the tag attached by Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Thank you for considering this gift to a foster child.
Mission and Outreach

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2021 Proposed Mission Plan

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	Proposed <u>2021</u>
I			
<u>PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</u>			
<u>Senior Pastor</u>			
a. Salary	37,686	37,686	37,686
b. Housing Allowance	18,000	18,000	18,000
c. Social Security Allowance 7.65%	4,260	4,260	4,260
d. Travel Allowance	3,500	3,500	3,500
e. Ministerial Annuity 14%	7,796	7,796	7,796
Bonus provided in lieu of providing any insurance.	4,800	4,800	4,800
Continuing Education	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Compensation Package	77,042	77,042	77,042
Pulpit Supply	500	800	1,000
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	25,000	25,400	25,400
<u>Temp. Secretary @ \$15.00 per hour</u>	4,160	4,200	5,940
<u>Church Sexton</u>	7,106	7,220	7,220
<u>Organist / Adult Choir Director</u>	13,461	13,676	13,676
Organist Supply	412	412	412
<u>Pianist - Chapel Service \$20 per week</u>	443	500	1,040
<u>Media Coordinator</u>	3,348	3,402	3,402
<u>Nursery Worker \$20 per week</u>	1,040	1,040	520
<u>Director of Christian Education</u>	6,532	6,637	6,637
Social Security/Church Paid 7.65%	4,705	4,780	4,915
Workers' Compensation	500	500	500
Payroll Company Fees	1,639	1,853	1,853
Total Personnel Committee	145,888	147,462	149,557
II			
<u>CHURCH & MINISTRY</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</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>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
a. Utilities	27,000	27,000	26,000
b. Insurance	8,500	7,500	7,500
c. Church Maintenance	4,500	5,000	6,500
d. Lawn and Landscape Care	4,600	5,000	5,000
e. Cleaning Service	12,444	12,444	12,444
f. Snow Removal	1,100	1,500	1,500
Total Property Maintenance	58,144	58,444	58,944

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	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>IV MUSIC COMMITTEE</u>			
a. Choir/Organ/Handbell Supplies	800	800	800
b. Instrument Maintenance	400	400	400
Total Music	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
<u>V FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
a. Office Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,500
b. Miscellaneous	750	1,100	1,100
c. Copier Lease and Supplies	6,028	6,500	5,282
Total Finance & Stewardship	<u>10,778</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>10,882</u>
<u>VI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
a. Christian Education Expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total Christian Education	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<u>VII SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
a. Kitchen Supplies	500	500	300
b. Church Lunches	750	750	400
c. Receptions	150	150	50
Total Special Events	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>750</u>
<u>VIII MISSION</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
a. Mission Projects	6,000	6,000	6,000
b. OCWM (basic support)	2,000	2,000	2,000
c. Minister Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Mission	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<u>IX CONGREGATIONAL CARE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
	400	400	400
<u>X EVANGELISM & OUTREACH</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
	8,000	8,000	8,000
TOTAL MISSION PLAN	<u>\$241,910</u>	<u>\$244,606</u>	<u>\$245,833</u>

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2021 Proposed Mission Plan

<u>Proposed Income</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
“Faith Promise” From Cards	98,160	91,066	88,008
Additional "Faith Promise" needed	3,900	16,965	15,275
Initial Offering	500	400	400
Plate Offering (Cash)	8,000	5,000	7,000
Use of Facility (Fees)	500	800	-
Interest Income	90,000	90,000	90,000
Grocery Coupons	125	100	75
Advent Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	750	600	600
Lenten Offering (100% to Mission Budget)	600	600	600
Prospect St. Property Rental Income	7,200	7,200	12,000
Other Income	425	425	425
Miller Estate	31,450	31,450	31,450
	<u>\$241,610</u>	<u>244,606</u>	<u>245,833</u>

Due to current safety guidelines, we are unable to have our Congregational Budget Meeting as usual but we still need you to review the budget and vote to approve or vote against it by Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Email stjohnsunity@windstream.net or call one of the following on our Finance & Stewardship Committee if you have any questions or concerns. Frank Davis will also be available after the two Drive-in Services to answer any questions or address any concerns.

Ken Kroah	(740) 345-1645	Brian Lensink	(614) 493-1961
Jeff Conner	(740) 323-3005	Bill McInturf	(740) 323-3931
Alan Crowthers	(740) 814-6806	Frank Davis	(740) 323-2160
Greg Crowthers	(740) 522-5702	Chairperson	

Your vote can be emailed to stjohnsunity@windstream.net , mailed in, or dropped off by **Sunday, December 13, 2020.**

2021 Proposed Mission Plan (Budget) Ballot

Name _____



Approve



Against

Greetings to the members and friends of St. John's! As we enter into this season of Advent, a time of hope, peace, love and joy, I want to thank you again and again for all you are and all you do! Your gifts of time, talent and treasure, including the Advent offering, support our Mission and Outreach ministries. You make all the difference in the world to the church and the community we serve.

God bless!

Rev. mark



Hello my friends! On behalf of Chester and Chauncey, we want to wish you a happy Advent season!

One of our favorite stories is *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. The Rev, who likes to read it to us and his kitties too, did a little research on it.

It is, "One of the oldest and most popular Christmas poems ever, and was written in the early 19th century. Though its author is disputed, with the poem being attributed to both Clement Clarke Moore and Henry Livingston Jr., it was definitely first published on Dec. 23, 1823 in the *Troy Sentinel* newspaper in upstate New York. It is also referred to as "A Visit From St. Nicholas" or "The Night Before Christmas." (huffpost.com)

As much as we love to hear and tell the story, we do take issue with the part that says, "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse!"

Right here at St. John's your church mice will most definitely be doing some serious stirring of the special egg nog recipe handed down to us by Great Grandma Church Mouse. All the while, we will be growing our coats for the drive-in services throughout the winter months, especially on Christmas Eve. And we'll be checking batteries on the electric candles that Anita ordered for the 3:00 and 7:30 services.

Please know how much we miss seeing you during snack time in the fellowship room. And always remember that no social distancing can keep your church mice from you.

Now we've got to go and hang our stockings by the chimney so Santa can fill 'em up with Cheetos®!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chucky

Afternoon Circle Will Not Meet in December

Again this month, the Afternoon Circle will not meet. Members, please watch your mail for a Christmas art study and devotion, and your letter from the King. And then you can let your imagination take you back to past Christmas Dinners we have had together, and the decadent Carrot Cakes with Cream Cheese Frosting for dessert.

Above all, stay safe and healthy for this Christmas season and into the New Year.

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 16, 2020:

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Conner, member of Finance and Stewardship

We are more than \$1,000 to the good on expenses.

We are still behind on Face Promise giving.

We are way ahead on Plate Giving (loose offerings with no designation)



2021 Budget Proposal: Jeff Conner

The Proposed 2021 Budget was approved by Council for presentation to the Congregation.

The Proposed 2021 Budget will be printed in the December Chimes, and in the Sunday Bulletin on December 13. It will be available anytime from an usher or from the Church Office. Voting on the proposed 2021 Budget will take place by signed ballots which will be printed in the December Chimes and in the Sunday Bulletins thereafter. The congregation will please sign and vote, and return the ballot to the church by Sunday, December 13. This may be done by dropping it in the offering on Sundays, dropping it off at the church anytime, mailing it in to the church, or emailing your response to the church office. All ballots must be back to the church by Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Katrick

We have had as many as 70 views of the Thursday evening Prayer Services.

Communion is celebrated on the Thursdays after it is celebrated on Sundays.

People can procure their own elements and celebrate at home.

We are hoping to begin streaming the 10:00 indoor service beginning Dec. 6.

Property Committee: Tom Lawyer

The parsonage is empty, and will be cleaned, painted, carpet replaced, etc.

Finally had the old safe downstairs drilled.

The only contents were 3 links for the fire door. No treasures.

Breaking News in Bethlehem: Robin Green and Elaine Gard

All is getting close to being ready. – **UPDATE- THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2020.**

Still need a few "extras" to be a crowd in the background.

We need to get the word out and invite folks.

Church and Ministry: Gary Kinser

We need to have a member present when there is a baptism during the week.

Sunday worship times have changed to 9 (outside), 10 (inside), and 11 (outside)- **UPDATE: NO INDOOR SERVICES**

Christmas Eve Services will be: 3:00 – an outdoor, drive in service

7:30 – in the sanctuary – **UPDATE – WILL BE AN OUTDOOR DRIVE-IN SERVICE**

Members, please call to say you are coming to the 7:30 service

Christian Education: Elaine Gard

The Annual Bowling Party is being planned for either Monday 12/29 or Tuesday 12/30

Thirty-three boxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child

Music:

The Grand Piano in the sanctuary received some much needed work.

A new keyboard is in the process of being purchased. The old one is 20 years old.

Missions and Outreach: Owen Lee

November donations were made to the Licking County Food Pantry and the Salvation Army.

A giving tree for the Village Network foster children is available for folks to take tags

Purchase the gifts, bring them back unwrapped by Sunday, Dec. 13.

There will be NO Church Council meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.

Any business that comes up will be done by email.

The next Church Council meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2021.

All annual reports are due that day.

(The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, February 14, 2021.)



Breaking News In Bethlehem

HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR DECEMBER 6, 2020
DUE TO CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS



The Adult Sunday school class will be looking at the Advent devotional book titled "Let Us Go Now to Bethlehem" by Todd Outcalt. We may be meeting in person at 9am, but there will be a virtual option as well, please see the bulletin for updates. If you would like to be a part of either the in person class or the virtual class, please let Julie Kroah know at stjohsucc.ce@windstream.net.

Thank you for all the wonderful donation for Operation Christmas Child. The Youth were able to fill 33 shoe boxes that will be sent all over the world.



All Sunday school classes, Cradle Role and Bible Discovery Zone class will be done through **email** or **Sunday morning paper-pick-up**. We are currently studying Advent in both classes.

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



LIBRARY FOCUS FOR DECEMBER



Why the Nativity by David Jeremiah. 25 reasons why we celebrate the nativity.

Ideals: Christmas. Magazine of stories, poems and crafts about Christmas.

The Nativity Story (2006) DVD. Retelling of the story of Jesus birth.

For Children

Christmas Blessings by Bonnie Rickner Jensen. Follow wooly characters as they celebrate every part of the season.

*** These featured books and DVD's can be found in the church library on the center shelves***

December Worship Service Duties

Ushers: 9:00 a.m. - Frank Davis & Gary Kinser

11:00 a.m.-Dick Tulloss, Chr. Gary Kinser, Mike McCreary & Brian Lensink



Daily Scripture Reading

WEEK ONE

Sunday – Isaiah 40:1-8
Monday – Matt. 25:1-13
Tuesday – Isaiah 11:1-11
Wednesday – Isaiah 9:2-7
Thursday – Isaiah 7:14
Friday – Zechariah 9:9
Saturday – Isaiah 53:1-12

WEEK TWO

Sunday – Luke 1:1-20
Monday – Luke 1:21-25
Tuesday – Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday – Luke 1:39-45
Thursday – Luke 1:46-56
Friday – Luke 1:57-66
Saturday – Luke 1:67-80



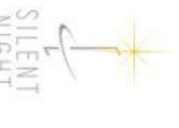

WEEK THREE

Sunday – Matt. 1:1-17
Monday – Matt. 1:18-21
Tuesday – Matt. 1:22-25
Wednesday – Matt. 2:1-12
Thursday – Matt. 2:13-18
Friday – Matt. 2:19-23
Saturday – Matt. 3:13-17

WEEK FOUR

Sunday – Luke 2:1-7
Monday – Luke 2:8-14
Tuesday – Luke 2:15-20
Wednesday – Luke 2:21-35
Thursday – Luke 2:36-40
Friday – Luke 2:41-50
Saturday – Luke 2:51-52

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>20 Advent 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 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 9:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting - TBD</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - CANCELLED 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>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 5:00 PM Baking News in Bethlehem- REHEARSAL- This event has been CANCELLED!</p>
<p>6 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! Erasaking News in Bethlehem! So sorry, but this event has been CANCELLED!</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>10 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Congregational Budget Meeting- BUDGET & BALLOT IN CHIMES - CANCELLED FOR YOUR CAR! 10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car!</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>17 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car!</p>	<p>21 First Day of Winter 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting- CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>24 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service- Outdoor Drive-In Service 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service- Outdoor Drive-In Service</p> 	<p>25 Christmas Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>26</p>
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Worship Services!

9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
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Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Eve Services

Our 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Communion and Candlelight Services will both be Outdoor Drive-In Services. We want everyone to stay safe and still be able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.