

Welcome Home!

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



St. John's

The 2020 October 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, Ron Gordon, Donna & Loren Hewitt, Harriett Applegate, Bill Jansheski, Charles & Lois Meyers, Mike Boyce, Relna Cornell, & Esther Gillham.

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

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| Goal: | \$ 35,000.00 |
| As of September 27, 2020: | \$ 31,320.00 |
| Still needed: | \$ 3,680.00 |

Financial Update

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| Monthly Faith Promise goal | \$ 9,002.59 |
| Income as September 27, 2020 | \$ 7,221.20 |
| Month to Date Balance | (\$ 1,781.39) |

Thank You!

Gary and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and well-wishes on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary. You made the day more special for us and we appreciate your kindness.

April and Gary Kinser

Dear Members of Church Council,
I wanted to thank you for allowing Delta Kappa Gamma, a women's group of professional educators to use our drive-in service. It was a real hit! We had over 25 cars in attendance which was a great turnout for our group. Our members commented how well everything worked. We were able to install new officers, give committee reports, raise money for scholarships and grants all because we were able to use our church facilities. I wanted to personally thank Anita Chirdon for making arrangements, Charlie Bruah for set up, unlocking and securing the building as well as getting some additional things that I had not requested but needed.

Thank you all,

Debbie Jones

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:

"Has St. John's Church UCC (previously Evangelical and Reformed) Church ever been used as a public polling place?"

This is the question I posed to three experts who are familiar with the history of our church. One was Charles Dudley, who was a member of the 175th Anniversary Committee. You may recall that he gave an excellent presentation on our church bells.

Another was Elaine Gard, who did such a wonderful job as the Chairperson of that Committee. My queries would not have been complete without a call to Sandy Johnson, who is one of our archivists, along with Cindy Dunn.

Though any one of them could write a history book, they could not recall an instance of voting going on at St. John's, except for that which was related to the church. I do recall that soon after I arrived as pastor, and was invited to be a board member of the South Newark Civic Association, there was some talk of having elections in Hermann Hall.

One I wish I could have reached out to was Jerry Satterfield. The Lord called him home, while this dear member and friend was helping to plan our anniversary. Jerry and I would meet regularly for breakfast, and he'd tell great stories. He would have been an excellent resource, because of his regular contributions to the *Newark Advocate* on the history of our city and surrounding communities.

My lead question leads to another one. "With separation of church and state, are our houses of worship appropriate places for persons to exercise their right to vote? I found an answer on churchlawcenter.com

Because they are conveniently located within communities, churches are often selected to serve as polling places during elections. But they need to take care to avoid crossing lines that might be unlawful under federal or state voting laws (like distributing literature to people standing in line, or displaying anything that could be construed as favoring any particular candidate).

With so many candidates to consider, and issues to debate, one thing we can all agree on is the importance of citizens having a safe and accessible place to cast their ballots.

Historically, churches have been considered to be a shelter where a person can feel, "safe and secure from all alarms!" At St. John's, this is symbolized by the ceiling in our sanctuary that looks like the hull of a ship, and the stained glass window with the cross of Jesus, standing tall upon a rock. Both of these are sure to withstand the stormy seas that seem to be crashing up against us these days.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Election Day, the church council and I want to invite you to a place that is set apart from all the noise and distractions - your church home.

We will open the sanctuary to any member, friend or guest who seeks a quiet place, a sacred space for prayer and contemplation, before or after casting his or her vote.

And I will be available throughout the day to sit with you and listen to your hopes and dreams, your doubts and fears, and offer an election day prayer for you and your loved ones.

You can be sure that Jesus will be a part of the conversation. There is no social distancing from him. When we open our doors from 9-5, your Lord and Savior will be there to greet you and to help you feel at home in his home.

We all have our worries and uncertainties about what might or might not happen on election day. But I am quite certain that no matter the results, we will continue to learn and grow as a church family, and to set a good example by sharing the love of Christ with others.

(For) We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Chucky the Church Mouse

Chester, Chauncey were hoping and praying that there would be Trunk or Treat this month at St. John's. We even had our toes crossed!

I'll bet you didn't know that mice have toes, four on our front feet, and five on our back feet! That's why we're so good at running away from cats!

It's better that we don't have it.

TO DO OUR PARTS, WE HEREBY PROMISE . . .

To wear masks (and tuck in our whiskers too). We're saving our Halloween masks for next year.

To not spread germs by using sign language. We're practicing "Please" and "Thank You" for the Cheetos®.

To do social distancing (six inches for mice). It's usually not a problem, because people are known to run away from us and say, "Eek!"

To save back some of our candy corns and plant them.

To give our big bag of candy to the pastor. He'll just give it back 'cause of all his dental work. He doesn't like chocolate anyway.

To invite our families over to watch a scary movie like "Willard".

To invite our friends and neighbors who don't have a church home to drive-in services instead!



On October 4, 2020, we are having our annual fund drive for NIN (Neighbor in Need) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This is our annual fund raising and one third of the fund support the Council of Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two third of the fund is used by UCC to support Justice and Witness Ministries. (JWM) This year due to the Covid pandemic, the NIN funds would be used to provide Covid 19 Relief fund for local churches ministries financially effected by the current pandemic. We thank you in advance for your support.

Mission and Outreach Committee

Afternoon Circle will meet this month! --

On Wednesday, October 7, the Afternoon Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. for an outdoor meeting to explore the new Prayer Walk behind our church building.

We will meet on the back of the parking lot directly behind the Christian Education wing. We will have chairs for you, and hopefully some shade. Please wear your masks. We will social distance. For those unsteady on your feet, we will "bring" the Prayer Stations to you.

Come, see what Colleen Kroah has prepared for us in our beautiful backyard. We will keep the meeting to one hour.

In the event of rain, the meeting will be cancelled.

Beginning October 1, the Administrative Assistant (The Church Office) will have "Open Hours of operation". Anita's availability by phone will continue, 9am to 12 noon and 1pm until 3:30pm Monday thru Friday. What has changed is that the office will not have set times of when Anita will be present in the office. As is currently practiced, if you need to meet or want something from the office please call for an appointment.

Our line of communications will be to call the church office at 740-323-2407 which is monitored or call or text Anita's private line 740-973-8218 for appointments or information.

Also available is the church website : www.stjohnsnewark.org

Church office email: stjohnsunited@windstream.net

Rev. Mark's email: rev.katrick@windstream.net

Julie Kroah CE Director: stjohnsucc.ce@windsteam.net

Kim Workman will continue to support the office twice a week also on an Open Hours concept coordinated by Anita and to provide assistance during vacations and illness.

With the pandemic and less church function activities resulting in no traffic in the church during the week we decided to not maintain set office hours.

Church Council with recommendations from the Personnel Committee agreed, at the September 21st meeting, to allow for work at home part of the time and have flexible office time as is needed in fulfilling the church's requirements from the Administrative Assistant.

With the pandemic and its unknown end, we determined an "Until Further Notice" be the time table for reevaluation of this schedule. It is felt that mask wearing and restrictions will last into late next year.

Most of the world is working from home because of the pandemic with success, we feel we could be also.

October is Stewardship Month



**Annual
Stewardship
Campaign**

Throughout the month of October, there will be stewardship themed inserts in the bulletin each Sunday. Please read these inserts and pray about your planned giving for 2021.

On or about October 15, 2020, all members in good standing will receive their 3rd quarter 2020 year to date giving statement. Included with this mailing will be your stewardship materials and your 2021 "Faith Promise Cards"

We ask that you review the information and your personal finances and prayerfully decide your giving level for 2021. Complete the card and bring it to church on "Faith Promise" Sunday, October 25, 2020. If you are unable to attend on October 25, 2020, we ask that all cards be returned the following Sunday or you can mail them or drop them off at the church office. We need them returned no later than November 8, 2020 so we can begin the budget process for 2021.

"Faith Promise" is an important part of church membership and is the basis for determining the compensation level of our professional staff and the level of mission work we are able to accomplish as a church. How great a church we can become depends on how faithful our congregation becomes.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Frank Davis 323-2160 - Chairperson

Jeff Conner 323-3005

Alan Crowthers 814-6806

Greg Crowthers 522-5702

Ken Kroah 345-1645

Brian Lensink 493-1961

Bill McInturf 323-3931



NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –

Personnel Committee: Terry Gano

Please see additional article regarding the Administrative Assistant's position.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

The Year-To-Date budget is \$5,350.71 to the good. Thank you!

Our giving is \$7,146.86 behind in Faith Promise giving. Please check your envelopes and make sure your giving is up to date.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Katrick

Looking ahead, the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection on Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020, from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Central Southeast Ohio Association will be moving into St. John's at the end of November, storing filing cabinets, using occasional meeting space.

We are hoping to begin live streaming our 9:15 Sunday services sometime this fall.

Administrative Assistant: Anita Chirdon

Our total worship attendance for August was 419. Last year's total was 312. Attendance during this pandemic year has been very good.

2021 budget requests are due to Finance and Stewardship on or before Oct. 19, 2020.

Bells: Brian Lensink

With generous giving to the Bell Fund, and an excess in the Church Budget, it was decided to add a \$3,000 item to the list of repairs to the bells to be made by the Verdon Bell Company next spring. The old yokes and wheels on all 3 bells will be refurbished. This was not included in the initial funding.

Property Committee: Frank Davis

Concrete work will be done on the pot holes in the National Drive driveway and the slab by the front door, hopefully before winter.

South Doors need to be refinished again (need it every few years). We are looking into what might be done to preserve the door finish longer.

Outdoor Christmas Program: Elaine Gard

"Journey to Bethlehem" will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, on the patio and viewed from the parking lot, during 3 30-minute presentations, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. (See articles elsewhere in this Chimes for more information.)

Christian Education Committee: Elaine Gard

Council decided to NOT have Trunk or Treat this year due to the pandemic.

Missions and Outreach: Owen Lee

In September, donations were made to the United Church Homes, and to the Pastor Appreciation Golf Classic, with proceeds going to Vertical 196.

The next Church Council meeting is on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:30 pm, in the Meeting Room. All members of St. John's are always invited to attend.

“Journey to Bethlehem”
Our Outdoor Christmas Program for the Community
Sunday, December 6, 2020
30-Minute Performances at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00

For a variety of reasons, we cannot do our regular BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE this year. Instead, Robin Green encouraged us to do something outside, and since we are geared up to worship outside, this presentation grew out of the praying and thinking of several people.

Church Council and its Committees have taken on the jobs to make this presentation a reality. But our committees are small and we will need to recruit others to help out. Read the descriptions below, think and pray, and volunteer for the job that best suits you.

This will take place on the patio and on the grass to the west of the parking lot. Cars will park as for Sunday worship. Each performance will be 30 minutes, leaving 30 minutes for emptying and refilling the parking lot.

JOB/DESCRIPTION

PERSON TO CONTACT

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| Script (reporter interviewing folks in Bethlehem) | Pastor Mark |
| Traffic in and out, and Parking | Property Committee, Tom Lawyer |
| Publicity (including reservations) | Evangelism Comm., John West |
| Recruiting about 20 “actors” | Personnel Comm., Robin Green |
| Being an “actor” | “ “ “ “ |
| Music and musicians | Music Comm., Relna Cornell |
| Costumes and Props | Christian Ed. Comm., Elaine Gard |
| Collecting canned goods for Food Pantry | Missions Comm., Owen Lee |
| Greeters and Sound System folks | Church/Min., Comm., Gary Kinser |
| Parting Gifts | Congregational Care, Michele Reedy |

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please call either Elaine Gard (740-344-7711), Julie Kroah or Pastor Mark in the Church Office.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY as we work toward and present the timeless story of the birth of God’s Son, Jesus our Lord, to our community!

LIBRARY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER



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Life Lessons with Max Lucado by Max Lucado. Focuses on the books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

Bad Girls of the Bible DVD. A fresh way to view the women in the Bible, their stories and struggles and what we can learn from them.

For Children

Faith Is Strong by Little Blessings Press. Messages and pictures of faith for kids.



St. John's Youth will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child through the end of October.

- Items to fill boxes (gift suggestions are listed on the back)
- Empty shoe boxes
- \$9 donations to ship each box

Look for donation boxes marked with the Operation Christmas Child logo.

Ages of kids. Gift suggestions of toys, accessories and school supplies are listed on the back.

| Mark the correct age category: | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-4 Years Old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5-9 Years Old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10-14 Years Old |

 **BOY** 

| Mark the correct age category: | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-4 Years Old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5-9 Years Old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10-14 Years Old |

 **GIRL** 

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



TOYS

"WOW" ITEM

- soccer ball with pump
- doll
- stuffed animal
- shoes

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- sunglasses
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs



Do Not Include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ





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.

Unfortunately Trunk or Treat is cancelled this year due to COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions.



As part of our Youth Mini-Missions we are participating in Operation Christmas Child. We will be collecting items, empty shoeboxes and donations of \$9 per box through the end of October. Then our Youth will assemble the boxes at the start of November. You can also assemble your own box and donate it as well. Ushers can accept your donations on Sunday mornings or look for donation boxes marked with the Operation Christmas Child logo.

Journey to Bethlehem December 6, 2020 A Drive-In Christmas Program. We will need approximately 20 “actors” and a lot more support staff. Again, “stay tuned” for more details and ways you can be a part of this community outreach event.



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




October Worship Service Duties

| Ushers | Sound System | | Acolytes | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 a.m. | 9:15 a.m. | | 9:15 a.m. | |
| Frank Davis & Gary Kinser | October 4 | Julie Kroah | October 4 | Matthew Kroah |
| 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. | October 11 | Dick Tulloss | October 11 | Logan Workman |
| Chair – Jay Satterfield | October 18 | Tom Lawyer | October 18 | Carter Hahn |
| Mike Dunn | October 25 | Ken Kroah | October 25 | Aidan Blaney-Sines |
| Greg & Marla Crowthers | | | | |



October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 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! 11:30 AM Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting | 28 | 29 | 30 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice | 1 6:30 PM Music Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm. | 2 | 3 |
| 4 World Communion Sunday 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 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! | 5 | 6 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting | 7 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - Meeting outdoors at the new Prayer Walk - WILL BE CANCELLED IF RAINING 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice | 8 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm. | 9 | 10 |
| 11 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! | 12 Columbus Day | 13 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting | 14 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice | 15 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm. | 16 | 17 |
| 18 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! | 19 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting BUDGETS ARE DUE | 20 | 21 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice | 22 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm. | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Reformation Sunday 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! | 26 | 27 | 28 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice - Cancelled until further notice | 29 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm. | 30 | 31 Reformation Day  |



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Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
 10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
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We are currently in the process of updating our website. The site is now available at <https://stjohnsnewark.org>. and is a secure site. Additional updates are in the works. Sunday and Thursday Prayer Service bulletins, a direct link to our Prayer Service videos on Facebook as well as edited Chimes versions are all available on the website.



WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER THE 8:00 A.M. AND THE 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR SERVICES NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2020. MASKS ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED AND SELF-DISTANCING RULES APPLY DURING OUR 9:15 A.M. SANCTUARY SERVICE.