

St. John's

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember.....Welcome Home to St. John's!

The 2020 September Chimes



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, Charles Dudley & family, and Linda Wolfley and family.

Please contact the church office if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember if you want someone on the prayer chain, you can email Michelle Reedy jmichele.reedy@gmail.com

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

Goal:	\$ 35,000.00
As of August 23, 2020:	\$ 28,360.00
Still needed:	\$ 6,640.00

AFTERNOON CIRCLE NEWS –

The Afternoon Circle will NOT meet again in September. The situation is still not safe for ladies our ages. We keep monitoring things, and hope to meet again soon. "Letters From Your King" will be mailed to you shortly. Stay safe.

Thank You!

I'd like to thank the members of St. John's for all their prayers, cards and Rev. Katrick for his prayers and phone calls for the passing of Mary Lou.

Charles Dudley



Avery Rae Powers

Born: July 15, 2020

6 lbs., 9 oz. 18" long

Parents: Josh and Lindsay Powers

Siblings: Christian and Eli Powers

Grandparents: Tim and Beth Powers

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 9,002.59
Income as August 23, 2020	<u>\$ 7,490.25</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 1,512.34)

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:

As we welcome the month of September, here are ten quotes for you from semidelicatebalance.com.

1. Make it a September to Remember.
2. All at once, summer collapsed into fall. -Oscar Wilde
3. And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and Autumn was awaked. - Raquel Franco
4. September is the month of wonderful weather - Unknown
5. By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer. - Helen Hunt Jackson
6. Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple. - JK Rowling
7. September tries its best to have us forget summer. - Bernard Williams



Where did the spring and summer go? It seems like yesterday we began having two drive-in services. The past few months with you have been unforgettable. How can we forget,

- being outdoors and breathing fresh air?
- feeling the steady breeze that seemed to come up every Sunday, sometimes blowing the bulletins right out of our hands?
- opening windows, turning on the air conditioning and turning up our FM radios like we did in school?
- seeing the sun rise over St. John's tower, and being stirred by the peeling of its soon-to-be repaired bells.
- Hearing Todd sing and play the keyboard, making a joyful noise in our hearts.

I will never forget that we were able to have fellowship and keep social distance, and wearing a mask to visit with you before and between services. The part I liked best was waving at you as you waved back after the benediction.

We look forward to carrying this spirit of positivity into the fall. Church Council has prayerfully discerned that our two drive-in services (at 8:00 and 10:30) and service in the sanctuary (at 9:15), should continue through the end of October.

Whether you are new to the church, are staying for a season in your lives, or have been here for many seasons, I am so very thankful for your support of the ministries at St. John's and always glad to see you at our "Sunday go to meetin'" in a car!

As autumn awakes, the sun takes a step back, the leaves lull themselves to sleep, and the air gets as crisp as a golden apple, I look forward to making more memories with you, as summer's best of weather turns to autumn's best of cheer.

In Christ's love, Rev. Mark

Chucky

Now that we're havin' church outdoors through October, Chester, Chauncey and me have some ideas.

- Buy more donuts, 'specially pumpkin flavor. Save the crumbs for us. It's good for our fur.
- Have hot chocolate in your thermoses. It will keep you warm. Did you know mice can drink out of a bowl? Bring one along and we'll prove it.
- If you're worried about getting too close, our social distancing is six inches, not six feet. And we don't talk very much, 'cept to each other.
- Before you throw your masks away, run them through the washer and give them to us. They make great hammocks.
- We're members, and make regular contributions. Just ask Charlie. When you take 'tendance, please remember to count us.
- Cheetos® taste really good with apple cider. If you have extra and need help storing them, we can help.
- We're takin' bets when the rev will come inside and preach behind the glass. I say when there's frost in his beard.

Keep the Bells Ringing Project Update

As of Sunday August 16, we have received \$28,275 of the \$35,000 needed to refurbish the three bells in our church tower. Verdin Bell Co. requires a 50% down payment and 90-day notice in order to manufacture the parts needed for our bells. Church council voted to send the 50% payment in order to get the project underway. We still need \$6,725 in order to pay the final bill when the project is completed. It is still unknown when the project will be completed, Verdin's schedule and weather conditions will dictate when this will happen. It is amazing how our congregation has come together to make this happen in such a short period of time. It has only been 7 months since fund raising began at our annual meeting. Thanks to everyone who has helped to support this project and will further help to see it through to the finish.

COME VISIT

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Prayer Walk

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and be part of
the public
dedication
at 11:30 a.m.
on
September 13,
2020

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 17, 2020 --

Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

We are \$6,251.06 ahead in the budget.

We are short \$2,642.40 on Faith Promise giving for the year, but that is still 96% of the giving, year to date.

An excellent report, especially in this COVID year.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Mark Katrick

Pastor Mark will be on vacation on September 20, and Dr. Herbert Hicks has graciously agreed to lead our three services of worship that day.

Administrative Assistant Report: Anita Chirdon

Attendance this year is above last year at this time.

Again, an excellent report, especially in this COVID year.



Bell Fund: Brian Lensink

As of August 17, 2020, there is \$28,275 in the fund; 75% of the total needed.

It was decided to send in the 40% (due at the time of scheduling the work) now.

Work will take approximately 1 week once the work begins in the spring.

Most of it is prefabricated.

It was decided that we will continue with our present worship schedule (8:00 and 10:30 am outside, and 9:15 in the sanctuary) through October 31, 2020.

It was decided to adopt the "Safely Returning to Group Settings at St. John's – Guidelines"

If you have a fever or are sick, do not attend

Groups of 10 or less in a room

Use hand sanitizer before the meeting

All who attend should wear face masks

Maintain 6 feet of physical distance between people

Rearrange tables and chairs to support this

Keep gatherings short

Open windows when possible to air circulation

Discontinue refreshments/coffee

Alternate room use between the meeting room and the conference room

CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES

If any surfaces are dirty, wash with soap and water first

Wipe down all surfaces with disinfecting wipes

(tables, chairs, counters, door knobs, cupboard handles, etc.)

Turn off lights, and any equipment used, wipe down

It was decided that until our own choir meets for rehearsal again, Crystal City Chorus will not meet in our facility.

The Christian Education Committee: Elaine Gard

Moving ahead with plans for an outdoor Christmas program instead of Bethlehem Marketplace

Missions and Outreach: Owen Lee

July and August donations were to Look Up Center, Central Southeast Association for OCWM, Food Pantry, Vertical 196, United Way – COVID19, Salvation Army, YMCA Christian Emphasis Program.

Property Committee: Tom Lawyer

The air conditioning systems have been repaired

Grass will be planted on the South side in time for fall growing

Water leak stains in the Sanctuary have been repaired and touch up painting will be done soon

Concrete work is being lined up for the driveway and the front door slab

Church and Ministry: Gary Kinser

Gary made new stakes for the signs for the parking lot for the outdoor services

New Business:

It was decided to offer the use of a small part of our facility to the Central Southeast Ohio Association for storage and office space. This would be on a year-to-year basis. The Executive Committee will be meeting with representatives of the Association to determine what space will be used. This will save the Association approximately \$28,000 a year in rent, and offer help to our Association without raising our own OCWM giving.

Church Council will meet next on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. All members of St. John's are invited to attend.



Welcome to our newest church members, confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020.

My name is Logan Workman. You can usually find me outside doing something that boys do. Golfing, fishing, riding my quad, digging in the dirt, hanging out with friends, finding hidden treasures in the garage, playing sports anything that boys do. I do clean up once in a while though.

I was confirmed this summer at Saint John's United Church of Christ.

My parents and grandparents are very proud of me.

It means a lot to me to be a child of God. I know he watches over me and my family. I know he listens to my prayers and takes care of me.

Carter Hahn will be in the 7th grade. He loves Science very much, especially space and experiments. He has a big love for animals. In addition to the Hahn's family dog, Sparky, he has a Hamster and a leopard Gecko.

Carter loves to play xbox and has taken guitar lessons for 2.5 years.

And he is trying out for the golf team. He and Chris have been playing a lot of golf lately.

My name is Matthew Kroah. I am in the ninth grade at Newark High School, and am a member of the marching band. I also like to play basketball. I've been in scouting since the first grade and think everyone should try it. My eighth grade year was short-lived, but I still had fun seeing my friends. I can't wait to see them again.

Aidan Blaney-Sines will be entering the 7th grade this year at Northridge Middle School where he plays percussion in the school band. He is very creative and loves to draw. He likes playing his video games and uses some of them as influencers to create his own characters in his drawings.



Rally Day is September 13, 2020! Please join us for the kick off to the new church school year. It will be a special morning of celebrating!



Like the Israelites, God will lead us through this wilderness. All Sunday school classes, Cradle Role, Bible Discovery Zone and the Adult class will be done through email or paper-pick-up on Sundays. 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.

Possible Pre-Confirmation Class: Pastor Mark is looking into the possibility of holding this class beginning this fall. If you have a child who is in 4th grade or above, who might be interested, please contact Pastor Mark.



We hope to hold this annual community event October 25, 2020. We will be checking with the health department as the time draws near. Last year, we had an overwhelming response, but ran out of candy. This year, we hope the members of the congregation can donate some more candy. Please “stay tuned” for further information.



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

A Drive-In Christmas Program is in the planning to take the place of our Bethlehem Marketplace this year. We will need approximately 20 “actors” and a lot more support staff. Again, “stay tuned” to this page next month when we will publish more details and ask for your help.

Sunday School Classes



- Adult class** – Starting September 13 via email or pick-up
- Bible Discovery Zone** - Starting September 13 via email or pick-up
- Cradle Role** - Starting September 13 via email or pick-up

September Worship Service Duties

Ushers

8:00 a.m.
Frank Davis &
Gary Kinser

9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Chair – Tim Powers
Beth Powers

Mike & Denise Moeller



Sound System

9:15 a.m.
September 6 Dick Tulloss
September 13 Julie Kroah
September 20 Tom Lawyer
September 27 Ken Kroah



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:			BOY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

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

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



TOYS

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

"WOW" ITEM

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

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



RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Like the Israelites, God will Lead us through this wilderness



Sunday School Begins again, but differently.

Cradle Role and Bible Discovery Zone — In September we will study how God led the Israelites through the wilderness and how God is leading us through this wilderness of the coronavirus pandemic. Stories, pictures and more will be available to you either through your email or paper-pick-up on Sundays. The last Sunday of each month will include a craft.

Adult Sunday School — We will be studying the book *"Heaven"* by Randy Alcorn. *Come, picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it.* This class includes individual reading with group discussion and talking points through email or paper-pick-up on Sundays. The book is available in hard back and electronic versions at the Licking County Public library, St. John's church Library, or you can order it through Christianbook.com or Amazon.

Registration

___ Cradle Role

___ Bible Discovery Zone

___ Adult Sunday School

Name _____

Children's names and Ages _____

___ email _____

___ Paper-pick-up on Sunday

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 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!	31	1 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting	2 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - Cancelled 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice	3 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Services. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	4 11 Patriot Day	5
5 Communion 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!	7 Labor Day	8 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	9 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice	10 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Services. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	11	12
13 Rally Day! 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are.... Stay in your car! 10:30 AM Worship Service -Currently planned for the Sanctuary- Bible Discovery Class after the Children's Moment	14	15 5:30 PM Private Event	16 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice	17 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Services. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	18	19
20 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are.... Stay in your car! 10:30 AM Worship Service -Currently planned for the Sanctuary- Bible Discovery Class after the Children's Moment	21 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	22 First Day of Autumn	23 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice	24 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Services. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	25	26
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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.