

Welcome Home!

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



St. John's

The 2021 March 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, 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, Charles & Lois Meyers, Mike Boyce, Relna Cornell, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, & Barbara McKee

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

Thank You

Dear St. John's U.C.C.,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$250.00, and for your continued support of our mission here at St. Vincent Haven. Your gift enjoins your hands to labors. Please pray that they may always bear fruit for the greater glory of our Father.

Thank you!

J. P. Munhall

Afternoon Circle -

will once again, NOT meet in March.

The time is getting nearer, though, Ladies, when we will meet together again. Hope all have been able to get your vaccines, and are staying safe and healthy. Watch your mail for a March greeting.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

for your generosity!

Keep The Bells Ringing

at St. John's United Church of Christ

Our Goal:	\$ 37,470.00
As of February 21, 2021:	\$ 38,405.00
Available for any additional unexpected repair expenses:	\$ 935.00

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,606.92
Income as February 21, 2021	\$ 7,869.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 737.92)

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS IN NEED OF A COUPLE OF NEW VOLUNTEERS to help support local blood drives in Licking County by providing hospitality to blood donors and helping to enhance safety measures. It's a fulfilling way to spend a few hours supporting a critical lifesaving mission.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US TO PROMOTE THIS CRITICAL VOLUNTEER NEED IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

Anyone that is interested in helping can type in this link:
www.redcross.org/volunteertoday

Dear members and friends of St. John's:



When winter finally came in February, it came on hard. And it stayed, and stayed and stayed.

So here's hoping that March will come in like a lamb, go out like a lamb, and be gentle as a lamb, in-between. What's more, I hope and pray that the first day of Spring really feels like Spring. I hope and pray that on St. Patrick's Day, "the road rises up to meet you, the wind is always at your back, the sun shines warm on your faces; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, God holds you in the palm of His hand.

Let's face it, after the month and year we've just had, we sure could use it! So before I rain down any more oft-used expressions, well-worn idioms, and all too familiar sayings on you, let's "spring forward" like we will do on March 14th at 2 AM, to the whole point of this pastor's letter, from me to you.

The whole point of this is to remind you, that from 12:00 AM, on March 1st to 12:00 AM, on April 1st, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world will come in with us, go out with us and gently guide us, just like He does every month of the year. And His Father in Heaven will replace the snow, and the sleet with the rains that fall soft on our fields. And all the while, our Heavenly Father will continue to hold us in the palm of His hand.

There now. Does that make you feel better? It sure makes me feel better. And someday soon, Spring will arrive, vaccines will be available to all, kids will all be back in school, and we'll be back at our normal daily routines, albeit it with masks for a while longer.

So let's look forward to the day when we will worship again in our sanctuary, while celebrating the worship and the fellowship we enjoy in our parking lot. Needless to say, this is a year we will always remember. And we were privileged to share it with a Savior, who is a ray of sun that shines warm on our faces, and will never, ever forget about us, especially in our time of need!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Lenten Devotional Materials Available

The Lenten Study MEDITATIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER will be included in the weekly bulletin on Sundays beginning February 14. Each Sunday will include the studies for the following week. This is also available on our church website with the Sunday bulletin there. All studies are available on the Christian Education website page.

The children's Sunday School material for Lent will also be a Lenten study, THE PATH TO THE CROSS. These materials are available to those who have signed up either online or for pick-up on Sunday mornings. Please contact Julie Kroah if you would like to be added to the list.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



It was an unusual meeting this year, with all of us sitting in our cars in the parking lot, and President Tom Lawyer standing on the patio conducting business. At least the sun was brilliantly shining, keeping us warm and happy.

Treasurer Frank Davis assured us that the church's finances are sound. All Committee reports can be read in the Annual Report booklet, which can be picked up outside the Church Office door.

The BIG item of business was voting to spend \$27,000 on new equipment with which to stream our worship services and other programs of St. John's. The money is already available. An enthusiastic honking of horns approved the expenditure.

Retiring Council Members were: Robin Green, Gary Kinser, Tom Lawyer, and Owen Lee.

The following were elected to 3 year terms on Church Council by a vigorous honking of horns: Jeff Conner, Robin Green, Tom Lawyer, and Owen Lee. Installation of the 2021 Council and the election of officers will take place at the Council meeting on Monday, January 22, 2021.

There was a hefty honking of horns in appreciation of our staff for keeping all of us going in the strange year of 2020 and the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A Service of Remembrance was conducted by Rev. Mark Katrick for those of our Church Family whom God called from this life this past year.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR (as of 2/22/21)

President – Tom Lawyer

Vice President – Dr. Owen Lee

Treasurer – Frank Davis

Secretary – Elaine Gard

Assistant Treasurer- Brian Lensink

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Special Events - OPEN

Christian Education- Elaine Gard

Congregational Care- OPEN

Missions & Outreach- Dr. Owen Lee

Personnel- Robin Lyn Green

Property Management- Tom Lawyer

Church & Ministry- Jeff Conner

Evangelism & Outreach- John West

Music- Relna Cornell

Finance & Stewardship- Frank Davis

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

The February 15th meeting was postponed because of snow and ice to Feb. 22.

Rev. Mark Katrick installed the members of the 2021 Church Council with a short service in the Memorial Chapel.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Frank Davis

Expenses for January were only \$6 over what was budgeted. We’re doing very well.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Mark Katrick

Easter Sunday Services will both be Drive-In, at 7:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Services will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. through the end of May

There will be information in the bulletins about the UCC Texas Disaster Fund

Folks may give using the blank space on their envelopes

And marking it for TEXAS

The South Newark Civic Association will have its annual clean-up on April 17.

St. John’s will serve as host, and serve boxed lunches to folks in their cars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

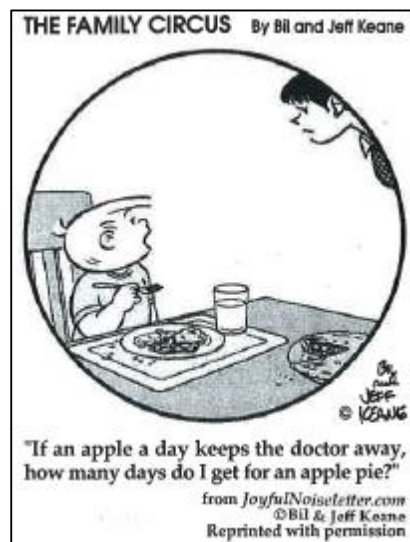
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH - Owen Lee

February donations were made to the Licking County Coalition for Housing and the Licking County Food Pantry.

FOUNDATION FUND:

A Foundation Fund was established in the name of Glenda Prescott.

The next meeting of Church Council will be on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All members of the Church Family are welcome to attend.



The season of Lent was originally established for new Christians. They were to spend forty days and forty nights preparing for their baptism. If at the end they still wanted to follow Jesus, then on Easter Eve they would be baptized as the sun was rising in the east, signaling a brand new day.

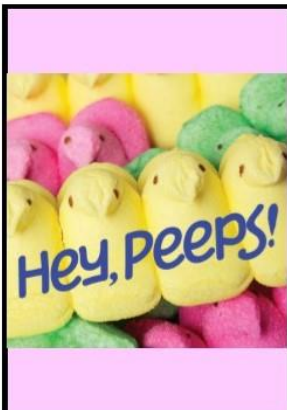
But later the Church used the forty days as a time of renewal for those who were already Christians. So the time of **Lent** was used as a recommitment to the Christian life,

As Mark Trotter explains, "**The Season** is an examination our lives in light of the one we are supposed to follow." Or as Jesus explains, "Letting your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven (Matthew 5:16)."

In other words, whoever you are and wherever you are on our faith journey, these forty days and forty nights are a recommitment to give something up, and to give. One of the opportunities we have to give is through the **Lenten Offering**. Your gifts will support the Mission and Outreach at St. John's and the United Church of Christ.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our local and wider ministries. Your generosity will help to signal a brand new day for our brothers and sisters in need.

Rev. Mark



We are looking to celebrate the children and youth with a special Easter Surprise. If you would like your kids to be a part of our Easter celebration and are not already a part of our Sunday School email list, let us know. Email stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net or call the church office and leave your contact information. Children's name(s), address, phone and email.



LIBRARY FOCUS FOR MARCH

***The Promise of the Second Wind: It's Never Too Late to Pursue God's Best** by Bill Butterworth and Dean Merrill. Fresh fuel for running the good race.*

***Path to the Cross (That the World May Know vol. 11)**. Discover how the faith of God's people prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience & sacrifice at the cross.*

For Children

***Corrie Ten Boom: Young Christian Library**. When her home is invaded by Nazi soldiers, God was there.*

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



THE 2021 LENTEN SERVICE INFORMATION

All Lenten services will be held during the Thursday evening Prayer Service, Live Streamed on St. John's UCC Facebook page.

Ash Wednesday Service February 18, 2021 at 7PM.

Weekly Lenten Services are February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7PM.

Maundy Thursday services will be held April 1, 2021 at 7PM.

How to find the live streamed events at St. John's.

1. Go to the St. John's Website www.stjohnsnewark.org, find the menu to the left and click on the Thursday prayer Service for a direct link.
2. Go to the St. John's website www.stjohnsnewark.org and click on the Facebook icon. From there, the live stream will be on the main page or in the MORE menu then look for video.
3. Go to Facebook and search St. John's United Church of Christ. Then it will be under the MORE menu and look for video.

If you miss any services you can view then any time on the Facebook page, under more and video.



It was a very cold Sunday morning on February 7, 2021. Even with the weather not working in our favor, The Soup-er Bowl of Caring Canned Soup Drive was able to collect 212 pounds of food and \$258 to benefit the Licking County Food Pantry Network. Thank you everyone who donated and who helped collect food and pack boxes. The Chief's received the most donation "votes" with the Cleveland Browns receiving the second highest votes.



The Adult Sunday school class will be studying Revelation: The Triumph of God, which is a look at the book of Revelation. For Easter, we will step away from the Revelation study to do the four-week DVD study "Why Easter Matters" by Andy Stanley on March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10am in the small meeting room.

Youth Sunday is April 11 at both the 9am and 11am service. Be sure to join us for a Holy Humor Sunday service that is sure to bring an extra big smile to your face.



Cradle Role and Bible Discovery Zone class will be done through **email** or **Sunday morning paper-pick-up**. Lessons include scripture, stories, activity pages, games and video links

The Youth are also having lessons via email. We are currently looking at a Biblical movie review of The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Big Fish Bay Vacation Bible School is being planned for the month of June. Details about how this year's VBS will be available are still being discussed.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Meet Sundays at 10am or by email.

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

Cradle Role - By email or Sunday morning pick-up

March Worship Service Duties

Ushers: Frank Davis, Chair, Larry Hamm, Dr. Owen Lee & Gary Kinser



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 5:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p> <p>10:00 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p> <p>11:30 AM Congregational Car Meeting after the 11:30 am Service</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
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<p>14 5:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p> <p>10:00 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting	7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Lenten Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.		
<p>21 5:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p> <p>10:00 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are..... Stay in your car!</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
			6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice - Canceled until further notice	7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Lenten Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.		
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Worship Services!

9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:00 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
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We have no idea what's in store in the year to come, but we are planning a mission trip back to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky. At this time, Big Creek Mission is moving forward with summer mission planning. If you are interested in going or just want more information as it becomes available, please let us know. All ages, talents, and skills are needed in the areas of community, children's and construction ministries. Email your information to Julie Kroah at stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net