

# Welcome Home!

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



The 2021 May 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, 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 and Martti Saari and the Chirdon 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](mailto:jmichele.reedy@gmail.com)



## Congratulations & Best Wishes to All

Together with their loving families  
Akela and Alan (Crowthers)

Invite you to celebrate their wedding,  
Saturday, June 26, 2021

at six o'clock in the evening.

6132 Hickman Road, Newark, OH 43055

Please RSVP by May 1, 2021 at

<https://www.zola.com/wedding/alanandakela>

or text reservations to (740)814-6806 or (740) 403-5497

## Member News



Isabel Louis Lee

Born: April 9, 2021

6 lbs., 6 oz.

Parents: Jenny & Jacob Lee

Grandparents: Beth & Owen Lee

*welcome*  
to our church family

Barry Dooley joined St. John's church membership in April. We are happy to have him join our congregation. Please add him to your directory at 968 Professional Parkway, Heath, OH 43056. 740-877-0460.



*Elli M. Saari*

Born: December 27, 1928

Died: April 23, 2021

A member (dual membership) of St. John's since 2013

## Thank You

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

Thank you for your recent gift of \$100.00 and your continued generosity to support the homeless men of our community through Gospel values. Please pray that we may always remain in God's perfect active will in all of our efforts to serve His beloved children.

Thank you!

J. P. Munhall

## Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,606.92
Income April 25, 2021	<u>\$ 7,737.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 869.92)



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's:

Most of you are probably familiar with the English proverb, "April showers bring May flowers."

As defined by the en.wiktionary.org., it means, "The month of April, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided to them by April rains." An alternate definition you "MAY" not be as familiar with is, "A period of discomfort or hardship (that) can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy."

Easter was absolutely gorgeous for our drive-in-services. But the rest of the month we seemed to be dodging the raindrops or running against the wind. We won't even talk about that Sunday I did my best Mary Poppins imitation when a gust almost took up the big umbrella with me holding on.

Through it all, the Good Lord provided ample precipitation including the highly anticipated "three snows before the forsythia" which is more folklore than proverb.

So if, "April showers bring May flowers," what do May flowers bring? How about smiles to the faces of our moms? Carnations are well-known as the official flower of Mother's Day.

They are also recommended by [avasflowers.net](http://avasflowers.net) for Memorial Day. These "hardy cut flowers can be dyed blue," and "red carnations symbolize admiration," for those who died in active military service. The lilies from Easter we plant represent the hope and promise of Christ's resurrection, and rebirth for the ones we so honor.

Red and white roses bring tears to our eyes as we remember, "The passion and pure love they had for their country." My mother and father, World War II veterans, had red, white and blue geraniums in a circular bed next to the flagpole to honor my Uncle Tony. I'm planning to have a box of them for the front of my condo.

In the month of May, mom's daisies took over the backyard so that there was way less grass for dad and me to cut. G.K. Chesterton was one to believe that God made April showers to water the daisies.

He once wrote that, "Children have abounding vitality. They are in spirit fierce and free. Therefore, they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again"; and the grown-up person does it again until he or she is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them."

And it's why when we're caught in an April shower, we sometimes say, "Do it again, Lord, do it again! Bring extended periods of happiness and joy into our lives. Then keep making hundreds and thousands and millions of flowers of every kind, color and shape in May." We'll never get tired of it.

"Consider the lilies, how they grow," said Jesus in Luke 12:27. "They neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

For me, May will always and forever be the month of daisies, lilies, geraniums and roses, when my mother's flower beds grew like crazy. And God will keep on sending the showers that make our gardens grow. For this most precious of God's good gifts will surely lift our tired and weary spirits, especially after all the discomforts and hardships of this past winter.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

## NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL, Meeting April 19, 2021



Frank Davis, Treasurer, reports that the Faith Promise giving is ahead of what was budgeted for the year, and expenses are less than budgeted.

Pastor Mark Katrick presented a new member, Patricia Beth Claypool of Perrysburg, Ohio. The annual meeting of the Central Southeast Ohio Association will be May 1, via Zoom. The Newark Area Ministerial Association will stream prayers for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. He will be officially certified as a spiritual director as of May 1. He also announced that he would be on vacation May 24-30. Dr. Hicks will bring the message on May 30.

We are looking into the cost of redoing the asphalt in both parking lots, the alley, and the catch basins.


The Church and Ministry Committee chair Jeff Conner reports they will be purchasing artificial bouquets for the altar for times when no one purchases live bouquets, when we begin in-person worship services. During this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic, flowers are not always available, and flowers cannot be taken to hospitals and nursing homes as they were previously. A Fellowship Time is being planned for before and after the 11:00 service on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Hymnals will be returned to the pews during their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, we give a hardy THANK YOU to Gary Kinser for the beautiful arrangement of the Lily Cross and the live lilies beneath it for Easter Sunday.

Property Committee Chair, Tom Lawyer reports the company will begin installing the live-stream system in mid-May. It will take about a week. The committee will be getting the air conditioning system ready for indoor services. Concrete work on the drive-way from National Drive will begin on June 1. We will need to use the alley from Prospect Street exclusively during June.

Evangelism and Outreach Committee chair John West reports that we have renewed our program with The River (radio station). St. John's is now a sponsor of Bison Baseball. With the new streaming system, we will have our own Youtube channel. Their next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Christian Education Committee chair Elaine Gard reports several May celebrations: May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, and ladies will be given pink carnations. Graduates and church volunteers will be honored on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Mission Trip to Kentucky will be the week of June 6-12. Vacation Bible School is the week of June 14-18, 9-11:30 am, and those classes will be well socially distanced both inside and outside the church.

The next meeting of Church Council is Monday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. All members of the St. John's Church Family are always welcome to attend.



**LIBRARY FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY**

*Surprised By the Power of the Spirit* by Jack Deere. Discoverig how God speaks and heals today.

*Fire on the Mountain (That the World May Know sVol 9)* DVD . Displayig God to a broken world.

**For Children**

*Bob and Larry's Book of Prayers* by Pulley and Rangarajan

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



Chucky

Hello my St. John's friends!

Didja' miss Chauncey, Chester and me? We got our Covid shots and have been out visiting our families in-person, even though we aren't persons, we're church mice!

But we sure act like people. People still bring donuts to the drive-in services, and feed us critters with the crumbs.

It's great to have the church bells back again. Next to the bells worn by neighborhood cats, they are our favorites!

We want to give a shout out to our new friend, Charlie the dog that comes to church with his human, Charles.

And we want to thank Charlie the Sexton for putting out cookies all winter.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the first Sunday in June. That's when we're having indoor worship again at 11:00!

They're streaming these services too. Church pews are good for a snooze, 'specially the padded ones. But there's nothing more comfy than staying in bed.

But ya' can't have fellowship and snacks in bed! So come and join us on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We heard rumors there might be sealed bags of snacks like Goldfish crackers. Those are almost as good as Cheetos®!

See ya' next month.

You friend,  
Chucky

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. John's United Church of Christ on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or text the word "circle" to 797979.



### Updated Worship Schedule

Outdoor Drive-in through May 30, 2021	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Drive-in June through October	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Indoor services June through October	11:00 a.m.

## Afternoon Circle News –

May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Afternoon Circle will be celebrating its 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. While we will not be meeting in person, each member will be receiving a special mailing with information, activities and a recipe so that we celebrate “together”.

Other than Church Council and maybe the choir, the Afternoon Circle is the oldest, continuously functioning group within St. John’s. The entire congregation joins in celebrating this significant anniversary.

BREAKING NEWS: The Afternoon Circle plans to meet again in person on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. Watch for more details.



**G O L F  
D A Y**

Golfers,

As you know it’s that time of year. I am putting together a list of dates and courses. I would like your help to decide on a day that would allow everyone to be play.

Please invite friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime at 740-334-6725.

Thank you, John West



## *GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 23, 2021*

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 23, 2021 to celebrate the momentous event. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office by May 9, 2021!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Church family \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating from \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for the future \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information to share \_\_\_\_\_

## St. John's is a 2021 sponsor of the Licking County YMCA Bison Baseball League

The collegiate team's home games are played at  
Don Edwards Park in Newark.

If you have any questions, email [donedwardspark@lcfymca.org](mailto:donedwardspark@lcfymca.org)  
or go to <http://ohiobisonbaseball.com/>

### 2021 Collegiate Schedule

Jun 04	5:05 PM	@ MARLINS	Jun 29	7:05 PM	VS. STEAM
Jun 05	5:05 PM	@ STEAM	Jun 30	6:05 PM	@ JAZZ
Jun 06	7:05 PM	VS. JAZZ	Jul 01	7:05 PM	@ SCOUTS
Jun 08	7:05 PM	@ SCOUTS	Jul 02	7:05 PM	VS. JOES
Jun 09	7:05 PM	@ JOES	Jul 03	7:05 PM	VS. MARLINS
Jun 10	7:05 PM	VS. MARLINS	Jul 04	12:00 AM	@ STEAM
Jun 11	12:00 AM	@ STEAM	Jul 06	7:05 PM	VS. JAZZ
Jun 12	7:05 PM	VS. JAZZ	Jul 07	7:05 PM	@ SCOUTS
Jun 13	4:05 PM	VS. SCOUTS	Jul 08	7:05 PM	VS. JOES
Jun 15	7:05 PM	@ JOES	Jul 09	5:05 PM	@ MARLINS
Jun 16	5:05 PM	@ MARLINS	Jul 10	12:00 AM	@ STEAM
Jun 17	7:05 PM	VS. STEAM	Jul 11	2:05 PM	VS. JAZZ (DH)
Jun 18	6:05 PM	@ JAZZ	Jun 13	7:05 PM	@ SCOUTS
Jun 19	7:05 PM	VS. SCOUTS	Jul 14	7:05 PM	VS. JOES
Jun 20	7:05 PM	@ JOES	Jul 15	7:05 PM	VS. MARLINS
Jun 22	7:05 PM	VS. MARLINS	Jul 16	7:05 PM	VS. STEAM
Jun 23	7:05 PM	VS. STEAM	Jul 18	7:05 PM	VS. SCOUTS
Jun 24	7:05 PM	VS. JAZZ	Jul 20	7:05 PM	ASG
Jun 25	7:05 PM	VS. SCOUTS	Jul 22	5:05 PM	@ JOES
Jun 26	7:05 PM	VS. JOES	Jul 23	7:05 PM	VS. SCOUTS
Jun 27	5:05 PM	@ MARLINS	Jul 24	5:05 PM	@ MARLINS

# Vacation Bible School - Volunteers Needed

## COME AND JOIN US AT



June 14 - 18, 9am to 11:30am.

If you would be interested in helping with VBS, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Let us know what you are interested in helping with.

Class leader, class helper, games, music, missions, registration ...



### Supplies needed:

Card board, gallon sized bubbles, cookies for snack time and empty coffee cans.

Registration form on other side.



ST. JOHN'S UCC VBS REGISTRATION FORM  
 285 W. National Dr. Newark, OH 740-323-2407  
 E-mail: [stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net)  
 Preschool through Sixth Grade  
 June 14-18, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the VBS staff should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*  
 Photographs (Please sign only to disallow photo use)

I **Do Not** allow photographs and/or video representations of me or my child to be taken for the express purpose of telling stories about the church VBS experience and/ or promoting church activities in the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





The Mission Trip **NEW DATES** are planned for June 6 – June 12. We will be traveling to Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. If you are interested in joining us please email Julie Kroah at [stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net).



Big Fish Bay Vacation Bible School is being planned for June 14 - 18. We are planning for an in-person outdoor VBS this Year. Come join us as we “get hooked on God’s mercy.”



Graduation Sunday and Volunteer Appreciation Day are May 23



### 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


\*\*\* Sunday school classes will be wrapping up for the summer on May 30 \*\*\*



### Worship Service Duties

**Ushers: Frank Davis, Gary Kinser, Matthew Kroah**

# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice -Cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>29 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 5-30 AM C-SECA SPRING VIRTUAL MEETING</p>
<p>2 Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Outdoor Drive-in Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car!</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 4:00 PM Church &amp; Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>5 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>6 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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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  
Volume 21 Number 5

### **Address Service Requested**



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Welcome Back  
*Fellowship*

**Sunday June 6, 2021**

Following the 10AM Outdoor and 11AM Indoor service  
Come back inside! Take time to visit and catch up. Visit the  
sanctuary. Light snacks will be available.

Safety guidelines will still be in place.