

Welcome Home!

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



The 2021 November Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our shut-ins and the following members, 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, Charles Foucht, Shirley Imler, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Bill Carr, Deloris Williams and family, and Beth Powers and 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

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,606.92
Income September 26, 2021	<u>\$ 6,757.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 1,849.42)

Thank You

Dear Friends of St. John's,

Thank you. Thank you. I was delighted to receive your many cards and messages for my 90th birthday. Your thoughts and kindness made it a very special day. You are a loving and caring Church Family and I miss seeing and talking with you, perhaps someday I can.

With my warmest thanks,
Helen McGaughy.

Dear Mark,

While this thank you may be arriving a month later than it should, it is still most sincere and most heartfelt. Without the support of St. John's our Pancake Breakfast for South End home owners and most of our significant endeavors would not be possible. The SNCA wants you and your congregation to know how much your efforts are appreciated and valued. Please express our thanks to your congregation and especially those members who gave up their Saturday morning to assist with our Pancake Breakfast.

Again our sincerest thanks,
Mary Prophet

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, their cards, the Memorial donations and the luncheon and Rev. Mark for his many visits.
The family of David Hummel

Membership

We welcome William (Bill) Carr back into our membership.



Congratulations

Piper Laurie Roberts

Born: September 19, 2021

Baptized: October 24, 2021

Parents: Darby and Amber Roberts of Granville
Siblings: Celia Jayne and Leopold Christian Roberts
Grandparents: Kirk and Laurie Homrighouse of Newark, Ohio and Don and Joyce Roberts of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Dear members and friends of St. John's,

It's November, or as some say around these parts, NOVEMBRRR! In Northeast Ohio, where I grew up, it's the time of year that first blast of cold, Canadian air crosses the warmer waters of Lake Erie and makes the season's first few flakes of snow.

The eleventh month of the year is when we "fall back". On November 7, you and I will regain the hour of sleep we lost on March 14th when we "sprang forward!" Preachers like me are direct beneficiaries since this blessed event occurs in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

Most of us don't even have to reset our clocks anymore. That is done automatically. But setting our alarm clocks is up to us.

One way we'll be springing forward and falling back this year is by resetting our times for worship. Starting November 7, the 24th Sunday after Pentecost and All Saints Sunday, our 8:00 and 10:00 drive-in services will merge into a 9:00 drive-in service.

This will allow most of the Ten O'clock hour for Church School classes and activities (starting at 9:45). The 11:00 indoor worship, that is live-streamed, will remain the same.

The constant in all of this change is your attendance and participation in these services. Your continued support and encouragement of the ministries at St. John's, and the input you have given in this matter is greatly appreciated!

The Church Council, committees and staff at St. John's want you to know that our first priority is to provide a sacred and safe space to worship the Lord and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Since I already mentioned a four letter word, that begins with S and ends with W, let me be one of the first to announce our Christmas Eve schedule. Like last year, there will be a 3:00 drive-in service. But this year, we'll be having the 7:30 service in our fully-decorated sanctuary.

So, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!" There may even be another appearance of the mysterious snowman, cleverly disguised as your pastor.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Chucky

So you're changing worship times on Chester, Chauncey and me. AGAIN?!! Aren't you all aware that church mice are creatures of habit? But the Rev is clearly not a preacher of habit.

As usual, Chucky will not complain, and try to look on the positive side of things.

- We get to sleep in an extra hour before church.
- Donut crumbs from worshippers taste as good at 9:00 as they do at 8:00.
- It gives Charlie's coffee an extra hour to percolate.
- There's time between services for second breakfasts.
- There's sunshine to bask in, even when it's cold outside.
- It gives the Rev extra time to practice so he doesn't skip over hymns and has all the pages of his sermon in order.
- It gives the ushers extra time for limbering up to hand out bulletins and wave at worshippers after the service.
- The neighborhood cats are already taking the first of their many daily naps. As the saying goes, "When the cat's away, the church mice will play!"

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –

Church Council met on Monday, October 18, 2021.



Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

Faith promise is \$6839.00 ahead of budget.

Expenses are \$1833.00 more than budgeted.

The bill for the parking lot work was \$4756.60 over the \$115,000 approved by the Congregation, which will be paid from the Property Maintenance Fund.

Giving has not recovered yet from the summer slump.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark

A vote was taken to reactivate the membership of William Carr.

A representative from the Congregation is needed on the Board of the South Newark Civic Association.

New worship hours were set for Fall/Winter. See Church and Ministry Report.

Communications:

Thank you's were received from:

Delta Kappa Gamma for the use of the facility,

South Newark Civic Association for the use of facility and help for the Pancake Breakfast and Neighborhood Revitalization Day.

Pastor Mark's participation in a wedding at St. John's after his retirement was approved.

The Foundation Fund board is now up to date.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism and Outreach:

The committee is reaching out for input on a "cruise in" (car show) after Easter.

Christian Education:

Concerns were brought to the attention of Church Council –

- 1) The need for volunteers for programming. 2) Because of the lack of volunteers we are not able to follow the Child Safety Guidelines completely and want Council to be aware.
- 3) Making certain the outside doors are locked during the 11:00 service.

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 5:30 in the front parking lot.

Stewardship and Finance:

Budget requests for 2022 were due this evening so that the 2022 Budget can be worked out for presentation to Council in November.

Personnel:

The committee recommends no changes in the office hours and working from home protocol.

The committee will be conducting interviews with all staff over the next few months, giving the staff the opportunity to speak of their concerns, needs and suggestions.

New Business:

Church and Ministry Committee: Approved by Council ...

New Fall/Winter Sunday Schedule –

Outdoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Indoor Worship (and streaming) at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Schedule –

Outdoor Worship at 3:00 p.m.

Indoor Worship at 7:30 p.m. (Special Music beginning at 7:00 p.m.)

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

From the St. John's Evangelism and Outreach Committee_

EVANGELISM

The Church Connection by Dr. Tony Evans



& Outreach

God's voice has an overriding purpose: to bring Him glory through the advancement of His kingdom. All of Scripture is tied to this goal. If this is not our goal as well, we are ill-aligned with His ultimate plans for our lives, which naturally results in our not being able to hear His voice clearly.

The church is God's primary agent for achieving His chief goal. Its overriding responsibility is to represent and advance God's kingdom program in history (Matthew 16:18-19). That's why it saddens me as a pastor when I meet Christians who are detached from the church because I know they are operating outside of God's plan, and as such will not be well positioned to hear His voice. Since He speaks the loudest within this divinely established community, disconnected Christians are less likely to know His agenda and their part in it. The concept of church as being little more than a weekly place where we go to receive spiritual information and inspiration falls far beneath its purpose. The church exists to cooperate with God's kingdom agenda. This is why believers are told not to forsake assembling themselves together with other believers (Hebrews 10:23-25). To intentionally do so is to operate in rebellion.

The Bible refers to the church as a "body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). Christ, as head of the body (Ephesians 1:22-23), communicates to the various parts what their functions are to be in fulfilling His kingdom purpose for their lives. But no individual part can receive instruction from the head if it is detached from the rest of the body. Communication from God takes place in the context of spiritual attachment with others. In Acts 13:1-4, the Holy Spirit spoke during a worship experience and gave clear direction for the work He wanted Paul and Barnabas to do for His kingdom's purpose. The story in Acts demonstrates that His voice through the church is not limited to what happens in the pulpit but extends to what happens in the pew, as the body grows through that which "every joint supplies" (Ephesians 4:16). We are all involved together in hearing from Him, just as when our brain instructs a part of our body to function. Other connected body parts (nerves) convey the message, while still others (muscles) assist in getting the job done. Every part matters.

As a thriving member of a church, you are not simply a cul-de-sac Christian but rather a conduit believer that He can use to be a blessing to others. Being connected to the church (as opposed to merely attending church) frees the Holy Spirit to speak. Throughout the forty-plus years of our congregation in Dallas, we have often heard members tell of how God gave them direction, clarified a decision, reversed a course, or confirmed a plan in their lives. I truly believe when God sees He can work through you to be a blessing, not just receive a blessing, He is a much more apt to speak to you, trusting you with His insight and instruction. God can expand and increase your life in many ways by being a functioning member of your local church—not the least of which is your ability to hear, discern, and confirm His will for your life.



This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office.

6.5" pot \$ 11.00/each
1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

The DEADLINE for placing orders is Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Please pick up plants after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 19, or after the Christmas Eve Services on December 24, 2021.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin: (i.e.: In honor of or in memory of.....by or from.....)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

You may also choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the ____ Abiding Memorial Fund or the _____ Foundation Fund. All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 12** will be listed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 19 and Friday, December 24, 2021.** Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office.



Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, November 3, from 1 to 2:00 p.m. This is our annual Thank Offering celebration, so please remember to bring your thank offering jar so we can dedicate our thank offering for this year.

Dorothy Turdo is in charge of refreshments for the day. Join us, after so many cancelations, for fellowship and praise to our God.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we get back to indoor church and soon begin the new church school year volunteers are needed in the following areas

The Chimes Newsletter—normally meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:00AM to prepare the newsletter for mailing.

•**Nursery teacher**—approximately 1 Sunday a month 10:40am—11:40am. Lead the nursery and pre-school class. Lessons provided.

•**Bible Discovery Zone teacher**—approximately 1 Sunday a month 10:40am—11:40am. Teach 1st through 6th grade. Lessons provided

•**Bible Discovery Zone Helper**—approximately 1 Sunday a month 10:40am—11:40am. Help the teacher in the classroom.

•**Media Team Volunteer**—approximately 1 Sunday a month (or more if you choose) to run the audio and/or video equipment for the 11:00AM and/or the 7:00PM Thursday Prayer services.

Acolyte—approximately 1 Sunday a month in a rotation to light and extinguish the candles at the 11:00AM service.

St. John's UCC

Christmas



December 12 @ 11:00AM

**Practice will take place
during Sunday school time**

**Following the program, the children will have a
Christmas celebration in the large meeting room**



The Youth made 200 bags of Chex Party that were delivered to the Salvation Army to be given to the homeless in our own community. We also trained two new acolytes and are looking forward to Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2021.



The Children's Christmas program will be December 12 during the 11AM service. Following the program, the kids will have a Christmas celebration in the library/meeting room.

Adults meet at 10AM Sunday mornings in the small meeting room. They are looking at Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Children's Sunday school meets during the 11AM, following the Children's hymn. The children are studying the Ten Commandments.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Class is at 9:45AM starting November 7

Bible Discovery Zone –at 11:00AM

Cradle Role - Child care for 11AM service.



Worship Service Duties

Ushers: Frank Davis, Jeff Conner, Gary Kinser, Larry Jones

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THANKSGIVING DINNER

11.25.2021

Each year, the Look Up Center provides meals to members of the Licking County community. Did you know that we prepared and delivered over 1000 meals in 2020? Mark your calendar to help deliver the meals November 25 in the morning as we plan to serve and deliver 1000 meals again! We anticipate needing 100 drivers! If you would like to partner in this ministry, please [Click Here](#) to complete the form.

Other ways to get involved would be to prepare or purchase the following items and deliver to the Look Up Center, November 22-24 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. or November 25 from 6-8 a.m.

COOKED and CARVED Turkey- (50 large Turkeys needed)

Homemade Pies- baked and ready to serve (125 pies needed)

Mashed Potatoes- (400 pounds needed)

Gravy- (130-12 oz jars of gravy)

Green Beans-50 extra large cans that serve 25 people (GFS and Sam's Club)

Rolls- (85 dozen needed)

'To Go' Meal Containers- (500 needed)

'To Go' Dessert Containers (500 needed)

2 oz. cup Containers/Lids for gravy (1000 needed)

If you would like to partner in this ministry, please [Click Here](#) to complete the form, call the Look Up Center at 740-345-6026 or email Beth@LookUpCenter.org.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Reformation Sunday 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are....Stay in your car! 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are...Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service - Child care is available and Bible Discovery Zone 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat	1 All Saints Day	2 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	3 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice	4	5 Final Day to drop off Faith Promise Commitment Cards	6
7 All Saints Sunday Communion Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends Veteran's Day Sunday 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service. 11:30 AM Finance & Stewardship- Faith Promise meeting	8	9 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting - Budget Meeting	10 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice	11 Veterans Day 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Meeting	12	13
14 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service. 11:30 AM Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting	15 Church Council Meeting	16	17 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice	18	19	20
21 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 10:00 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	22	23	24 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice	25 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	26 Office Closed	27
28 Advent 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	29	30 10:30 AM Chimes Assembly	1 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice	2	3	4



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Worship Services!

Starting November 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service

7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service

11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service

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Address Service Requested



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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

***A Quiet Knowing: Devotional Thoughts for a Sense of Serenity* by GiGi Graham with Ruth Bell Graham.**

***Cultures in Conflict: Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord part 2 DVD study.* How do you live in a culture where the world view conflicts with Christianity?**

For Children

***The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis** The land behind the wardrobe where the adventure begins.

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