

Welcome Home!

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



St. John's

The 2021 October 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 and Bill Carr.

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

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, support, the luncheon volunteers, memorials and for Rev. Katrick's presence, prayers and support during and after my dad's (Martti Saari) passing. It means so much to have such a caring church family. Anita, Chuck, Danielle and Jesse Chirdon.

Thank You - continued

THANK YOU SO MUCH for such a generous donation to Starfish Assignment Licking County. Your donation will go to great lengths to serve others in our community! We appreciate your support along this God given journey! Many Blessings!
Thank you, Jamie Wright

Dear St. John's,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Coalition of Care! Your donation makes all the difference in someone's life who is struggling to make ends meet. Together we can be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in need in Licking County.

Blessings, Melissa Anderson – Executive Director

St. John's Church Family

Thank you for your generous gift to the Look Up Center. We appreciate your continued support of our ministries and programs. Your gifts help us to continue to offer many free events and programs to those in our community who otherwise might not receive help or opportunities.

Your continued support will guarantee our ability to assist our county's most vulnerable populations with these needed programs.

Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership @ LUC. We are blessed by your generosity.

Dear members and friends of St. John's,

Back in the 1980s, I served four yoked churches in the Pocono Mountains. One is Grace UCC, in Tannersville. It is located at the base of Big Pocono. Some call it Camelback Mountain because of the shape of its summit. Sometimes I drove up to the top to put finishing touches on a sermon.

Salem UCC is in Pocono Pines near Long Pond, the site of an International Raceway that holds NASCAR and Indy Car events. St. Paul's is in Swiftwater, home to the Pocono Cheesecake factory and the biggest flu vaccine plant in the United States.

St Mark's Lutheran Church, in Appenzell, is close to the little farmhouse tucked away in a valley, that was our home. During my time as pastor it was a union church, housing Lutheran and UCC congregations. Each one had their own worship service, with a combined Sunday School program. And it was thriving because the members worked together to make it a success.

It's a challenge for churches to share pastors and teachers like that. Fortunately, we were blessed with an Associate Pastor, a retired teacher named Gerry. He covered two churches, and I covered the other two. Then we switched up the next Sunday.

Besides giving you a history lesson of my early years in the ministry, my point is that it takes accommodation and cooperation to grow a church. As summer turns to fall, and fall to winter, it is our intention to give you every opportunity to attend worship services and Sunday school.

Our staff and church council will continue to seek ways to provide indoor, outdoor and virtual options. St John's has always been known for its spirit of hospitality. We want you to feel both welcome and comfortable during these challenging and difficult times in which we live.

Let me take a moment to lift up Julie Kroah, our C.E. Director and the Christian Education Committee. Our version of Sunday School includes an adult class and a confirmation class that currently meets at 9 AM.

The Bible Discovery Zone is offered for children of all ages during the 11:00 service (after the children's moment). And the nursery offers a Bible lesson too. In addition, there will be monthly meetings for youth, after the 11:00 service, to plan mission activities.

This schedule will remain in place through the end of October, at which time our Fall/Winter schedule will be introduced. In the meantime, Julie and I would love to have your ideas and input as to how to proceed TOGETHER. That is the key word.

Working together with God's help and a Spirit of cooperation, we truly believe that our Sunday ministries at St. John's will continue to thrive both now and in the future!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –



There was no meeting in September.

The next meeting of Church Council will be on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All Committee budgets are due. Any member of the St. John's Church Family is welcome to attend.

Chucky

Now that Fall is officially here, you may be wondering what kind of winter it will be.

Well, being an amateur meteorologist and fearless prognosticator like the Rev, Chucky has the answer to your questions...

It's going to get cold, and it's going to snow. How do I know?

Because Chucky's, Chester's, and Chauncey's fur is gettin' as thick as the neighborhood cats.

We're startin' to take on the appearance of Wooly Worms.

We've been whistlin' the melody to, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"

We're gettin' out our ice skates and matching scarves.

We went shoppin' for "Flamin' Hot Cheetos®."

Charlie is puttin' on an extra pot of coffee.

He's also puttin' up a heavy duty, hurricane-force wind-proof umbrella on the patio for the Rev.

We're gettin' our cameras ready for when the Rev starts lookin' like a snowman again.

Tim and the Special Events Committee have ordered up Christmas Cookies, with extra sprinkles!

Afternoon Circle –

There will not be an October meeting.



We would like to make sure our lists are current for Veterans and want to know if you have additional names to be added since last year. In addition, the congregational Care committee would like the names and addresses of any active primary and college students. There is a board in the Fellowship room which needs to be updated with this information for the congregation to have access to this and the Committee would like to send out cards during the holidays. Please return this information by email, offering plate or by mailing it to the church office. Thank you!

Name _____

Branch/College _____ Veteran or Active _____

Mailing address _____

From the St. John's UCC Evangelism and Outreach Committee

Evangelism 101 (part 1 of 3)

BGEA July 29, 2019

Maybe you're afraid to share your faith because you don't know what to say. Or maybe you're sharing the Gospel but nothing is happening; people aren't committing their lives to Christ. Are you doing something wrong?

You can't open someone's heart to the truth of the Gospel—but God can, by His Spirit. The Apostle Paul wasn't eloquent, but God used him because he depended on the Holy Spirit to guide him (see 1 Corinthians 2:1-5). God guided many others in the Bible as well—like Moses, who at first asked God to get someone else to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land, or Jonah, who didn't think the wicked Ninevites deserved God's mercy and tried to run the other way.

Remember that God does not call the equipped; He equips the called—and as Christians, we are all called to share what Christ has done. Some of Christ's last words on earth were, "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Sharing our faith isn't just a suggestion, it's a command. And God is with us when we obey Him.

What Do I Do?

One of the best ways to share your faith is to live a godly life. Non-Christians often look at Christians as hypocritical because we say one thing but do another. Show those close to you that you care—spend time with them, help meet their needs and offer to listen when they have problems. You might not be able to answer all of their questions, but they can't deny the reality of what Christ has done in your life. If you find this is hard to do, perhaps God is speaking to you about your own need to walk more closely with Him every day.

Another important part of sharing your faith is to pray for those you interact with. If you can't think of anyone who isn't a Christian, pray for God to place someone in your life who needs Him.

Also make a habit of reading the Bible, praying and going to church. (Read more about diving into your walk with God through prayer, Scripture and relationships.) These things shouldn't be done for attention or for the sake of doing them, but to help you grow in your own faith. Being passionate about Christ will help others see that there's something different about you, and they will want to know what it is. You can also reflect Christ through kind words, patience, a gentle temperament, choosing to love even difficult people, carefully monitoring what you watch or listen to, and treating others with respect.

At the same time, we must do more than live godly lives. People need to hear the Gospel—to hear that God loves them, Christ died for them and that they can have eternal life. Romans 10:13-14 says,

"'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Evangelism 101 (part 2 of 3)

BGEA July 29, 2019

4 Simple Steps

To share the Gospel, you can follow these 4 simple steps:

1. Tell them about God's plan—peace and life. God loves you and wants you to experience the peace and life He offers. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). He has a plan for you.

2. Share our problem—separation from God. Being at peace with God is not automatic. By nature, we are all separated from Him. The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). God is holy, but we are human and don't measure up to His perfect standard. We are sinful, and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

3. Talk about God's remedy—the cross. God's love bridges the gap of separation between you and Him. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins. The Bible says, "'He Himself bore our sins' in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; 'by His wounds you have been healed'" (1 Peter 2:24).

4. Our response—receive Christ. You cross the bridge into God's family when you accept Christ's free gift of salvation. The Bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

To receive Christ, a person needs to do 4 things:

- Admit you're a sinner.
- Ask forgiveness and be willing to turn away from your sins.
- Believe that Christ died for you on the cross.
- Receive Christ into your heart and life.

Romans 10:13 says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Here's a prayer you can pray to receive Christ:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do your will. In your name, amen."

Evangelism 101 (part 3 of 3)

BGEA July 29, 2019

5 Things to Remember

Gary Cobb, a BGEA staff member who helps train others to share their faith, shares five things to remember.

- 1. Understand that your own life is a great part of your witness.** If my relationship with Christ isn't vital, then I really don't have a lot to share. People not only listen to your words, they look at your life. We still fail and aren't always a good example, so our only hope is to come to God and surrender to Him. It's nothing that we can do. It's God's work.
- 2. Realize that we earn the right to be heard by sincerely listening to others.** Everyone has a story. You can't just blunder into a situation and callously share without listening. The Bible says that Jesus was a friend of sinners. That's our example—to be a friend, to listen to people, see where they are, and then take them where they need to go.
- 3. Recognize that people are looking for a cure.** When you go to the doctor, you don't say, "I have cancer." Instead, you describe your symptoms. That's where most people live. They only see symptoms. "I'm lonely. I'm suffering from a broken relationship. I'm stressed. There's darkness within me that I don't know what to do with." How do we share Christ with someone who is overwhelmed with their symptoms? We know the ultimate cure. It's Jesus Christ. Jesus didn't die for their symptoms. He died for their sins. Yet, people don't wake up in the morning and think, "You know, I need to accept Jesus." They wake up with the symptoms, and so as people who are attempting to rescue those who are lost, we need to start with their symptoms, show them the disease (sin), and take them to the ultimate cure (Jesus).
- 4. Keep it simple.** The Gospel is already simple. Christ died for our sins. He was buried. He rose again. We need to turn away from the things that are wrong in our lives, and accept what Jesus did on the cross for us and receive Him as Lord. Don't complicate it. So many times we throw in things like our denomination or other doctrines or we use religious terms that a lot of people don't understand. We end up confusing them and creating barriers. Explain the Gospel in a way that people can understand.
- 5. Stress the love of God.** John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV). It starts with love, and that's where we need to start. Ultimately, we have to explain that we're all sinners and have violated God's standards, and, because of that, there is a judgment. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23, NIV). But don't start with that. People know they've done a lot of wrong things, but they first need to hear that God is still open to forgiving them.

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.



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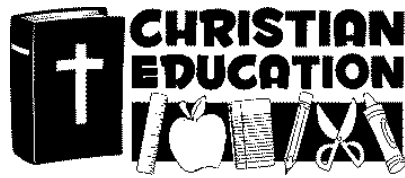
October 31, 2021 4pm—5:30pm

285 W. National Drive

Family Fun! Come in costume, enjoy candy, hotdogs and more. Trunk or Treat starts at 4. For more information about this community event call the church office at 740-323-2407.

St. John's members and friends - Passing out candy, plan on 350 pieces. Come in costume and/or decorate your car!

Come, join in the fun and welcome our friends and neighbors to St. John's.



Trunk or Treat will be on October 31, 2021 4:00PM -5:30PM. Join us for fellowship and fun. Decorate your car, come in costume ... be creative and pass out candy to our neighborhood kids. We are also asking for donations of candy. Please expect about 350 kids and we will also be offering a take home meal to our neighborhood visitors.

The Youth will be making snack bags for the homeless in the community. Also this month we will be training new acolytes and helping with Trunk or Treat.



Rally Day 2021! The wind was not helpful, but that didn't stop us from enjoying great food and fellowship under the big tent. There were hamburgers, hot dogs and a wide variety of sides and a reminder to be like Rhoda and get excited about answered prayers, get excited that we have a God who hears us.

Cradle Role teacher and Bible Discovery Zone teaches and helpers are needed for the coming year. Approximately 1 Sunday a month in a rotation and lessons are provided. Please contact Julie Kroah at stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net if you can help.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Class starts September 19 at 9:00AM.

Bible Discovery Zone – Class starts Sept. 12 at 11:00AM

Cradle Role - Child care for 11AM service starting July 11



Worship Service Duties

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 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 11:30 AM Youth Mission activity	27	28	29 6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice	30	1	2
3 World Communion 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	5 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	6 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - Cancelled 6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice	7	8	9
10 Laddy 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	11 Columbus Day	12 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Meeting 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	13 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice	14	15	16
17 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	18	19 6:30 PM Private Use - CANCELLED	20 6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice	21	22	23
24 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	25	26	27 6:00 PM Private Use - Chorus Practice	28	29	30 Annual Fall Central Southeast Association Meeting
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 4:30 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	6



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Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER

***Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* by Francis Chan.** A return to the Holy Spirit as described in the Bible.

***Fasting* by Jentezen Franklin.** Opening the door to a deeper, more intimate, more powerful relationship with God.

***Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton DVD Study.** The life of Moses using historical information, archaeological date and Biblical text.

For Children

***Men Called Him Master* by Elwyn Allen Smith.** This book looks to aid those who seek the answers to these often-asked questions, taking you right into Jesus' world.

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