

# Welcome Home!

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



# St. John's

The 2021 September 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, Jessica Paynter, Charles Foucht, Shirley Imler, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout & the families of David Hummel and Martti Saari.

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)

## Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,606.92
Income August 22, 2021	\$ 6,778.50
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 1,828.42)



Esther (Lammers) Eich, the last living daughter of the late Rev. Louis H. Lammers passed away peacefully on July 28, 2021 at the age of 91. Prayers for her family.

## Thank You

A special "thank you" to all who blanketed me with cards for my Veteran's Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on August 19th. I had never been to Washington before and it was a real treat to see it with other Vietnam veterans. It was a special day made even more special by all your cards and well wishes. I was overwhelmed.

Thank you so much.

Gary Kinser



David Hummel  
Born: June 9, 1938  
Died: August 2, 2021

*A member of St. John's since 1952*



Martti Saari  
Born: February 26, 1927  
Died: August 20, 2021

*A member (dual) of St. John's since 2013  
A funeral service will be held on September 3, 2021 here at St. John's at 1:00 p.m. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. prior to the service.*





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*Rooted in the Evangelical and*

*Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope*

*in a Time of Chaos*

*So We May All Be One*

August 11, 2021

Dear members and friends of St. John's:

It is with gladness and sadness that I wish to officially announce my retirement from the full-time pastoral ministry, in September of 2022. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be on September 4. Then, I will use my remaining Sundays and weeks of vacation to carry me through the end of the month.

I am so very glad for the years I've been blessed to be with you, the members and friends of St. John's UCC. And I'm sad for the day I'll no longer be serving you as pastor and teacher.

In this period of transition, I will do my utmost to guide, help and support you. With the age of the hybrid church upon us and the steps you have already taken in evangelism, mission and outreach, it is a most exciting time in the life of this church.

If I were to try and list all the ways the members and friends of St. John's have been gracious, kind and supportive of me, this letter would go on and on. I especially want to thank you for your support of my continuing education, and the gift of a sabbatical leave during one of the most difficult times in my life.

In ways too many to count, you have helped me to learn and grow and be changed and transformed as a person, a pastor and spiritual guide. Please pray for me as I will pray for you. And let's continue to center our lives in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. It is Christ who will show us the way forward to a bright and hope-filled future.

In Christ's love,

*Rev. Mark Katrick*

Rev. Mark Katrick

## **NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –**

The Church Council of St. John's met on Monday, August 16, 2021, to conduct the following business:

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Davis

As of July 31, Faith Promise was \$8,787.34 ahead and expenses were \$3006.08 less than budgeted for the year.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mark Katrick

It was stated that the 10:00 outdoor service is consistently the best attended

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** Owen Lee

August donations were made to:

Special Olympics

Starfish Assignment (a program of Licking County law enforcement)

Coalition of Care (Julie Davis, a volunteer, gave an overview of their work)

YMCA Christian Emphasis Program



**Christian Education Committee:** Elaine Gard

September 13 – Rally Day, with picnic after 11:00 service (Council will provide meat and drinks)

Trunk or Treat has been scheduled for Oct. 31, from 4-5:30 p.m.

The Congregation will be asked to donate wrapped candy.

**Church and Ministry Committee:** Jeff Conner

Aug. 29 – Rev. Katrick on vacation; Rev. Hicks filling in

Oct. 3 – World Wide Communion Sunday

Oct. 17 – Laity Sunday

Nov. 7 – All Saints Day

**Property Committee:** Tom Lawyer

The concrete repair to the driveway and front slab is complete

More work was done than anticipated. Okayed an extra \$425 for it

On or about July 28 or 29, part of the ceiling in the Hermann Hall kitchen collapsed

A tie-wire showed signs of rust.

The ceiling, grid work, and lights have been replaced.

We are talking to our insurance carrier.

A new LED security light has been installed on the west end of the building.

The arch and alter lights in the sanctuary have been replaced.

**Special Events Committee:** Tim Powers

Began operations again after a 1 ½ year hiatus due to COVID

Cake/punch reception for Mark Katrick celebrating his graduation as a Spiritual Counselor

Funeral Dinner for the family of David Hummel

Cake/punch for Westley O'Neil and Family in celebration of his Baptism

**New Business:** Jeff Conner, Chr. of Church and Ministry

Pastor Mark Katrick has tendered his letter of intent to retire

His last Sunday with us will be Sunday September 4, 2022

(his remaining vacation days will carry until September 30, 2022)

The Church Council regretfully accepted the letter.

Personnel Committee and the Council are beginning to form a Search Committee

If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please speak with Terry Gano or Tom Lawyer, or members of the Personnel Committee and Church Council.

**Foundation Fund:**

Church Council, acting as Trustees of the Foundation Fund, voted to establish a Foundation Fund in the name of DAVID AND SANDRA HUMMEL.

The next meeting of Church Council will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Any member of the St. John's Church Family is welcome to attend.

Chucky

Now that the Rev has announced his retirement, Chester, Chauncey and me are contemplating these possibilities for our retirements.

Here's our list so far:

Coffee Taste-Tester for the Staff

Cookie Sampler for Fellowship Time

Chocolate Input Monitor for the Rev (not many hours there)

Quality Control Supervisor at Cheetos

Cat Whisperers

Donut-Crumb Cleaners (Someone's got to keep the new pavement clean after drive-in worship.)

Nursery Assistant – (Kids love mice and mice love kids!)

Keyboard Button-Pusher for anthems

Sound Technician (12 minute sermons guaranteed)

Come to think of it, that's way too many hours to work! If it's OK with you, we'll just keep being your church mice!

### Afternoon Circle -

*Eight ladies retreated to the air conditioning of the Pizza Cottage (Mt. Vernon Rd.) last month for pizza and fellowship.*

*We will meet again on Wednesday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. John's, for our regular monthly meeting.*

*Our Mission Project for September and October will be personal hygiene items for Vertical 196 (our neighbors on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street). Things like deodorant, small toothpaste and toothbrush, socks, feminine items, comb, bars of soap, etc., are very needed. Please place your donations on the Mission Table in the Fellowship Room, or bring them to our meeting.*

*All ladies of our St. John's Church Family are invited to attend.*



We would like to make sure our lists are current for Veterans and want to know if we have additional names to be added since last year. In addition, the Congregational Care committee would like the names and addresses of any active military 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

**Hope-Filled Evangelism by Melissa Kruger**

## Matthew 4:19

My husband went fishing this morning. There's no activity he enjoys more than sitting by the lake with a rod in his hand. Each time he casts into the water, he's hopeful—maybe this will be the time he reels in the big one.

While he's doing that, I'll be working in my garden. I'll till the soil, pluck weeds, and plant some seeds. I know they won't all sprout, but some of them will. As I plant, I'm looking forward to enjoying the harvest.

Both fishing and sowing were images Jesus used to describe evangelism. He promised His disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" ([Matt. 4:19](#)). In addition, Jesus taught the parable of the sower to explain the different types of reactions to the gospel message (Luke 8). The activities of fishing and sowing can help us understand important truths about evangelism that can motivate and encourage us as we share our faith with others. First, evangelism is a hopeful endeavor. Each time we share our faith, we hope the Spirit will awaken a heart to the gospel. My husband puts his hook in the water because he might catch a fish. I plant seeds in the soil because I'm hopeful some will grow. When we speak the words of Jesus to others, we can do so with the same sense of excitement. While some people may not respond to the gospel, by the Spirit's power others will. We have the opportunity to see a soul come to Jesus. There's no greater privilege. So we share our faith with hopeful hearts.

Second, evangelism is a joyful endeavor. When my husband catches a fish, he takes a picture and sends it to me. He wants me to share in his joy. In a similar way, it brings me joy to watch things grow. I excitedly tell him about the first signs of tomatoes I see on the vine. When the green skin turns red, I can't wait to share the harvest with others. As we tell others about Jesus and watch them respond in faith, we share in heaven's celebration ([Luke 15:7](#)). There's no higher joy than watching a soul come alive. It's the world's greatest catch. The best kind of harvest. And Jesus allows us to participate in the work.

Last, evangelism is a necessary endeavor. As Paul asks, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" ([Rom. 10:14](#)). While fishing and sowing are activities my husband and I do mostly for enjoyment, in Jesus' day, these activities sustained life. If a person didn't fish or raise crops, he didn't eat. And if he didn't eat, he didn't live. In evangelism, we offer the bread of life and the fount of living waters to those who are desperately thirsty and hungry for true nourishment. How can others believe if no one sows seeds or throws in a net? How will they find life if no one shares the gospel?

We have this treasure; may we share it with hope, joy, and daily faithfulness.

For further study Luke 15:7 and Roman's 10:14

Published through Ligonier Ministries at <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/hope-filled-evangelism>





**September 12, 2021**

## **Church Picnic**

**following the 11:00AM service**

Join in the celebration as we kick –off the start of the new church school year.

**9:00AM - TECH TIME**— a time to ask questions about the church website, Facebook page and live streaming on your devices.

**Approximately 11:45—CHURCH PICNIC!**

St. John's will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, you bring sides, table ware and extras for your group.

**Rally Day Program “What’s In Your Bible?” followed by additional TECH TIME.**

***Be sure to invite a friend.***

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## INFORMATION

**Adult Sunday School** 9:00AM Sunday Mornings starting September 19. We will be taking a look at ***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis led by Jesse Chirdon. RSVP to Julie Kroah if you are interested in joining so we can purchase study guides.

**Bible Discovery Zone** will meet Sunday's during the 11:00AM Service. We will start off the year looking at the 10 Commandments and the Bible as a whole.

**Cradle Role** will also meet Sundays during the 11:00AM service. We will be learning from Pre-School Bible cards with plenty of time for activities and play time.



# 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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**Rally day is September 12. 9:00AM Tech Time** to answer your website, Facebook and YouTube questions.

**11:45AM Church picnic, Rally Day program and more Tech Time.**

St. John's will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, you provide sides and extras for your group. Join us following the 11AM service for a church picnic to kick off the new church school year.



Cradle Role is now available during the 11:00AM service.

Cradle Role teacher and Bible Discovery Zone teachers and helpers **are needed for the coming year. Approximately one Sunday a** month in a rotation and lessons are provided. Please contact Julie Kroah at [stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net) if you can help.



There was a lot of fun at the Youth bonfire. Be sure to ask them about Ehud and the chocolate-filled donut. They decided to move ahead with some community mission events and other Youth activities at St. John's activities in the coming year.

Trunk or Treat will be October 31, 2021 4:00PM -5:30PM. We are asking for donations of candy and for anyone who would like to pass out candy from the trunk of their car to the neighborhood kids. Be creative and decorate your car or wear a costume to add to the fun.



#### **Sunday School Classes**

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

**Bible Discovery Zone** – Class starts September 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**



# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are...Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service - Child care is available	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM Consuming Fire 2021 Music Festival at First Baptist Church, 1000 Granville Rd. Newark
<b>5</b> 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are...Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service - Child care is available	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM Private Use 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Patriot Day
<b>12</b> Rally Day 8:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are.....Stay in your car! 10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service - Come as you are...Stay in your car! 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service - Child care is available 12:00 PM Rally Day Picnic	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 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	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Private Use	<b>22</b> First Day of Autumn 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 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	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



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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 SEPTEMBER

**Living the Promises of God by Paul F. Keller.** A ministry for one-day-at-a-time recovery from loss, sorrow, and grief and for the renewal of faith, hope, and love.

**The Shack by William P. Young DVD/Book/Study Guide.** A story where tragedy confronts eternity.

**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 to better understand everything that happened so long ago.

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