

# Welcome Home!

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

## St. John's

*The 2022 January 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, Bill Carr, Brian Lensink, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Tegan Picklesimer, Irmgard Rhodes, Susan O'Brien, & Robin Lyn Green.

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)

### Thank You

Dear St. John's,  
Thank you for your generous donation to New Beginnings.

Happy Holiday! Trisha Hufford – Director

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

### Financial Update

<b>Monthly Faith Promise goal</b>	<b>\$ 8,606.92</b>
<b>Income as of December 26, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 10,094.00</b>
<b>Month to Date Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,487.08</b>



**William Lee Dougherty**

**Born: October 24, 1930**

**Died: December 2, 2021**

**Member and wife, Ann Dougherty**

**Born: July 5, 1926**

**Died: December 4, 2019**



**Sutton Renee Johnson-Reedy**

**Birthdate: August 20, 2019**

**Baptized: December 27, 2021**

**Parents: Johnathan Douglas Reedy II &  
Monica Renee Johnson**

Dear members and friends of St. John's,

A retired comedian's New Year Prayer has it that, "I hope you live to be as old as your jokes."

If you recall, I began my ministry with you in January of 2009. That would make 2022 the thirteenth new year, you and I welcomed in and celebrated.

Since we've been together for 12 years, it's more than likely that I've told the same old jokes (groaners) more than once. But as comedian Art Linkletter used to say, "Laughter is the best medicine."

Though I'm not big on New Year's resolutions (since we're not so very good at keeping them), I really like this little piece from an unknown author in the January 2005 issue of *The Joyful Noiseletter*.

### **Resolve in the New Year . . .**

- To laugh more in 2022.
- To look at the sunny side of everything.
- To wear a cheerful face and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to allow trouble to distress you.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

Many of you have asked what my plans are for when I retire from the full-time ministry, later this year. Well, the answer to this question is that I hope to find a church to serve part-time, to pair with my practice as a spiritual director, and to continue to write columns and do a little reporting on the side.

For whatever plans God is making for me, I hope to carry them out by wearing a cheerful face and helping others to laugh more, even if some of my jokes are as old as me.

As for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, my hope and prayer is that you will press on to even greater achievements by doing those things you do so very well – giving of your time, improving yourselves, being strong so that nothing disturbs your peace of mind and looking at the sunny side of everything.

And always carry with you these words from my dear father's favorite comedian, Red Skelton:

*Have a little laugh at life and look around you for happiness instead of sadness. Laughter has always brought me out of unhappy situations. Even in your darkest moment, you usually can find something to laugh about if you try hard enough.*

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

## **NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –**

St. John's Church Council met on December 20, 2021.



### **Treasurer's Report:** Frank Davis

We are \$8072 ahead for budget in giving; expenses are \$68 more than budgeted as of November 30.

The 2022 Mission Plan was approved with a vote of 52 to 0 at the Congregational Meeting, December 12, 2021.

We have received anonymous gifts of \$500 for bell repair, which was placed in the Property Maintenance Fund, and \$500 for children's ministry, which was placed in the Vacation Bible School account. Thank you to the giver. We also received \$1000 from the Moose, a gift for the use of our parking lot for overflow, which has been placed in the Property Maintenance Fund.

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

Kirk and Debbie Ware have reactivated their membership.

Pastor Mark will distribute poinsettias to shut-ins the day after Christmas.

Pastor Mark will be on vacation after Christmas. Kirk Homrighouse will preach on December 26.

More people are coming back inside for the 11:00 service. We remind everyone to observe safe distancing, wear masks (more masks will be available on the tables), refrain from hand-shaking, do what feels comfortable as Covid numbers rise again.

### **Communications:** Anita Chirton

Annual Reports are due by January 17.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, February 20, 2022.

### **Church and Ministry Committee:** Jeff Conner

Taking Down the Greens will be on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

We are looking for people who will serve as Liturgists for both services in the New Year.

### **Christian Education Committee:** Elaine Gard

All-Church Bowling Party, Wednesday, December 29.

### **Mission and Outreach Committee:** Owen Lee

December donations were made to the Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, Newark Homeless Outreach, and Gifts for Foster Children of Village Network.

### **New Business:**

**Plate Offering (not in envelopes) for Kentucky** will be on December 24 and 26. Money can be put in the plates before and after services. Money will be sent to the UCC denomination for distribution.

Brian Lensink is in contact with the Verdin Bell Company regarding the **Tower Bells** not working properly in the cold weather.

A **Search Committee** (for a new pastor) will begin working after the first of the year. Mr. Tim Powers will be the Chair. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact him, or any member of Church Council.

It is that time of year when we are looking for a few good people to serve on Church Council for the next 3 years. If you are interested in one of three seats that will be vacated at the Annual Meeting, please speak to President Tom Lawyer or any member of Council to express your interest. Council meetings are held once a month, and usually last 1 hour. Members are then also liaisons with one of the Committees of Council which involves another meeting, usually once a month or less, lasting about an hour.

The next Council meeting is Monday, January 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. All members of St. John's are, as always, welcome to attend.

## Pastor Search Committee

As many of you know, Pastor Mark will be retiring in September this year. I have been volunteered to lead the search committee. We will work closely with the Central Southeast UCC Association in developing our church profile which is a very important step in this process. It will define what we want to be as a church and how we want our church leader to work with us to achieve that vision. We have some members that have expressed an interest, but we will be looking for 6 to 8 people to sit on the committee. Please contact me if you are interested. We will be looking for a good cross section of people on the committee. I am especially interested in having some of our younger members on the committee. There will be more to come, but hope to begin meeting in January and begin working with the UCC Association to get started.

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If you call and I don't answer, just leave a message. I get so many scam calls from 740 area codes that I don't answer numbers that I don't recognize.

Tim Powers

## Afternoon Circle -

*The ladies of the Afternoon Circle don't have regular meetings during January or February because of the weather. However, we do meet for lunch together, if the weather cooperates. On **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**, we will have **lunch** at the **Lucky Bamboo** on Granville Road in Dugway Center at **noon**. If there is snow or ice or extremely low temperatures, we will not meet.*

*This year we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Ladies Aid Society, or Women's Guild (it's been known by many names over the years) on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. We would like to invite all the women of St. John's to celebrate with us, especially those who have been members of the Evening Circle, Dorcas Circle, Sewing Circle, Afternoon Circle, or any of the other off-shoots of the Guild.*

*We are looking for any pictures, mementos, news articles, etc. to tell the story of the Guild and display for our Anniversary. Please talk with Elaine Gard (president) or Vicky Davis (secretary).*

*It was in 1872, that the pastor called the ladies together, to meet in the newly built sanctuary (on Poplar and South 5<sup>th</sup> Street) on a Sunday afternoon in May to form the first ladies' group in the church. With thanksgiving and praise to God, we will celebrate 150 years of service to St. John's Church.*

*Anniversary  
Celebration*

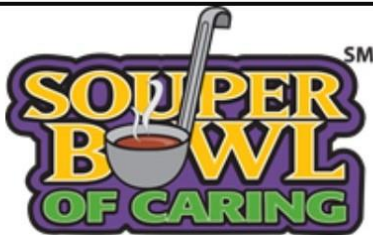
## Starting in January



A 7-Session Video Study on the Prophet Elijah from Best-Selling Author Priscilla Shirer

Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho. And Elijah—calling down fire on Mount Carmel.

Blinded by the remarkable narratives of our biblical heroes, we can forget they each had a backstory—months and years of development, even difficulty, which fortified their spiritual muscle and prepared them for the tasks that made their lives unforgettable.



February 13, 2022

## Canned Soup Drive

On February 13, 2022 bring canned soups and stews of all kinds to benefit the Licking County Food Pantry.

The Youth will be on hand to collect the cans as you enter the parking lot for the Outdoor Drive-In service at 9AM or as you come into the 11AM service.

Be sure to designate which team you're cheering on to victory!



## LIBRARY FOCUS FOR JANUARY

***The Bible Makes Sense* by Walter Brueggemann.** a unique how-to book an ongoing dialogue about our life here and now.

***Herod's Temple: The Temple Jesus Knew*** DVD. Fascinating examination of an ancient wonder.

### For Children

***The Life of Jesus* by Frederick Buechner.** The old, old story begins to ring new as Buechner revisits the ancient stories and shows us different aspects of the faces of Jesus.

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





From the St. John's Evangelism and Outreach Committee

### ***Don't Keep Jesus In The Manger by Gavin Calver***

I love Christmas. It's an amazing time of fun, celebration, food and joy. More than anything else it's the moment when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and it's been amazing these last few weeks to remember the Savior of the world being born in Bethlehem.

Those around us seem so much more interested to hear about Jesus at Christmas, making it an incredible opportunity to share the Gospel in a way that seems more natural than the rest of the year. It's a season when most people are used to hearing the story of the first Christmas, so us retelling it seems normal and even expected, yet it remains utterly breathtaking; the invisible God becomes visible in Jesus and this changes everything. What a moment, what a sacrifice; the hinge of history lies there in a cattle shed. Theologian Alec Motyer puts it this way, "lo within the manger lies He who built the starry skies."

The story is awe-inspiring, but we mustn't fall into the trap of leaving Jesus as a baby. To understand the significance of his birth, you must understand his life, and move from the cradle to the cross, to the resurrection, and to the life-changing significance that this holds for every single person alive today. As this season of Advent rapidly draws to a close, all of this leaves me asking, what happens next?

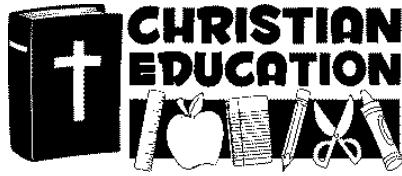
Already the Christmas tunes in the shops seem less relevant, the trees will be down before we know it, and our houses will once more be decorated a little more conventionally.

I am passionate that we don't miss out on the opportunities that began with our Christmas evangelistic endeavors. That friend who came to carols by candlelight might come on any given Sunday, that work colleague who was interested last week may well still be interested in January, and you don't have to only bless your neighbors at Christmas! The momentum built up in our outreach throughout Advent could potentially now flow into a new year. Why shouldn't 2022 be the year in which we see a major growth in our activity and fruitfulness?

We have just celebrated the assurance that this baby to be born would be 'Immanuel' meaning 'God is with us' (Matthew 1:23), one of the most common promises in scripture. This is not a prayer, it's a statement. It's so ultimate and exclusive. God has got through to us. Jesus is the way and his message needs to be shared with all.

This guarantee of God's abiding presence is not restricted to Christmas. Indeed, the Gospel of Matthew that begins with the promise of the coming Immanuel closes in chapter 28 with the Great Commission's assurance that he is with them still, and will be until the end of time. Therefore, as we step away from Christmas he remains with us, and he's by our side as we seek to witness to those around us.

Let's not leave Jesus in the manger; let's share him with everyone we can, wherever, whenever and whatever the situation. Happy New Year!



February 13, 2022 The Soup-er Bowl of Caring Canned Soup Drive. The Youth will be on hand to collect the cans as you enter the parking lot for the Drive-In service and if you plan to come inside at the 11AM service. Bring cans of soup and stews of all kinds to benefit the Licking County Food Pantry.

The Bible Discovery Zone will begin looking at Jonah and the Adult class will be watching a 7-week video series about Elijah. Join us each Sunday



### Sunday School Classes

**Adult class** – Class is at 9:45AM

**Bible Discovery Zone** –at 11:00AM

**Cradle Role** - Child care at 10:45 for the 11AM service.

## January Worship Service Duties

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

### Cradle Role with Rachel Lee

2 Michelle Knowlton  
9  
16 Kelsie Pursley  
23  
30 Julie Kroah



### Bible Discovery Zone

2  
9 Brian Lensink &  
Matthew Kroah  
16 Ken Kroah &  
Pat Farley  
23 Judy Goodman &  
Matthew Kroah  
30

### Thursday Media Worship Team

6 Julie Kroah  
13 Julie Kroah  
20 Julie Kroah  
27 Tom Lawyer

### Sunday Sound Worship Team

2 Ken Kroah  
9 Dick Tulloss  
16 Tom Lawyer  
23 Dick Tulloss  
30 Ken Kroah

### Sunday Video Worship Team

2 Tom Lawyer  
9 Pamela Tulloss  
16 Julie Kroah  
23 Pamela Tulloss  
30 Julie Kroah



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 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.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 AM Chimes Assembly	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice 6:00 PM St. John's Family Bowling at Park Lanes	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> New Year's Day
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM The Afternoon Circle- Meeting at the Lucky Bamboo for lunch 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>6</b> Epiphany	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 10:00 AM Confirmation Class 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 5:30 PM Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 10:00 AM Congregational Care Meeting 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	<b>17</b> Martin L. King, Jr. Day 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting- YEAR END REPORT'S DUE (PREFERABLY DIGITALLY TO THE OFFICE)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 1:00 PM Private Use 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>





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### ***Worship Services!***

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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