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St. John's



The 2022 May Chimes **United Church of Christ**



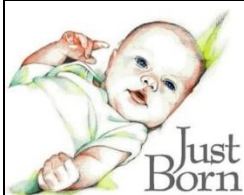
Prayer List

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, Harriett Applegate, Charles & Lois Meyers, Mike Boyce, Relna Cornell, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Charles Foucht, Shirley Imler, Bill Carr, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Tegan Picklesimer, Irmgard Rhodes, Susan O'Brien, & Joann Claypool.

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	\$ 8,705.25
Income as of April 24, 2022	\$ 10,326.00
Month to Date Balance	\$ 1,620.75



We have a new baby!

Emilee Kayann Crowthers

Born: March 20, 2022

6 lbs. 9 oz., 18.5" long

Parents: Alan & Akela Crowthers

Grandparents: Greg & Marla Crowthers

Thank You – to St. Johns

Dear St. John's United Church of Christ,
Thank you for your generous donations during the first quarter of 2022 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 United Church of Christ,
Our hearts are full of thanks and gratitude for your donation to our humble organization. Thanks to your continued support, we are able to bring his word to those in poverty, who need it the most.
We carry on our work with His love, peace and unending gratitude in our hearts.

With Gratitude,

Ashlee T. – St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facilities

To our friends at St. John's,
We thank God for all of you & for your willingness to care for others in our community. We truly appreciate your partnership in Kingdom work. (Vertical 196)
God Bless,

Your friends at L.C.J.M. (Licking County Jail Ministry)



Summer Worship Hours
beginning June 5, 2022

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

I love Easter Lilies! I love the way they make the hallways smell when they're delivered to the church office! I love the way Gary Kinser displays them at the sunrise service and on the altar in the sanctuary! One of my favorite things to do is deliver lilies to our members and friends in assisted living and in their homes, who were unable to attend Easter Sunday worship.

A lily's trumpet-shaped petal and long-narrow leaves are sure to bring big smiles and plenty of excitement. It's as if these breathtakingly beautiful flowers are accompanying us as we sing, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

According to hymnstudiesblog.wordpress.com, this hymn, "written by Charles Wesley (John's brother), celebrates one of the most important facts of the Bible – the resurrection of Jesus Christ!"

The Easter Lily is also one of the Christian Church's most well-known and recognizable symbols. Take a walk in the St. John's sanctuary before or after our worship services and see if you can locate the lilies in full bloom on our stained glass windows. At least these etched-in white flowers look like them. What do you think?

Jill Gleeson writes in countryliving.com, that lilies are referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," and were believed to "have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion."

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ, and not only because they embody purity. The life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection. What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better?

Perhaps that is why my dear mother, the ever-impatient gardener, couldn't wait to get at her flower beds in the Spring. She was quick to have my father dig a hole to plant her Lily bulbs, weeks before the last frost. Having been a Presbyterian Sunday School Teacher, she knew that flowers take time to grow within, just like these verses from Scripture.

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! (Luke 12:27-28)

It's no coincidence that the Easter season is the perfect time to plant seeds of God's Living Word. As they grow deep within our hearts, you and I will be like the Easter Lily by trumpeting that the amazing grace and the universal love of Jesus Christ is alive and well, Alleluia!

In Christ's love, Rev. Mark



A Note from Chucky

You've probably been wonderin' where me, Chester and Chauncey are hidin'. Well, we have this rule that when it's too cold for the Rev to go out on the patio for the drive-in service, then it's too cold for us to come out of our mouse hole.

So the three of us burrow into our bedding. As cold as it's been, Charlie can't even coax us out with a fresh pot of coffee and a brand new package of cookies. We don't hibernate, but we're known to sleep for long stretches, especially when the preacher gets a little long-winded.

But no worries! Get out the Cheetos® and drop us a few donut crumbs out the car windows. It's May and we're Baaaack!

Besides that, we gotta' teach the Rev how to retire properly, and spend more time with the church mice like he does with his kitty cats!

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –

St. John's Church Council met on Monday, April 18, 2022.



Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

As of April 6, we are \$633.90 head for the year in giving.

As of April 6, expenses are \$5,216.21 less than budgeted for the year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Katrick

April 24 is Youth Sunday, and observances of the 65th Anniversary of the UCC, and the 65th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Sanctuary.

Search Committee: Tim Powers

The committee is getting organized and will be meeting probably every 2 weeks.

Church and Ministry Committee: Jeff Conner

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship will begin on Sunday, June 5, (Pentecost Sunday).

Christian Education Committee: Elaine Gard

Mothers will be honored with gifts on Mother's Day, May 8.

Graduates and Volunteers will be recognized on May 22.

Congregational Care Committee: Charles Dudley

New members are needed for this committee.

Pastor Katrick will be making Easter Communion calls to the shut-ins for several weeks.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. As always, all members of St. John's are invited to attend.



The Afternoon Circle -

and their Guests will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Noon, in the Fellowship Room, to celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

A Salad Smorgasbord will be served, along with mini-sandwiches, coffee, tea and punch. After a brief history of the entire Women's Guild of St. John's Church, the group will move to the sanctuary for an outstanding Piano Recital by Mrs. Jane Shoemaker. Afterwards, returning to the Fellowship Room, the group will find cake and a birthday celebration before the ladies head for home.

A reminder to all Members and Guests: Remember to bring your annual Anniversary Offering of 1 penny for each year old the Circle is = \$1.50. Thank you.

On May 9, 1872, Rev. Polster called about 70 women to meet in the sanctuary of St. John's former building on the corner of 5th and Poplar, to form the "Frauen und Jungfrauen Verein", the Ladies' and Young Ladies' Society. This group has met on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month since then. The name has been changed several times. Other ladies' groups have been formed, their names were changed, and they were disbanded over time, but the Afternoon Circle has continued to meet for fellowship, to share and grow their faith, to look after the sick and those in need, and to be of service to God, St. John's and this community. The Afternoon Circle is the longest existing organization within the history of St. John's Church.

The Missionary Society, the Evening Circle, the Sewing Circle, the Dorcas Circle, the Pollyanna Circle, were all under the umbrella of the Women's Guild of St. John's Church. Several of these groups had name changes over the years, as has our denomination. Many ladies, as circumstances changed, went from one "circle" to another. Groups had memberships of from over 100 ladies, to smaller numbers, now 16.

Our circles held membership in outside organizations like the Synod and Association clusters, and the interfaith Church Women United. Our ladies fed neighborhood children during the Depression, helped keep food on the table at our Home for the Aged in Upper Sandusky, sewed clothing for children in India, hosted clothing drives for missions, sewed thousands of cancer pads, made hundreds of Easter baskets for mental health patients, sewed choir and confirmation robes, and scores of costumes. 2/3 of the Altar Guild were members of the circles. The Nursery was under the Evening Circle for years. No job has been too big or too small for our ladies.

**Congratulations for 150 Years
of The Afternoon Circle and the Women's Guild**

Leadership Moments by Jane L. Fryer & Kristen Schultz

I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Micah 6:4

"She thinks she's God's gift to humanity."

Someone who says that is not bestowing a compliment!

But some people truly are God's gift! Through Micah, God says to his people, "I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam." Miriam and her two brothers were a wonderful gift to Israel and, in a deeper sense, to all humanity!

Through Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, God delivered Israel from Egypt, bringing them to the land he promised to Abraham.

In that land, the Savior would be born.

In that land, the Savior would bleed and die for our sins, removing our guilt and its penalty.

In that land, the Savior would rise from the dead, destroying death's power and opening the door of eternal life for all who believe.

In a very real way, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam are part of our own faith family. Still today, God's people are being blessed through them!

Moses served dramatically. God worked through him to part the Red Sea, to introduce the Ten Commandments, to perform multiple miracles.

Aaron served less dramatically. God worked through him as Moses's spokesperson, as the one who oversaw Israel's worship and prayed for the people.

Miriam served God's purposes more quietly. Moment by moment for 40 years, the people looked to her as an example of consistent strength, prayerfulness, and trust in the Deliverer who had "redeemed [them] from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4).

With that in mind, ask yourself how your extraordinary God might want to use your ordinary moments to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of those around you.

Moment by moment, through a lifetime of moments, you can be an example for others of the consistent strength, the prayerful wisdom, the confident faith our extraordinary God works in the hearts of his people.

Yours is a meaningful calling! A dignified, purposeful position!

"Lord Show me how to use my moments as a testimony to the freedom Jesus has earned."



June 5—11, 2022
Big Creek Missions
Bear Branch, KY

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Adults, Students, Families

3 ministry choices

Children, Community, or Construction

Please see or email Julie Kroah for more information or to sign up. stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net

Volunteers Needed
Vacation Bible School

June 20—24
9:00AM—11:30AM

Leaders, helpers
& decorators needed.

Email Julie Kroah if you are interested in helping.
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ST. JOHN'S UCC VBS REGISTRATION FORM
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Preschool through Sixth Grade
June 20-24, 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 _____

St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible School

June 20 - 24

9:00am – 11:30am

Ages pre-school through 6th grade.

285 W. National Drive, Newark

740-323-2407 www.stjohnsnewark.org



The Mission Trip is planned for June 5 – June 11. 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.

Graduation Sunday and Volunteer Appreciation Day are May 22



Vacation Bible School 2022 – Food Truck Party! June 20 -24, 2022. Join us 9:00AM to 11:30AM as we learn that all good things come from God.

Starting in September, the adult Sunday school class will be studying **Gentle and Lowly** by Dane Ortlund. If you'd like to read it ahead of time, there are copies available to borrow.



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Class is at 9:45AM May 1,8,22. No Class June July August
Bible Discovery Zone –at 11:00AM. No class June, July, August
Cradle Role - Child care at 10:45 for the 11AM service.

May Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Role with Rachel Lee

1 Michelle Knowlton
 8
 15 Kelsie Pursley
 22
 29

Bible Discovery Zone

1
 8 Brian Lensink & Matthew Kroah
 15 Ken Kroah & Pat Farley
 22 Judy Goodman & Matthew Kroah
 29

Acolytes (11:00 a.m. Service)

1 William Koser & Lauren Koser
 8 Emmaleigh Crowthers & Matthew Kroah
 15 Lauren Koser & Matthew Kroah
 22 Emmaleigh Crowthers & William Koser
 29 Matthew Kroah & Lauren Koser

Thursday Media Worship Team

5 Tom Lawyer
 12 Julie Kroah
 29 Tom Lawyer
 26 Tom Lawyer

Sunday Sound Worship Team

1 Tom Lawyer
 8 Dick Tulloss
 15 Tom Lawyer
 22 Ken Kroah
 29 Dick Tulloss

Sunday Video Worship Team

1 Pamela Tulloss
 8 Tom Lawyer
 15 Julie Kroah
 22 Tom Lawyer
 29 Pamela Tulloss



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 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.	2 7:00 PM Scout Meeting	3 4:00 PM Church & Ministry Meeting	4 12:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting - 150th Anniversary 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	5 National Day of Prayer 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	6	7 9:00 AM Central Southeast Ohio Association Virtual Meeting
8 Mother's Day 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 10:00 AM Confirmation Class 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service. 12:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting	9	10 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting	11 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	12 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	13	14
15 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	16 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	17 6:30 PM Private Use- CANCELLED	18 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	19 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	20	21
22 Graduation and Volunteer Appreciation Sunday 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:30 AM Last Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. 10:00 AM Confirmation Class 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service- Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service.	23	24	25 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	26 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	27	28
29 9:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00 AM Sanctuary Service	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	31	1 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use- Chorus Practice	2 7:00 PM Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	3	4



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Worship Services!

9:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service

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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR MAY

More Than My Mountains by Whitney Lane Ward When your strength comes from the right source, there's no mountain you can't climb.

DVD NOOMA Short films that explore our world through the perspective of Jesus by Rob Bell Episode 10 LUMP

For Children

Florence Nightingale by Kristi Lorene. A trained nurse who knew the meaning of courage under fire.

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