

Welcome Home!

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



St. John's

The 2022 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 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, Relna Cornell, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Shirley Imler, Bill Carr, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Tegan Picklesimer, Irmgard Rhodes, Susan O'Brien, Barbara McKee, Phyllis Miller, Debbie Jones, Karen O'Hare, Rev. Mark Katrick & the family of John West and Rosalie Lensink.

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 August 21, 2022	<u>6,690.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 2,014.75)

Thank you for your support!



Current Worship Hours

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

Thank you

Steve and I would like to thank St. John's United Church of Christ & Rev. Mark for the outstanding service at the funeral of our dad, Charles Foucht. Thank you for your kind words and the message you gave Rev. Mark. We would also like to thank the ones who served us lunch after the funeral. Your kindness & devotion to God our Father means so much to us. May God bless you all.
Steve and Jean Foucht

My dear friends at St. John's U.C.C.
This is a very special personal note. Thank you for your multiple donations to SARA's emergency fund for Ukraine. SARA continues to supply funds for our workers and the many refugees in Transcarpathia.
God Bless you- Jeannie.

IN LOVING Memory

John F. West

Born: July 11, 1956

Died: August 3, 2022

A member of St. John's since 2017

Rosalie Lensink

Born: December 26, 1937

Died: August 12, 2022

A member of St. John's since 2018

Dear members and friends of St. John's:

I'll, "see you in September." I'll, "see you when the summer's through." These lyrics, written by Sid Wayne and Sherman Edwards, and made popular in a hit song by The Happenings, pretty much will bring to a close, the transitions you and I have been going through as congregation and pastor.

I'll see you on Sunday, September 4, when I preach my last two sermons at St. John's. And I'll see you on Sunday, September 11, for Rally Day and a celebration of our 14 years of ministry together, after the 11:00 service.

After that, I'll see you out and about, be it at the grocery store or on the golf course, everywhere but at the church – unless you decide to make a road trip to Brighton Presbyterian in Zanesville. You are all very good at staying in touch with your former ministers. Just ask the Rev. Scott Casebeer who served here as Associate Pastor a few years ago.

Since I remain on the membership rolls, I'll be doing all the things a faithful member of St. John's does. I'll pray for you and your new pastor, support and encourage you and sometimes stream into your services on Sundays and Thursdays.

In other words, we'll remain brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. And we'll always and forever be connected in and through Christ's grace-filled and universal love.

Which is why the Holy Spirit of the Living God has moved me to close with these verses, I've so often spoken in our sanctuary at weddings. Its breathtakingly beautiful images, especially the Good Shepherd stained glass window, will be permanently etched in my heart and mind.

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:12-13)

In Christ's love,

Rev. Mark

Pastoral Search Committee News

I am pleased to announce that we have called Pastor Joyce Wealand as our Interim Pastor. Technically she is being called as a Designated Term Pastor for 20 months, until June 2023. This is an important step in our search for a permanent replacement for Rev. Mark and a milestone. We are pleased that we can bring a person with Pastor Joyce's passion, energy and Biblical acumen to our pulpit. Reverend Joyce is ordained and has been Associate Pastor at Highwater UCC and is currently serving Grace UCC, Uniontown, Ohio for the past few years as an Interim. Rev. Joyce preached twice here during Rev Mark's Sabbatical a couple years ago and was well received. Her first Sunday in the Pulpit will be November 6, 2022. Joyce is from the Columbus area and has two children and grandchildren in the area. The Search Committee will continue to develop a vision for our church with your help, through surveys and polling, so our work has just begun. Pastor Joyce told me that she is excited with this opportunity and what we will be able to do together as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Prayerfully Submitted

Tim Powers

Chairman, St. John's UCC Pastoral Search Committee

PRAY FOR UKRAINE – HELP THROUGH S.A.R.A.

As the war continues, so do our prayers and support. The Heartland (formerly Ohio) Conference/S.A.R.A. (Share American Resources Abroad) partnership is serving as a conduit for aid to partners in Ukraine who are suffering as a result of the war. Daily, our partners are bringing food and water relief to displaced Ukrainians in Transcarpathia. St. John's continues to accept donations and send them on. Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time.

To date S.A.R.A. has received (UPDATED) \$104,935.29 from Ohioans! Our donations have helped S.A.R.A. to provide the following: food for refugees, poor families, soup kitchens, overwhelmed hospitals, and orphanages; medication and medical supplies, i.e. glasses, walkers; medical treatment; housing; bedding; gas for heating and for transportation.

The work continues! S.A.R.A. deeply appreciates your generous donations and will continue to accept funds to help support the folks in Ukraine. From office@heartlanducc.org

ADULT *Sunday School*

The Adult Sunday school class will be studying the book ***Gentle and Lowly—The heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*** by Dane Ortlund in the fall, but if you want to get a head start in your reading, copies of the book and study guide questions are available in the church library.

The Adult class will not be meeting during the summer but will start back September 11, 2022.

Opportunities to Serve

Need: Library Assistant. **Duties:** Re-shelve books. **Time Commitment:** About 1 hour a month or as needed. **Contact person:** Debi Snow 740-814-2017.

Need: Nursery Teacher. **Duties:** Supervise children ages 0 to 6 years, lesson and games provided. **Time commitment:** 1 Sunday per month during the 11AM service.
Contact person: Julie Kroah stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net or 740-345-1645

Need: Bible Discovery Zone Teacher. **Duties:** Teach provided lesson to ages 7 to 12 years. **Time commitment:** 1 Sunday per month during the 11AM service.
Contact person: Julie Kroah stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net or 740-345-1645

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL –

St. John's Church Council met on Monday, August 15, 2022.

Julie Davis visited this Council meeting, giving a report on **LIFEWISE ACADEMY**, a released-time Christian Education Program getting started in Newark.

Children would be released from school during school hours to go to a church.

Over 400 Newark-area people have signed online petitions FOR this program

Currently looking at pairing the Look-Up Center with Carson Elementary and

St. John's with Ben Franklin Elementary

It has been introduced to the Newark City School Board and Superintendent

2/5 of Board and Superintendent are not in favor at this time.

Hebron and Granville Schools already have the program running

Lakewood, Licking Valley, Heath, & Southwest Licking are looking into it

Teacher training would be \$1000 per teacher

Curriculum is for grades 1-5, and covers the Bible in 5 years

WHAT CAN WE DO RIGHT NOW?

PRAY: that hearts are changed, for the program, for volunteers, etc.

HELP us start a good relationship with Ben Franklin – tutoring, volunteering, providing necessities, etc.

More information will be forth coming.

A moment of silent prayer was observed for our member, John West.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Davis

July's income was \$314.91 less than budgeted

July expenses were \$12,548.03 less than budgeted

Faith Promise Sunday will be October 23, 2022

The annual Budget Approval Congregational Meeting will be December 11, 2022

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Katrick

Will be receiving new members Greg and Patricia Ruess

A replacement for John West is needed on the South Newark Civic Association Board

This is Pastor Mark's last meeting with Council before his retirement

Property Committee: Tom Lawyer

The parsonage has been rented for \$1600 per month

Church and Ministry Committee: Jeff Conner

The outdoor service will be suspended from the first Sunday of Advent until the first Sunday of Lent. An early service will be held in the sanctuary during that time.

Decorating the church for Christmas will happen on Sunday, November 20, 2022

Thursday Prayer Services will continue.

Music Committee:

Looking into replacing some ivory keys on the Grand Piano in the Sanctuary

Looking for a double piano artist bench for the Grand Piano

Looking to ease the Choir back into the indoor service

Sang "Thanks for the Memories" to Pastor Mark as this was his last meeting with the committee



Christian Education Committee: Elaine Gard

Rally Day – Sunday, September 11, 2022, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room
Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our Tower Bells
Continental Breakfast will be available

Sunday School Classes:

Beginning September 11:

Nursery

Bible Discovery Zone – using a younger version of SEAMLESS

Beginning September 18:

Youth – using SEAMLESS

Meeting 2 Sundays a month after 11:00 service with lunch

Adult – using GENTLE AND LOWLY

Future Dates:

Trunk-or-Treat - Sunday, October 30, 4-5:30 p.m.

Christmas Program - Sunday, December 11

A farewell luncheon was held as this was Pastor Mark's last meeting with the committee

Foundation Fund:

A Foundation Fund was established in the names of John and Machele West

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Monday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All members of St. John's Church are welcome to attend.

Afternoon Circle -

met on August 3, with 20 ladies in attendance at the Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Mark Katrick. We thoroughly enjoyed the sandwiches and cookies, provided by Beth Lee, and the presentation made by Pastor Mark of his Spiritual Direction work and future plans.

The next meeting of the Afternoon Circle will be on Wednesday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Mrs. Bev Lange is the hostess for the meeting. All ladies of St. John's are invited to attend and become members of this Circle, the oldest, continuously operating fellowship organization of St. John's. Come see what God has in store for all of us.



St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.

Who is Little Free Pantry (LFP) for? LFP is for those who want and/or need to give. LFP is for those not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs. LFP is for a hungry kid after school or a home cook who forgot to buy an onion. LFP is for everyone.

When you bring items to donate, put them right into the LFP. **Anyone** may access the LFP at any time. LFP is a reminder of our neighbors' need that creates a place for exercising compassion, trust, and mutual aid.

What to put in the Little Free Pantry

- Canned vegetables, fruits, pasta and proteins
- Peanut butter
- Kid-friendly non-perishables
- Snack-sized fruit cups
- Individually wrapped crackers
- Personal care items
- Paper goods
- Small school supplies
- Wrapped plastic utensils (saved from a restaurant)



September 11, 2022

9:45AM

Fellowship Room

Ring Out!

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:6

Join in the celebration of the 150th year of our church bells as we kick off the start of the new church school year.

Continental breakfast starts at 9:45am.

There will be information about our historic bells and about upcoming Sunday school events for all ages.

Be sure to invite a friend.

Pastor Mark's Retirement Celebration



Pastor Mark's Last Sunday in the Pulpit

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

8:00AM (Outdoor Drive-In) and 11:00AM (Inside)

There will be a basket available at each service to receive your notes and cards.

A Special Service of Celebration of Rev. Mark's Ministry at St. John's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

There will be NO 8:00 Outdoor Service.

Rally Day will be observed from 9:45 to 10:45 in the Fellowship Room.

Special 11:00 Service in the Sanctuary

Following this service there will be a celebration catered Dinner and Ceremony in Pastor Mark's honor, sponsored by Church Council.

There will be a basket available to receive your notes and cards.

To best prepare for our luncheon, please RSVP with the number attending by filling in the Reseroation Form at the bottom of this page or in the bulletin, tearing it off and leaving in the offering plate; emailing the church at stjohnsunited@windstream.net or calling the Church Office (740-323-2407) and leaving a message

After almost 14 years as Pastor of St. John's, Reverend Mark Katrick is retiring as of September 30, 2022.

He will Preach his last sermon on September 4, and we will celebrate his time with us and his retirement on September 11.

(Pastor Mark will be on vacation until September 30, 2022)

***Come To Worship and Celebrate
as Pastor Mark Begins a New Chapter in Life.***

**The dinner is free but a RESERVATION is REQUIRED
(by September 4, 2022)**

September 11, 2022 Celebration Luncheon

Name _____ Number Attending _____

A Faith to be Shared

Our faith is not a private matter. The light cannot be hidden under a basket (Matt. 5:15). The gospel cannot be hidden and stopped from shining forth. It bears fruit, and this growth spreads throughout the world. The nature of our faith is to be a public faith, a contagious faith, a faith that needs to be shared, witnessed to, and shared with others so that it becomes known around us. It is to be a faith that goes forth everywhere. The Apostle Paul was not only interested in his own security and welfare, but he wants to see the fruits of the gospel everywhere (Romans 1). Near and far away, locally and globally, in Rome—wherever we are, all over the world.

All Christians can report to their neighbors and to brothers and sisters what God is doing in our corner of the world and listen to what the same God is doing elsewhere. In this way, the faith can be shared around us. We don't need to be skilled influencers on social media to be part of this chain of transmission. We don't need to belong to a "perfect" church in order to speak out. The church of Rome was far from perfect, and yet Paul writes that their faith was being reported everywhere. The Christian faith needs to be proclaimed from pulpits by God-fearing preachers of the Word but also to be whispered by all of us in conversations among friends.

This is true Christianity—making known the gospel of Jesus Christ and its impact on people's lives all over the world. True Christianity is a missionary faith that professes the universal lordship of Christ and that saturates the world with the aroma of the gospel.



ST. JOHN'S *Youth Group* NEWS

Sunday September 18

11:45AM — 1:00PM

Everyone welcome

invite your friends.

Kicking off a new year of learning, fun, service projects and more!

We will meet in the Youth room and lunch will be provided.

We will continue to meet October 2, 16 and November 6, 20.



“Ring Out” Rally Day is September 11, 2022 starting at 9:45AM. This year we will be celebrating the 150th year of our church bells as we anticipate the start of the new church school year.

Starting on September 18 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 of the book and the study guide available in the library.



St. John’s Youth group will be meeting on September 18 following the 11AM service until 1PM to kick off a new year of learning, fun, service projects and more. We will meet in the Youth room and lunch will be provided. We will continue to meet on October 2, 16 and November 6, 20. If you would like more information or updates, please contact Julie Kroah.

Trunk or Treat will be October 30, 2022 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 –Starting September 18 at 9:00AM

Bible Discovery Zone –Starting September 11 during the 11AM service.

September Worship Service Duties

Ushers: Frank Davis, Jeff Conner, Larry Jones

Cradle Role

4 Michelle Knowlton
11 Volunteer
18 Kelsie Pursley
25 Volunteer

Cantors

4 Todd Baldosser
11 Todd Baldosser
18 Don Boldt
25 Todd Baldosser

Sunday Sound Worship Team

4 Ken Kroah
11 Dick Tulloss
18 Tom Lawyer
25 Julie Kroah

Bible Discovery Zone


4 No Class
11 Brian Lensink/Pat Farley
18 Ken Kroah/Pat Farley
25 Judy Goodman/Matthew Kroah

Thursday Media Worship Team

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

Sunday Video Worship Team

4 Tom Lawyer
11 Pamela Tulloss
18 Julie Kroah
25 Ken Kroah



SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service 12:00pm Congregational Care Committee Meeting	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday - Rev. Katrik's Last Sunday to preach 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 11:00am Sanctuary Service	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Scout Meeting	6 4:00pm Church & Ministry Meeting	7 1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting 6:00pm Private Use, Chorus Practice	8 7:00pm Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	9	10
11 Patriot Day! 8:00am No Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:45am Rally Day! 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service 11:45am Rev. Katrik Celebration Dinner following the 11:00 Service	12	13 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	14 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use, Chorus Practice	15 7:00pm Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	16 4:00pm Private Use	17 1:30pm Private Use
18 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service 9:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Children dismissed to Bible Discovery Zone during the service 11:45am Youth Group	19 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	20	21 6:00pm Private Use, Chorus Practice	22 First Day of Autumn 7:00pm Live from St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	23	24
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Worship Services!

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-In Service (except September 11)
 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
 7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service


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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER



The Blessings of Obedience by Andrew Murray. Obedience is much more than following rules; it's a state of the heart. Discover how obedience to God's plan will put you in the center of His will.

War Room DVD Prayer is a powerful weapon

For Children

The Life of Jesus by Frederick Buechner. Selection of artistic portrayals of Jesus, including a variety of forms, from tapestry to sculpture.

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