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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*



He called
the twelve
and began
to send
them out
*two
by two.*

MARK 6:7



July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “This Land is Your Land” Guthrie Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” **No. 720**
(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) **O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea.**
- 2) **O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.**
- 3) **O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

All: **The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths
of God’s love.**

Leader: One: We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of
Creator’s majesty!

All: **God’s name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and
recount from generation to generation!

All: **Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Loving God, who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, come near to us today. Make known among us and within us your strength, that we might experience your power that uses what the powers of this world call weakness, to demonstrate your Almighty love to all creation as we pray...

***The Lord's Prayer* – Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Mission Moment (11:00 a.m.)

Jenny Lee

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

Special Music – Vocal

Diane Reef

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Whiting/Dykes

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker

- 1) **My Country, tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing; land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.**
- 2) **My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.**
- 4) **Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing; long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.**

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the thought that we can do anything, or all things by ourselves?

All: Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

Leader: The Apostle Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

All: Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.

Leader: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

All: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.

Leader: Jesus says "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

All: Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all—sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name. Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus called the Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Invitation for Generosity and Faithful Giving

***Doxology**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

All: Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"This Is My Song"

No. 722

(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

**1) This is my song O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

- 2) **My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**
- 3) **This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen. CCL#2548454**

Postlude

"God Bless America" Berlin

Todd Baldosser

Lectionary Readings for July 7 through July 13

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48 or

Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables.
Thank you!

From June 15-21, Jenny Lee served as Medical Director for a team with the non-profit organization, OneWorld Health, for a mission trip to Honduras, which was supported by donations from St. John's. Along with several families, there were two medical students, two physician assistants, and a dentist from the United States. Join us at the 11:00 a.m. service to hear stories from their time there and how God continues to touch lives and bring people together.

In memory of Judy Goodman by Curt Norris

In memory of Judy Goodman by Jerry Goodman

In memory of Judy Goodman by Larry & Debbie Jones

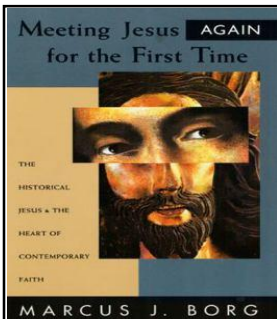
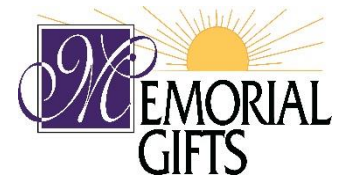
In memory of Judy Goodman by Debra Snow

In memory of Judy Goodman by Jane Shoemaker

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Judy Goodman

by Frank & Vicky Davis

In memory of Rev. L. H. Lammers by Gary & April Kinser



On Thursday, June 27, the **book study** group started a new book entitled "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" by Marcus Borg, author, writer, teacher and theologian. The book is available online in paperback. We meet each Thursday at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the square in downtown Newark. In July, we will not meet on the fourth, but only on July 11, 18, and 25. Come join us as we learn more of the pre and post Easter Jesus.

Midsummer Game Night

We will be having a "game night" on Sunday, July 21, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in the church meeting room. As before, please bring your own sack supper and a snack to share if you would like. Bring your favorite card or board game.

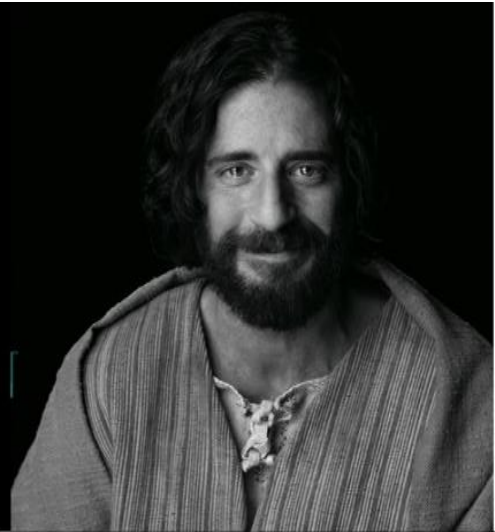
Depending on attendees, we may have more than one game going at a time. Hope to see you there for some fun and fellowship.

Summer Mission Focus

The Lookup Christian Community Center has a faith based half day learning program for potty trained children aged 3 to 5 years. This fall will be the third year for students. They receive no state funding but are supported by donations from area churches. They anticipate about 15 students this fall. We can help by donating glue sticks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, child size round tip Fiskars/scissors, tissues, and moistened hand wipes (not hand sanitizer bottles). A bin will be in the fellowship room to collect these items if you would like to assist with this program. We will collect items through the end of August.

The CHOSEN SEASON 2

WEDNESDAY'S
6:30PM—8:00PM
August 21— September 11



Invite a friend and join us for fun, lively fellowship.

August 21 discussion on episodes 1 & 2

August 28 discussion on episodes 3 & 4

September 4 discussion on episodes 5 & 6

September 11 discussion on episodes 7 & 8

Books are available to purchase online or at Memory Petals & Christian Gift Shop in Heath, or if you like, the church will purchase the book for you.

It is not necessary to have the book for the discussion group



St. John's Little Free Pantry

It's *EASY* to *DONATE*

Walk or pull your car up to the pantry and place your donation inside.
ANYTIME, at your convenience.

The Little Free pantry is for everyone. Anyone can donate what they have to give and anyone can take what they need.



THANK YOU for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled.

Join us



Let's come together and pray for our church and our new pastor, whoever that may be. This will be silent and self-led prayer time. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Pray for few minutes or longer.

Following the 8AM service and again before the 11AM service.

Quiet Prayer Time



**The St. John's Memorial Chapel
will now be open for quiet prayer time.
Sunday Mornings anytime between
7:30AM to 8:00AM & 9AM to 11am.**



General Prayers: Don Boldt & Bill Carr

Homebound and Nursing Facility

Residents: Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Irmgard Rhodes, Molly Sheets & Lois Swonger.



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

Mark: Cancer return

Andrew Ackerman -has been able to return home after open heart surgery- still not able to drive or work.

Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy – is backing off on her treatments.

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Todd Baldosser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,
Larry Jones, Terry Gano,
Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley
Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Mike Dooley/Tom Lawyer

ATTENDANCE

Report for Sunday, June 30, 2024

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June 30 Sunday Live Stream Views – 56



Sunday: July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00 am Christian Education Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

Sunday: July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of June 30, 2024	<u>7,289.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 2,449.08
 Boiler Cost	 \$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>9,828.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 16,825.99

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday- 9 am -12 pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. To reach Rev. Dr. Walker, call her cell number 614-370-5346. Please leave a message age and she will return your call as quickly as possible. Thank you!

