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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



*November 10, 2024
Veterans Day Sunday
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.*

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. by Berry Jane Shoemaker

Prelude (11:00 a.m.) “God of Our Fathers” Traditional Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” **No. 720**
(8:30 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: We give thanks to God for our homeland with all of its liberties

All: For the wonder of our Country’s story;

Leader: The gift of freedom, the promise of liberty, the legacy of our Nation

All: Resounds through the years and rings in our hearts today;

Leader: We celebrate God’s gift of our Nation and the hope of a bright tomorrow

**All: Freedom isn’t Free and we recognize the price that has been paid
to keep our Country free**

Leader: For all of these things we give thanks to You, O God

**All: We pledge to do our part in keeping the promise of freedom alive
for the next generation**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Almighty God, we remember and are thankful for those men and women who serve our Nation here at home and on foreign shores defending liberty. We are grateful for their dedication, courage and strength. We also remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving the last full measure of devotion. We pray your grace upon their loved ones as we all remember them today. May your consolation and peaceful Presence offer hope and the promise of eternal life as we pray the prayer that you gave us...

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.

Veterans Day Tribute

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 (8:30 a.m.) “Just As I Am” arr. by Bober Jane Shoemaker

Special Music (11:00 a.m.) “The Fruit of the Spirit” by Uncle Charlie
The Sunday School Children & Youth with Brian Lensink - Guitar

Scripture Reading John 15:15

Scripture Reading John 15:12-14

Sermon “Freedom Isn’t Free” Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Order of Baptism

Reception of New Members

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: Dear God we are grateful for these gifts and the heart behind each one that says, "Use me Lord for your Kingdom." Multiply each gift given today that together they will make a significant difference for your mission and ministry here at home and around the world in Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

No. 721

(8:30 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 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 fathers' 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.**

***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.**

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Postlude (8:30 a.m.) Jane Shoemaker
“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” arr. by Agay
Postlude (11:00 a.m.) “God Bless America” Berlin Todd Baldosser

Dr. Swisher’s message next week
Heaven’s Intercessor
Proverbs 18:24



Sharon Foucht Alvarez – Air Force	Larry Hamm – Army Nat’l Guard, Army Reserves	Dr. Owen Lee – Army Charles May - Air Force Christopher W. McInturf – Marines
Glenn C. Applegate – Navy	Don Handel – Army	Timothy W. McInturf – Marines
Ed Bagent – Army	Larry Handel - Army	George McInturf - Navy
“Red” Bebout – Navy	Lester Handel – Army	William Miller – Army
Richard Boyd – Army	Loren Hewitt – Army	Brodi Moeller – Army
Larry Crane – Army	Richard Hickman – Army	Michael Moeller – Marines
Joan Mumaw Claypool – Air Force	Terry Hill – Army	Richard K. Muhleman - Army
Ron Claypool – Air Force	James Hostetler Army & Ohio Nat’l Guard	Kelly Ann Nill - Air Force
Scott Claypool – Air Force	Pat Huff – Women’s Army Corp	Spencer Penrose - Air Force
Mel Cunningham – Army & Air force	David Hummel – Navy	John Pfeffer- Army, Air Force (POW)
Wilbert Davis – Army	Edward F. Hummel – Army	Terry Priest
Charles E. Dudley – Army	Edward C. Hummel – Navy	Rev. Glenn Rettig – Army - WWII
Weldon Dudley, Jr – Army	Melvin Imler – Air Force	Grant A. Rhodes – Army
Joseph Dunn	Ralph William (Bill) Jackson –Navy	Jerry Satterfield – Air Force
Richard E. (Dick) Dunn – Army	Waide James – Army	Merle E. Scheetz – Army
James Everett – Army, National Guard	John Jansheski – Air Force	Russell Snider – Army
Gerald F. Farmer – Marines	William Jansheski – Navy	Brice D. Shumaker – Army
Kenneth Ford, Jr – Marines	Larry Jones – Air Force	James L. Shumaker - Army
Charles Foucht – Navy	Will Kern – Air Force	Allie Snow – Air Force
Steve Foucht – Air Force	Gary Kinser – Marines	Allen Tilton – Coast Guard
Ed Fulk – Army	Louis Lammers, Jr. – Marines	Don Trout – Air Force
Charles Gillham – Army	William E. Lange – Army - Spec 4 & Air Force Reserves	Ernest Vannest – Army
Ron Gordon – Air Force	William Lavelle – Army	

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!



Carolyn Igo

WELCOME
New Members

Today, we welcome, Carolyn Igo, and Steve Slyh, as they join our St. John's membership. Join us in the Fellowship Room to greet them and enjoy refreshments after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Sundays at 9:30AM



Coffee, refreshments and good conversation in the Fellowship room.
Or enjoy time in the sanctuary for worship preparation or quiet prayer.

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meetings are Sundays in the small meeting room
9:30AM—10:40AM

October 13 & 27
November 10 & 24
December 8 & 22

ADULT
Sunday School

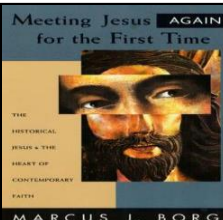
"Revisiting Our Roots"

Evangelical Catechism

Lead by Elaine Gard

9:30AM

September 15, 29
October 6, 20
November 3, 17



The book study group continues their discussion of the book, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" by Marcus Borg. We will meet at The River Road Coffee House on the square in Newark at 11am on Thursdays, November 7, 14 and 21. Come join us.



Many thanks to congregation members for donating clothing for the needy in October. Multiple bags were taken to The Main Place (men's and women's) and we are still collecting men's clothing for The Haven. They have indicated a need for razors and shave cream also. The collection basket will remain in place through November 24, 2024, for additional clothing and shaving supplies. Please "no socks" as the Bombas sock company has donated a large supply. Thanks for giving.

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



November 6 discussion on episodes 1, 2, 3

November 13 discussion on episodes 4, 5, 6

November 20 discussion on episodes 7, 8

6:30PM in the Fellowship Room



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.*

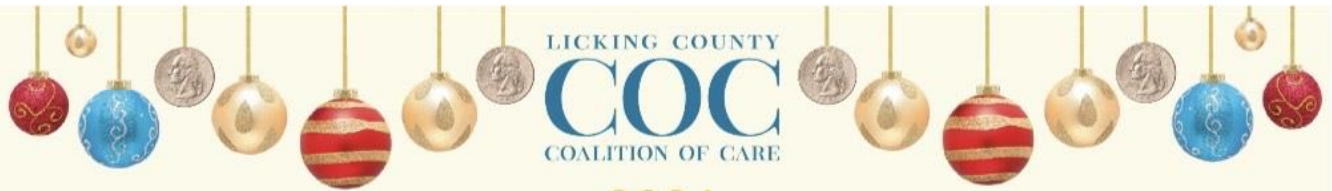
Rides are available. Please see Julie Kroah, Frances Hill or Elaine Gard if you need a ride.

Youth Group Laundromat Mission

November 10, 2024



The Youth will visit Smile More Laundry to lend a hand. They will help pay for wash/dry, help carry baskets and have children's activity books & snacks to pass out.



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2024

FOURTH ANNUAL

Quarters for Christmas

NOVEMBER 16TH

Don't miss this
HIGHLY ATTENDED, HIGH ENERGY EVENT!
LOCATED AT THE SKYLIGHT - 85 E. MAIN ST. - NEWARK

Quarter auction to benefit
Licking County individuals and families dealing with
the effects of poverty and homelessness.

**VENDORS | ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD | SANTA | & MORE!**

Register Today:

To register for this event, scan the QR code
or call 740.670.9700 for more details.



ADMISSION \$15

DOORS OPEN 5PM FOR SHOPPING

AUCTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM



The Skylight

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LICKING COUNTY
FOUNDATION





***Gather 'Round the
Christmas Tree***

December 15, 2024
at the 11:00AM service





This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office.

6.5" pot \$ 12.00/each
1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

The DEADLINE for placing orders is Sunday, December 1, 2024.
Please pick up plants after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 22, or after the Christmas Eve Services on December 24.

_____ I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.
_____ I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin: (i.e.: In honor of or in memory of.....by or from.....)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

You may also choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the _____ Abiding Memorial Fund or the _____ Foundation Fund. All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 8** will be listed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 15, Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve.** Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office, or mark your envelope with the information.

Thank you!



Volunteers Needed

Soon we will be having our “Hanging of the Greens” for the Advent Season, ordering our poinsettias to decorate the altar and preparing for celebrating Christmas.



During the December Sunday services, we will be lighting the Advent wreath candles. We are looking for volunteers to do this and possibly read a short scripture verse or short prayer, which will be provided.

If you or your family is willing to participate in this, please circle the date/time that you are available and drop this in the offering plate or drop off at the office. Thank you!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service



German Language Christmas Service

“Celebrate the Silent Night”



December 15 at 3:00pm

The service will be in German and English with English translations available.

Following the service traditional German goodies will be served in Hermann Hall.

Mark your calendar for the
2024 Children's Christmas Shop!
Saturday, December 14
9:30am-2:30pm
Pataskala United Methodist Church
458 S. Main St. Pataskala

This year shopping appointments are required to help with crowd size and minimize long wait times. The appointment schedule will be available on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Send an email to pataskalaumcoffice@gmail.com to be notified when the appointment schedule is available.

\$1 Admission per child (cash only)

Children are invited to shop for everyone on their Christmas List (limit 10)! There will be gifts for siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. Volunteers will help with gift wrapping.

Santa has cleared his busy schedule and will be available for photos!

Volunteers are needed! This is a great opportunity for both individuals or groups looking for a way to give back this holiday season. High School students needing volunteer hours are welcome.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../9040A4DA8A822ABFC1...>

Please contact Pataskala UMC if you would like to donate items. Donations must be giftable items (toys, blankets, hats, scarves, books, etc.) Gift wrapping donations and Christmas decorations also needed.

Email pataskalaumcoffice@gmail.com

Phone 740-927-2856



General Prayers: Bill Carr,
Charlie Bruah, Debbie Snow & Pat Farley

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:

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



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

Mark D: Cancer return

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Diane Reef

Ushers:

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

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Marla Crowthers/Emma Crowthers

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:30 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah



Sunday: November 10, 2024
Veterans Day Sunday
Twenty- fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

8:30 am Chapel Service
9:30 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Sanctuary Service
11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone
11:40 am Youth Group Meeting

Monday: Veterans Day

Tuesday:
7:00 pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday:
10:00 am Christian Education Meeting

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

6:30 pm The Chosen Season 3 in the Fellowship Room

Thursday:
11:00 am Book Study "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square

7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sunday: November 17, 2024
Twenty- Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost

8:30 am Chapel Service
9:30 am Evangelical Catechism
11:00 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

ATTENDANCE Report for Sunday, November 3
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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.

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

<i>Financial Update</i>	
Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of November 3, 2024	<u>1,366.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,474.42)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>\$ 11,698.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 14,955.99