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We are Sowing Seeds of Hope

in a Time of Chaos

So We May All Be One



Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

October 20, 2024
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Drive-In Service: 8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:30 am

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “Prelude in C” (W.T.C.) J.S. Bach Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” **No. 2**
(8:30 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**
- 2) **All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 4) **Mortals join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o’er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

***Call to Worship** (*Selected verses from Psalm 100*)

Leader: Shout to the Lord, all the earth

All: Worship the Lord with gladness

Leader: Come before His Presence with singing

All: Know that the Lord is God

Leader: It is He who made us and we are His people

All: Enter His gates with singing and into His courts with praise

Leader: For the Lord is good and his love endures

All: His faithfulness continues throughout all generations

***Prayer of Invocation**

**All: Dear God, we trust your promises and we believe in your
goodness. We proclaim with the prophets of old that your
faithfulness has endured and will continue for eternity. We come
now to praise You and lift our voices, hearts and souls to You as
we celebrate your love and grace. As we embark on this morning
of worship we pray together the words You taught us...**

***Please stand if you are able**

***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.**

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.**

Choir Anthem

“Peace Like A River” Alfred

Scripture Reading

James 1:2-5

Scripture Reading

Mark 12: 26-30

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

“Staying Centered in the Midst of Life’s Challenges”

Hymn (11:00 a.m.)

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

No. 82

**1) Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

**I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**2) “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

- 3) **Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

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 Dedication**

All: We receive these gifts now, Lord Jesus for the ongoing of your work here at home and around the world. May these monetary gifts, combined with our commitment to serve and our desire to represent You to those around us be pleasing in Your sight. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“O, How I Love Jesus”

No. 99

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

- 1) **There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**
- 2) **It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**
- 3) **It tells of one whose loving heart can fell my deepest woe,
who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

***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

“He Is Exalted” Paris

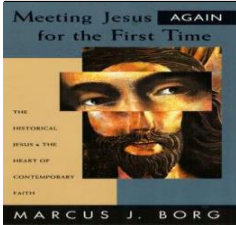
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Dr. Swisher's message next Sunday:

“The Legacy of Generosity”

2 Corinthians 8: 1-4

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!



You are invited to join the book study group as we continue our 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 each Thursday in October (3,10,17,24,30) at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the square in downtown Newark. The book is available for purchase online.



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.

ADULT Sunday School

"Revisiting Our Roots"

Evangelical Catechism

Lead by Elaine Gard

9:30AM

September 15, 29

October 6, 20

November 3, 17

Trunk or Treat

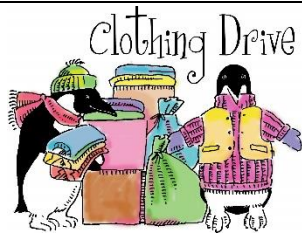


St. John's United Church of Christ
October 20, 2024
4pm—5:30pm

Family Fun! Come in costume, enjoy candy, hotdogs and more.
Trunk or Treat starts at 4. For more information about this community event call the church office at 740-323-2407.

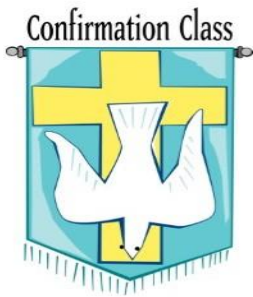
St. John's members and friends - Are you planning to pass out candy, plan on 250 pieces. Come in costume and/or decorate your car!
Come, join in the fun and welcome our friends and neighbors to St. John's.

DONATIONS OF CANDY ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED



Clothing Drive

In keeping with the Neighbors in Need focus on mental health this month, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to lift up two local agencies for your prayers and support. The Main Place at 112 S. 3rd St., Newark, Ohio, promotes hope, offers peer support, education and training for adults with mental illness. The St Vincent Haven at 115 Wilson Street is a 50-bed emergency shelter for homeless men which offers assistance with improving education and life skills, mental health and other issues. Both facilities have indicated a need for clothing and coats. As the seasons change and you sort through your closets this month, please bring unwanted clothing to the church for donation. A basket is set up in the fellowship room. Men's clothing is especially needed.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

October 13 & 27
November 10 & 28
December 8 & 22

SEASON 3

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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



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.



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



Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:
Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, 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
Tracy Chapin – Grace & Mercy

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Julie Davis

Ushers:

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

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Elaine Gard/Kayden Ewing

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:30 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Mike Dooley/Tom Lawyer

Sunday: October 20, 2024
**Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost**

8:30 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

9:30 am Evangelical Catechism

11:00 am Sanctuary Service –
Choir Sings

11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Monday:

6:30 am Church Council Meeting –
Budget Requests Due

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus
Practice

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

Sunday: October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday
Faith Promise Sunday

8:30 am Last Outdoor Drive-In
Service for the season

9:30 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

11:45 am Youth Group Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE Report for Sunday, October 13

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October 13 Sunday Live Stream Views -116

Financial Update

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| Monthly Faith Promise goal | \$ 4,840.42 |
| Income as of October 13, 2024 | <u>3,412.00</u> |
| Month to Date Balance | (\$ 1,428.42) |
| Boiler Cost | \$ 99,260.00 |
| Boiler loan amount | \$ 26,654.19 |
| Boiler Donations received | <u>\$ 11,398.20</u> |
| Donations still needed | \$ 15,255.99 |

