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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*



September 15, 2024
Seventeenth day 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 “Largo from New World Symphony” Dvorak Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” **No. 725**
(8:30 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**
- 2) **Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**
- 4) **Refresh Thy people on our toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

All: **We love the Holy One, who has heard our cry, responds to our
prayers and abides with us through our distress.**

Leader: Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

All: **We praise the Righteous One, who protects, provides and
prepares their people.**

Leader: Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

All: **We worship the Radiant One, who walks before us in the land of
the living.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: **Creator, we have come in response to your call to worship you. We
have come to be in community with our neighbor. We have come
onsite and online. We have come with quiet contemplation and
boisterous joy. We have come in grief and with hope. We come to
gather in your name, to honor your presence, and to give you praise,
praying...**

***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.**

Special Music (11:00 a.m)

Jane Shoemaker

“Forever with Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. by Carol Tornquist

Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12

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Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker

Hymn (11:00 a.m.)

“O, Jesus, I Have Promised”

No. 612

**1) O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2) O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.**

**4) O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

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: Generous God may these gifts honor your name and your generous Spirit alive within us. We thank you for the opportunity and privilege of contributing to your kingdom and our world.

***Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 5

(8:30 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) O for a thousand tongues to sing,
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God’s grace.**
- 2) Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life, and health, and peace.**
- 4) Glory to God and praise and love
be ever, ever given
by saints below, and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.**

***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

Todd Baldosser

“Theme from the Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra” Britten

Lectionary Readings for September 15 through September 22

Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or

Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9

or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-81

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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!

SEPTEMBER 29



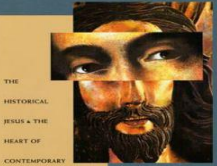
We will have a potluck reception following the 11AM service on September 29 to thank Rev. Walker for her service to St. John's.

A special thank you for her spiritual leadership in both our Sunday services and her visitations. She brought God's word to our membership in a way that reunited our congregation and renewed our purpose in Jesus Christ.

September Mission Focus

Mission and Outreach committee has set aside funds to purchase supplies for feminine hygiene emergency kits for Church World Service, a worldwide charity that supplies essential needs in times of disaster. Supplies have been ordered and kits will be assembled on September 14, 2024. If you would like to help assemble these kits, please call April Kinser at [740-323-3500](tel:740-323-3500). Assembled kits will then be donated at the UCC Heartland Conference Annual Gathering in Columbus at the end of September. The theme this year is Being the Community of Christ Together and we will join with other UCC churches to provide love and compassion and necessary supplies for those in need.

Meeting Jesus AGAIN
for the First Time



MARCUS J. BORG

You are welcome to join the book study group as we continue our discussions of the book by Marcus Borg entitled "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith". We will meet each Thursday in September (5,12,19,26) at the River Road Coffee House downtown on the square in Newark at 11am. The book is available for purchase online.

Heartland UCC Conference Annual Gathering

Friday, September 27, 2024 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221

Register @ Heartland Conference Office@livingwatersome.org.



St. John's Youth Fundraiser

Place your order with the Youth September 15th to 29th.

Original Rollers 2.50 each or \$32.50 for a case or

Specialty Rollers \$3 each or \$39 a case

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

Confirmation Class



A new Confirmation Class is forming for all those Youth interested in Church Membership. An organizational meeting will be held for Youth and their Parents on Sunday, September 8, (Rally Day) from 10:15-10:45 in the Small Meeting Room (next to the Christian Education Office). Classes will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, beginning on September 22, during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Our first class will look at how we got our Bible. Mrs. Elaine Gard will be the teacher. Confirmation Classes will continue until Pentecost Sunday next June, when the class will be Confirmed. Alternate Sundays will be used for study and special activities.

All Youth 12 years old and above are invited to attend. Any adults who would like a Confirmation Refresher are also invited to sit in with us.

(We will be using MY CONFIRMATION as our curriculum. Class members will also be instructed in acolyting by Mr. Terry Gano and will be put on the Acolyte Schedule.)

Come and be a part of this exciting new adventure as we prepare for Church Membership!

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.

ADULT
Sunday School

"Revisiting Our Roots"

Evangelical Catechism

Lead by Elaine Gard

9:30AM

September 15, 29

October 6, 20

November 3, 17



General Prayers: Bill Carr,
Charlie Bruah, Debbie Snow (Flint
Ridge Rehab- Room 16, ext. 1408)

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:**

Rocky Richardson- complications during heart
stent surgery.
Hailey Corey – recovering from surgery in
Cleveland, OH
Irina Manata & family
Mark: Cancer return, not able to speak
Andrew Ackerman – able to work with assistance
after open heart surgery
Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy

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

Bible Discovery Zone:

Marla Crowthers/Pat Farley

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:30 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Mike Dooley/Tom Lawyer

ATTENDANCE Report for Sunday, September 8

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September 8 Sunday Live Stream Views -192

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



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Seventeenth Sunday
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8:30 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Sanctuary Service
11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Monday:

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

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

7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sunday:

**September 22, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

8:30 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:30 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Sanctuary Service- Choir
Sings
11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of September 8, 2024	<u>2,682.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 2,158.42)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>10,998.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 15,655.99

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 and she will
return your call as quickly as possible. Thank