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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*



There is nothing outside a
person that by going in can
defile, but the things that
come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15,
NRSV



September 1, 2024
Fifteenth day after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
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 Is My Country” Jacobs Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “This Is The Day” No. 286

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

All: **The ones who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth from the heart;**

Leader: who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend, nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;

All: **in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;**

Leader: who does not put out money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

All: **the one who does these things shall never be moved. Justice alone is the way of the Lord; be just and worship God.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: **Most Holy God, your majesty is exceeded only by your love; grant us, in this worship of You, penitence in the presence of your holiness, reverence at the thought of your majesty, and confidence in the knowledge of your love; through Christ our Lord, 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.)

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker

Hymn (11:00 a.m.)

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 543

1)

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 2) **Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**
- 3) **Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve. Put upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Once more comforted by Christ through bread and cup, O God, we marvel that you save us solely by your grace. Continue to nurture us by your merciful Spirit, that we may be faithful in our discipleship - loving as Christ loves in openness toward all. 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 Dedication**

All: Gracious God, with thanks we offer the gifts of our hands and the fruits of our labor. Accept them as expressions of our response to the life and love you have given us. 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 September 1 through September 7

Song of Solomon and Psalm 45:1-2; 6-9 or

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15;

James 1:17-2; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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!

In memory of James & Kathryn Shumaker by Janet Shumaker
In memory of Rev. Lammers by Charlotte Kinser



Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, September 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room for the program "Accessories all Christian Women Should Wear." We'll have our usual Bite-Size Bible Study, this time on Abigail. Mrs. April Kinser will serve refreshments.

Last month we had tables full of ladies as we observed Peace Day and enjoyed our favorite Carrot Cake!

All ladies of the congregation are invited and urged to join us for a short, fun afternoon of food, fellowship, and Bible study. Afternoon Circle - 152 years strong - the only remaining fellowship group in St. John's history.



The early Drive-In service time is changing. On Rally Day, Sunday, September 8, the early service will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue for future services.

SEPTEMBER 29

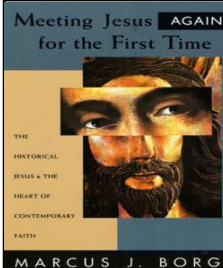


We will have a potluck reception following the 11AM service on September 29 to thank Rev. Walker for her service to St. John's.

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.



You are welcome to join the book study group as we continue are 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.

Rally Day *Revisiting Our Roots*



Community Social
Root Beer Floats

September 8, 2024
12:00PM

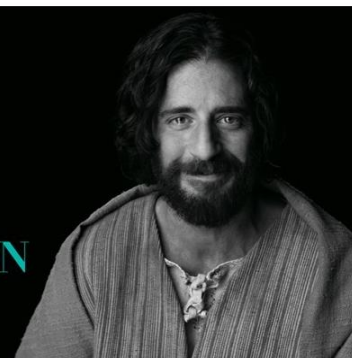
Plus a special Fellowship Hour
9:30AM to 10:30AM

The
CHOSEN

SEASON 2

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

The
CHOSEN



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



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Revisiting Our Roots

8:30AM Outdoor Drive-In Service

9:00am **Rally Day Welcome Coffee Hour**

11:00am Sanctuary Service

12:00pm **Root BierGarten Party**

September 8 at 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone

September 15 at 9:30am Adult Class: *Revisiting Our
Roots: The Evangelical Catechism*

September 22 at 9:30am Confirmation Class
at 11:40am Youth Group

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!

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

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 anymore
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:

Diane Reef

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: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah

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 you!



Sunday: September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 am Sanctuary Service

Wednesday:
5:30 pm Mission & Outreach
Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus
Practice

6:30 pm The Chosen Season 2

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

Friday:
2:45 pm Music Committee Meeting

Sunday: September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
11:00 am Sanctuary Service – Choir
Sings

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, August 25, 2024

8:00 am - 21 11:00 am - 26

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Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of August 25, 2024	<u>6,531.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 1,690.58
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>10,688.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 15,965.99