

Welcome Home!

to the Church you remember...Welcome home to....



The 2024 July Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

General Prayers: Don Boldt

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.

Please contact the church office if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember, if you want someone on the Bea's Blessings prayer chain, you can email the office at stjohnsunit@windstream.net

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
For additional times, please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make an appointment or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218. Thank you!

Reverend Dr. Walker

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.



July Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-In.
Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you!

St John' has received a big Thank you, the Delicatessen Award, for participation in the 2024 Operation Feed Campaign. Because of your efforts and giving, more than 5000 food items will stock the shelves of the Licking County Food Pantry.

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of June 23, 2024	<u>5,644.50</u>
Month to Date Balance	804.08
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	9,738.20
Donations still needed	\$ 16,915.99

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.

Afternoon Circle – We plan to have our summer picnic meeting on Wednesday, July 3, at noon, at the Rotary Park Pavilion on Sharon Valley Road. It's POTLUCK so bring your favorite dish to share.

**L.H. Lammers
Memorial Fund Sunday
July 28, 2024**

Rev. Louis H. Lammers was pastor of St. John's Church from 1922 until his sudden death in 1960. He married his wife, Bertha, shortly after graduating from Eden Theological Seminary and shortly before beginning his pastorate here. They had four children who grew up in St. John's and Newark.

Rev. Lammers was much loved by this congregation and by this community. The church grew so much during his pastorate, a move to this brand new sanctuary was necessary in 1957. More fellowship groups were formed, new ways of reaching out to the surrounding community were performed, a son of the congregation was in seminary preparing for ordination.

Rev. Lammers died unexpectedly the day after returning from vacation. The congregation and the town were in shock. He was the beloved shepherd of St. John's. He was the dean of pastors in Newark.

To remember Louie Lammers, the Church Council voted the following June, 1961, to establish the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund to be able to provide scholarship money for students from this congregation studying for full time Christian ministry. The rules of the fund state that the loose offering on the last Sunday in July would be put into the fund for this purpose. And every year since then, St. John's has collected this offering.

This year, July 28, is designated as the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund Sunday. Again, all loose offering (coin and currency not in an envelope) will be placed in that special fund. Anyone wanting to make a donation by check should clearly mark the check on the memo line with LAMMERS FUND, or have that on the envelope.

Please plan to be with us July 28, as we remember this great man in the history of St. John's Church.

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.

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.



GOD'S IDEA OF SUCCESS MAY LOOK DIFFERENT FROM YOURS by David Bowman June 4, 2024, BiblicalLeadership.com.

2 Kings 18:5-7 Hezekiah relied on the Lord God of Israel; not one of the kings of Judah was like him, either before him or after him. He remained faithful to the Lord and did not turn from following him but kept the commands the Lord had commanded Moses.

The Lord was with him, and wherever he went he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. *2 Kings 18:5-7 says, "The LORD was with him, and wherever he went he prospered."*

What was the secret of Hezekiah's success? *"He remained faithful to the Lord and did not turn from following him but kept the commands the Lord had commanded Moses" (2 Kings 18:6).*

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To hear and obey God is the most important lesson we ever teach.

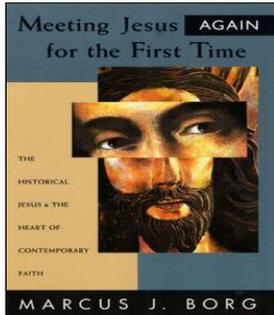
In large part, we get to choose our consequences. Hezekiah chose to hear and obey God. He was prosperous and successful because of it.

What God promised, God fulfilled: "Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go. This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do." —Joshua 1:7-8

It is important to remember that God's idea of prosperity and success may look different from yours. God blesses us with prosperity and success not to impress people with how good we are but with how good He is. He wants everyone to know from deep experience how good he is to those who love and honor him.

God's prosperity and success plan is not about our fantasies but about his dreams for us. His dreams are better than our fantasies every time. Turn from the life of a daydream believer to the life of a God-path follower. The adventures are real. The destinations are delightful. The life is fulfilling. The rewards cannot be counted with any currency offered by nations or employers.

Prayer: Our Father, make me more acutely attuned to your voice. Give me an ever-greater confidence in your will and ways. Empower me to bless others as you bless me. Amen.



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.



Church Council met Monday evening, June 17, 2024, with President, Jeff Connor calling the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Other Council members present included Tim Powers, Frances Hill, Gary and April Kinser, Greg Crothers, Mike Dooley and Brian Lensink as well as office staff member, Kim Workman.

Opening devotions were led by Tim Powers who shared Ecclesiastes chapter 3:1-8, to everything there is a season... then shared some thoughts on the blessings of the summer season.

Search committee: A few additional profiles have been received and a meeting has been set up to speak with a prospective candidate. Having an interim pastor in place has made the search process less stressful.

Treasurer report: We have a positive cash flow so far this year.

A game night has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 21 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. All church members and visitors are invited. For more information, contact April at 740-323-3500.

Reminder - St. John's will provide food as needed for funeral luncheons. Contact the church office for more information.

Meeting adjourned and all joined hands and recited the Lord's Prayer together.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

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
Snacks provided.

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



The Chosen Season 2 discussion group will meet August 21, 28, September 4, and 11, 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Join us for fun, lively fellowship. It is helpful to have watched the TV series for discussion, but it is not necessary to have the book. If you would like to purchase the book you can do so online, or at Memory Petals & Christian Gift Shop in Heath, or if you like, the church will purchase the book for you.



Youth Group

The Youth of St. John's will be hosting "Bubbles in the Park" July 14 after the 11AM service. They will be sharing bubbles to the kids in the park and making big bubbles for all to enjoy.



Rally Day is September 8! Join in the celebration, "Back to Our Roots" Root Beer Garten Community Social. Bring a cake to share and enjoy Root Beer Floats and fun!

Sunday School Classes

Adult class – will break for the summer see you in September.

Bible Discovery Zone – will break for the summer see you in September.

Cradle Role – Available during the 11AM service.



MISSION TRIP WRAP UP



June 9—15 Seven members traveled to Big Creek Missions. Greg and Emmaleigh Crowthers, Karson and Kayden Ewing and Ken, Julie and Matthew Kroah volunteered with the construction ministry and children's ministry. They built bridges, added floor supports under a house and lead groups in the children's day camp.

July Worship Service Duties

Ushers: Frank Davis, Jeff Conner, Larry Jones, Terry Gano, Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll

- 7 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
- 14 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
- 21 Avery Nagle/Volunteer
- 28 Avery Nagle/Volunteer

Cantors

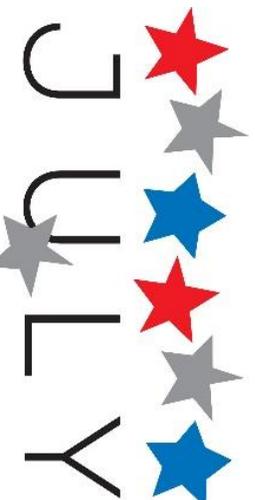
- 7 Todd Baldosser
- 14 Julie Davis
- 21 Diane Reef
- 28 Todd Baldosser

Sunday Sound Worship Team

- 7 Mike Dooley
- 14 Ken Kroah
- 21 Mike Dooley
- 28 Ken Kroah

Sunday Video Worship Team

- 7 Tom Lawyer
- 14 Julie Kroah
- 21 Tom Lawyer
- 28 Julie Kroah



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay In your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	1	2	3 12:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Summer Picnic Meeting at Rotary Park 5:30pm Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay In your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	8	9 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	10 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	11 11:00am Book Study "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square	12	13
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21 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay In your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	22	23 10:15am Chimes Assembly	24 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	25 Chimes articles due 11:00am Book Study "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith" River Road Coffee on the Square	26	27
28 Lammers Memorial Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay In your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	29	30	31 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	1	2	3



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We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One*

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Come as you are! Stay in your car!
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
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LIBRARY FOCUS FOR JULY

Secrets of a Prayer Warrior by Derek Peince. *A definitive guide to effective, life-changing prayer through the teachings of Jesus and the Old Testament prophets.*

Bible Study The Dick Van Dyke Show. DVD. Home, family and trust, Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables.

For Children

Florence Nightingale from Young Readers Christian Library. *She was not a soldier but she knew the meaning of courage under fire.*

***** These featured books and DVD's can always be found in the church library on the short shelves in the center on the room*****