

# Welcome Home!

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



The 2024 June Chimes

United Church of Christ



## Prayer List

**General Prayers:** Don Boldt, Jane Shoemaker & family and Jerry Goodman and family.

**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](mailto:stjohnsunit@windstream.net)



## Church Member News

**Thomas "Tom" K. Bruah**

Born: March 16, 1942

Died: April 26, 2024

*A member of St. John's since 2005*

**Judith E. Goodman**

Born: March 24, 1950

Died: May 26, 2024

*A member of St. John's since 1978*

Calling hours at 6-8 pm, Friday, May 31, 2024 & 10-11am, Saturday, June 1 followed by a service at 11am at Vensil & Chute- Newark Chapel.

## Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely Trish & the team @ NHO (Newark Homeless Outreach).

### 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!

St. John's will be hosting a Life Line Screening Event on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Pre-registration is required for screenings by calling: 1-844-591-7101

### June Sunday Worship Hours

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Drive-In.

Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.



### Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of May 19, 2024	5,148.50
Month to Date Balance	\$ 308.08
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	9,243.20
Donations still needed	\$ 17,410.99

## *Additional News about St. John's Church Family & Events*

**Ladies Afternoon Circle:** On May 1, 2024, the Ladies Afternoon Circle held their annual Anniversary Lunch. This year they celebrated 152 years. They enjoyed a salad smorgasbord, cake and punch. Elaine Gard provided devotions continuing with the series on the women of the Bible. Their guest was harpist, Miss Olivia Claggett, who provided music and shared her testimony.

On May 19, we held a special **Volunteer Luncheon** to honor all of our volunteers. There were nearly 40 people in attendance to show thanks and appreciation to the many hands that work together to make Sunday morning worship possible. Thank you to the ushers, media team, choir, special music, teachers, helpers, acolytes, office help and more. Thank you to Tim Powers and the Special Events team for the luncheon of cold-cut sandwiches, baked beans, fruit and yummy Amish pies.



The Boy Scouts of America Simon Kenton Council congratulates **Matthew Kroah** (T4057) for earning his Eagle rank! Matthew built an observation and fishing deck on the Licking Valley Coon Hunter's Association property. Nice work!

### *Afternoon Circle -*

*will NOT meet during the month of June. The meeting for June 5, has been cancelled.*

*However, we do plan to have our summer picnic meeting on Wednesday, July 3, at noon, at the Rotary Park Pavilion on Sharon Valley Road. More information will be coming regarding food and reservations.*

*Last month for our Anniversary meeting, we were treated to a delicious salad smorgasbord, as all our ladies brought their best salad recipes for lunch. Our program was heavenly harp music, played for us by Ms. Olivia Claggett. Olivia is a delightful young lady from here in Newark, who started asking for harp lessons at the tender age of 3 years. She has used her gift to entertain and inspire folks for special programs, weddings, and contests. She shared with us her testimony of how God healed her from a debilitating disease and allowed her to continue to bring her music to people. We were all touched by her stories and especially by her beautiful music.*

**Mission focus for June-** The Food Pantry Network and our own Little Pantry.

The FPN of Licking has been serving the hungry in our area for approximately 40 years. St John's has a long history of supporting the FPN by gifting food items and monetary donations. There is a large need in our area. As summer approaches and children are out of school, the need increases somewhat. This is a reminder to remember to schedule some "food needs" into our summer schedules. The FPN recently received a large supply of p-nut butter but no jelly. A donation box remains in place outside the sanctuary if you would like to give food items. A monetary donation may be made at any time through the church. A \$10.00 donation can provide 20 meals. Our own little pantry is very well used since started by the Vacation Bible school children last year. Keeping it stocked not only helps the hungry, but reminds us of the way of Christ, reaching out to those in need.

## Search Committee Report – June 2024

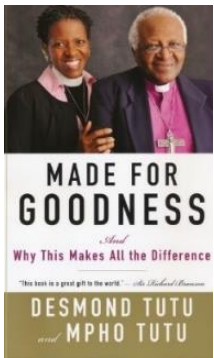
We are pleased to announce that Reverend Dr. Amelia Walker has agreed to become our interim part-time minister for the next 12 months. She begins as interim on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Church Council approved the Call Agreement with Rev. Walker in the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rev Walker will work part time focusing on Sunday Worship and spending two days per month visiting our homebound and shut in members. She will not have any office hours in the church. Having Rev. Walker as our interim provides the continuity that we need right now and a priority of visitations. Having Rev. Walker here also gives the Search Committee much needed time to continue our search for a permanent minister for St. John's.

I have had discussions with Melodie Rezac, the UCC Central Southeast of Ohio Association Administrative Pastor, and she has informed me that there is a wide-reaching shortage of ministers. This is a very real challenge, but one that our committee will continue to look for alternative ways to find us a leader that God will send to us. Please welcome Reverend Walker as a member of our church family. Pray for our committee that God provide us the knowledge and fortitude to seek out the ways that he will reveal who our next pastor will be.

Blessings,

Tim Powers

Chairman, St. John's Search Committee



The book study group continues to meet on Thursday's at the River Road Coffeehouse on the square in downtown Newark. We will be discussing "Made for Goodness" by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. We meet at 11am and this month will be meeting on June 6, 13, and 27th. No meeting on the 20th. Come join us.



### Church Council Spotlight Congregational Care Committee

The purpose of the Congregational Care Committee is to minister to the needs of the members of our church body especially at times of change, loss, or illness. The committee works with the pastor and is assisted by the whole church to support the faith and spiritual needs of our members. If you're interested in this committee, please contact Terry Gano.

### Evangelism and Outreach Committee

The purpose of this committee is to promote St. John's to the public, increasing awareness of our church and what we have to offer individuals as well as the community in general. This committee develops methods and actions that carry out the mission of maintaining growth, demonstrate welcoming and encourage involvement in our church. If you're interested in knowing more about this committee, please contact Greg Crowthers.



Church Council met Monday evening, May 20, 2024 with Pres. Jeff Connor calling the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Other Council members present included Tim Powers, Frank Davis, Frances Hill, Gary and April Kinser, Greg Crothers, and Mike Dooley as well as office staff, Anita Chirdon and Kim Workman.

Devotions were led by F. Davis who read a short scripture on "Peter... the rock. " as well as a reading on the importance of attending church.

Search committee: Proposed to establish a part time interim minister for one year. Motion approved by Council. Tim Powers will include additional information for Chimes.

Treasurer report: We have a positive cash flow so far this year and money is available for a part time interim minister. No need to ask the congregation for funding since this will not be a full time called pastor.

Property and Maintenance: a cable is starting to fray on the small bell in the tower.

Mission and Outreach: Jennie Lee will be making another medical mission trip this year to Honduras from June 15 to 21. We will be offering financial support for that mission as well as the mission project of the Vacation Bible School to be held at St John's in June.

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, April Kinser attended the CSEOA Spring Gathering at Grace UCC in Lancaster, Ohio. The theme of the day was "You are My Disciples" and was a day to reunite, collaborate, and be uplifted. We are one of 33 churches in the Association, and this was the first spring gathering since Covid.

Christian Education: We are looking forward to the mission trip to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky from June 9 to 15. Seven participants plan to go. Vacation Bible School is from June 24 to June 28.

Old business: Elevator malfunctions. Repairman scheduled 5/21.

New business: Council agreed to continue with solicitation of bids for kitchen of parsonage redo.

Foundation fund: Council approved setting up fund for deceased member Carol Johnson.

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



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

## **Congratulations!**

### **High School Graduates**

**Karson Ewing** - Graduating from Newark- CTEC

Degree: Construction Technology

Parents: Kyle & Karen Ewing

Karson's plan is to be working as a plumber at Wheeland Plumbing

We love you and so proud of you Karson!! Love your Parents!

**Matthew Kroah** - Graduating from Newark High School

Degree: Diploma

Parents: Ken & Julie Kroah

Matthew plans to attend Bowling Green State University Aviation Studies,  
Professional Pilot Program

**Avery Nagel** - Graduating from Newark Catholic High School

Degree: Diploma

Parents: Heidi Nagel & Mike Nagel

Avery plans to attend Ohio State University to study Radiologic Sciences

**Logan T. Workman** - Graduating from Licking Valley High School

Degree: Diploma

Parents: Dan & Kim Workman

Logan plans to obtain a CDL, and work for the City of Newark

### **College Graduates**

**Lillian Boehmer** - Graduating from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Degree- Pharm D- Doctor of Pharmacy

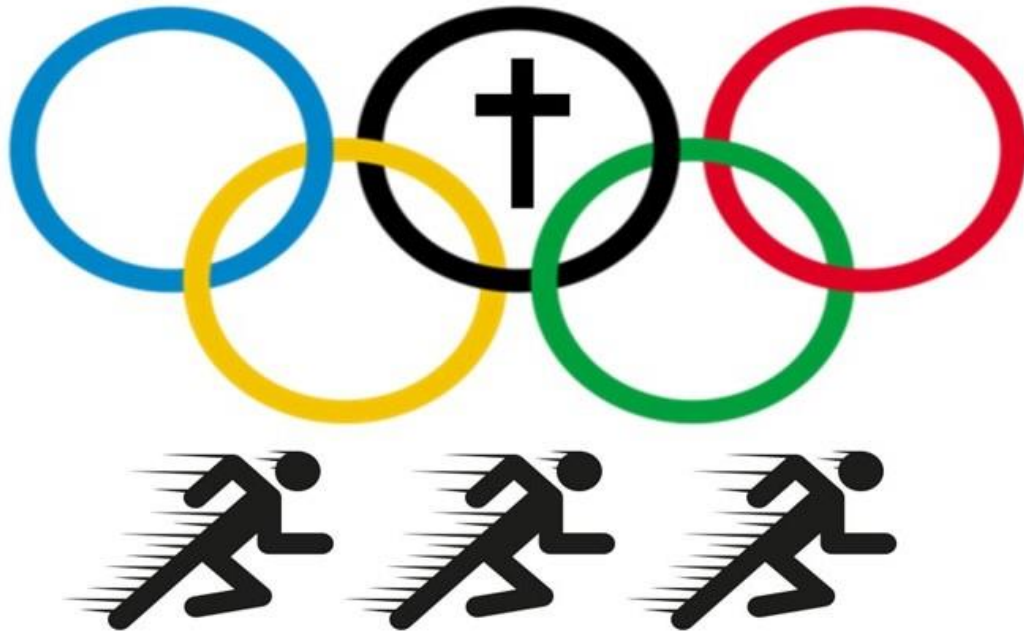
Parents: Brian & Trisha Boehmer

Grandparents: Bill & Sharla Miller

Lillian plans on completing a post graduate Pharmacy Residency at  
West Palm Beach Florida Veterans Hospital  
specializing in pain/palliative care and hospice

St. John's United Church of Christ

**RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE**



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 24 - 28**

Join us for music, stories, science, games, snacks and more!

9:00am – 11:30am

Ages pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

285 W. National Drive, Newark  
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ST. JOHN'S UCC VBS REGISTRATION FORM  
285 W. National Dr. Newark, OH 740-323-2407  
Preschool through Sixth Grade  
June 24 - 28, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirt Size: Youth S M L      Adult S M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the VBS staff should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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Photographs (Please sign only to disallow photo use)

I Do Not allow photographs and/or video representations of me or my child to be taken for the express purpose of telling stories about the church VBS experience and/ or promoting church activities in the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## God Disciplines Us in Love

The Father Heart of God - Denison Ministries First15.org

***“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”***

Hebrews 12:6 ESV



Our world despises discipline. We view correction as an attempt to keep us from doing what we really want rather than an act of love to guide us toward a more abundant life. If we are ever going to live the incredible life God longs to give us, we need renewal in the area of discipline. We must allow God to correct and shape us as the potter molds the clay so that we can live the life to which we have been called.

Our heavenly Father never disciplines out of anger or frustration, but only out of love. Hebrews 12:7-14 says,

***It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore, lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.***

God longs to establish a foundation of discipline in your relationship with him because he loves you. It's our pride and lack of revelation that keeps us from allowing God to correct us. If we truly knew the abundant life available to us on the other side of discipline, we would run to the forming hands of our God rather than hiding from them. If we had revelation on the incredible plans God longs to equip us for, we would yearn for the loving correction of our Father rather than withholding the broken places in our hearts from him.

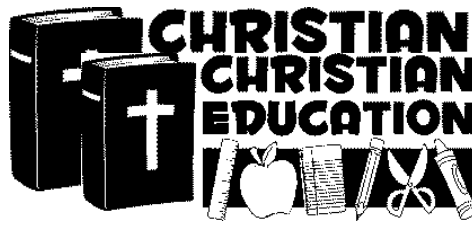
Your heavenly Father has greater plans than you could ever ask or imagine in store if you will allow him to mold and shape you through discipline. He longs to correct every area of your heart that isn't bearing the fruit of the Spirit or producing abundant life. He longs to provide discipline for your sin so that you can live in the freedom of righteousness.

Open your heart to his loving discipline today. Allow him to mold and fashion you into the likeness of Jesus. Spend time allowing his love to wash you clean and free you from the bonds of sin. May you have a powerful encounter with the loving discipline of your heavenly Father as you enter into guided prayer.

## PRAYER

- 1. Meditate on God's desire to encourage you.** Allow Scripture to fill you with the truth about the life God intends for you. Proverbs 13:24, Hebrews 12:5-6, Proverbs 13:1.
- 2. Where do you need to be disciplined today?** What part of your life does not line up with God's plans for you? Where does God need to prune you so that you might bear more fruit of the Spirit? Psalm 94:12-13
- 3. Spend time allowing God to love and correct you.** Ask him to prune and teach you. Ask him to guide you into a lifestyle of greater confession, repentance, forgiveness, and healing.





VBS is June 24 – 28. The Olympic theme will have us “Running for the Prize.” Join us as we travel with Paul and learn about running the good race (2 Timothy 4:6-8) with games, crafts, science, stories, and more. Ages Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, bring a friend and tell a neighbor. Everyone is welcome!

St. John’s Mission team will be serving at Big Creek Mission June 9 – 16. We will share our experiences on June 16 during the 8am and 11am services.



Children’s & Youth Hand bells will be playing at Chapel Grove Assisted Living in Heath on June 23 at 1:00pm.

Coming soon! Discussion group on Season 2 of the Chosen in late summer or early fall. Details are yet to be determined.



### 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.

### **June Worship Service Duties**

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

#### Cradle Roll

2 Avery Nagle/Volunteer  
9 Avery Nagle/Volunteer  
16 Avery Nagle/Volunteer  
23 Avery Nagle/Volunteer  
30 Avery Nagle/Volunteer

#### Cantors

2 Julie Davis  
9 Diane Reef  
16 Todd Baldosser  
23 Julie Davis  
30 Diane Reef

#### Sunday Sound Worship Team

2 Ken Kroah  
9 Mike Dooley  
16 Mike Dooley  
23 Ken Kroah  
30 Ken Kroah

#### Sunday Video Worship Team

2 Julie Kroah  
9 Tom Lawyer  
16 Tom Lawyer  
23 Julie Kroah  
30 Julie Kroah



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trinity Sunday 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	30 11:00am Book Study "Made for Goodness" River Road Coffee on the Square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	31	1
2 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	3	4	5 The Afternoon Circle Meeting has been cancelled for June 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	6 8:00am Life Line Screening Event 11:00am Book Study "Made for Goodness" River Road Coffee on the Square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	7	8
9 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	10	11 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	12 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	13 11:00am Book Study "Made for Goodness" River Road Coffee on the Square 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day 8:00am Outdoor Drive-In Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Sanctuary Service	17 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	18	19 Juneteenth 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	20 First Day of Summer 7:00pm From St. John's UCC Chapel - Join us for our Thursday Prayer Service. Live streamed at 7:00pm.	21	22
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### **Worship Services!**

8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-in Service  
Come as you are! Stay in your car!  
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service  
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service  
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### **LIBRARY FOCUS FOR JUNE**

***More Than My Mountains* by Whitney Lane Ward.** When your strength comes from the right source... There's not a mountain you can't climb.

***Bible Study Gilligan's Island & the Seven Deadly Sins.* DVD.** To refresh world-weary souls of long-time believers with practical applications for daily living.

#### **For Children**

***A Child's Book of Grace* by Wendy Wax and Parragon Publishing.** Bible stories, parables, verses, prayers, poetry, songs and activities for children are included in this book.

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