

Welcome Home!

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



The 2024 May Chimes

United Church of Christ



Prayer List

General Prayers: Barbara McKee, Judy Goodman and the family of Victoria (Vicky) McGee

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 stjohnsunited@windstream.net

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards to help me celebrate my 90th birthday! I enjoyed opening the cards and receiving all of the birthday wishes.
Janet Snider

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

May Sunday Worship Hours

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

Traditional Sanctuary Service at 11:00 a.m.



Church Member News

In remembrance

Victoria (Vicky) May McGee

Born: May 8, 1945

Died: April 4, 2024



Baptism

Adelynn Jean Sheets

Born: March 26, 2023

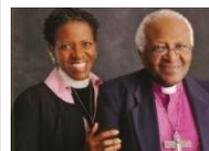
Baptized: April 21, 2024



Parents: Makayla Sheets & Dominiick Vanick

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of April 21, 2024	<u>5,252.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 411.58
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	8,968.20
Donations still needed	\$ 17,685.99



MADE FOR GOODNESS
Why This Makes All the Difference
"This book is a great gift to the world." - *The National Review*
DESMOND TUTU
and MPHO TUTU

The book study group continues to meet on Thursdays at 11am at the River Road coffee house on the square. You are invited to join as we discuss the book, Made for Goodness by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. We will meet May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Look forward to seeing you there.

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



Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser & Fellowship: On February 13, the Christian Education Committee along with the Youth held a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the yearly summer mission trip. About 65 people were served in Hermann hall and enjoyed time together talking and visiting while eating spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and homemade desserts and 6 meals were served by take out. After eating, nearly everyone chose to stay and enjoy each other's company until the very end.



The Lenten Study: The 2024 Lenten study was discussing season 1 of the TV series "The Chosen." Eight people came together weekly during Lent for lively conversation of season 1 of the program. Conversations about the characters' actions and how each episode fit with scripture as well as added details were informative and thought provoking. Some laughter and tears were shared over some fun and other very moving scenes. There are plans to study season 2 over the summer.



The Portrayal at St. John's: On February 28, 2024 under the director of the Christian Education Committee, St. John's presented "The Portrayal," a living picture of Da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper" our gift to the community during the Lenten season. The cast and crew constructed the scenery after the Palm Sunday service and were outfitted with costumes to match the painting. The details were ironed out during Wednesday night dress rehearsal. The Maundy Thursday Service was attended by 72 people with communion available at the "Last Supper" table. The visitors were heard saying it was a meaningful performance and service. The offering collected benefited the Licking County Food Pantry Network. Great work by the cast and crew: Greg Crowthers, Dick Tulloss, Matthew Kroah, Charles Mays, Karson Ewing, Ken Kroah, Jeremy Hill, Brad Beck, Jeff Conner, Terry Gano, Mike Dooley, Brian Lensink, Kirk Homrighouse, Bill McInturf, Frances Hill, Pamela Tulloss, Julie Kroah, Beth Powers, April Kinser, Kayden Ewing, Elaine Gard, Todd Baldosser, Tim Powers, Barry Dooley, Pat Farley, and Anita Chirdon.

Spring Break Mission Trip: From March 23 to 29, Colleen Kroah lead a group of 8 college age people to Big Creek Missions, Kentucky for a spring break mission trip. They got there just in time to help with the annual Community Easter Egg hunt. During the week, they handed out Easter baskets to local kids, visited nursing homes, and cleaned the outdoor pool to get ready for summer. They helped distribute food at the local food pantries and even laid concrete at one pantry site, in addition to other odd jobs needed here and there. One young man decided to join the mission trip with the idea that it was time away and no matter what crazy rules were in place or what leadership offered, he was just going to do what he wanted and enjoy himself. However, at the end of the week he admitted that he showed up with a self-centered plan, but ended that week saying, "God changed my attitude."



Youth Overnight and Youth Sunday: On April 6, at 6PM, the seven Youth group members and one guest met for a pizza dinner to plan and rehearse for Youth Sunday. They practiced reading all the components of the service, plus the message and puppet show they prepared. After the work was done, they had a balloon tower competition and a scavenger hunt followed by hide-n-seek, cards and board games. They finally got to sleep at 1:30AM but were up and ready to go for the 8AM Outdoor Drive-in Service. After donuts, oranges, juice and coffee, they were ready for the 11AM service. They shared a great message of transformation and redemption with the puppets singing "I thank God." They finished their message by getting the congregation on their feet at the end of the song. It was a great Youth Sunday by our very enthusiastic Youth members.



Easter Breakfast: The Youth gathered at 6AM to prepare Easter Breakfast. They made a mountain of pancakes with Jeremy Hill helping to guide 3 griddles. There was also egg casseroles, sausage links, pastries and fruit served. Over 40 people came to enjoy breakfast between the services and celebrate Easter together. From decorating, setting the tables, cooking, washing dishes and other clean up, the Youth were busy and were thankful to everyone for their support.



Church Council met Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:35pm with members Jeff Connor, Mike Dooley, Frank Davis, Frances Hill, Gary Kinser, April Kinser, Tim Powers, and Julie Davis present. Also attending were Anita Chirdon and Kim Workman.

Search Committee reported that 8 additional profiles have been received although none were appropriate for our needs. As this is continuing to be a long process, efforts will be made to obtain another long term interim if possible. Rev. Walker has agreed to help us with the month of May and June.

A use of facility request was approved for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentation for 4/28/24.

A request to reseal and restripe the parking lot was approved for \$9000. Chemcote will provide the service. Cost will partially be covered from a \$3000 donation from the Moose Lodge (for previous use) with the church providing the remaining funds.

The tower bells will be serviced on a yearly basis by Verdin Bells. The charge this year will be \$720. The parsonage is currently empty. Renovation to the bathroom and kitchen will be undertaken before further use. Property committee will start soliciting bids.

Respectfully submitted,
April Kinser, Secretary Jeff Conner, President

The next meeting is on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

Afternoon Circle -

will meet on Wednesday, May 1, at Noon, to celebrate our 152nd Anniversary. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share for our Annual Salad Smorgasbord. Our Annual Anniversary Offering will be taken: 1 penny for each year old we are = \$1.52. We will meet in the Large Meeting Room. Following lunch, we will go to the Sanctuary for a special program.

All ladies of our St. John's Church Family are invited to attend. Please RSVP to our caller, Beverly Lange, 740-277-3392 so that we have enough seats for all.



Church Council Spotlight Personnel Committee

The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to review and update the Procedure and Policy manual and to recruit, interview, hire and annually review staff members. Additionally, the committee acts as the public relations and pastoral relations committees supporting an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and congregation, and more. If you would like to be a member of this committee, contact Terry Gano.

Special Events Committee

The purpose of this committee is to carry out Council sponsored fellowship activities and to supervise and develop the kitchen facilities and supervise wedding and funeral dinners when requested. If you re interested in learning more about this committee, contact Tim Powers.



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2024 to celebrate the momentous event.

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office by May 5, 2024!

Name _____

Parents/Church Family _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____

Plans for the future _____

Additional information to share _____



LIBRARY FOCUS FOR MAY

The Song of Deborah by Bette M Ross. A fictionalized account of Deborah, following the call of Yahweh to become God's oracle and Israel's first woman judge.

I Can Only Imagine DVD and Bible study by City on a Hill Productions. How to overcome loss, release guilt and conquer fear in a world afflicted with hurt and struggles.

For Children

The Holy Land in the Time of Jesus by Norman Katkar. Jewish culture and historical events of the time of Jesus.

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



JOIN OCC EAST AREA FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL CRAFT DAY

Date: May 4, 2024
Time: 10am to 1pm
Place: Hillview Church
9005 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Examples of Crafts with Instructions

Do you need new ideas for crafts?
We will have some samples with
instructions for you to take home.

Crafting Demonstrations

We will have some crafters who make
more involved or complicated crafts
demonstrating their crafts.

Hands-On Crafting

There will be some simple crafts for
you to try and take home.

Would you like to be involved in the demonstrations?

If you would like to be involved in the
demonstrations, contact Debra
Welch.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend:

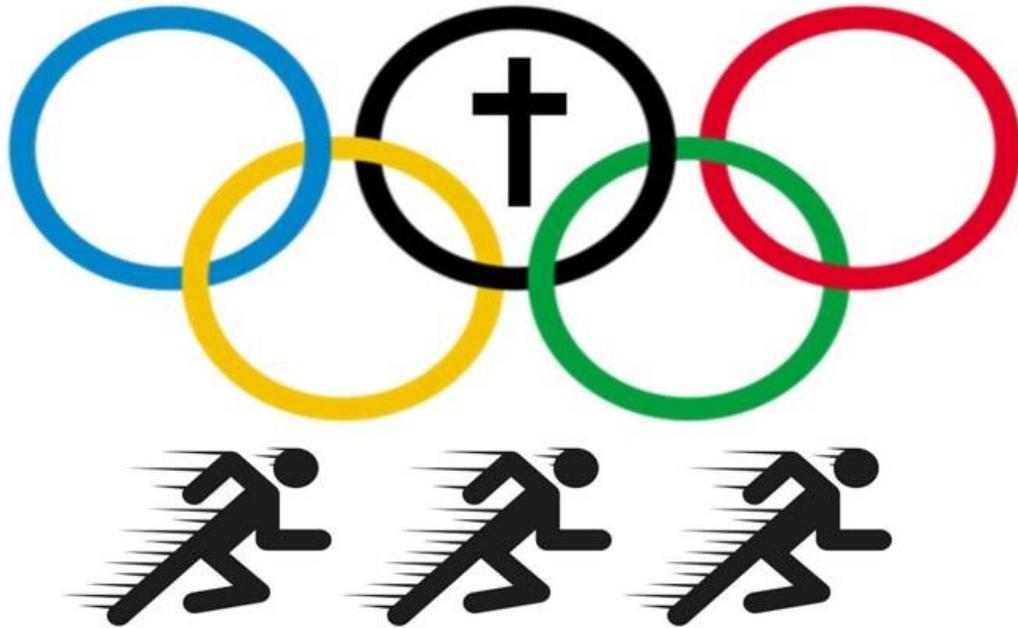
 Contact Debra Welch
614-4065980

 or email
debrawelch.occ@yahoo.com



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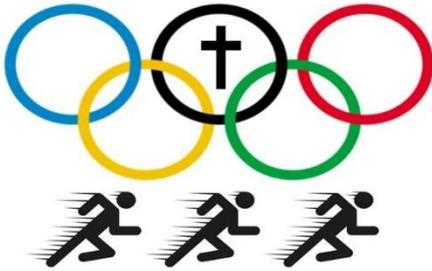
Vacation Bible School
June 24 - 28

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

9:00am – 11:30am
Ages pre-school through 6th grade.

285 W. National Drive, Newark
740-323-2407 www.stjohnsnewark.org

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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: _____

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 _____

The Three P's (excerpts)

Kelley McLoughlin Youth Ministry Blog

I was asked to help plan a retreat and was trying to figure out what would be helpful for someone to contemplate on a retreat amid all we are experiencing right now.



One of the first things that stood out in my mind was how much we need to be a compassionate presence to each other as we face the struggles and disruptions around us. The word presence led me to wonder what else would be helpful and I came up with focusing on the three P's.

The three P's are **pause, presence and prayer**. I think if we take some time out to look deeper at the power of recommitting ourselves to stop to pause to be present and be a compassionate presence to others and to deepen our habit of prayer we will be strengthened.

Terry Hershey is a popular speaker each year at Religious Education Congress. He wrote a book titled [The Power of Pause](#) in which he challenges us to slow down, sit still and let our souls catch up with our bodies. He suggests we find a place where we feel comfortable being still, praying, listening to God.

One of the components of comprehensive youth ministry is pastoral care. Pastoral care can be described as a **compassionate presence** in imitation of Jesus' care of people, especially those who were hurting and in need. Now more than ever before we are all in need of receiving as well as being a compassionate presence. Once you can weep, then you will be able to help others from the heart.' –*Christus Vivit 76*.

The third P is prayer. Martin Luther said, 'To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.' I love the image of our prayer life being our very breath. Pope Francis has beautiful inspiration for us on prayer '...Prayer enables us to share with him every aspect of our lives and to rest confidently in his embrace. At the same time, it gives us a share in his own life and love. When we pray, "we open everything we do" to him, and we give him room "so that he can act, enter and claim victory". –*Christus Vivit, 155*.

Key points: Make them a habit - Turn negatives into positives - Treasure moments- no matter how big or small - Enjoy carefree timelessness - Start feeling grateful now.



Save the Date! 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. Bring a friend and tell a neighbor. Everyone is welcome!

Youth group will be meeting May 5 to plan for the summer activities.



Adult Sunday school class continues to study *Defined* by Alex and Stephan Kendrick. Come join us the first and third Sundays of May, and we will not meet during the summer months.

Graduation Sunday is May 19. Be sure to let us know about your graduate!



Sunday School Classes

Adult class – Meet at 9:30AM the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the large meeting room.

Bible Discovery Zone – meet at 11AM in the Thou Art room

Cradle Role – Available during the 11AM service.



May Worship Service Duties

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

Cradle Roll

- 5 Avery Nagle
- 12 Avery Nagle
- 19 Avery Nagle
- 26 Avery Nagle

Sunday Sound Worship Team

- 5 Ken Kroah
- 12 Mike Dooley
- 19 Ken Kroah
- 26 Mike Dooley

Sunday Video Worship Team

- 5 Julie Kroah
- 12 Tom Lawyer
- 19 Julie Kroah
- 26 Tom Lawyer

Bible Discovery Zone

- 5 Brian Lensink & Matthew Kroah
- 12 Marla Crowthers & Emma Crowthers
- 19 Elaine Gard & Kayden Ewing
- 26 Frances Hill & Karson Ewing

Thursday Media Worship Team

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

Cantors

- 5 Don Boldt
- 12 Diane Reef
- 19 Todd Baldosser
- 26 Julie Davis



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service 1:00pm Private Use- Hermann Hall	29	30	1 12:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meetings- 152nd Anniversary Celebration 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	2 National Day of Prayer 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.	3	4
5 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service 11:45am Youth Group Meeting	6	7	8 10:00am Christian Education Meeting 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	9 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.	10	11
12 Mother's Day 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service	13	14 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	15 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	16 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.	17	18
19 Graduation Sunday Pentecost 8:00am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Bible Discovery Zone 11:00am Sanctuary Service 12:00pm Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	20 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	21	22 6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice	23 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.	24	25
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	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



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8:00 a.m. – Outdoor Drive-in Service
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11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service
7:00 p.m. – Thursday Prayer Service
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A luncheon will be provided for those who volunteer this year as ushers, acolytes, Sunday School teachers and helpers, choir members and special music and office help. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

May 19, 2024

following the 11AM service