

# Welcome Home!

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



## Prayer List

**General Prayers:** Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Debbie Snow & the family of Harriett Applegate.

**Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:** Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, 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](mailto:stjohnsunited@windstream.net)

## Welcome!

Please join us as we welcome Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher as he begins his ministry with St. John's. We will be having a reception with a light lunch on October 6 so we can meet our new minister. Rev Swisher will be moving into the parsonage on October 3, 2024.

## Thank you!

Thank you to Colleen Kroah for taking the time to clean and organize the room left of the stage in Hermann Hall.

### 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!



Harriett A. Applegate

Born: July 25, 1927

Died: September 21, 2024

A member of St. John's since 1964

## Afternoon Circle -

- will meet on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room. We'll have our usual Bite-Size Bible Study, a program, and a short business meeting. Refreshments will be served by Bev Lange and Sandy Johnson. All women of our Church Family are invited to attend.



### October Sunday Worship Hours

8:30 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 September 22, 2024	5,100.00
Month to Date Balance	\$ 259.58
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	\$ 11,058.20
Donations still needed	\$ 15,595.99

Rally Day 2024, the kick-off to the new church school year was all about Revisiting Our Roots. There were special German themed treats at the 9:30AM coffee hour, plus trivia games and memorabilia from our long history on display in the Fellowship room. Following the 11AM service, we enjoyed root-beer floats at our Root Biergarten outside under a canopy. There were yard games to play, a display of large German steins, lots of conversation and more cookies. It was a fun way to start a new year of learning. The kids Sunday school class is learning a new song to share soon, the confirmation class is off to a good start with 6 kids attending and the adult class is revisiting our roots with a look into our history and the Evangelism Catechism.



Sundays at 9:30AM

Coffee, refreshments and good conversation in the Fellowship room.  
Or enjoy time in the sanctuary for worship preparation or quiet prayer.

### Church Council Notes for Monday, September 16, 2024



Church Council met Monday, September 16, 2024, with members Jeff Connor, April Kinser, Gary Kinser, Greg Crowthers, Frances Hill, Brian Lensink, Mike Dooley, and Tim Powers present as well as Office Assistant Kim Workman.

President Jeff Connor provided the devotional meditation for the evening. His message was based on the book, "Against the Grain" by football coach, author, and podcaster Bill Courtney. Mr Courtney is a highly successful football coach and motivator who believes in the power of everyday people to promote change in the lives of others. "We all have something to give", and encourages others to stretch themselves and step outside their comfort zone if necessary to find ways that are right for them to provide assistance to others.

Renovations to the parsonage are almost complete with move in day scheduled for 10/2/2024.

Council approved requests for the church use of the Fellowship room in November for continued study of "The Chosen" series and for a German speaking service on December 8, 2024, in the sanctuary which will be in conjunction with the Newark Maennerchor to provide German speakers.

A media guideline policy was introduced and accepted.

An estimate has been received for flat roof area repair (no slate) and the repair was approved, not to exceed \$7000.00. This will include emergency and preventative work.

Rev Walker recommended in her report we consider doing a parsonage blessing as we start this new phase as a congregation.

Church members have requested a Foundation Fund to be opened in Rev Walker's name and this was approved.  
Respectfully Submitted

April Kinser

The next meeting is on Monday, October 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All members of St. John's are always welcome to attend.

In keeping with the Neighbors in Need focus on mental health this month, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like to lift up two local agencies for your prayers and support. The Main Place at 112 S. 3rd St., Newark, Ohio, promotes hope, offers peer support, education and training for adults with mental illness. The St Vincent Haven at 115 Wilson Street is a 50-bed emergency shelter for homeless men which offers assistance with improving education and life skills, mental health and other issues. Both facilities have indicated a need for clothing and coats. As the seasons change and you sort through your closets this month, please bring unwanted clothing to the church for donation. A bin will be set up in the fellowship room. Men's clothing is especially needed.



Our amazing librarian needs your help. Volunteers are needed to help reshelve books in the library. If you are interested in helping with this, please reach out to Julie Kroah.

# ADULT Sunday School

***"Revisiting Our Roots"***

## **Evangelical Catechism**

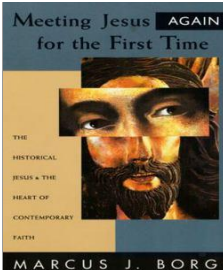
*Lead by Elaine Gard*

**9:30AM**

September 15, 29

October 6, 20

November 3, 17



You are invited to join the book study group as we continue our discussion of the book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith by Marcus Borg. We will meet each Thursday in October (3,10,17,24,30) at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the square in

# Trunk or Treat



St. John's United Church of Christ

October 20, 2024

4pm—5:30pm

Family Fun! Come in costume, enjoy candy, hotdogs and more.

Trunk or Treat starts at 4. For more information about this community event call the church office at 740-323-2407.

**St. John's members and friends** - Are you planning to pass out candy, plan on 250 pieces. Come in costume and/or decorate your car!

Come, join in the fun and welcome our friends and neighbors to St. John's.

**DONATIONS OF CANDY ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED**



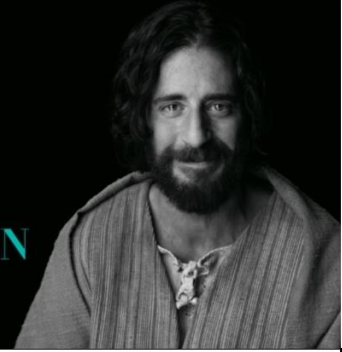
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# The CHOSEN

WEDNESDAY'S  
6:30PM—8:00PM  
November 6, 13, 20

The CHOSEN



Invite a friend and join us for fun, lively fellowship.



November 6 discussion on episodes 1, 2, 3  
November 13 discussion on episodes 4, 5, 6  
November 20 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***

Please see Julie Kroah if you have any questions about watching the series or the discussion group.

From the St. John's Evangelism and Outreach Committee

## Why Are You So Afraid?

By Beth Fellingner for [todaydevotional.com](http://todaydevotional.com)

**Matthew 8:26 He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.**

This past year I was privileged to be on a wonderful mission trip to the small town of Mahdia in Guyana. I became a little fearful one day, though, when I saw a tarantula hanging on the wall of an outhouse. I was incredibly thankful for a pastor who knew how to bring calm into that scary situation for me. He did it with a gracious smile on his face and a broom in his hand—and I still wonder what he was really thinking of this Canadian at that moment.



Jesus' disciples had been with him long enough to have watched him step in, heal the sick, provide food, and do other miracles. And yet there in a boat, in the midst of "a furious storm," fear showed up again. This storm was probably bigger than most of the storms these fishermen had seen over the years—and the moment of panic set in. I sometimes wonder if they had forgotten who was in the boat with them, or if maybe they were just annoyed that he was sleeping.

Nevertheless, Jesus' question applies to us today just as it did to his first followers: If you know me, "why are you afraid?" In what difficulties do you hear him say, "Trust me in whatever you are facing, and see what I can do"?

God, forgive us when we walk in fear instead of faith. Thank you for being bigger than our fear. Help us to remember that even in the midst of the biggest storms, you, the Lord of all, are able to bring calm. Amen.



The Confirmation class will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30AM. Elaine Gard will be leading a class for anyone ages 12 through adult.



Trunk or Treat is October 20, 2024, 4:00PM -5:30PM. Everyone is invited to come and pass out candy from the trunk of their car to the neighborhood kids. We will also be providing a meal to all who attend. Be creative and decorate you car, wear a

costume and add to the fun. Plan for about 250 kids. We are also accepting donations of candy. There will also be a competition for the best-decorated car/trunk. See you there!

Youth Group meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. We will be planning service projects within St. John's and in the community.



**The Chosen Season 3** discussion group will meet November 6, 13, 20 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 need a ride, please let Julie Kroah know and we can find ride-share arrangements.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events. German Service December 8 at 3PM and The Children's Christmas Program December 15 during the 11AM service.



### Sunday School Classes

**Adult class** – Revisiting Our Roots: Evangelical Catechism at 9:30AM the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Confirmation Class** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 9:30AM

**Bible Discovery Zone** – ages 5 to 14 at 11AM.

**Cradle Role** – Available during the 11AM service.



### **September Worship Service Duties**

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

#### Cradle Roll

6 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
13 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
20 Avery Nagel/Volunteer  
27 Avery Nagel/Volunteer

#### Cantors

6 Todd Baldosser  
13 Diane Reef  
20 Julie Davis  
27 Todd Baldosser

#### Bible Discovery Zone

6 Brian Lensink &  
Remington Crowthers  
13 Marla Crowthers &  
Emma Crowthers  
20 Elaine Gard & Kayden Ewing  
27 Frances Hill & Pat Farley

#### Sunday Sound Worship Team

6 Mike Dooley  
13 Ken Kroah  
20 Mike Dooley  
27 Ken Kroah

#### Sunday Video Worship Team

6 Tom Lawyer  
13 Julie Kroah  
20 Tom Lawyer  
27 Julie Kroah

# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>9:30am Evangelical Catechism</p> <p>11:00am Bible Discovery Zone</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p> <p>12:00pm Potluck Reception for Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00pm The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Mission &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith"</p> <p>River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Our New Minister -Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher's First Sunday Officiating</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>9:30am Evangelical Catechism</p> <p>11:00am Bible Discovery Zone</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service - Choir Sings</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00pm Finance &amp; Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Christian Education Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith"</p> <p>River Road Coffee on the Square</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car!</p> <p>9:30am Confirmation Class</p> <p>11:00am Bible Discovery Zone</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p> <p>11:40am Youth Group Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples Day</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith"</p> <p>River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>Faith Promise Sunday</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Outdoor Drive-in Service- Come as you are - Stay in your car! The last Outdoor service for the season</p> <p>9:30am Confirmation Class</p> <p>11:00am Bible Discovery Zone</p> <p>11:00am Sanctuary Service</p> <p>11:40am Youth Group Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chimes Assembly</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Private Use- Chorus Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>11:00am Book Study</p> <p>"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith"</p> <p>River Road Coffee on the Square</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Reminder: Time Change, Turn Back Your Clock</p>



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### **Worship Services!**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Drive-in Service  
Come as you are! Stay in your car!  
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary Service

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### **LIBRARY FOCUS FOR OCTOBER**



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**101 Hymn Stories** by Kenneth W. Osbeck *It includes the inspiring, factual backgrounds and experience that prompted the writing of these favorite hymns.*

**The Temple Jesus Knew: Herod's Temple DVD.** A fascinating examination of an ancient wonder.

#### **For Children**

**All God's Children Got Gum in Their Hair** by Steve Phelps. A collection of cartoon church humor for kids and about kids.