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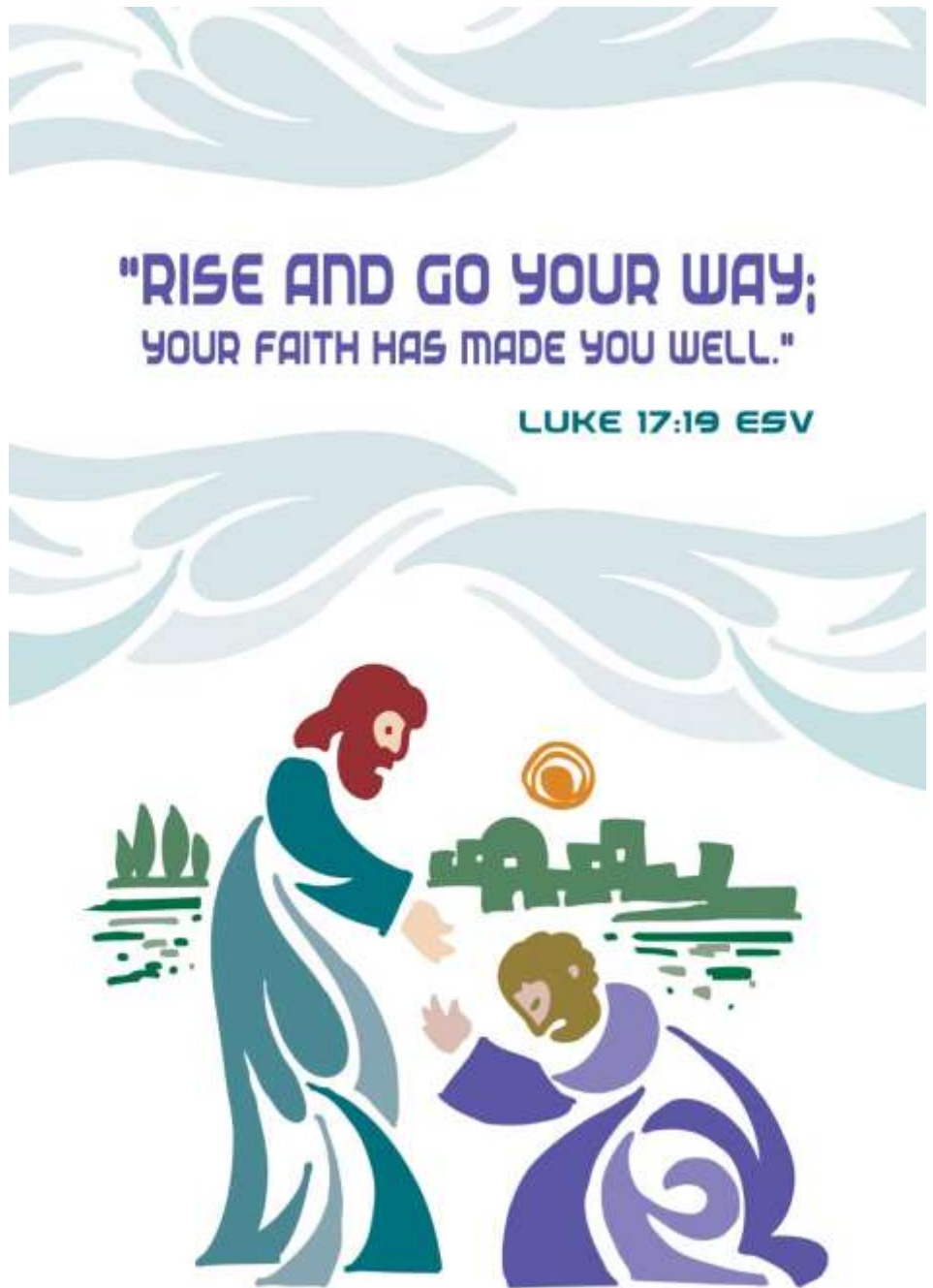
Rooted in the Evangelical

and Reformed Traditions

We are Sowing Seeds of Hope

in a Time of Chaos

So We May All Be One



**"RISE AND GO YOUR WAY;
YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL."**

LUKE 17:19 ESV

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Second Stewardship Sunday

Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

October 12, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“My Tribute” Crouch

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 464

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

- 1) **God of Grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

- 2) **Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

- 5) **Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Call to Worship**

Jeff Conner

Leader: People of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ

People: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love

Leader: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors and misleading half-truths

People: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in hope

Leader: In this Holy place, we gather to remind, remember and renew our commitment to God

People: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us with faith

Leader: Children of God, come. Let us worship God

People: Who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: God, our guardian, guide and protector, as we gather today in this sacred place, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of Your Spirit in our lives. Help us to follow as You lead us to the special place You have created for us where we may dwell with and in You as we prayer the words you taught us...

****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.**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional Version*)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.		

Scripture Reading	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
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Scripture Reading	Luke 17:11-19
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Sermon	“Thanks-Giving”	Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker
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Hymn	“Pass It On”	No. 477
		8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:
you spread God’s love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**
- 2) What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:
you want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**
- 3) I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I’ve found-
on God you can depend, it matters not where you’re bound;
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

“Give Thanks” Smith

Todd Baldosser

***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 Thanksgiving over the Offering**

All: Holy and ever-present God, You call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the life found only in Christ. As we bring these tithes and offerings today, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service and our minds in faithfulness. May these gifts be used to transform lives, to build Your Kingdom and to reflect Your love in this world. Keep us always mindful that we give because You first gave so abundantly to us. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”

No. 484

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

**1) We've a story to tell to the nations
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**

***Refrain For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.***

**2) We've a song to be sung to the nations
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.**

Refrain

- 4) **We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.**

Refrain

***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

Todd Baldosser

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Traditional Spiritual

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow is our doubts of today."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

October 19, 2025

"Your Future is Imperishable"

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Sermon Notes

To our members, 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!

Welcome Back

Welcome Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker back to our church. Rev. Walker will be bringing us the message at both of our service today. Sincere condolences to Rev. Walker and her family for the recent passing of her mother, Ann B. Walker.

Updated information for the service for Elizabeth “Beth” S. Lee

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home, where her service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. with Dr. Stephen Swisher officiating. Burial will take place in Newark Memorial Gardens.

A luncheon for family and friends to follow at 1:00 p.m. at St. John’s.

This service will be livestreamed by invitation. If you would like to be included, please let the office know and we will get you the link.

Read the Bible in a Year

Journey Together: Our Year in the Bible

Reading Guides and bookmarks are available in the Fellowship room
and on line at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Additional Books & Resources in the Church Library

Reading List for October 12—October 18 (Days 36-42)

Sunday—Leviticus 19-21	Thursday—Numbers 4-6
Monday—Leviticus 22-24	Friday—Numbers 7-9
Tuesday—Leviticus 25-27	Saturday—Numbers 10-12
Wednesday—Numbers 1-3	



St. John's United Church of Christ

October 19, 2025

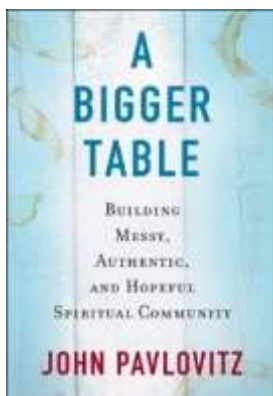
4pm—5:30pm

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 Christian Education office at 740-323-2408.

St. John's members and friends - If you are going to pass out candy, please plan on supplying 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 WELCOME AND APPRECIATED



The book study group will meet each Thursday in October (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) at 11am at the River Road Coffee House in downtown Newark on the north side of the square. Join us as we continue our discussion of the book “A BIGGER TABLE- Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual Community” by John Pavlovitz. The book is available online and there is space at the table for you to join us for discussion and fellowship.

St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.



Our little food pantry needs your help.

To replenish our food pantry every day we need your help every week. There are collection boxes near each entrance to the Church. Those attending the drive-in service can give your donations to one of the ushers as you enter the parking lot. People have asked what types of food is needed so here is a list of some suggestions. Keep in mind that many of the people using this pantry have limited cooking facilities.

Ollie's, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's are good places to find these foods at good prices.

Cans with pull tabs when possible and no glass containers!

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| Soups | Peanut Butter |
| Ramen Noodles | Jelly |
| Boxed Pasta | Bread |
| Pasta Sauce | Manwich |
| Canned Meats (chicken, beef, tuna, ham) | Buns |
| Instant mashed potatoes | Crackers (small individual sleeves) |
| Spam | Individual packs of cheese and crackers or peanut butter and crackers |
| Beanie Weenies | Trail Mix |
| Beef Stew | Fruit Cups |
| Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee, Lasagna, or ravioli) | Jell-O Cups |
| Spaghetti O's | Pudding cups |
| Canned lunch spreads (Tuna, ham, chicken) | Canned Vegetables |
| Individual box or bowl of cereal | Water |
| Juice boxes | Granola Bars |
| | Individual bags of potato chips |
| | Cookies, individually wrapped |

Thanks for your support!

<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>



Bible Discovery Zone

9:00AM—10:00AM

Adult Class

in the Large Meeting Room

Join Pastor Steve for a new Fall Bible Study! We invite you to join us as we study "Searching the Scriptures" by Charles Swindoll. Let's get ready to look at the Scriptures and uncover its profound truths for our lives. We'll look at the principles of Bible study that will help you understand God's Word, apply it, and communicate it clearly to those around you.

Youth Class

in the Small Meeting Room

"Pilgrims Progress" by Bunyan led by Elaine Gard

Pilgrims Progress is commonly regarded as one of the most significant works of Protestant devotional literature and of wider early modern English literature.

Children's Class (ages infant to 12)

held in the Bible Discovery Zone room

Truth For Kids devotions, plus crafts and outreach.



Bible Discovery Zone—Extended Elementary Class • During the 10:30AM Service

Bible Based Spiritual Growth with Real Life Application

Ages 5-12 • meets in the BDZ room

Nursery Care is also available during the 10:30AM Service



This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office.

6.5" pot \$ **12.00/each**
1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

The DEADLINE for placing orders is Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Please pick up plants after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 21, or after the Christmas Eve Services on December 24.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.

_____I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin: (i.e.: In honor of or in memory of..... by or from.....)

You may also choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the Abiding Memorial Fund or the Foundation Fund. All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 7** will be listed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 14, Sunday, December 21 and Christmas Eve.** Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office, or mark your envelope with the information.

Thank you!

Finances for the Month and Year to Date

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	6,502.50	60,659.81
Income from Foundation Fund	10,500.00	94,500.00
Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	33,824.97
Total Month & YTD Income	\$21,764.12	\$203,190.45
General Fund Expenses	\$23,825.91	\$220,892.52
Over/Under Month & YTD	(\$ 2,061.79)	(\$17,702.07)



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General Prayers: Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Molly Sheets, Marla Crowthers, Rev. Gunnar Cerda, the Dunn and Lee families

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents: Mel Cunningham, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Molly Sheets, Lois Swonger, Debi Snow, and Lois Meyers



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

- Connie (Pancreatic Cancer Diagnosis) & Ed Howell (Hip Replacement Recovery)
- Christina (Carolyn Igo's daughter) – Cancer diagnosis
- Aiden Barnes – Health concerns
- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father under Hospice Care)
- Mr. Bill Klinesmith (Julie Kroah's father)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Todd Baldosser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Larry Jones, Terry Gano,
Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

BDZ – Children's Church

Marla Crowthers and Youth if needed

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

10:30 am: Karson Ewing/Tom Lawyer

Thank you for your continued support! In addition to your giving in person, by drop off, by mail, or by clicking on the donate button on the website, you can also scan this QR Code. We continue to find new ways to connect with our members and our community that are convenient, secure, helpful, and relevant to the ways in which some people prefer to donate. We thank God for our ability to offer these methods for those who may choose to use them.



Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9am -12pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita at 740-973-8218.



Sunday: October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Second Stewardship Sunday

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:00 am All BDZ Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service
10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone – Children's Elementary Class
11:30 am Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday:
7:00 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday:
3:00 pm Music Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus
6:30 pm The Chosen Season 5 in the Fellowship Room

Thursday:
11:00 am Thursday Book Study "A BIGGER TABLE- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz - at River Road
7:15 pm Coffee on the Square
Choir Practice

Sunday: October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Stewardship Sunday
8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:00 am All BDZ Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone – Children's Elementary Class
4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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, October 5, 2025

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