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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*



*June 15, 2025
Father's Day
Trinity Sunday*

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

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

June 15, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“God of Our Fathers” Warren

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 59

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) **This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God’s hands the wonders wrought.**
- 2) **This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the flowers bright, declare their Maker’s praise.
Our God has made this world and shines in all that’s fair;
in rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.**
- 3) **Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God’s creatures everywhere.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In a day when so many men are absent, we cherish the love of our fathers

All: Thank God for Fathers who comfort and encourage

Leader: Thank God for Fathers who build character and inspire us to greatness

All: Thank God for Fathers who look to God as their example of grace

Leader: Thank God for brave Fathers who are willing to give their hearts to their children

**All: Lord we thank You for the gift of Fathers. We honor them and
You in this special Worship service**

Leader: Hallelujah

All: Amen

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Loving God, You who are our Heavenly parent, we thank You for showing us how important it is to follow Your example as we grow in faith. Today we ask You to bless our earthly Fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, forgiveness, wisdom and generosity that You exemplify. Thank you for Your love, mercy, grace and hope that strengthens us to stand up against the challenges of this world. We honor Your name and trust Your grace this morning as we speak Your ultimate prayer; ...

***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.

Presentation of Gifts to Fathers

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.**

Charlie Mays

Psalm 103:13

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

No. 585

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
- 2) Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
- 3) Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Todd Baldosser

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**

God of Great gifts, we give You these tithes and offerings today, knowing You are the Father of Good gifts. We have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the Church. Accept these gifts that come from our hearts in Jesus Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn “Faith of Our Fathers” (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3) No. 635**

- 1) **Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
when-e’er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**
- 2) **The martyrs bound in prison chains
were still in heart and conscience free,
and bless’d would be their children’s fate,
if they, like them, should live for thee!
Faith of the martyrs, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**
- 3) **Faith of our mothers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**

***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.**

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Postlude “Be Thou My Vision” Traditional Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve’s Quote of the Week

**“What great things would you attempt, if you knew you couldn’t fail?”
Dr. Robert H. Schuller**

Dr. Swisher’s message next week:

June 22, 2025

“Discover Your Possibilities”

Proverbs 25:2

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!

*You are cordially invited
to the
Service of Installation
of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher
as the Pastor
of St. John's United Church of Christ
285 W. National Dr., Newark, Ohio
June 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.*

With gratitude and great joy, we celebrate the installation of
Reverend Dr. Stephen Swisher as our Minister, Teacher, and Leader in Christ.
A reception will follow the service



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Mission Focus for June

The Mission Team will be leaving on June 29, 2025, for Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. This will be the 10th year that St John's has been involved with this mission. We continue to collect 13-gallon size garbage bags and 33-gallon size trash bags (new boxes of each) as our special gift to the mission. Please place your donation in the baskets in the Fellowship Room prior to June 29, 2025. All bags donated will be sent to Big Creek Missions in Bear Branch, Kentucky, along with our missionaries. Thanks for helping to make this a special year for our team.
Mission and Outreach Committee

St. John's Little Free Pantry

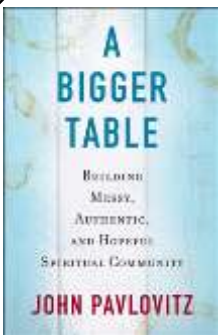
Take what you need. Give what you can.



Our little food pantry needs your help. Many of our members along with people from the community have been adding items on a regular basis. However, the need is so great that their efforts need to be supplemented. We are asking that those that can, bring food items to church on Sundays and place them in the donation bins provided: One at the top of the stairs between the Fellowship Room and the sanctuary or the one inside the side entrance door that leads to the rear of the sanctuary. We hope to collect enough food that we can resupply the little food pantry throughout the week.

Thank You, Bill and Nancy McInturf

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



The book study group will be starting a new book on June 12, 2025. The book we have chosen is titled "A Bigger Table- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz. This book encourages discussion of our faith as we seek to find new ways to express the love we have for God and His love for us. It explores the world we live in today and asks us to reach out and notice God more fully.

You are welcome to join in the discussion each Thursday at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. There is a place at the table for you. The book is available online.



St. John's Mound City Little League team is scheduled to play Wednesday, June 18, at 6:00PM on Field #2. Let's cheer them on for a WIN!!

St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27

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

9:00am – 11:30am

Ages pre-school through 6th grade.

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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 23 - 27, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Child's age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

T shirt size: Child S___ M___ L___ Adult S___ M___ L___ XL___ XXL___

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 _____



General Prayers: Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Lois “Lyn Cayton” Montgomery & Molly Sheets

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, Charles & Lois Meyers, Molly Sheets, Lois Swonger & Debbie Snow



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

- Aiden Barnes – Health concerns
- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father)
- Mr. Bill Klinesmith (Julie Kroah's father)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher
- Mark D: Cancer return

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Todd Baldosser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Larry Jones, Terry Gano,

Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

10:30 am: Mike Dooley/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.



Sunday: June 15, 2025

Father's Day

Trinity Sunday

8:00 am

Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am

Sanctuary Service

Monday:

6:30 pm

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday:

6:00 pm

Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am

Thursday Book Study “A Bigger Table- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community” by John Pavlovitz - at River Road Coffee on the Square

Sunday:

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after

Pentecost

8:00 am

Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am

Sanctuary Service

2:00 pm

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher
Installation Service –
Reception to follow**

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of June 8, 2025	1,875.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 6,544.25
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	\$ 26,108.20
Donations still needed	\$ 545.99

ATTENDANCE

Report for Sunday, June 8

8:00 am - 24 11:00 am – 35

Sunday, June 8 Live Stream Views – 287

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

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 740-973-8218. Thank you!