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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 29, 2025
Third Sunday
After Pentecost***

**Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.**

June 29, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “Theme from New World Symphony” Dvorak Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** **“Trust and Obey”** **No. 556**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**
- 2) **Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**
- 4) **Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we’ll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come! Let us call to mind the deeds of the Lord

All: We will remember God’s goodness in the past

Leader: Look at all of God’s wonders around us today

All: We will remember God’s goodness in the present

Leader: God redeemed the descendants of Jacob

***Please stand if you are able**

All: And led the people by the hand of Moses
Leader: We trust God's goodness in our unseen tomorrows
All: So let us call on the Name of the Lord
Leader: And eagerly proclaim God's actions to the world
All: Let us worship the Lord together

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Gracious and loving God, You have made a way through the generations for those who worship and follow You. Thank you for the gift of Jesus and the friendship of the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes that we might see Your good work in each of us and in this Congregation as we serve one another, our community and beyond. Let us feel your strength surging within as we pray the prayer You taught;

***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:**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,
to resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. 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.		

Special Music	"One Bread One Body"	Diane Reef
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Scripture Reading	Proverbs 17:22
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Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:4

Sermon

“Getting High on Happiness”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn

“He’s Got the Whole World”

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

- 1) He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.**
- 2) He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.**
- 3) He's got the sun and the rain in his hands,
He's got the moon and the stars in his hands,
He's got the wind and the clouds in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

“Precious Lord Take My Hand” Dorsey

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 Dedication for the Offering**

All: Gracious and Giving God, we thank you for the abundance of blessings that you have given to us both seen and unseen. As we offer these tithes and offerings today, help us to be generous not only with our material possessions but also with our time, talents, and love. May our actions reflect Your generosity and bring comfort to those who are suffering. In Jesus' Name. Amen

- 1) **He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words from heavenly comfort fraught!
What e'er I do, wher e'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**
- 2) **Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**
- 3) **And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

***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**

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week
"You always have God's undivided attention."

Dr. Charles Stanley

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

July 6, 2025

"America....Called to Greatness"

Galatians 5:1

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!

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/>

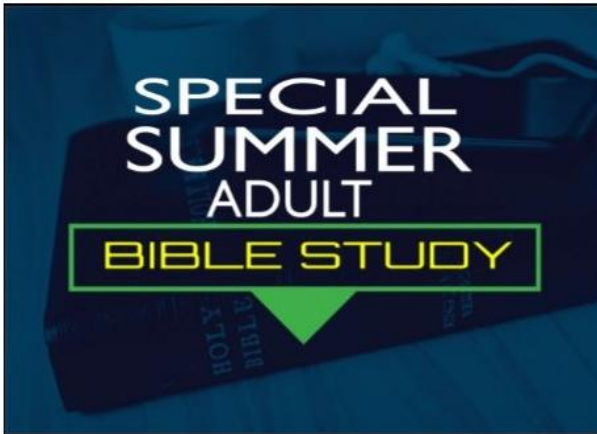
Announcing the changing of the Church Sexton at St John's

Charlie Bruah is retiring as our Church Sexton on June 30, 2025. Charlie has been our Sexton for nine years. We appreciate his pleasant, resourceful, dedicated faithful service to St. John's. Charlie said he will still be advising when needed. We thank him and are grateful for his service.

Mike Dooley has graciously agreed to become our new Sexton. Mike has the same qualities, as you all are aware of working with him in all the activities in the church. Mike officially begins as our Sexton July 1, 2025. The next time you see them, please congratulate Charlie and Mike on their dedication to service at St. John's.

Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild

- *will meet on July 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Rotary Park, on Sharon Valley Rd. in Newark. This is a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.*



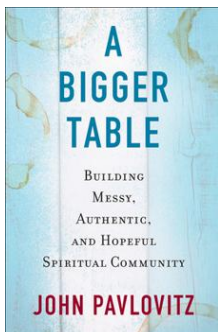
Join the Adult class for a **special session**

"Patriotism and God"

Led by Carl Kochendorfer

July 6 @ 9:00AM

in the large meeting room



The Book Study Group will meet at 11am on Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, and 31. There will be no meeting on July 3rd. Our current book is titled "A BIGGER TABLE- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful, Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz and is available online. Come join in the discussion as we enjoy coffee and fellowship at the River Road Coffee House on the square in downtown Newark.



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

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. Charles Dudley

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 29, 2025
Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

8:45 am Mission Trip Send Off

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

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: July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

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Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of June 22, 2025	5,295.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,124.25)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>\$ 26,548.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 105.99

ATTENDANCE

Report for Sunday, June 22

8:00 am - 29 11:00 am – 43

Sunday, June 22 Live Stream Views – unavailable

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!