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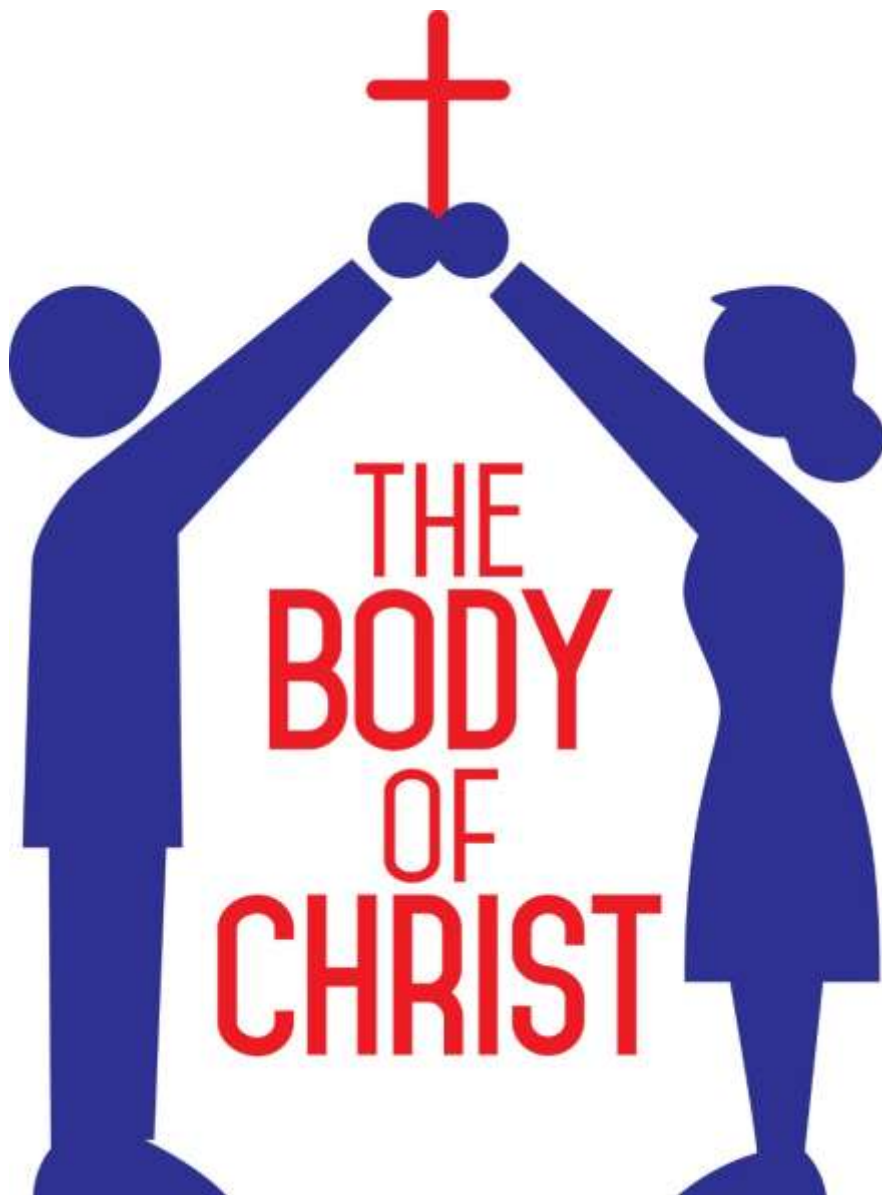
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***Rooted in the Evangelical
and Reformed Traditions***

***We are Sowing Seeds of Hope
in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One***



May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

May 18, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “Jesus Lover of My Soul” Wesley Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “Blessed Assurance” (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) **No. 543**

1) **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2) **Perfect submission, perfect delight,**
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3) **Perfect submission, all is at rest;**
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens

All: **Praise God on earth and in heaven**

Leader: Praise God, all the shining stars

All: **Praise God, sun and moon**

Leader: Praise God from the oceans depths

All: **Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, Praise the Lord**

Leader: All people of the earth, Praise the Lord

All: **Old and young together, Praise the Lord**

Leader: Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

All: **Praise the Lord our God!**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Ever present God, we give thanks that You have made Your dwelling place among Your people. We trust Your promises of a just future and we wish to play our part. Jesus has taught us to love one another. Help us to keep this commandment in our minds and hearts, that we might continue to realize the new Heaven and the new Earth awaiting us. As we prayer the ultimate prayer of faith...

***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,

***Please stand if you are able**

**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.	

Honoring Our Graduates

Honoring Our Volunteers

Choir Anthem	“Make a Joyful Noise” Larson
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Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12: (<i>selected verses</i>)
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Sermon	“THE BODY OF CHRIST	Elaine Gard
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Hymn	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	No. 687
	(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)	

- 1) In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2) In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord closebinding humankind.**

- 4) In Christ now meet both east and west in him meet south and north;
all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory "Waltz in B flat" Brahms 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

***Offering Prayer**

All: Eternal and Giving God, take and use these tithes and offerings
for Your purpose in the world...giving food to the hungry, hope
to the despairing and new life to those in great need. Help us to
live each day for You, so that future generations will know of
Your goodness and praise Your Glory. In the Name of Jesus, we
pray. Amen

***Closing Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) No. 33

- 1) O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

- 2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

- 4) When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

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.**

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Postlude “Children of the Heavenly Father” Traditional Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

“It is impossible to live without failing at something,
unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all.”
J.K. Rowling

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

May 25

“Lest We Forget”

John 15:13

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!

ADULT Sunday School

When you join us in the large meeting room for Adult Sunday school, you join a great group of people, engaging conversation and Biblical learning.

This new study led by Carl Kochendorfer will discuss navigating spiritual growth.

Starting April 27, 2025

At 9:00AM



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and May 18 is designated as Mental Health Sunday within the United Church of Christ. Resources are available online through multiple sources such as Mental Health America and The Kids Mental Health Foundation. Remember to nurture your spirit this month (and every month) through prayer or meditation, doing something you enjoy, or focus on a new healthy habit. Caring for your spirit enhances a sense of meaning and connection to yourself, those around you, and enhances your connection to God. From your Mission and Outreach Team

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION CLASS

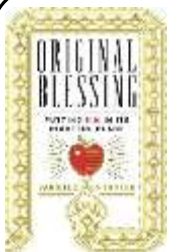
Meetings are Sundays in the small meeting room

9:00AM – 10:00AM

May 11 & 25

Confirmation Sunday

June 1 during the 10:30AM Service



The Book Study group will meet each Thursday in May (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. We continue our discussion of the book “Original Blessing, Putting Sin In Its Rightful Place” by Danielle Shroyer. Come join us as we unite in laughter, fellowship and good coffee. The book is available online. You are always welcome.

Mission Focus for May

Our Youth group is planning their summer mission trip to Big Creek Missions in Kentucky. This will be the 10th year that St John's Youth have been involved and we would like to celebrate that special milestone with them. As a way to make the trip more special for Big Creek and the St. John's mission team, we would like to collect necessary supplies that Big Creek Mission uses every day. During the month of May, we will collect 13-gallon size garbage bags and 33-gallon size trash bags in our collection baskets in the Fellowship room. (New, unused boxes of bags only please) In June, we will send all supplies collected along with the Youth as their gift to Big Creek Missions. Also in May, we will be having a Mission Moment highlighting The Main Place, our south-end neighbor providing service to those with mental health needs.
Mission and Outreach Committee



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 18, 2025

Congratulations!

Elementary Graduate

Rayce Kamron Lee Hill - Graduating from Fifth Grade

Rayce will be moving up to Middle School

Parents: Jeremy & Kayla Hill Sibling: Paxton Hill

Middle School Graduate

Emily Jean Ann Swisher – Graduating from Eighth Grade

Emily will be moving up to High School

Parent: Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

College Graduates

Hailey Corey - Graduating from Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Degree- Bachelor in General Ministry and Psychology

Fiancé: Tobias Ware

Hailey plans on attending Graduate School

Colleen K. Kroah – Graduating from the University of Akron College of Engineering and Polymer Science

Degree – Bachelor in Biomedical Engineering

Parents: Ken & Julie Kroah Siblings: Nathaniel & Matthew Kroah

Colleen plans to work in the prosthetics and orthotics industry

OUR AMAZING Volunteers

Sunday School Volunteers

Frances Hill
Jeremy Hill
Kayla Hill
Pat Farley
Elaine Gard



Marla Crowthers
Brian Lensink
Emmaleigh Crowthers
Kayden Ewing

Media Volunteers

Charlie Bruah (Church Sexton)
Mike Dooley
Karson Ewing

Ken Kroah
Julie Kroah
Tom Lawyer

Acolytes

Karson Ewing
Kayden Ewing
Emmaleigh Crowthers

Remington Crowthers
Paxton Hill



Ushers

Jeff Conner (Liturgist)
Frank Davis
Barry Dooley
Mike Dooley

Terry Gano
Larry Jones
Gary Kinser

Thank you for all your help in the office!

Vicky Davis
Frances & Terry Hill
Julie Kroah

Jane Shoemaker
Janet Snider
Kim Workman

“Special thanks to all who helped make beautiful music
this past church year at Saint Johns.

All of us at St. John’s appreciate your dedication!”

Don Boldt (Choir, Cantor)

Charlie Bruah (Sound/Building Maintenance)

Jeff Conner (Choir, Liturgist)

Emmaleigh Crowthers (Choir, Bells)

*Julie Davis (Choir, Bells, Cantor)

Mike Dooley (Sound)

Charles Dudley (Cantor, Choir)

Elaine Everett (Choir)

Jim Everett (Choir)

Karson Ewing (Bells)

Kayden Ewing (Choir, Bells)

Pat Farley (Choir)

Elaine Gard (Church Pianist sub.)

Jerry Goodman (Choir, Bell Director)

Jeremy Hill (Bells)

Rayce Hill (Choir)

April Kinser (Choir, Cantor, Liturgist)

Julie Kroah (Bells)

Ken Kroah (Bells)

Colleen Kroah (Soloist, Children’s Bells Director)

Matthew Kroah (Brass)

*Brian Lensink (Bells)

Charlie Mays (Choir)

Johnny Pfeffer (Choir)

Diane Reef (Choir, Cantor)

*Jane Shoemaker (Church Pianist, Bells Coordinator)

Debi Snow (In Absentia)



* Leap of Faith member



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 _____

Create More MOMents



BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday
May
18**

10:30AM - 2:30PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**



Versiti.org/OH

Pataskala United Methodist Blood Drive!

**In Beeson Hall!
458 S Main Street
Pataskala, OH 43062**

**Give Blood, Give Hope and receive a t-shirt, while
supplies last.**

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED* Walk-ins Welcome: Call
800-485-6594 or SCAN the QR Code to schedule your
appointment!**



Blood Center of Ohio



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:

- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father)
- Mr. Bill Klinesmith (Julie Kroah's father)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher
- Reverend Charles White – James' Father
- Mark D: Cancer return

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Julie Davis

Ushers:

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

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Emily Crowthers/Kayden Ewing

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: May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Graduation Sunday

Teacher/Volunteer

Appreciation Sunday

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

Monday:

6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday:

10:00 pm Christian Education

Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am Thursday Book Study
"Original Blessing, Putting

Sin In Its Rightful Place"

Shroyer - at River Road

Coffee on the Square

Sunday: May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Confirmation Class

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of May 11, 2025	<u>3,231.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 5,188.25)
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	<u>\$ 21,978.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 4,465.99

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, May 11

8:00 am - 23 11:00 am - 51

Sunday, May 11 Live Stream Views - 174

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!