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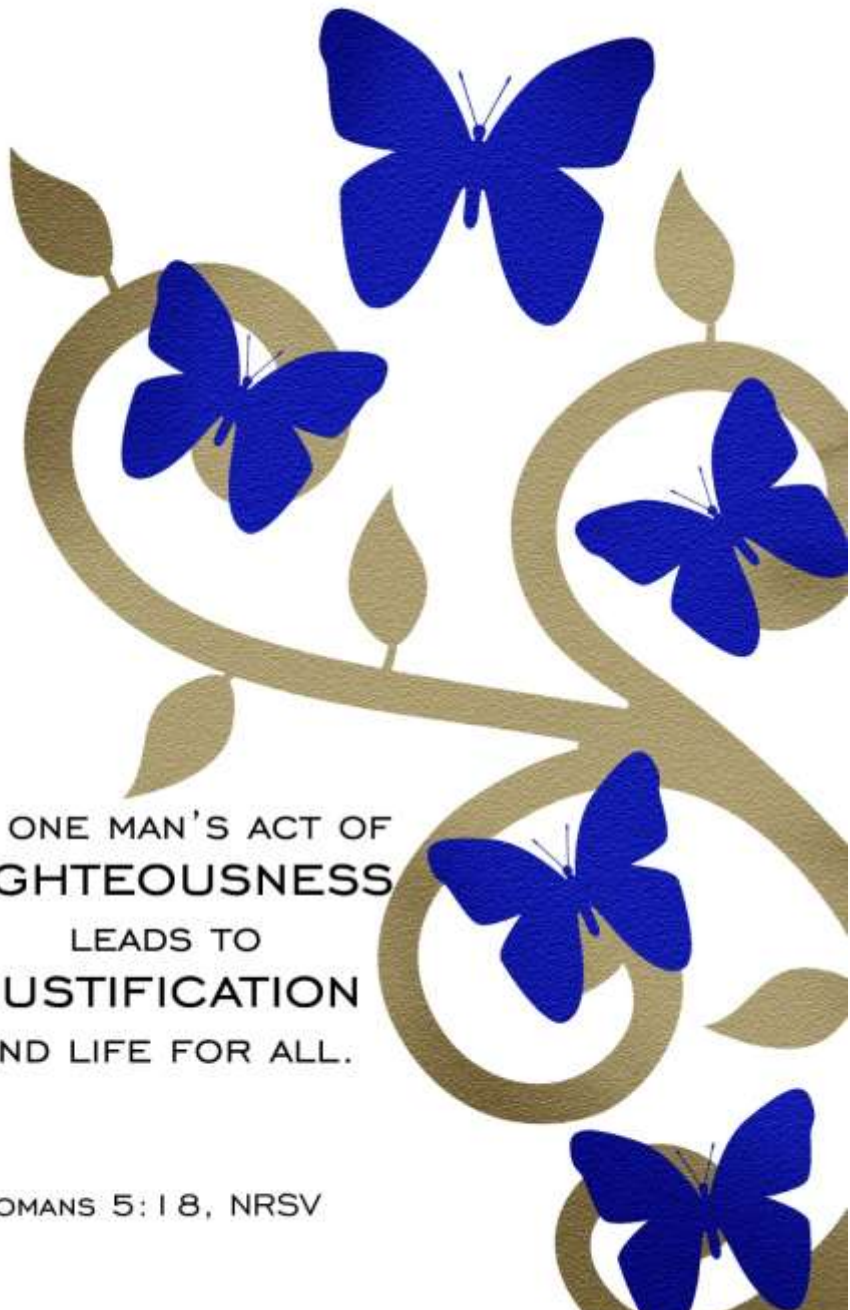
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***Rooted in the Evangelical
and Reformed Traditions***

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



... ONE MAN'S ACT OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS
LEADS TO
JUSTIFICATION
AND LIFE FOR ALL.

ROMANS 5:18, NRSV

***September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

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

September 28, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“God Has Chosen Me” Farrell

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

No. 4

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

- 1) **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
 holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2) **Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;**
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 God everliving, through eternity.
- 4) **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
 holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***Call to Worship**

Jeff Conner

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High

All: Who abide in the shelter of the Almighty

Leader: Will say of the Lord “My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom
 I trust.”

All: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler

Leader: He will cover You and under His wings you will find refuge

All: His faithfulness is a shield

Leader: When we call to God

All: He will answer

Leader: Good will rescue and redeem us

All: And show us His salvation

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Loving and Gracious God, Holy One, tender to all who call upon You with repentant and believing hearts, bless us we pray. Teach us with your inspiration and wisdom, energize us and give us power for daily living. As we pray, sing and read the words of faith contained in the Bible connect with us on a deep and meaningful level as we grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Your love and grace. One of the ways we do that is to pray and meditate on 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: A Statement of Faith of the Christian Korean Church**

**We believe in the one God,
Creator and Sustainer of all things,
Father of Nations,
the Source of all goodness and beauty,
All truth and love**

**We believe in Jesus Christ
God manifest in the flesh
our teacher, example and Redeemer,
the Savior of the World**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
God present with us for guidance
for comfort and for strength**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer and in
grace equal to every need**

**We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New
Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and practice**

**We believe in the Church, those who are United in the living Lord for
the purpose of worship and service**

**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society
and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in 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 1 Corinthians 15: 21-22

Scripture Reading Romans 5: 12-19

Sermon “Take Away Our Bent to Sinning” Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn “On Eagle’s Wings” (8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4) No. 77

**1) You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in God’s shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”**

**Refrain “And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breadth of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”**

**2) The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under God’s wings your refuge,
God’s faithfulness your shield.**

**Refrain For to God’s angels is given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Refrain And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

“To a Wild Rose” MacDowell

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: Dear God, we offer thanks to You today for Your constant goodness and for all of the blessings You have given. As Your Spirit works within us, may these tithes and offerings be a symbol of our dedication to building Your Church and sharing the faith. Help us to use these gifts to show Your love and compassion to those in need, building bridges of love and hope in the world. Help us, like the cleansed leper who returned to thank you, love loves of thankfulness, praise and service to Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

No. 233

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

- 1) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.
Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”**
- 2) Alleluia! not as orphans we are left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget the promise, “I am with you evermore”?**
- 3) Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay.
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

***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

“Theme from Finlandia” Sibelius

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

**“See the ground you are walking on today as Holy ground. See that, Indeed.
Heaven is under your feet.”**

Maria Shriver

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

October 5, 2025

“Through Baptism We are Initiated”

Matthew 3: 13-17

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!



Charles “Chuck” Christian Meyers

Born: June 7, 1929

Died: September 9, 2025

A member of St. John’s since 1969



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

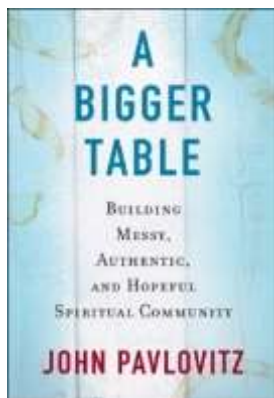
<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ. The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. Envelopes will be available next Sunday if you would like to support this special mission or mark your giving envelope or check. Thank you!

Mission Focus for September

This month we will wind up our collection of school supplies for the Glory Rising educational program for preschoolers at The Lookup Center. This Christian based program for 3- to 5-year olds depends on the community for needed supplies. Needs include glue sticks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, colored paper as well as snack needs such as small bags of cookies, crackers, fruit rollups, applesauce and pudding (individual servings). Hygiene needs include paper towels, tissues, and hand wipes (not bottles of sanitizer). Donations may continue until the end of September.



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.

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 September 28—October 4

Sunday—Exodus 16-18	Thursday—Exodus 28-30
Monday—Exodus 19-21	Friday—Exodus 31-33
Tuesday—Exodus 22-24	Saturday—Exodus 34-36
Wednesday—Exodus 25-27	



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

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The
CHOSEN

Invite a friend and join us for fun, lively discussion on season 5 of the series.

October 1 discussion of episodes 5, 6

October 8 discussion of episodes 7, 8

6:30PM in the Fellowship Room



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. The season 5 DVD is available in the church library.*

Rides are available. Please see Julie Kroah, Frances Hill or Elaine Gard if you need a ride.



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

FREE Harp Concert

I would LOVE your help in spreading the word. Please invite anyone – family, friends, coworkers, women's club members, and anyone else you would like! This is going to be a refreshing and inspiring afternoon filled with music, laughter, and amazing stories of God's leadership!

I hope to see you there!

With many thanks, Olivia





General Prayers: Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Molly Sheets, Mike Dunn, Marla Crowthers & Rev. Gunnar Cerda, and the family of Charles (Lois) Meyers.

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:

- Family of Millie Gumsey
- 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. April Kinser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Larry Jones, Terry Gano,

Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

BDZ – Children's Church

Frances Hill 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: September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday:

1:00 pm Afternoon Circle Meeting
6:00 pm Mission & Outreach 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
Coffee on the Square
7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sunday: October 5, 2025

World Communion

Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday after

Pentecost

Neighbors in Need

Offering

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:00 am All BDZ Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings

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, September 21, 2025

8:00 am - 21 10:30 am – 31

Sunday, September 21 Live Stream Views – 201

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of September 21, 2025	4,875.50
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 3,543.75)