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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*

Rooted in Christ, **GROWING IN GRACE**

So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue
to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him...

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV



August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

August 9, 2026

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude **“Saint Anthony Chorale” Haydn** Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** **“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** **No. 5**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, +
the triumphs of God’s grace.**

- 2) **Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life, and health, and peace.**

- 4) **Glory to God and praise and love
be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Holy One and call of God’s Name

All: **Make known His deeds among the people**

Leader: Sing of the Holy One’s abiding love, grace and compassion

All: **Rejoice in God’s redeeming Power**

Leader: Seek His Presence, strength and wisdom

All: **Remember all God has done in your life**

Leader: Praise Him for His wonderful works

All: **Let us worship Him together**

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Holy God of limitless surprises, thank you for meeting us here, in this place, as we touch what we cannot see and manifest what we have only dared to hope. We confess that You are a miracle working God and Your goodness is all around us. Today we receive all that You have in store to accomplish in and through us as Your children, Your people, Your family. As we pray the words of long lasting that You instilled in our ancestors...

****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 - Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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	“Down to the River to Pray” Traditional	Brian Lensink
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Reception of New Members

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3: 14-19 Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading Colossians 2:6-7

Sermon “Rooted Together” Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn **“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”** **No. 337**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

- 1) Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our
life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice
soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me";
- 2) Long ago apostles heard it by the
Galilean lake, turned from home, and toil, and
kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
- 5) Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior,
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o-
bedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory “Andantino” Khachaturian 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: Faithful and Giving God, we lift these gifts before You now. Just as our ancestors both recent and ancient were used to offer hope and healing to a hungry world, use these tithes and offerings as seeds of Faith, salt of compassion and signs of Your steadfast love. Receive what we offer as our tangible praise and send us out as a people redeemed by love and instilled with holy power. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 108

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

Refrain *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1) Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.
- 2) Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
- 4) So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory.

***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

“At The Name of Jesus”

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

“If you have zest and enthusiasm, you attract zest and enthusiasm.”

Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

Sunday, August 16, 2026

“Carrying the Light”

Psalm 27:1

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!

Welcome

We welcome Don and Pam Baldwin and Stephen Berger to St. John's membership today at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join them in the Fellowship Room after the service to greet them and enjoy some refreshments in their honor.

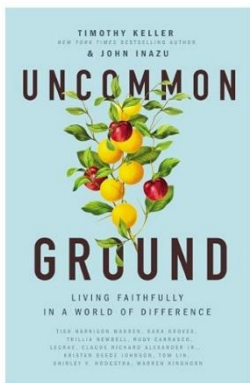
St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.



To replenish our food pantry every day we need your help every week. There are collection boxes near each entrance to the Church. 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 foods at good prices. Cans with pull tabs when possible and no glass containers! Thanks for your support! <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

Book Club



The book study group will meet each Thursday, August 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 11am at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. We are currently discussing UNCOMMON GROUND, Living Faithfully in a World of Difference by Timothy Keller and John Inazu. The book is available online and discusses how we might live out the scripture message found in Ephesians 4:1-2 which says, "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love." You are welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion.



As we move forward with the elevator upgrade project, we have placed envelopes at both bulletin tables in the Sanctuary for your use if you would like to contribute to the Elevator Project Fund. Contributions will be used to repay the loan amount back to the Foundation Fund. You can also mark your offering envelope or check with Elevator Fund. Thank you for your support for this important investment for our church.

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 —August 9—August 15 (Days 337-343)

Sunday—Ephesians 1-3

Thursday—1 Thess. 1-5

Monday— Ephesians 4-6

Friday—2 Thess. 1-3

Tuesday—Philippians 1-4

Saturday—1 Timothy 1-3

Wednesday—Colossians 1-4



Positive Living Podcast

Hosted by

Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Swisher

St. John's UCC Senior Pastor

Currently available on St. John's Facebook
page, website, YouTube channel.



July 27, 2026

Johnny Cash Tribute Artist
Shawn Barker



August 2026

Pop Singer & Entertainer
Peter Lemongello



September 2026

Entertainer/Inspirational Speaker
Clint Holmes & Kelly Clinton Holmes



October 2026

Speakers & Leadership Consultants
Dr. Robert A. & Donna Schuller

St. John's Neighborhood Celebration



August 16, 2026

Noon to 1:30PM

*Fun Treats, School Supply Give-a-way,
games and activities!*

**We are accepting donations of school supplies:
glue sticks, highlighters, pencils, pencil cases, spiral
notebooks, scissors, crayons, colored pencils,
pencil top erasers**

The Summer Reading Program is in Full Swing!



New Books Added!

The Bible in 100 Pages: Seeing the big Picture in
God's Great Story by Phil Moore.

Usborne History of the World in Pictures
by Rob Lloyd Jones.

Be sure to check out all the
great reads in the library!



Rev. Stephen Swisher

will be featured on

AM Kevin Club

show with host Kevin Shorey.

Streaming live

September 18 at 11AM CST

on Apple Podcasts and YouTube at *AM Kevin Club*

***Don't miss this excellent conversation on
faith, life, and leadership!***

Fall Kick-Off



September 13, 2026

Food • Fun • Friends!

Continental Breakfast Served

8:45AM—10:30AM

9:15AM Rally Day Program

“Science is Grand”

by Ken Kroah

Plus, hands-on science stations

*And, a Wrap-up of our
“Read the Bible in a Year” challenge*



General Prayers: Charlie Bruah,
Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Eli Taylor, Carl
Kochendorfer, Trisha Boehmer, and Delores
Williams

Church Members Homebound and Nursing

Facility Residents: Bonita Farmer, Patricia
Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith
Kelly, Dolores McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen
McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Molly Sheets,
Debi Snow

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Charles Dudley

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Terry Gano,

Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

10:30 am: Karson Ewing/Tom Lawyer

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



Sunday: August 9, 2026

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

10:30 am Cradle Roll

Wednesday:

10:00 am Christian Education
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am Thursday Book Study,
UNCOMMON GROUND,
Living Faithfully in a World
of Difference by Timothy
Keller and John Inazu at
River Road Coffee on the
Square

2:00 pm Music Committee Meeting

Sunday: August 16, 2026

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

10:30 am Cradle Roll

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



Attendance Report for Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 26 10:30 a.m. - 45

Sunday, August 2 Live Stream Views - 123

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9am - 12
pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a
message to make any additional appointments.
Thank you!

Finances for the Month and Year to Date

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	7,495.94	61,331.22	
Income from Foundation Fund	11,500.00	80,500.00	
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	26,308.31	
Month & YTD Total Income	23,089.96	173,587.52	
General Fund Expenses	23,867.61	179,218.11	
Over/Under Month & YTD	(\$ 777.65)	(\$5,630.59)	() = Negative

