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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 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.



June 14, 2026

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

“Gather Us In” Haugen

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!”

No. 91

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

- 1) **All Hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.**

- 2) **Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.**

- 5) **O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Today is the day created especially for you to find peace, inspiration and hope

All: In the midst of our hectic lives, we definitely need a time like this

Leader: Our souls long for God’s refreshing love

All: Let the challenges and demands of your week melt away in God’s Presence

Leader: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you

All: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear Your Word and feel Your Presence

Leader: Restore and refresh us as we Worship You

All: Let our Spirits be ready for God’s Power and Love

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Dear God, we come into Your Presence this morning with the busy schedule of Summer activities. Our souls need to be nurtured and our spirits empowered. Open our ears, our eyes and our hearts this day to hear from You as we receive hope and healing. We receive all You have to impart to us as we pray these words of faithful living; ...

**Please stand if you are able*

****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.

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

Luke 6: 21

Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 6

Sermon

“How to Feel Satisfied in Life”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

No. 677

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

“Blest Are They” Haas

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: Lord, we present these tithes and offerings with grateful hearts.
Thank You for the blessings and resources that You have generously
provided to us. Accept these our gifts as an expression of our devotion
and commitment to make a positive difference in the world in Your
Name. Bless them, multiply them and deploy them for Your great
work in our community and beyond. In Jesus Name. Amen**

***Closing Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 464

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

1)

**God of Grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

2) **Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

5) **Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

***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**

Postlude "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

**"Close the Chapter of today with peace. Tomorrow's story will be even brighter."
Judge Frank Caprio
1936-2025**

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

Sunday, June 21, 2026

"Godly Fathers" Deuteronomy 1: 31

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!



VBS Work night!! June 16 6pm to 8pm.

We'll be painting banners, decorating and other set up details.
No artistic skills required.

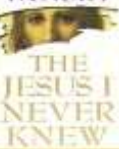
St. John's Little Free Pantry

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/>

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Book Study Group

The book study group continues to meet each Thursday at the River Road Coffee House on the north side of the square in downtown Newark. We will get together at 11am on June 18, and 25 to enjoy food, fellowship and learning together as we discuss "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancy. The book is available online. Come join us, we'll have a place at the table for you.

Congregational Meeting - TODAY

The purpose of this Congregational Meeting is to vote on funds, to support engineering and installation of a new elevator, to be held in the sanctuary directly after the 10:30AM Service. Church Council is calling a congregational vote to request that the congregation authorize expenditures and enter into a contract for the construction and installation of a new elevator. Our existing elevator does not meet the needs of our congregation. While the elevator meets local codes, the double gate system is outdated. This has caused issues with our members during operation. This has been a meeting topic for Council for some time, and we feel this is the best time to pursue this upgrade to our Church Facilities. Brian Lensink will present a budget and options that were investigated. The scope and costs are as follows:

Scope:

All design services including architectural, structural and electrical permit drawings.

The project will include the complete demolition of the existing lift, walls, foundations, roof, concrete slabs, glass door, and electrical service. We will be salvaging all exterior stone for reuse.

New construction will include excavation for the new expanded footprint, pour new foundations, elevator pit, lobby slab, install new masonry walls, new exterior glass door, new roof and new elevator and elevator machine room. We will also need to remove and rework the existing interior openings currently occupied by the wood doors.

Costs:

Design services and permit drawings	\$ 30,019
Total of design-related contingency	\$ 4,200 (included in design services number)
Construction Costs	\$ 270,605
Total stone contingency	2,000 (included in construction costs)
F & S Contingency	\$ 40,000
<i>(F & S Contingency to cover permit costs, fire alarm costs, security system upgrades, new data line, electrical service upgrades)</i>	
Total Anticipated Project Cost	\$ 340,824

Church Council (with recommendations from Finance & Stewardship) is recommending approval to withdraw \$340,000 from the interest earnings portion of the Foundation Fund to pay for a new elevator and the associated construction. We are also seeking pre-approval to make an additional \$15,000 available to cover unforeseen costs.



St. John's Library
Summer

Reading Program

NEW TITLES!

Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts by Jennie Allen
Too Busy not to Pray by Bill Hybels
Think Like a Horse by Grant Gollhofer
The Lawyer and the Laundress by Christine Hill Suntz
The Men We Need by Brant Hansen



Some Favorites!

Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund
The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
Gentle Moon: The Story of Molly Lee by Deanna Windon

Books for Children and Teens

The Answers Books for Kids Box Set by Ken Ham
What Do You See? What Does God See? By Denise D. Brown
Answers Book 4 Teens, Vol 1. by Bodie Hodge

YOU CAN REQUEST A BOOK TO ADD TO OUR LIBRARY

You can request a book by writing the title and author on the whiteboard in the Church Library or email stjohnsucc.ce@windstream.net.

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 —June 14—June 20 (Days 281-287)

Sunday—Malachi 1-2

Thursday—Matthew 7-9

Monday— Malachi 3-4

Friday—Matthew 10-12

Tuesday—Matthew 1-3

Saturday—Matthew 13-15

Wednesday—Matthew 4-6

stayCONNECTED

St. John's has many ways for you to stay up to date and connected with all the events and happenings.

To add to or change your current requests, fill out the information below and drop it in the offering plate.

_____ Sunday Preview: Email of the Sunday bulletin and special events.

_____ Bea's Blessings: Emailed Prayer Circle including a wider network of requests.

_____ One Call Now: A phone call for cancelations and special announcements.

_____ The Chimes newsletter delivered by mail.

_____ The Chimes newsletter delivered electronically by email.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

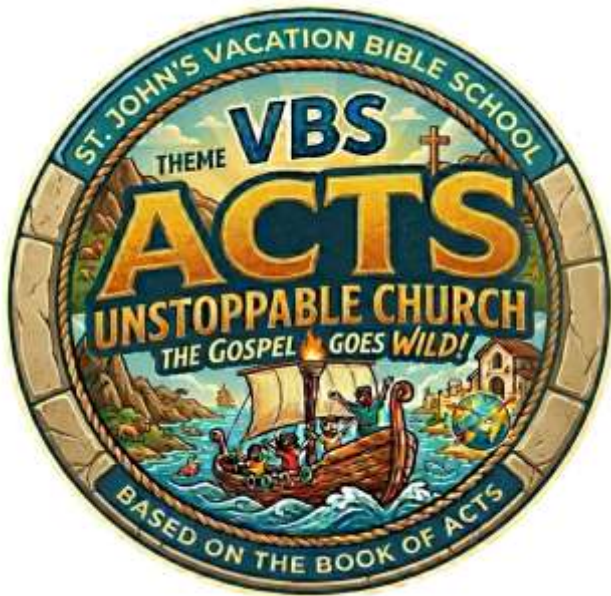


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St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible
School

June 22 - 26

9:00AM—11:30-AM

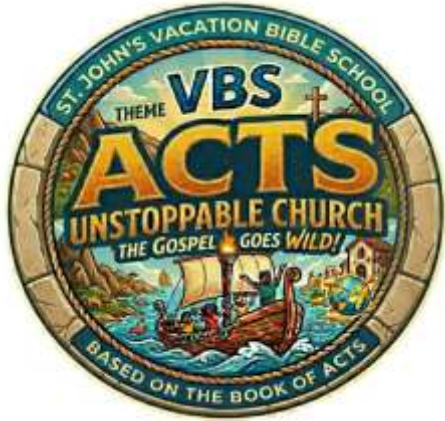
This year, we will follow the leaders of the early church through their wild adventures unbelievable challenges!

Join us for a week filled with Bible stories, crafts, science, games, and FUN!

Donations of vanilla pudding cups, pretzel rods, coco puffs, Oyster crackers, fruit roll-ups, goldfish crackers, red and blue Hawaiian punch are appreciated

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Preschool through Sixth Grade

June 22 - 26, 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: _____

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

Church Members Homebound and Nursing

Facility Residents: Bonita Farmer, Patricia
Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith
Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther
Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler,
Molly Sheets, Debi Snow, & Lois Meyers

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Todd Baldosser

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'S GLANCE



Sunday: June 14, 2026

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone -
Children's Church

11:30 am Congregational Meeting –
Please plan on attending

Tuesday:

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:

11:00 am Thursday Book Study, THE
JESUS I NEVER KNEW by
Phillip Yancey at River Road
Coffee on the Square

Sunday: June 21, 2026

Father's Day

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

10:30 am Bible Discovery Zone -
Children's Church

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!

Attendance Report for Sunday, June 7, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 41 10:30 a.m. – 51
Sunday, June 7 Live Stream Views – 190

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.



Finances for the Month and Year to Date

General Fund Income

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	8,754.04	46,935.37
Income from Foundation Fund	11,500.00	57,500.00
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	18,791.65
Month & YTD Total Income	24,473.52	127,788.89
General Fund Expenses	26,997.44	128,808.63
Over/Under Month & YTD	(\$ 2,523.92)	(\$ 1,019.74)

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Patriotic and Gospel Concert

at St. John's UCC Newark
featuring Kevin Shorey
also performing Crystal City Chorus



June 28 at 6:00PM

Admission is FREE

with a preview at 10:30AM during Sunday morning worship.



Kevin has recorded 12 Studio albums and several of his songs have been featured on Christian radio Top 40 lists. His latest recording, Valley Walker, has become popular across a variety of venues and transcends age.

Kevin's international ministry has taken him across America, Great Britain, Romania, Spain, the Bahamas and Africa.

He has been featured on every major Christian television network including TBN, CTV, CBN, INSP and LeSEA. For ten years he was the Musical Director and Co-host of the Jim Bakker Show and now hosts his own show the AM Kevin Club. He is the founder of Kevin Shorey Ministries, Inc. based in Nashville, Tennessee. Kevin is the son-in-law of Country music legend and Hall of Fame member Mel Tillis and brother-in-law of popular recording artist Pam Tillis.



Kevin has been friends with Pastor Steve Swisher for nearly twenty years. They have appeared on television numerous times together through the years, and Pastor Steve was a recent interview guest on the AM Kevin Club broadcast seen on Light the World Network, Journey Network, Family Friendly TV as well as FB and YouTube.



Continue the celebration at the
Ice Cream Social following the 6PM Concert



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