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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

**IN THE DAYTIME
HE LED THEM
WITH A
CLOUD,
AND ALL THE NIGHT
WITH A
FIERY LIGHT.
PSALM 78:14, ESV**

June 21, 2026

Father's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

June 21, 2026

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

Todd Baldosser

“Somebody Bigger Than You or I” Lange/Heath/Burke

***Opening Hymn “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” No. 725**

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

- 1) **God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**
- 2) **Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**
- 4) **Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
lead us from night to neverending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We thank God for Fathers who strive to guide their families with wisdom, patience and unconditional love

**All: We honor the wisdom passed down through the generations,
desiring to walk in truth and righteousness**

Leader: We pray that our homes may be places of grace, understanding and encouragement

All: The Bible reminds us to “Hear your Father’s instruction and forsake not your Mother’s teaching for they are a garland for your head.”

Leader: May our lives be a testament of the foundation our Fathers helped to build

All: Let us remember the ultimate example of love in our Heavenly Father who first loved us and called us His children

Leader: To God be the glory, now and forever.

All: Let us worship with grateful hearts as we remember the Blessings of Fathers

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: We praise and thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this Sunday and for the profound calling You have given to Fathers. As we gather this morning we lift up all Fathers, Grandfathers and father figures among us. Thank you for their sacrifices, their advice, their wisdom and their strength. Grant them extra blessings to lead their families with love, patience and grace. Fill those who are weary with fresh strength by the power of Your Spirit. We also recognize that today can be a difficult day for many; those who are grieving, estranged or carrying heavy hearts. Pour out Your comforting peace and healing grace. Open our hearts to Your message today. Bless our time of fellowship and worship and let Your Presence refresh us all. As we pray the words 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 - The Nicene Creed, A.D. 325 (Traditional Version)**

**We believe in One God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible**

**And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father
before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from True God,
Begotten not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through Him all things were made.**

For us and our salvation; He came down from Heaven and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead. His Kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

We believe in the one true Holy and Apostolic Christian Church. We affirm one Baptism. We look forward to the resurrection from the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 “Spirit and Grace” Manalo Diane Reef

Scripture Reading Psalm 78: 14-28 Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 1: 31

Sermon “Godly Fathers” Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn “Faith of Our Fathers” No. 635
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

**1) Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
when-e'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**

**2) The martyrs bound in prison chains
were still in heart and conscience free,
and bless'd would be their children's fate,
if they, like them, should live for thee!
Faith of the martyrs, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**

3) **What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

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. CCL#2548454**

Postlude

“This Is My Father's World” Shepherd

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”

George Herman “Babe” Ruth

1895-1948

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

Sunday, June 28, 2026

“Guidelines to Abundant Living”

Isaiah 52: 12

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!



Lois Ann Meyers

Born: January 12, 1933

Died: June 15, 2026

A member of St. John's since 1969

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 21—June 27 (Days 288-294)

Sunday—Matthew 16-18

Thursday—Mark 1-3

Monday— Matthew 19-21

Friday—Mark 4-6

Tuesday—Matthew 22-24

Saturday—Mark 7-9

Wednesday—Matthew 25-28

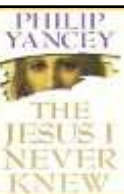
St. John's Little Free Pantry

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 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 25 to enjoy food, fellowship and learning together as we discuss "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancey. The book is available online. Come join us, we'll have a place at the table for you.



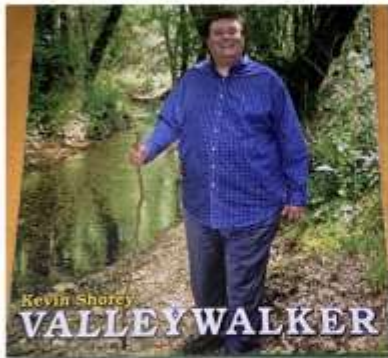
Patriotic and Gospel Concert

June 28 at 6:00PM

FREE

Join the celebration at
St. John's UCC Newark

Special added attraction



Featuring
world-renowned
Gospel artist
Kevin Shorey



Grammy Nominated &
Country Music Legend
Barbara Fairchild

Continue the celebration at the
Ice Cream Social
courtesy of **Velvet Ice Cream**
following the Concert



also performing is local
group **Crystal City Chorus**

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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



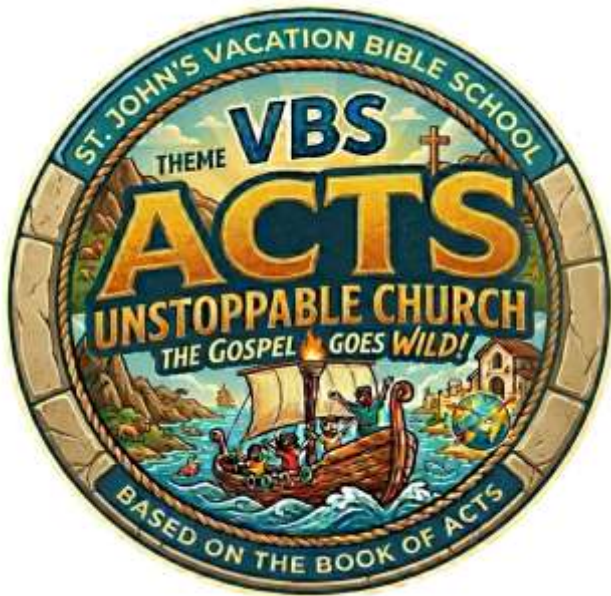
Books for Children and Teens

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.

St. John's United Church of Christ



Vacation Bible
School

June 22 - 26

9:00AM—11:30-AM

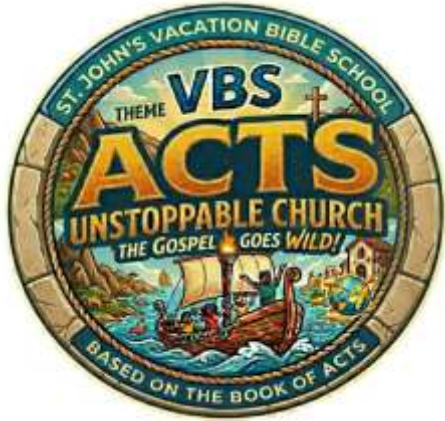
**This year, we will follow the leaders of the early church through their wild adventures
unbelievable challenges!**

**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 & the family of Lois
Meyers

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

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Diane Reef

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: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



Sunday: June 21, 2026

Father's Day

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Service
10:30 am Cradle Roll

Mon-Friday:

9 -12 pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday:

10:30 am Chimes Assembly

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

Saturday:

10:00 am Private Use

Sunday: June 28, 2026

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Service
10:30 am Cradle Roll
6:00 pm America 250 Patriotic &
Gospel Concert – followed
by an Ice Cream Social

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.



Attendance Report for Sunday, June 14, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 27 10:30 a.m. – 40

Sunday, June 14 Live Stream Views – Tech Issues

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

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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