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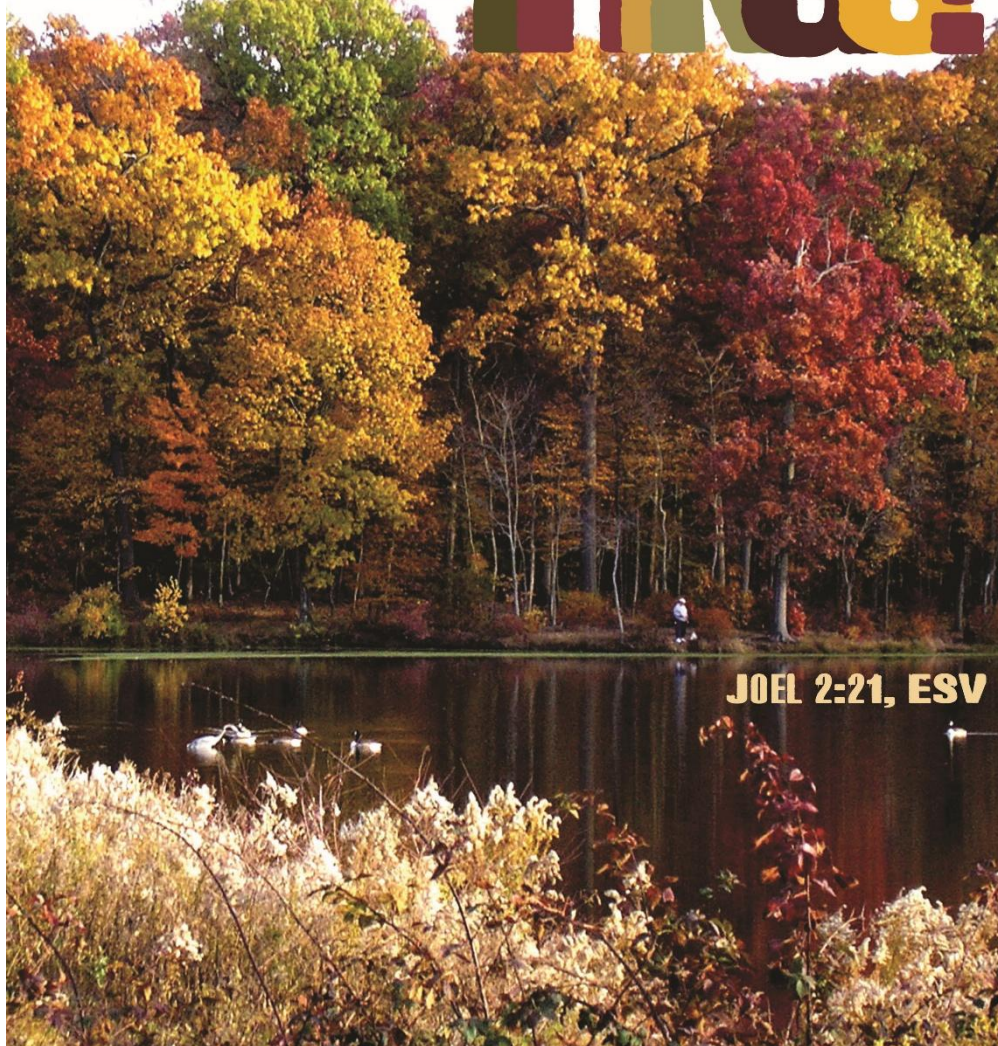
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***Rooted in the Evangelical
and Reformed Traditions
We are Sowing Seeds of Hope
in a Time of Chaos
So We May All Be One***

FEAR NOT, O LAND;
BE GLAD AND REJOICE,
FOR THE LORD HAS DONE

GREAT THINGS!



JOEL 2:21, ESV

***October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.***

October 11, 2026

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude (8:00 a.m.) “Lead Kindly Light” Neuman Todd Baldosser

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) “O Store Gud” Jane Shoemaker

(“O Great God” inspired by Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2”) - arr. by Lopez

***Opening 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.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to the place of God’s Presence and Love

**All: God invites us to share in the Good News, we are Welcome just as
we are**

Leader: The Creator, Healer and Sustainer calls us into this time of rest and
restoration

All: As our strength is renewed and our soul is satisfied

Leader: With joyful hearts and peace-filled Spirits

All: Let us Worship the Lord

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: We come into Your Presence today, Dear God, with hearts full of deep appreciation for all You have done in and through us this week. We are grateful for the unending grace that surrounds us and Your Fulfilling Spirit that dwells in us. Quiet our minds we pray from the distractions and worries of the week ahead. Open our ears to hear Your voice, open our eyes to see Your goodness and open our hearts to receive Your truth. We consecrate this time and this day into Your loving hands as we pray these words of faith and action;

***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

Acts 2:16-21

Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:23-32

Sermon

“Great Faithfulness”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn

“Pass It On”

No. 477

1)

**It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing:
that’s how it is with God’s love,
once you’ve experienced it:
you spread God’s love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.**

2)

**What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
that’s how it is with God’s love,
once you’ve experienced it:
you want to sing, it’s fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**

3)

**I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I’ve found-
on God you can depend,
it matters not where you’re bound;
I’ll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory (8:00 a.m.)

“Blessed Assurance” Crosby

Todd Baldosser

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

“Faith” - arr. by Hayes

Jane Shoemaker

**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, When giving feels larger than our capacity, You remain near drawing us to You. In gratitude we bring these tithes and offerings as signs of love, learned from You. Quiet our anxious hearts and redirect our attention to what is true, honorable and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is only exceeded by faith. Receive what we place in Your hands this day and let these gifts become signs of courage, welcome and hope. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

No. 484

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

**1) We've a story to tell to the nations
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**

***Refrain For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.***

**2) We've a song to be sung to the nations
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.**

Refrain

**4) We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.**

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 (8:00 a.m.)	“Standing On the Promises” Carter	Todd Baldosser
Postlude (10:30 a.m.)	“Recessional” by Cummings	Jane Shoemaker

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

“Talent is a pursued interest. Anything you practice, you can do.”

Bob Ross

PBS Painter and Television Host

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

Sunday, October 18, 2026

“Created to Cultivate”

Luke 8:15

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!



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.

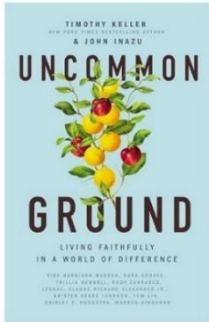
St. John's Little Free Pantry

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 club will meet each Thursday at 11 AM, October 15, 22 and 29 at the River Road Coffee House in downtown Newark. We just have a few more weeks with our current selection and will be starting a new book about midway through the month of October. Our next selection is Right Thinking for a Culture in Choas, Responding Biblically to Today's Most Urgent Needs by John Macarthur and Nathan Busenitz. Come join us in conversation and fellowship as we enjoy exploring these books.



St. John's Musicians' Potluck

Sunday, October 18, after the 10:30 a.m. service
Please bring a covered dish or dessert. See you there!

Trunk or Treat



St. John's United Church of Christ

October 25, 2026

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.

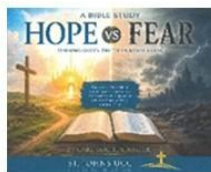
St. John's members and friends - Planning to pass out candy, plan on 250 pieces. Come in costume and/or decorate your car! Come, join in the fun and welcome our friends and neighbors to St. John's.

Prize for the best decorated car!

DONATIONS OF CANDY ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED

Bible Discovery Zone Sunday Classes 9:00AM

Adult Class



Join us for
Revelation: Hope vs Fear

by Carl Kochendorfer

Led by Carl Kochendorfer

Meet in the large meeting room

Youth Class



Join us for
"The Thread"

By YM360

Led by Elaine Gard

Meet in the small meeting room

Classes at 10:30AM

Bible Discovery Zone Children's Church

Ages 5 - 12: Join us for Bible lessons, crafts and games

Meets in the Bible Discovery Zone classroom

Ages 0—5 Nursery care is available

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Positive Living Podcast



Hosted by
Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Swisher
St. John's UCC Senior Pastor

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Special Guests Include



Shawn Barker
Johnny Cash
Tribute Artist



Clint Holmes &
Kelly Clinton Holmes
Entertainer
Inspirational Speaker



Karen Hester
Dolly Parton
Tribute Artist



Donna Chafee
Author of
"First Great Sorrow:
My Years with RFK"



Dr. Robert A. &
Donna Schuller
Crystal Cathedral
Ministries



Rev. Adam Hamilton
Sr. Pastor and Author



Dwight Icenhower
World Renowned
Elvis Tribute artist



Justin Ezra Sullivan
Kenny Rogers
Tribute artist

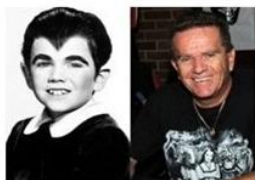


E'Casanova Evans
Official Michael Jackson
Body Double

Special Guests Include



Steve March-Torme
Musician/Radio Host
Son of Mel Torme



Butch Patrick
Child star Best known
as Eddie Munster



Brandon Cruz
Child star Best known
as Eddie in
The Courtship of Eddie's Father



Ty Herndon
Country Music Star
"What Mattered Most"



James William Anderson III
Singer, Song writer & TV Host
Member of the Grand Old Opry



Tom Stevens
Tony Bennett Tribute Artist



Dion DiMucci
Of Dion and the Belmonts
Rock & Roll HOF Inductee



Graham Nash
of Crosby, Stills & Nash
and The Hollies



Dion Pride
Recording artist
& son of Charley Pride



Keith Thibodeaux
Child star Best known
as Little Ricky



Peter Lemongello
Recording artist
Known for "Love '76"

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

Church Members Homebound and Nursing

Facility Residents: Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert,
Paula Hatfield, 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. Julie Davis

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Terry Gano,

Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer

Bible Discovery Zone:

Marla Crowthers/Emmaleigh Crowthers

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 –12
pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a
message to make any additional appointments. Thank
you!

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



Sunday: October 11, 2026

**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:00 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
10:30 am BDZ Children's Church &
Cradle Roll
11:30 am Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday:

12-1:00 pm LifeWise Academy
7:00 pm Finance & Stewardship
Committee Meeting

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
LifeWise Academy

12:30-1:30 pm

Friday:

5:30 pm

Sunday:

Music Committee Meeting

October 18, 2026

**Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost**

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
9:00 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service
10:30 am BDZ Children's Church &
Cradle Roll

Attendance Report for Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 26 10:30 a.m. – 50

Sunday, October 4 Live Stream Views – 140

Finances for the Month and Year to Date

General Fund Income

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Congregation giving (Faith Promise)	6,246.32	76,435.48
Income from Foundation Fund	11,500.00	103,500.00
Monthly Income from Emerson Miller Fund	3,758.33	33,824.97
Month & YTD Total Income	21,998.21	220,534.53
General Fund Expenses	24,343.40	233,943.97
Over/Under Month & YTD	(2,345.19)	(13,409.44)

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