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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***



**"As for that in the good soil, they are
those who, hearing the word, hold it
fast in an honest and good heart, and
bear fruit with patience."**

LUKE 8:15

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October 18, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

October 18, 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.) “Largo” from symphony no. 9 Dvorak Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” **No. 2**
(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**
- 2) **All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
 stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 4) **Mortals join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
 love divine is reigning o’er us, binding those of tender heart.
 Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
 joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is King

All: We come to Worship the Lord

Leader: The Lord is exalted over all

All: Let us praise His great and awesome Name

Leader: We come to hear the Word of God

All: We come to receive the Lord’s Peace

Leader: Let all receive God’s grace, peace, power and provision

All: Let all who call upon the Name of the Lord be saved

***Prayer of Invocation**

**All: Dear God, We come today with gratitude for all You are doing in
 our lives. Your Presence is active and vital, living and growing in
 our minds, hearts and souls. Good things are happening in and
 among us because of Your grace and mercy. As we Worship You
 this morning, we ask for You to continue to supernaturally
 communicate to us, guide us in Your ways and bless us with Your**

***Please stand if you are able**

ultimate provision so that we might be everything You desire us to be both now and in the life to come as we pray the ultimate words of faith and empowerment;

****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 Statement of Faith of the Christian Church of Korea

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**

Special Music “Gentle Shepherd” arr. by Bock Leap of Faith
Julie Davis, Brian Lensink, Jane Shoemaker

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.

Choir Anthem “Climbing Up the Mountain” Simms

Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:36 Jeff Conner

Scripture Reading Luke 8:15

Sermon “Become the Person You Want to Be” Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” **No. 82**

1) Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

2) “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

- 3) **Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

Refrain

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 thank You for the gift of belonging. For the call to
live out our faith in ways that ripple into the lives of others.
Receive these tithes and offerings as symbols, a concrete sign of our
willingness to be witnesses of Your Grace. Use what we offer to
encourage the weary, welcome the searching and strengthen Your
Church. May our shared life together always point to Christ,
whose love calls us and sends us forward in faith. In Jesus' Name.
Amen**

***Closing Hymn**

“O, How I Love Jesus”

No. 99

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

- 1) **There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.**

*Refrain O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!*

- 2) **It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.**

Refrain

Refrain

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

CL#2548454

Todd Baldosser

Golden Globe & Emmy Award winning actor

Joshua 1:9

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.

Mission and Outreach Committee Update for October

Thanks to congregation members working together, St John's will be able to make a large donation to the CWS disaster response network at the CSEO Association Fall meeting this Saturday at Highwater Church. We are donating 36 disaster response buckets, 24 hygiene packs and 20 period packs. These supplies are critically needed to replace what was used in the recent flooding in our neighboring areas. Special thanks to Julie Davis, Beth Powers, Jane Shoemaker, Robin Green, Mike Dooley, Gary and April Kinser for making the assembly fun and speedy. Thanks be to God for our ability to give.

Mission and Outreach Committee



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



Starting November 1, 2026

Join us inside for the 8:00AM Chapel Service.
With the weather turning colder, the Outdoor
Drive-In Service will be moving indoors.

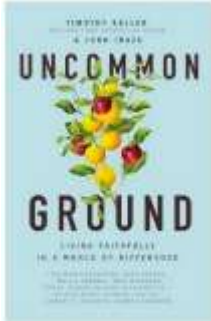
St. John's Little Free Pantry

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 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 Chaos, 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.

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

St. John's United Church of Christ
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 HQF 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. Charles Dudley

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Terry Gano,

Barry Dooley, Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer

Bible Discovery Zone:

Rebecca Swartz/Pat Farley

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

10:30 am: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



Sunday: 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 - Choir Sings
10:30 am BDZ Children's Church &
Cradle Roll

Monday:

6:30 pm

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday:

12-1:00 pm

LifeWise Academy

Wednesday:

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
Choir Practice

7:15 am

12:30-1:30 pm

LifeWise Academy

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October 25, 2026

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after Pentecost**

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9:00 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
Classes
10:30 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
10:30 am BDZ Children's Church &
Cradle Roll
2:00 pm Trunk or Treat Meal Prep
4 -5:30 pm Trunk or Treat

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, October 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 20 10:30 a.m. - 44

Sunday, October 11 Live Stream Views – 160

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	September	Year to date	
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)	() = Negative

