



Weekly News

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St. John's United Church of Christ is an inclusive congregation where God's love is felt by all, for all and in all we do through worship, mission, and community.

***Join us for in-person worship Sundays at 10:30am.
Livestream worship is available on [St. John's YouTube channel](#)***

CALENDAR

Thursday (01/11):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sunday (01/14):	10:30AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Tuesday (01/16):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

<u>January 14</u> <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>	<u>January 21</u> <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; 19-20 & Luke 2: 41-52		Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 & Mark 1: 14-20	
Sermon: Listen		Sermon: If Not Now, When?	
Musical Offering: Sarah Zecchini: Panis Angelicus		Musical Offering: TBA	
Liturgist: Elaine Pottenger		Liturgist: TBA	
Godly Play: Jesus is Baptized (p.150)		Godly Play: Jesus in the Wilderness (p.153)	

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OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE

We are excited to officially announce that our new website is live now! We have worked hard the past few months to update information and collect biographies. The UCC was a tremendous help with this project! Please go visit the site and give us your thoughts! We plan to update our website with special events and important church information. Our Facebook page and YouTube pages remain the same. Please visit us at: <https://www.stjohnsucc.org>.

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AN UPDATE FROM OUR CONSISTORY PRESIDENT

Annual Report Deadlines: Reports from committees are due Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, and financial reports are due Friday, January 19th. Send them to Barbara by these dates, or before.

Annual Congregational Meeting: We will hold our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024, right after the service. Please plan to attend.

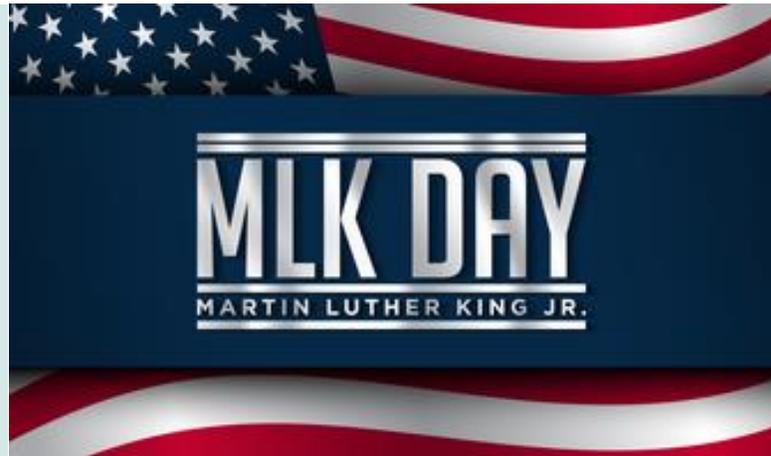


CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK REGARDING SOUPER SUNDAY & THE MLK MEMORIAL MARCH

Please join us after our Sunday Service on January 14 for a Community "Souper Bowl" Meal. Soups will be provided. Please consider bringing a salad or a dessert to share. A signup sheet will be in the Assembly Room. Donations will be accepted to benefit our Samaritan Fund. For more information, contact the church office.

Monday, January 15, 2024, is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Annual MLK Memorial March and Rally will be held that day, with the theme of Hatred Is Not Welcome Here, starting at 9:30 am at 1323 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402, near the Drew Health Center, and proceeding to Sinclair Community College. Pastor Mark will be participating in the March. Everyone is encouraged to join in this day of remembrance and action.



ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2023 Angel Tree. On Sunday, December 17th, Elves packed the gifts into LARGE (garbage bag sized) Gift Bags. The Family chose to pick up gifts on Wednesday, December 20. "Aunt Tee" met me at Church and brought Gage with her. I was so very thankful for Gage's help. I supplied Santa Hats for both, and Gage got busy moving the many presents to the elevator and to the car. Those giant gift bags were overflowing and splitting under the weight of all the gifts! I estimate that each of the boys received around 15 Gifts and Aunt Tee, around 10. The Gift Cards were handed directly to Aunt Tee, and I asked her to open them soon, in case she needed to use them for Christmas Dinner or something else to help with Christmas Day. Both "Aunt Tee" and Gage were blown away with the quantity of the gifts. Gifts filled the large trunk and back seat of her car. Both thanked me over and over again!! Next year someone else please meet our Angel Family for the Gift Distribution. **It is so heartwarming to hear the thanks and LOVE in the voices of The Family. Thank you ALL again. St. John's Missions and Jackie Finney.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests via email (secretarystjohns937@gmail.com) or by calling the church. They will be shared in our Weekly News and during online worship. Please make sure you make note of whether request is for Pastor/Elders only or to be published/shared via internet. Prayer requests shared during online worship do not include last names for privacy purposes. If you have questions or want updates regarding anyone on our prayer lists, please contact the Church Office (937) 855-2050.

Ongoing Care Circle: Dick, Danita, Mary Anne, Elaine, Vickie, Mary Louise, Margaret, Barbara, Cheryl.

Members of the Armed Forces: Chad, Christina, Robert.

Cancer Survivors: Gerald, Jackie, Dorris, Paul, Judy, Sarah, Elaine, Rhonda, Twila.



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