



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.

CALENDAR

Thursday (12/28):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sunday (12/31):	7:00PM	Worship	Sanctuary

WORSHIP

Join us for in-person worship Sundays at 10:30AM.

Livestream worship is available on [St. John's YouTube channel](#)

<u>December 31</u> <i>First Sunday after Christmas / Epiphany</i>	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>	<u>January 7</u> <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>
Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-6 & Matthew 2: 1-12		Scripture: Genesis 8: 6-12 & Mark 1: 9-11	
Sermon: Light For The Nations		Sermon: Dove Power	
Musical Offering: Video		Musical Offering: TBA	
Liturgist: Brenda Williams		Liturgist: TBA	
Godly Play: Christmas—Meeting the Christ Child (p.143)		Godly Play: The Boy Jesus in the Temple (p.147)	
Storyteller: Erin		Storyteller: TBA	



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

St. John's Food Pantry will be closed on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions. Our Food Pantry is open Tuesday's & Thursday's from 12:00pm – 2:00pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00am – 12:00pm.



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

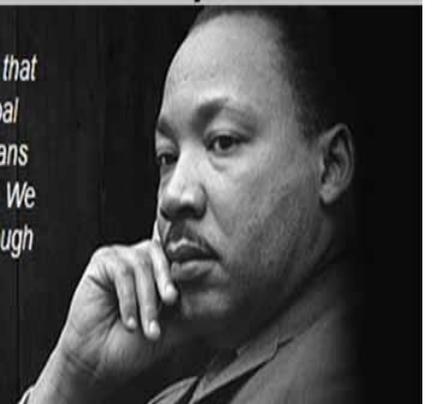
Please join us after our Sunday Service on January 14 for a Community "Souper Bowl" Meal. Soups will be provided. Please consider bringing a salad or a dessert to share. A signup sheet will be in the Assembly Room. Donations will be accepted to benefit our Samaritan Fund. For more information, contact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



MLK Memorial Dayton March and Rally

"One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means."
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



THANK YOU FROM PASTOR MARK

I'd like to thank St. John's for the generous Christmas gift. Thank you to the Congregation for making this year special. I look forward to another great year with all of you!



THANK YOU FROM DECKER

My sincere thanks for the monetary gift from the congregation. It is very much appreciated. More important is the gift of being able to serve with so many wonderful people. Your acceptance and tolerance is a far more meaningful gift than money. Thank you, Decker.



THANK YOU FROM BARBARA

I would like to thank the St. John's Congregation for the generous Christmas gift and the beautiful card. It has been a huge blessing to work for such an amazing church and I've loved getting to know many of you. I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2024 at St. John's UCC!



AN UPDATE FROM OUR CONSISTORY PRESIDENT

Christmas Eve Service: Our Christmas Eve service was wonderful! Many thanks to all who participated in preparing for it and attending. It was much warmer than last year when we had to cancel because of the extreme cold and bad weather.

Annual Report Deadlines: Reports from committees are due Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, and financial reports are due Friday, Jan. 19. 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.



PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

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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