



Weekly News

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

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

For current events, past newsletters, and our current bulletin, please visit: www.StJohnsUCC.org

CALENDAR

Thursday	(02/29):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
		5:30PM	Dinner	Assembly Room
		6-7PM	Lenten Book Study	Assembly Room
Saturday	(03/02):	10AM-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Sunday	(03/03):	10:30AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Tuesday	(03/05):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

March 3 <i>Communion / Third Sunday in Lent</i>	Pastor Mark Anthony	March 10 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	Pastor Mark Anthony
Scripture: Psalm 103: 1-14 & Mark 2: 1-12		Scripture: Psalm 103: 1-14 & Mark 2: 1-12	
Sermon: Forgive		Sermon: Embrace	
Musical Offering: Youth Choir / Twelve Disciples		Musical Offering: Gilead's Grace	
Liturgist: David Weekley		Liturgist: Brenda Williams	
Godly Play: Jesus and Bartimaeus (p.180) w/ Erin		Godly Play: Jesus and Zacchaeus (p.183) w/ Sharon	

goodbye

FEBRUARY

hello

MARCH

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL YOUTH LUNCHEON

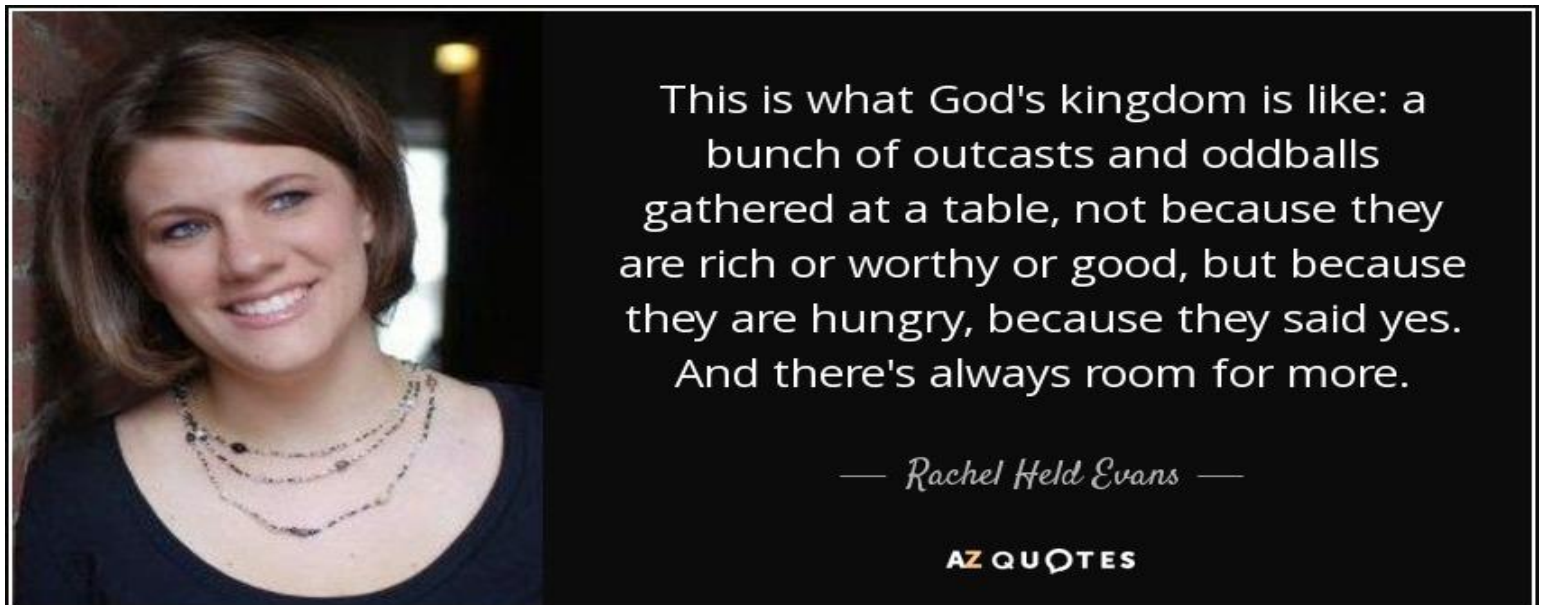
Thank you!! Thank you!! The dinner on February 18th raised a little over \$400!! It is such a blessing to have such a giving and generous congregation. We would also like to thank all the people that contributed food and those that helped set up and clean up after the dinner. I don't know about you, but it was so nice to be together as a church family and share a meal together.

The youth will also be selling baked goods after church to continue to raise money for the Dayton Street Ministry.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Join our Book Study with Pastor Mark! The book is 'Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again' by Rachel Held Evans. The book is available on Amazon or as an audiobook on Audible. The Book Study will meet on Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, from February 15, 2024, through March 21, 2024. Join us before the Book Study at 5:30pm for dinner in the Assembly Room!



LENT SERVICES

During Lent, our sermons will center on the Good News that ***"We Are A New Creation."*** What does it mean to be a Christian - one who is being made new through the Spirit of Christ - in our lives? How do the Scriptures challenge us, and encourage us, in this lifelong effort to become more visibly the face and voice of Christ in our world? The topics and themes for each Sunday will be:

February 18: Stand

February 25: Choose

March 3: Forgive

March 10: Embrace

March 17: Change



On March 24, we will celebrate Passion Sunday, hearing the story of Jesus' passion and death as presented in Mark's Gospel. On March 28, our Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:00pm, with Holy Communion, in commemoration of the Last Supper.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to a Dine-In Dinner at First United Church of Christ in Lewisburg! The event will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2024 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. The meal includes: Main Dish (Cream Chicken Biscuit), Choice of Salad, Dessert, & Drink! You are welcome to dine-in or carry-out. They are accepting Donations for the dinner. First UCC is located at: 400 N. Main Street, Lewisburg, Ohio 45338. Please click the link for directions to the church: [First United Church of Christ, Lewisburg.](#)



IMPLICIT BIAS WORKSHOP INVITATION

Pastor Mark will be attending. You are invited to join him at Harmony Church for this special event!

Implicit Bias Workshop Coming to Harmony Creek

901 E Stroop Rd, Kettering, OH 45429

Saturday, March 16: 9:00 AM – Noon

Harmony Creek Church

Have you ever wondered whether you have subconscious biases that affect your interactions with others? Why do they matter, and what can we do to mitigate them? Learn the answers to these questions!

Harmony Creek Church's Justice League will sponsor a free workshop on Implicit Bias on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to participate in this exciting learning opportunity, which will be led by Sinclair professors Dr. Kathleen Gish (sociology) and Myra Bozeman (communication).

Implicit bias refers to our evaluations or beliefs, whether positive or negative, that exist without our even realizing it. We often form these implicit evaluations based on inaccurate information or stereotypes of people, objects and ideas. Because they are subconscious, they impact our decisions, perceptions and behaviors in ways that may not align with our values without our even being aware of it! This makes it more difficult for us to live up to our values of equity and fairness. Becoming aware of our implicit biases is like checking our blind spots.

Register at [this link](#), scan the QR code below, or email justice@harmony-creek.org with **Implicit Bias Training** in the subject line to reserve your seat!

All participants will be asked to complete a brief training and quiz from the Kirwan Institute before the workshop which can be found at <https://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/implicit-bias-module-series>. We hope you will join us on this social justice adventure!

"It is important to learn about implicit bias, particularly those biases that don't align with your intentions or explicit beliefs."

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University



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, Brian.

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

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

- Linda – Cancer Surgery TBD.
- Pat (friend of Phil & Anne) – Her husband’s dad passed away on Tuesday.
- Homeless teen (name unknown): met the other night @ courthouse square wrapped in a blanket.



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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.