



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	(03/07):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
		5:30PM	Dinner	Assembly Room
		6-7PM	Lenten Book Study	Assembly Room
Sunday	(03/10):	10:30AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Tuesday	(03/12):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

March 10	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>	March 17	<u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u>
<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>		<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
Scripture: Isaiah 56: 3-8 & Mark 2: 13-17		Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 & Mark 2: 18-22	
Sermon: Embrace		Sermon: Change	
Musical Offering: Gilead's Grace		Musical Offering: Bell Choir	
Liturgist: Brenda Williams		Liturgist: Sharon Fenton	
Godly Play: Jesus and Zacchaeus (p.183) w/ Sharon		Godly Play: Jesus is King (p.186) w/ Erin	



SPRING FORWARD

A friendly reminder that Sunday, March 10th, we 'spring forward' one hour! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before bed on Saturday night!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Throughout the rest of March, we will be accepting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing, part of Our Church's Wider Mission. This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Envelopes are available at the church and online donations can be made through the church website. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YSX7/campaign/C-ZJJC>

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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.](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 30th, at 10:00am, Rain or Shine! Donut and Juice Fellowship starts at 9:30 AM. **Please sign up in the Assembly Room.**

Egg Dying will take place on Friday, March 29th, at 6:30pm. ALL ages are welcome to come help dye eggs for the egg hunt. Pizza will be provided.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 29 SCOUTING FOR FOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Boy Scout Troop 29 has dropped off a box in our lobby for non-perishable Food Pantry donations. The items will be sorted and delivered to our Food Pantry. The collection will run through March 16th. We are very thankful for your donations and for Troop 29! Please call the church office with any questions you may have!



MAUNDY THURSDAY

St. John's Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm. Please consider joining us as we begin our commemoration of the Triduum ("The Three Days") in which our Lord suffered, died, and rose from the dead by remembering the Last Supper. Communion will be offered.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



GOOD FRIDAY

Join us on Good Friday for the Farmersville Community Journey to the Cross! The event begins at 5:00pm on Friday, March 29th. The journey will begin at the Farmersville UMC. St. John's Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from Noon – 2:00pm.

Farmersville Community Journey to the Cross Friday, March 29, 2024 at 5pm

Route: Farmersville UMC, Farmersville UCC, St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Farmersville Fire Assoc., Farmersville Police Dept., The Farmersville Cafe, and return to Farmersville UMC



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 7 th	March 10 th	March 18 th	March 19 th	March 23 rd	March 26 th
Rhonda Tom	Nancy	Ralph	Freda	Margaret	Donna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FAMILY!



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- facial soap
- hand soap
- laundry detergent
- toilet paper and paper towels
- deodorant
- shampoo and conditioner
- toothpaste
- pancake mix and syrup
- cake mix
- jelly
- spaghetti sauce
- canned goods like baked beans, ravioli, and tomato and chicken noodle soups
- pet food



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.

- Roger: Admitted to hospital on 3/5.
- Sharon: Admitted to hospital on 3/5 in serious condition.
- Tori, Phil, Carey & Corbin Allen, born 2/23.
- Fred: heart surgery scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th.
- John & family, Cousin Ted & Tonya and their families: for tornado through their neighborhood on March 3rd.



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