



Weekly News

March 20, 2024
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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	(03/21):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
		5:30PM	Dinner	Assembly Room
		6-7PM	Lenten Book Study	Assembly Room
Sunday	(03/24):	10:30AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Tuesday	(03/26):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

March 24 <i>Passion Sunday / Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>	Pastor Mark Anthony	March 31 <i>Easter</i>	Pastor Mark Anthony
Scripture: Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47		Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 & 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28	
Sermon: Alone		Sermon: What Do You See?	
Musical Offering: Chancel Choir		Musical Offering: Chancel Choir / Gilead's Grace	
Liturgist: David Weekley & Pat Schaeff		Liturgist: Jackie Finney	
Godly Play: Jesus' Last Passover w/ Sharon		Godly Play: Jesus is Risen: Mary Magdalene w/ Brenda	



SERVICES FOR RICHARD ASKINS

Richard Askins

April 9, 1943 – March 14, 2024

Richard L. Askins, age 80 of Farmersville, OH passed away peacefully at Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties on March 14, 2024. He was born in Dayton, OH to the late Lester and Bernice (Skinner) Askins and attended Miamisburg High School. Richard loved working on the family farm with his father and continued that throughout most of his life while also working other jobs and retiring from St. Leonards. Richard was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Germantown and was preceded in death by his wife of over 40 years, Bonnie Askins and his sister Carol Myers. He is survived by his nieces Debbie (Mark) Newsad and Sharon (Shawn) Fenton, his lifetime friend Ronnie Barnhart and neighbors Mark Deitch and Marita Howell. The family will receive friends at the Arpp, Root and Carter Funeral Home, 29 N Main St. Germantown on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:30am-10:30am, funeral services will begin at 10:30am with Pastor Mark Anthony officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Park in Miamisburg. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties, or Farmersville Fire and Rescue.

Visitation

ARPP Root and Carter Funeral Home

Saturday, March 23, 2024

9:30 - 10:30 am (Eastern time)

Funeral Service

ARPP Root and Carter Funeral Home

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:30 - 11:00 am (Eastern time)

Graveside Service

Highland Cemetery

Saturday, March 23, 2024

11:30am - 12:00 pm (Eastern time)



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>

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 April 1st. We are very thankful for your donations and for Troop 29! Please call the church office with any questions you may have!



PASSION SUNDAY

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.



CHURCH HURTS SUPPORT GROUP

Harmony Creek Church will be hosting their 'Church Hurts' Support Group on Monday, March 25th, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:00PM. There will now be a Zoom option. You may email Pastor Michelle for a link; her email is pastormichelle@harmony-creek.org. This group is open to all.

Church Hurts is a support group for anyone who has been wounded by the Church. Whether you have been told to repent from a 'lifestyle' which is actually an expression of your being, or felt rejected or judged harshly, or merely been mistreated by members of a church community, this support group will help you heal as you share, garner insights, get to know one another and learn once more that there can be unconditional love and support for all God's children. Church Hurts will meet at Harmony Creek Church, located at 901 E Stroop Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45429. To sign up, email Rev Michelle Wilkey.

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.



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.



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 Dyeing 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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 7th	March 10th	March 18th	March 19th	March 23rd	March 26th
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 Hornung: who is home recovering following surgery.
- Richard Askins: who passed away, and for his family.
- The residents of Indian Lake: Kathy's nephew lost his home due to tornado; no one hurt in his family.



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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.