



# Weekly News

**April 10, 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](http://www.StJohnsUCC.org)***

## CALENDAR

Thursday	(04/11):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Sunday	(04/14):	10:30AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Tuesday	(04/16):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

## WORSHIP

<b>April 14</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<b><u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u></b>	<b>April 21</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b><u>Pastor Mark Anthony</u></b>
<b>Scripture:</b> 1 John 3: 1-3 & John 12: 44-50		<b>Scripture:</b> 1 John 3: 16-24 & John 10: 11-18	
<b>Sermon:</b> Mirror Image		<b>Sermon:</b> Love, Actually	
<b>Musical Offering:</b> Youth Choir		<b>Musical Offering:</b> Gilead's Grace	
<b>Liturgist:</b> Brenda Williams		<b>Liturgist:</b> Elaine Pottenger	
<b>Godly Play:</b> The Sower w/ Brenda		<b>Godly Play:</b> The Good Samaritan w/ Sharon	

**A P R I L**

## NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS DONATED BY JACKIE FINNEY

A special thank you to Jackie Finney for donating two new children's books to our St. John's UCC library! Both books are by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor: **Just Help: How to Build a Better World and Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be YOU.** We welcome you to stop by our library to check out these new books!

### **Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be YOU by Sonia Sotomayor**

Sonia and her friends are planting a garden, and each one contributes in his or her own way. Rafael has asthma and sometimes has to stay calm so he can breathe better, which gives him time to paint beautiful rocks for the garden. Anthony uses a wheelchair to get around and can move super-fast, directing the group. Anh has a stutter and prefers to listen, so she knows just how to plant each flower. All of the friends are different, but they all have one thing in common: They like to ask questions and learn about one another!

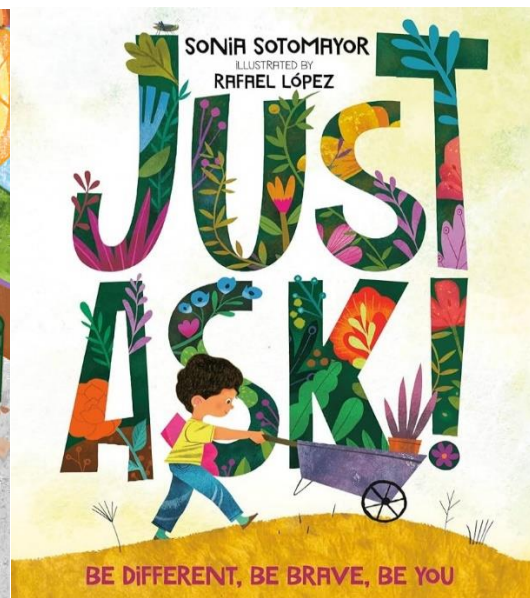
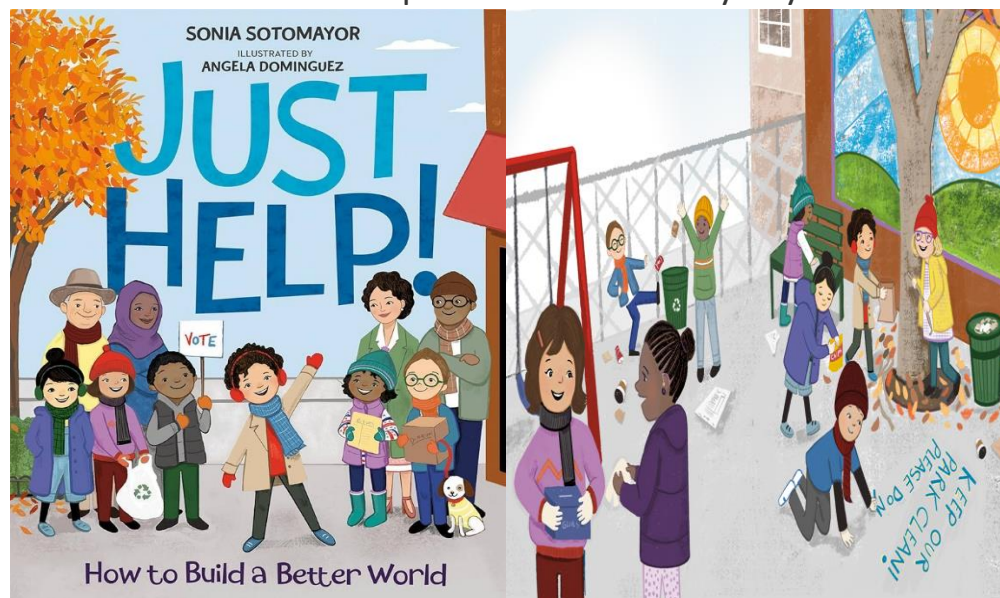
In this warm and inclusive story by US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, inspired by her own childhood diagnosis of diabetes, readers join along as differently abled kids use their strengths to work together and learn about each other. With vibrant, engaging art by award-winning illustrator Rafael Lopez, this book shows us that differences are wonderful-and that all you have to do when you don't understand something is JUST ASK!

### **Just Help: How to Build a Better World by Sonia Sotomayor**

Every night when Sonia goes to bed, Mami asks her the same question: *How did you help today?* And since Sonia wants to help her community, just like her mami does, she always makes sure she has a good answer to Mami's question.

In a story inspired by her own family's desire to help others, US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor takes young readers on a journey through a neighborhood where kids and adults, activists and bus drivers, friends and strangers all help one another to build a better world for themselves and their community.

With art by award-winning illustrator Angela Dominguez, this book shows how we can all help make the world a better place each and every day.



## PASTOR MARK'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Mark will be out of the office Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The church office will be open. If you need assistance, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Jon Kibler at (209) 251-3223. He is the pastor of the Lutheran church in Farmersville.



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OFFICE

## JOIN US FOR CRAFT NIGHT

Craft night begins Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Come join us for crafting fun! This event will take place on Monday's and Tuesday's, from **6:30pm – 8:30pm** each evening. The April dates for this event will be: April 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), April 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday), April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday), and April 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday). The May dates will be: May 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday), May 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), May 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday), and May 28<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). The June dates will be: June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday), June 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), June 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday), and June 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). The July dates will be: July 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday), July 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), July 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday), July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday), and July 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday).

If you have any questions about this event, please reach out to Carol Garner! For more information, please view the event on our website: <https://stjohnsucc.org/event-listings/craft-night/>

CRAFT  
NIGHT



## CHURCH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MUSEUM

St. John's is planning a trip to the National Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio for **May 11, 2024**. Details are still in the planning stages, but we need to know who is interested in coming, preferably before April 26. If we can get 15 people signed up, we can get group rates for the tickets: an adult ticket is \$14.00, a senior ticket is \$12.00, a youth ticket is \$8.00, and children under three years old are free. A signup sheet will be in the Assembly Room. Let's explore this important part of our history together.



## GERMANTOWN SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Germantown Community-Wide Garage Sale is set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Registration is open for all households interested in participating. If you wish to participate, please contact City Hall at (937) 855-7255 by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be asked to provide your address and the top three sale items, as we will be creating a "Garage Sale Treasure List" to help direct shoppers and advertise the event. This list will be posted on the city website at: [www.germantown.oh.us](http://www.germantown.oh.us) on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Bargain-hunters and those who enjoy finding a curbside deal are sure to enjoy this event! (Source: *Germantown Quarterly*)



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Carol F	Grace	Sandy C	Nick G Brian W	Ellen E	Anne	Sharon F

**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

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY  
**NEEDS**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests via email ([secretarystjohns937@gmail.com](mailto: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:** 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.

- Phil & Anne Ridenour, prayers for sister-in-law Kathy.
- Dorris Hensley, who fell and is recuperating at home.
- Roger Hornung, who continues treatment for cancer.
- Rev. Brian Newcomb, pastor of David's UCC in Kettering, who is entering home hospice care.



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