

# St. John's United Church of Christ



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**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.**

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)



**In observance of Presidents Day, the church office will be closed on Monday Feb. 17th.**

Tuesday, Feb 11	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, Feb 13	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday, Feb 15	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Monday, Feb 17	130PM	Consistory Meeting	Assembly Room
Tuesday, Feb 18	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

# WORSHIP

February 16

February 23



Scripture: Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Luke 6: 17-26

Scripture: Genesis 45: 3-11, Luke 6: 27-38

Sermon: Do The Right Thing  
Musical Offering: Chancel Choir  
Liturgist: Sharon Fenton

Sermon: Breaking The Cycle  
Musical Offering: Bell Choir



## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

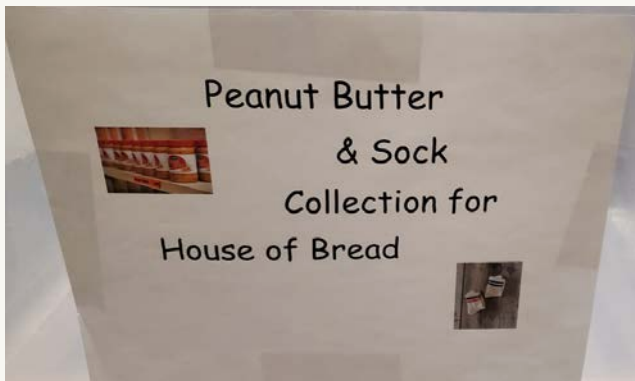
In order to update our records and serve you better as members, we are asking current church members to please email Ava Balon at [secretarystjohns937@gmail.com](mailto:secretarystjohns937@gmail.com) with your current contact information including mailing address and phone number. Having this information allows us to keep updated records, and to keep in touch.

**This Space  
For Rent**

Interested in contributing news and information to our weekly newsletter? Just email your event, etc to [Ava Balon](mailto:Ava Balon) ([secretarystjohns937@gmail.com](mailto:secretarystjohns937@gmail.com)) and it will be posted in the next newsletter.

# House Of Bread

**You Can Find The donation Box in the Assembly Room**



St. John's will begin collecting these items on a regular basis for House of Bread. The jars of peanut butter need to be plastic and no larger than 16 ounces. Socks can be for any age or size. Once a month, these items will be delivered to House of Bread. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.



## Extravagant Suggestions

St. John's has been busy acting on a challenge to share God's extravagant love through new missions. Our on-going collection of socks and jars of peanut butter for Dayton's House of Bread community kitchen is only two weeks old, and it's already overflowing our collection container! Time to make a delivery!!

We also initiated an emergency collection for a member who had lost all her belongings in a fire. In a SINGLE SUNDAY we collected just over \$328.00 to purchase clothing and personal care items for her. This outpouring of extravagant love was incredible! Purchases were made and about 10 bags of clothing, blankets, and personal care items were delivered to her this past week.



Our other on-going missions continue, but we're thrilled by the response to these new ones, and we're looking for ideas for new ways to share this extravagant love. A suggestion box has been set up in our fellowship room for church attendees to submit new ideas. Hope you'll share your ideas soon!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025. The Farmersville-Germantown Ministerium will hold a joint service at Farmersville United Methodist Church, located at 110 W Center St, Farmersville, OH 45325, starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we begin our observance of the season of Lent.



Baby Shower in Honor of Evelynne & Zach Chambers

1PM March 1st

RSVP:

Grace (937) 902-9621 or

Michelle (937)657-6498

target registry: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/eve-and-zach-chambers-registry>



Thank you

A SUPER thank you to all those who helped prepare our Soup-er Bowl Lunch after services last week, and all those who attended. The food was great and so was the company. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next fellowship meal in a couple of months.



# DISASTER RELIEF

The **Palisades wildfires** that have burned in Los Angeles County continue to cause significant loss of life and property. Donations to the relief effort can be made through the United Church of Christ at <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/disaster/> and also through the Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles>.



**GOOD NEWS**

Located in Dayton, Ohio, the mission of Have A Gay Day is to create a safe environment to promote equality, education, and support for the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. In the past year, Have A Gay Day has provided over 260,000 pounds of food and personal items throughout the community. Over 12,000 pounds of pet food also was provided. A community laundry room and an accessible restroom were added. Have A Gay Day also provided emergency programming housing and transportation.

An extensive contact list for agencies and organizations available to the LGBTQ+ community here and nationally is available at <https://haveagayday.org/our-resources/>

# Lay School

**SONKA**, our local Association of the United Church of Christ, has reinstated the Lay School. Now entirely online, the Lay School is a multi-year series of courses covering basic theological and spiritual aspects of the Christian faith as understood within the UCC. Generally, two courses are taught in the Spring and two in the Fall. All courses are open to anyone interested in these subjects. It is not necessary to take the courses in any particular order. There is a fee for each course with assistance available for those in special need.

Beyond the advantage of learning more about the faith, the Lay School is an excellent path to ministry in the UCC for those who cannot attend traditional seminary. **Completion of the three-year cycle of courses can serve as a basis for a person looking to enter into lay or ordained ministry in the UCC.**

Beginning this March, the Lay School will offer a course in Introduction to Christian Scriptures taught by our pastor, Mark Anthony, and a course on Faith Formation, taught by Rev. Ruth Hopkins. If you want more information, please contact Pastor Mark.



**Introduction to Christian Scriptures**  
taught by our pastor, Mark Anthony.

**Faith Formation**  
taught by Rev. Ruth Hopkins

# Lenten Study Series

This Lent, Pastor Mark will lead a study series on "Understanding the Christian Scriptures." This series will be based on the Lay School Class on the same subject that he will be teaching this Spring.

These sessions will be on Wednesday nights from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Assembly Room. Sessions will begin on March 12 and continue through April 16. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Assembly Room.



**Wednesdays**  
**March 12th- April 16th**  
**"Understanding the Christian Scriptures"**  
**Assembly Room**  
**6PM-7PM**

# BIRTHDAYS

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|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| 2/4  | Carol Garner     | 2/10 | Jessica Wafzig   |
| 2/5  | patrick Woodrome | 2/17 | Jay Hawkins      |
| 2/9  | Diana Bryant     | 2/20 | Justin Hiltbrand |
| 2/10 | Barbara Mabry    | 2/21 | Mark Williams    |
|      |                  | 2/24 | David Izor       |

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

# FOOD PANTRY

### Urgent Needs

- Hand Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Pancakes & Syrup
- Jelly
- Baked Beans



### Hours

- Tuesdays & Thursdays  
12pm-2pm
- 1st & 2nd Saturdays  
10am-12pm

### Pantry Needs

- Facial Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Ravioli, Tomato Soup,
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Cake Mix
- Pet Food



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send all prayer requests via [email](mailto:secretarystjohns937@gmail.com) (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, Irene, Dorris, Nancy, Genslinger Family, Kathy, Ruthie Whitesell, Flynn Family, Neatherton Family

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

- Freda Emrick, who is beginning radiation treatments.
- Margaret Miller, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Nancy Crolley, who is in the hospital for an infection.



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