

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



Tuesday, Feb 25	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, Feb 27	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday, Mar 1	10AM-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, Mar 4	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, Mar 6	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

February 23rd

Scripture: Genesis 45: 3-11,
Luke 6: 27-38
Sermon: Breaking The Cycle
Musical Offering: Bell Choir
Liturgist: Sharon Fenton



March 2nd

Scripture: Exodus 34: 29-35,
Luke 9: 28-36
Sermon: Behind The Veil
Musical Offering: Gilead's Grace
Liturgist: David Weekly



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 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 (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.

Our First peanut butter and socks delivery was dropped off at the House of Bread last week. Their new director, Sherry Gale, expressed her gratitude and reemphasized that these items are the most requested kinds of aid from their guests. Keep up the good work, St. John's!

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!

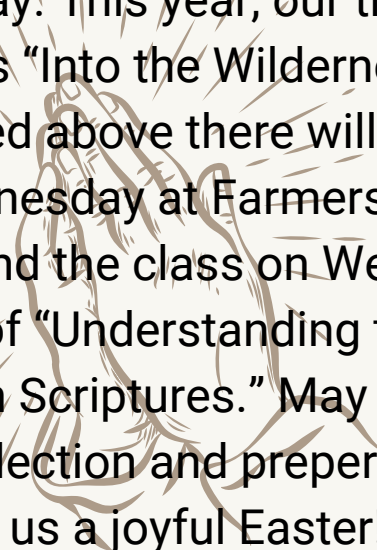
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



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.

LENT IS COMING!

Lent begins on March 5 with Ash Wednesday. This year, our theme for Lent is "Into the Wilderness." As detailed above there will be a Ash Wednesday at Farmersville UMC and the class on Wed. nights of "Understanding the Christian Scriptures." May this time of relection and preperation bring us a joyful Easter!



Baby Shower in Honor of Evelyne & 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>



Contact Your Representatives



The pace of change in our federal government is accelerating and causing tremendous anxiety for many of us. The right to petition our government is one of our basic freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights. One of the most effective ways is to telephone our congressional representatives' offices and speak directly to a staff member. The telephone numbers for our Senate and House representatives are: (202) 224-2315 Sen. Bernie Moreno, (202) 224-3353 Sen. John Husted, (202) 225-6465 Rep. Mike Turner. In case you are not in Ohio or in Rep. Turner's district, the general number for Congress is (202) 224-3121.

GOOD NEWS!

Renewable Energy in America is on the Rise!

In 2024, in a staggering statistic, where it took a whole year to add one gigawatt of solar power in 2004, it now takes one single day. A gigawatt can power around 200,000 homes in the US. Indeed, 90% of all grid additions in 2024 were renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, biomass, hydro, and geothermal.

Solar accounted for 80% of all these additions alone, providing 30 gigawatts of electricity, or around 75% of the total renewable energy supply California has installed in the state's history. New solar capacity added in 2024 is almost nine times that added by natural gas and nuclear power combined. There was also a respectable amount of capacity added by new wind power installations, which added 3 gigawatts to state grids. Additionally, 213 megawatts of hydropower, 51 MW of biomass, and 29 MW of geothermal steam were added, taking the total renewable energy footprint in 2024 to 90.5% of all new power sources. Solar's share of US generating capacity is now 10x greater than a decade ago, and renewables have inched up beyond 30% of the total grid mix.



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.

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Upcoming
Courses

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

2/4 Carol Garner
 2/5 patrick Woodrome
 2/9 Diana Bryant
 2/10 Barbara Mabry

2/10 Jessica Wafzig
 2/17 Jay Hawkins
 2/20 Justin Hiltbrand
 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,

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

- Freda Emrick, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Margaret Miller, undergoing cancer treatment.



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