

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.

THE OPERANT PRAYER

I devote myself to:

- *the hungry and the thirsty,*
- *the homeless and those lacking basic material needs,*
- *the imprisoned and the sick,*
- *the lonely and alienated.*

I devote myself to:

- *compassion and mercy,*
- *justice and peace,*
- *forgiveness and reconciliation,*
- *joy and generosity.*

I devote myself to:

- *mourn with those who mourn,*
- *celebrate with those who celebrate,*
- *speak for those who are silenced,*
- *listen to those who need to be heard.*

I devote myself to:

- *see in myself worthiness and dignity,*
- *see in others the same value as I see in myself,*
- *refuse to demean or diminish the value of anyone,*
- *stand against any effort to strip anyone of human dignity.*

I devote myself to:

- *trust in love,*
- *hope in love,*
- *live in love,*
- *love.*

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



Tuesday, April 1	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, April 3	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday, April 5	10-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, April 8	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

March 30th

April 6th

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-20,
 Luke 15: 11-32
 Sermon: Things Need to Change
 Musical Offering: Bell Choir
 Liturgist: Sharon Fenton



Scripture: Phillipians 3: 10-14,
 Luke 7: 36-50
 Sermon: Haters Gonna Hate
 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

Peanut Butter
& Sock
Collection for
House of Bread



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.



We delivered our second peanut butter and socks delivery to the House of Bread last week. The new director there, Sherry Gale, expresses her great thanks for this new ministry at St. John's. These donations are some of the most requested items among the guests at House of Bread, and the need continues to grow. Please continue your generous support by bringing jars of peanut butter and socks to the Assembly Room at church.

Extravagant Suggestions



This year, we want to remember that our Christian life is not about gloom and anxiety but generosity and extravagant welcome. We have recieved great suggestions so far! Keep up the good ideas, everyone.

If you cannot join us, you can still make suggestions for how we can live as a church dedicated to extravagant love by emailing your thoughts or calling the church office.


Nancy Crolley Memorial Service

 April 6th

Vistation: 2:00PM

 Service: 3:00PM

Dinner will follow

 St John's UCC: 201 W Market St.
Germantown, OH 45327




4th Annual
HAVE A GAY DAY
RESOURCE FAIR

March 29th, 2025
1:00pm-4:00pm

Great Hall,
Building 12
Sinclair
Community
College

Come join us to connect with LGBTQ+ friendly organizations, find support, and have a great time!

Hosted by:





For tabling info, email laura@haveagayday.org
www.haveagayday.org

FREE

Open to all
No ticket required



The Good That
Imani Temple Ministries
 Is Doing!

In the past year, Cleveland Heights School District in Cleveland, Ohio saw an uptick in homelessness among students. Last school year, 140 students were considered homeless. This year, the number has increased to 167 students. This equates to about 91 families in the district impacted by homelessness.

A local nondenominational church — Imani Temple Ministries — is converting a rectory into a dorm-style housing facility for five to six families — roughly 30 people. Women and children under the age of 16 will be welcome to stay in the space for up to 120 days, working with case managers to help them secure permanent housing and other community services, like career counseling and financial literacy programs.

Renovations are already in progress and are expected to be completed by the end of 2026. The Cleveland City Council plans to give \$250,000 towards funding the project with American Rescue Plan Act money. Councilman Pernel Jones has supported Students of Promise in the past. "How can you learn 2 plus 2 equals 4 if you're at home struggling," he said, "[or] without a home." Council President Dale Miller has also praised the project, which would expand homelessness services outside of downtown Cleveland, "so that people can get served in their own neighborhood." Although the housing services are not exclusively for Cleveland Heights or University Heights neighbors, they are expected to make up most of the residents, since the need is so large."



Location: Germantown Public Library, 51 North Plum Street

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Organizer: Germantown Public Library



Words on Wheels



Would you like library materials delivered to your door?

Contact the
Germantown Public Library at
937-855-4001
or
info@gtownlibrary.net



Home delivery service is available:

- 1)If you live within our service area AND
- 2)Are unable to visit the library , either on an on-going basis or for an extended time period.



Contact Your Representatives



Also, you can download an app called **5 Calls** for your phone, or go to 5calls.org on your computer. By providing your zip code, your federal representatives will be identified and you can use the site to make calls on various topics. The site provides an optional script to use when you call, or you can craft your own communication. It is an easy and efficient way to make your views known.



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.

BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Olivia Garner	3/19	Freda Emrick
3/3	Darlene Czarnecki	3/21	Rachel Fenton
3/4	Mary Izor	3/23	Margaret Miller
3/7	Warren Weaver	3/26	John Wittmann
3/12	Abigail Clark	3/26	Donna Bishop
3/18	Ralph Cotterman	3/29	Ian Weaver

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



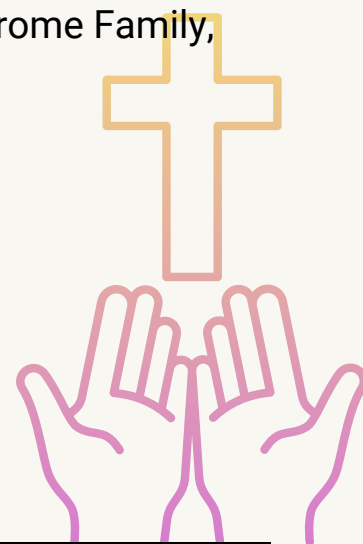
PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Margaret, Barbara, Cheryl, Irene, Dorris, Genslinger Family, Kathy, Ruthie Whitesell, Crolley Family, Woodrome Family, Wittmann Family

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

- Freda Emrick, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Margaret Miller, undergoing cancer treatment.
- Mary Ann Miletic, who remains in the hospital.



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