

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



OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 23

Saturday, May 17	10-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, May 20	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, May 22	10-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, May 27	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

May 18th

WORSHIP

May 25th

Scripture: Acts 16: 9-15

John 17: 17-24

Sermon: Glory Without Division

Musical Offering: Bell Choir

Liturgist: David Weekley

Scripture: Acts 11: 1-18

John 16: 12-15

Sermon:

Musical Offering: Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Sharon Fenton



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 is collecting items for the House of Bread in Dayton. This organization prepares and feeds a meal 365 days a year to anyone in need. As part of their work, the House of Bread also provides essential items for its guests.

We are collecting peanut butter, jam, and jelly (plastic jars no larger than 16 ounces), socks, and deodorants. The people of St. John's have been very generous so far. Keep up the good work!



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.

Love Like Jackie Day!

Join us to Honor our Beloved Jackie



May 18th



After Services

A sign-up sheet is in the assembly room for suggested projects!

We would like to honor her memory by doing what she did best- helping others! We are looking for jobs that need to be completed around the community. If you have any ideas please let Sharon or Pat know.

WEAR PURPLE AND CRAZY SOCKS AND BE READY TO SHARE JACKIES LOVE!

ADULT CONFERENCE

JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

June 23rd - 27th



MORE DETAILS FOUND BELOW:

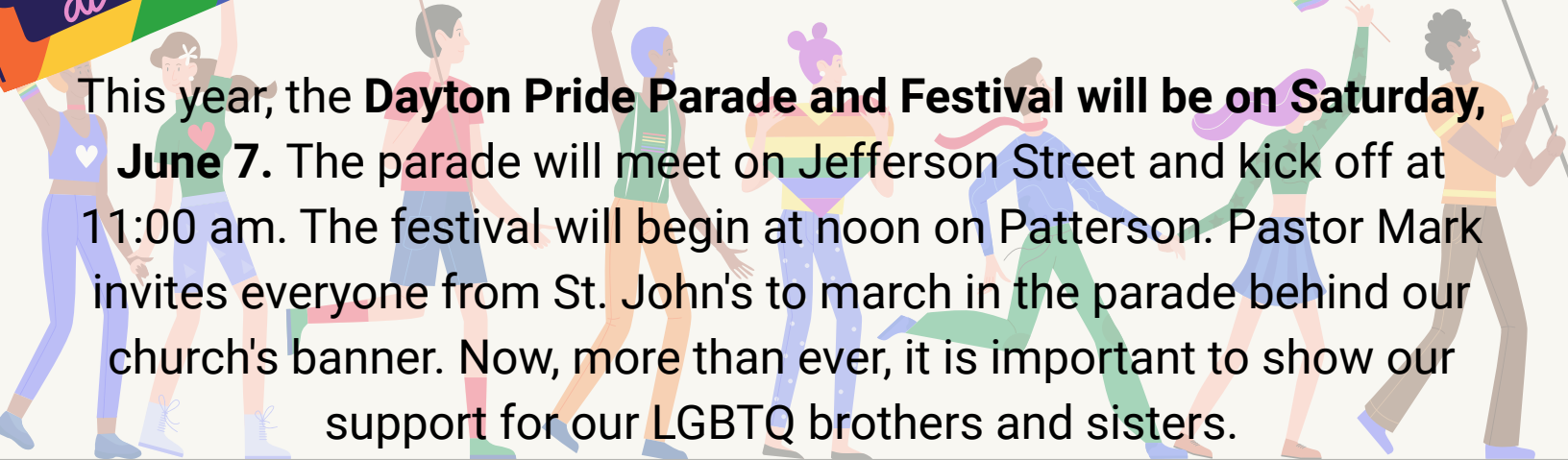


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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

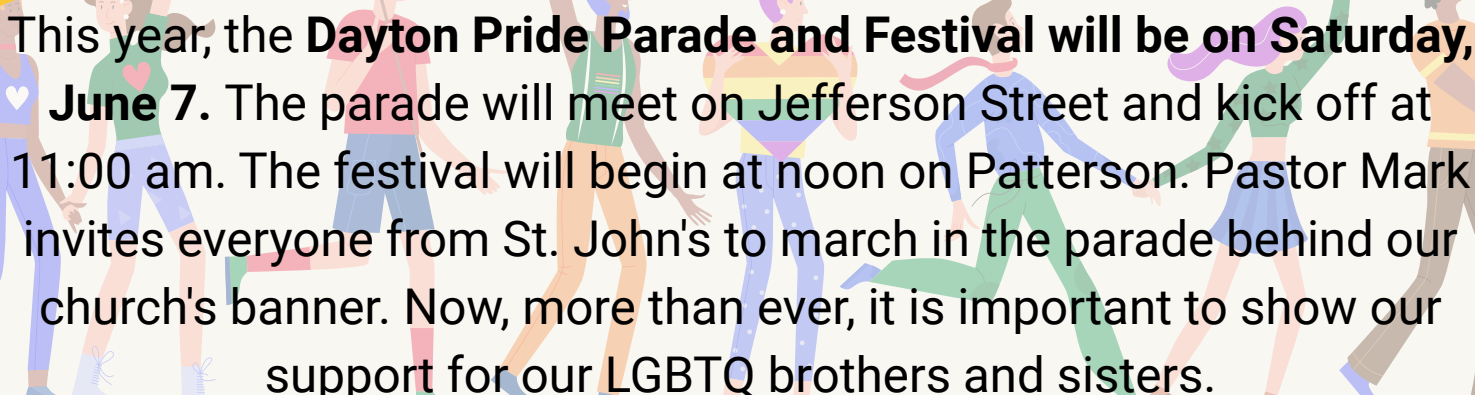


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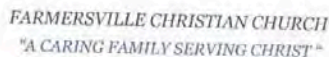
This conference is in Columbus, sponsored jointly by the UCC's Heartland Conference and the Ohio Conference of the Disciples of Christ, is an excellent opportunity to deepen your spiritual connection to other believers and to deepen your knowledge and love for our christian faith. Whether you can come for a day or the week, please consider being a part of this wonderful gathering. Details are available at heartlanducc.org, or contact Pastor Mark.



SIGN UP SHEETS IN ASSEMBLY ROOM



This year, the **Dayton Pride Parade and Festival will be on Saturday, June 7.** The parade will meet on Jefferson Street and kick off at 11:00 am. The festival will begin at noon on Patterson. Pastor Mark invites everyone from St. John's to march in the parade behind our church's banner. Now, more than ever, it is important to show our support for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.



MAY 8th, 2025

Through community, empathy, and shared experiences, we aim to help each person find healing and hope, while honoring their unique process of grieving. We are dedicated to walking alongside each individual with kindness, listening, and encouragement, creating a foundation of love and strength during one of life's most difficult times."

A person is shown from the chest up, with their face buried in their hands in a gesture of despair or grief. The background is a dark, textured surface covered with a word cloud of negative emotions and states of mind. The words are in various sizes and colors, including white, yellow, and red. Some of the visible words include: 'blues', 'depression', 'heartache', 'sorrow', 'agony', 'mourning', 'anguish', 'lethargy', 'sadness', 'grief', 'loss', 'despair', 'woe', 'heartbreak', 'melancholy', 'disappointment', 'misery', 'pain', 'stress', 'anxiety', 'loneliness', 'isolation', 'helplessness', 'hopelessness', 'futility', 'pointlessness', 'meaninglessness', 'emptiness', 'void', 'desolation', 'solitude', 'isolation', 'seclusion', 'withdrawal', 'retreat', 'escape', 'avoidance', 'denial', 'repression', 'suppression', 'inhibition', 'restraint', 'control', 'repression', 'suppression', 'inhibition', 'restraint', 'control', 'repression', 'suppression', 'inhibition', 'restraint', 'control'. The overall mood is one of intense emotional distress and despair.

Second Thursday of each month: 6:00p-8:00p

42 S Broadway St.
Farmersville, OH 45325
Cell: 937-231-5773
Office: 937-696-2619

Contact Pastor Steve Fox at 937-231-5773
TO REGISTER

As the summer months approach, our hard-working choirs will be taking a much-needed rest. As in previous years, we welcome members of the congregation to use their musical talents to provide special music. Singing, instrumentals, spoons... whatever you want!

**Please contact Decker Jones
at deckerjones@sbcglobal.net,
or call Pastor Mark or the
church office, if you have any
questions. A sign-up sheet is in
the Assembly Room.**

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday, June 14, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM

Farmersville-Jackson Township Joint Recreation Park

Sponsored by the Valley View ministerium

**Sign up sheets in
assembly room**

Free For Everyone!

All children Grades K-6 are welcome!

Snacks will be provided

A freewill offering for For Love of Children (FLOC) will be collected.

No Pre-registration is necessary; feel free to register upon arrival.

Please contact Pastor Jon Kibler at (209) 251-3223



GOOD NEWS!

Little jumpers knitted by grandmothers are being used to prevent penguins caught in oil spills from getting ill while trying to clean their feathers. Dubbing themselves the Knitting Nannas, the group based at Hazelgrove Court Care Home in Saltburn, UK, sends its mini creations to a charity in Australia. The woolly tops are used as a barrier to stop the birds from ingesting toxic chemicals when they try to preen themselves after swimming through oil.

Joyce Baxtrem, 94, explained that she has knitted jumpers for both her children, but "never knit for a penguin" before. Joyce Wooffindin, 83, could not believe she was creating clothes for penguins but said: "This is the sort of thing we do at Hazelgrove."



Thanking the Knitting Nannas, Rebecca Passlow from The Penguin Foundation said "generous knitters and groups from all around the world" have been making jumpers to help. In the past, the nannas have also knitted blankets for baby rhinos, which were sent to a wild rhino sanctuary in South Africa.

Congrats & Welcome



Congratulations and welcome to Rev. MiMi Chamberlin, who was affirmed and installed as the new Association Minister for SONKA (Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky Association) in the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ last Saturday at SONKA's Spring Gathering! Our future is looking great!



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

5/1 Peyton Drury
 5/2 Brynn Thomas
 5/4 Cheryl Barkalow
 5/5 Elizabeth Genslinger
 5/8 Karen Seim
 5/9 Amy Barkalow
 5/15 David Hiltbrand

5/21 Emilee Peters
 5/23 Camden Pottenger
 5/25 Stella Watson
 5/28 Christian Keister
 5/29 Mary Beth Hobson
 5/31 Violet Hawkins

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. 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, Barbara, Irene, Dorris, Charlotte

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

- Margaret Miller, undergoing cancer treatment.
- David Weekley, who is beginning treatment for prostate cancer.
- Mark Williams, who is recovering from surgery
- Jack Sanderman, who passed away this week, and for the Sanderman Family
- Kendall Peters, is recovering from surgery.



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