

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, June 3	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, June 5	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday, June 7	10-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, June 10	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

June 1st

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 15-23
 Luke 24: 44-53
 Sermon: One Body, One Spirit
 Musical Offering: Chancel Choir
 Liturgist: Kathy Yohn



June 8th

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9
 Acts 2: 1-21
 Sermon: Re-Connection
 Musical Offering: Decker Jones
 Liturgist: Brenda Williams



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.

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 or Pastor Mark

The poster features a dark background with a building at night. The title 'ADULT CONFERENCE' is in large white letters. Below it, smaller text says 'JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)'. A blue banner reads 'June 23rd - 27th'. A circular logo contains a chalice and a flower, with 'ADULT CONFERENCE' and 'JESUS STILL MATTERS' around it, and '2025' at the bottom. At the bottom left is a location pin icon and 'NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)'. At the bottom right is a globe icon and 'CCINOH.ORG AND HEARTLANDUCC.ORG'.

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JESUS STILL MATTERS

MORE DETAILS FOUND BELOW:

 **NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

 **CCINOH.ORG AND
HEARTLANDUCC.ORG**

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.



Pride Parade & Festival

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.



FARMERSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
"A CARING FAMILY SERVING CHRIST"

GRIEF CAFE

BEGINNING
MAY 8th, 2025

"Our mission is to provide a compassionate and safe space for individuals experiencing loss, offering support, comfort, and understanding as they navigate their grief journey.

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."

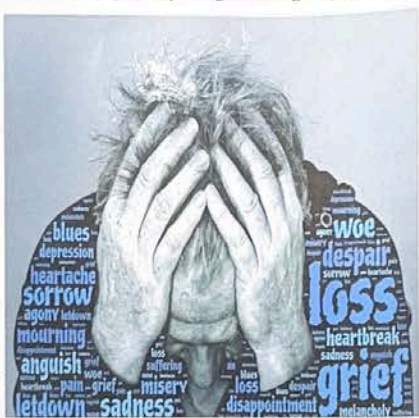
Grief Café will be held on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00-8:00 pm. Only requirement is that you follow the rules of the group and have plenty of patience. Our groups are one of sharing, of listening to each other, and respecting each other during this journey. No one grieves the same, nor are they in the same stage of their journey, so patience will be needed. We are here to support one another through our hurts and pain.

There are no costs for this program. However Donations will be gratefully accepted for supplies. Thank you.

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

Farmersville Christian Church

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

Special Music for Services

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.



ABLE (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality).

ABLE is a non-profit, privately-funded law firm in Ohio that provides legal assistance to low-income individuals and groups. Through ABLE, people who could not afford an attorney otherwise can obtain help with legal issues. ABLE provides free legal assistance for a wide range of needs, including housing rights and evictions, civil cases, protection of domestic abuse survivors, immigration and refugee status matters, consumer protection, and access to health care services. In 2023, ABLE assisted over five thousand people in Ohio with a wide variety of legal needs. For more information, visit ablelaw.org

DONATE NOW



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Wear RED for Pentecost!

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday, when we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples in the form of tongues of fire. To commemorate this special day in the life of the church, please wear RED to services that day.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, June 15th. Please send information for your graduates from the 2024-25 academic year!

Please include student's name, High School or College graduating from, College/Technical School/Apprenticeship plans with intended major, and/or job or future plans. We look forward to celebrating your graduate!



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



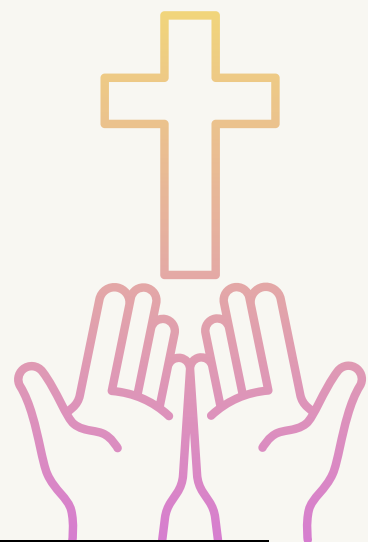
PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Sanderman Family, Mark

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

- Margaret Miller, who is undergoing cancer treatment.
- David Weekley, who is undergoing cancer treatment
- Kendall Peters, who is recovering from surgery.



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