

# 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](http://www.StJohnsUCC.org)



# July CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 22	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, July 24	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Sunday, July 27	10:30AM	Service/Picnic	Shelter

## July 20th

# WORSHIP

## July 27th

Scripture: Psalm 15:1-5

Luke 10: 38-42

Sermon: Waste Time With God

Musical Offering: Decker Jones

Liturgist:

Scripture: Genesis 18: 20-32

Luke 11: 1-4

Sermon: Straight Talk

Musical Offering: Tom &

Kathy Weaver

Liturgist: Pastor Mark



## 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 ([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

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.

**The response of St. John's to the urgent appeal by House of Bread has been outstanding. Thank everyone who contributed to assist this vital ministry. The people of St. John's rock!**



## 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.



# Disaster Relief:

The death toll from the flash floods that struck Texas last week continues to rise. Significant property damage also occurred. **If you wish to donate to assist the victims of this tragedy, you can do so directly on the UCC website (search Global HOPE UCC to go directly to the webpage) or you can donate through St. John's by writing "disaster relief" on the note line of your check. We will forward the money to the UCC.**

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## "You Asked For It" Sermons

Once again this August, Pastor Mark will preach on topics suggested by you, the congregation. Is there some aspect of theology, Scripture, morality, and other such stuff about which you want to know more? Let him know by July 27.

## College Scholarships In memory of Dortha Gensler

available on the table in the assembly room for any member of St. Johns!

**Return all applications to Phil Ridenour anytime now until October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**



## 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](mailto: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.**

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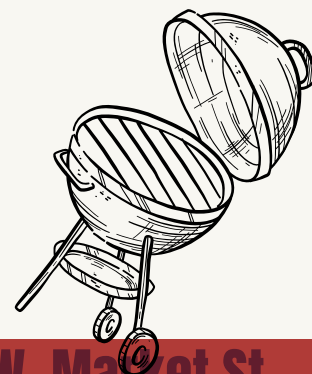
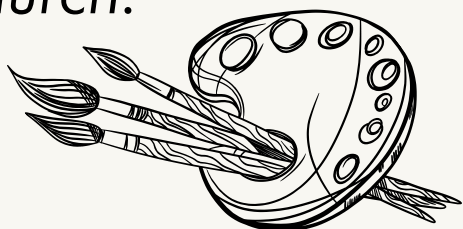
## Service In The Shelter

## July 27th

*On July 27, we will have our annual Service in the Shelter. Special music that week will be by Tom Weaver and Kathy Yohn. Mark your calendars to join us in the (hopefully) pleasant and not too hot Great Outdoors!*

*Following the service, we will have a cookout for all to share. We will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, tablewear & bottled water. We're asking that everyone brings a side dish to share! Sign up sheet is in the assembly room!*

*Also, at this service we will be painting rocks, which will be a part of the Memorial Garden we are going to install in the lobby inside the glass door entrance to the church.*



# **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

## **NOTEBOOKS NEEDED!**

Notebooks should be single subject either wide-ruled or narrow! Collection boxes are in the fellowship room off of the sanctuary!

Also, if anyone can help with distributing or either setting up/tearing down. Please let Ava or Kathy Weaver know! Thank you!

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Pastor Mark has asked the youth of the church to submit questions about the Bible, Christianity, church life, and the like to him so he can address them during our service's Children's Moment. Periodically, we will post an overview of his response here.

Last Sunday, the question was whether there are any girl angels, since angels are often depicted as boys. Pastor Mark explained that there are no girl, or boy, angels, because angels are different from us. They were created to be God's helpers and the Bible often refers to them helping us in our lives. They are spiritual, so we don't know what they "look like." When we make pictures of them, we usually show them as people in white robes with wings, but that's just our imagination creating a way to show them. They are like God, so we can't see them, but we know they are meant to help us.

## An Underwater Turbine off Scotland's Coast is a breakthrough For Clean Energy

Submerged in about 40 meters (44 yards) of water off Scotland's coast, a turbine has been spinning for more than six years to harness the power of ocean tides for electricity – a durability mark that demonstrates the technology's commercial viability. Keeping a large, or grid-scale, turbine in place in the harsh sea environment that long is a record that helps pave the way for bigger tidal energy farms and makes it far more appealing to investors, according to the trade association Ocean Energy Europe. Tidal energy projects would be prohibitively expensive if the turbines had to be taken out of the water for maintenance every couple of years.

Tidal energy technologies are still in the early days of their commercial development, but their potential for generating clean energy is big. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, marine energy, a term researchers use to refer to power generated from tides, currents, waves or temperature changes, is the world's largest untapped renewable energy resource.

Achieving six years in the water with constant operations is a "very significant milestone" that bodes well for the future of tidal energy, said Rémi Gruet, CEO of Ocean Energy Europe. Scotland and the United Kingdom are global leaders in tidal energy. The MeyGen site, operated by SAE Renewables, has been sending electricity to the grid for about eight years.

GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

## Altar Cloths

We recently found beautiful Altar Cloths for the Sanctuary that were crafted by Brenda Williams, and are now using them for our services. Thank you, Brenda, for these wonderful displays of beauty and skill now gracing our church.

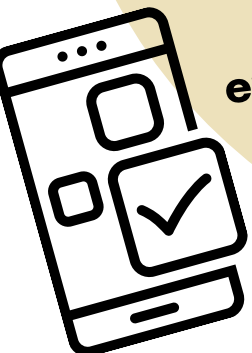


## Contact Your Representatives

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.



Also, you can download an app called 5 Calls for your phone, or go to [5calls.org](https://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.





# BIRTHDAYS

7/4 Kendall Peters  
 7/11 Judy Johnson  
 7/13 Mercedes Truax  
 7/14 Sarah Zecchini  
 7/14 Doris Esslinger  
 7/16 Ted Gregor  
 7/16 John Friedline  
 7/17 Allan Dempsey

7/17 Kathy Weekley  
 7/19 Charlie Hobson  
 7/20 Noah Focht  
 7/25 Levi Peters  
 7/25 Margaret Watson  
 7/28 Roger Hornung  
 7/30 Kathy Brown

**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 & 3rd 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



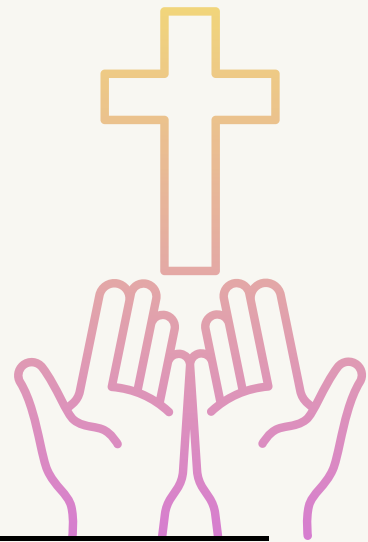
# PRAYER REQUESTS

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
- Charlotte Genslinger, who has entered hospice care.
- Kathy Hildbrand, who continues to recover.
- Mary Ann Miletic, who continues to await more medical treatment.



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