

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

For current events, past newsletters, and our current bulletin, please visit: www.StJohnsUCC.org



July **CALENDAR**

Tuesday, August 5	12-2PM	ood Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, August 7	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday, August 12	12-2PM	ood Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday, August 14	12-2PM	ood Pantry	Brombaugh Room

WORSHIP

August 3rd

Scripture: Jeremiah 8: 18-21

John 11: 28-36

Sermon: The "Sin" of Empathy

Musical Offering:

Liturgist:



August 10th

Scripture: Psalm 82

Acts 17: 22-30

Sermon: Origins Of Monotheism

Musical Offering:

Liturgist:



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.

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.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped us change course and move our service last Sunday indoors. While the rain did not materialize, the heat and humidity would have made being in the shelter difficult for many of us. Also, thank you to everyone who brought food, helped with setting up and tearing down the Assembly Room, and made our indoor picnic a success. Also, thanks to everyone who painted stones for our Memorial Garden.

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 15th, 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, or call Pastor Mark or the church office, if you have any questions. A sign-up sheet is in the Assembly Room.

Memorial Garden

Changes are coming to the lobby by the glass doors! The space where the cross hangs is transforming into a Memorial Garden, thanks to generous donations to the Memorial Fund in honor of Jackie Finney. A fountain has been installed, and stones painted by members of the church are in place, along with a memorial plaque. The next step will be to add an image of a tree to the wall, to which memorial plaques can be attached for deceased members of the church. As the project proceeds, we will provide updates, and when it is completed, we will have an Installation and Blessing ceremony.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

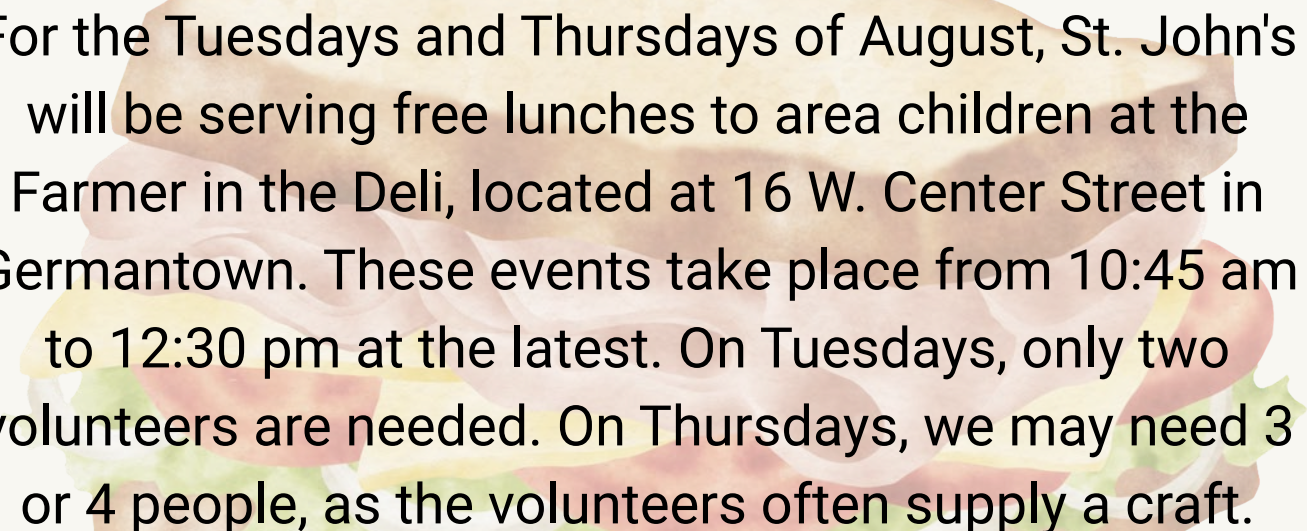
NOTEBOOKS NEEDED!

Notebooks should be single subject either wide-ruled or narrow! Collection boxes are in the fellowship room off of the sanctuary! This will be on August 5th at 5PM at the Veterans memorial Park!

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

AUGUST 5TH **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK** **5PM-7PM**

Serving lunch at Farmer in the Deli



For the Tuesdays and Thursdays of August, St. John's will be serving free lunches to area children at the Farmer in the Deli, located at 16 W. Center Street in Germantown. These events take place from 10:45 am to 12:30 pm at the latest. On Tuesdays, only two volunteers are needed. On Thursdays, we may need 3 or 4 people, as the volunteers often supply a craft.

Please sign up on the Assembly Room bulletin board if you can help.

The Peace Resource Center at Wilmington College celebrates 50 years as the only academic center and archives in the United States wholly devoted to the human experience of nuclear war and weapons development in the United States.

The Peace Resource Center's quinquennial twelve-hour vigil, on the 80th commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, consists of the communal reading of 80 hibakusha [atomic bombing sufferer] testimonials curated from the Peace Resource Center Barbara Reynolds Memorial Archives. Readers and listeners may quietly come and go for any amount of time throughout the duration of the vigil. The readings will take place in the Boyd Cultural Arts Center, where readers and listeners may also view the "Memorializing the Hibakusha Experience" exhibition. which will begin August 6, 2025, and observe the "Peace Masks" project that will take place from 1-5 p.m. that day.

The exhibition is curated by Dr. Claude Baillargeon, Professor of Art History, Oakland University, and will be devoted to the aftermath of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The exhibition, which will bring together rare Japanese photographs, photobooks, and artifacts, will also include works by contemporary artists committed to nuclear abolition.

To learn about all PRC 50th events this fall, please go to:

<https://library.wilmington.edu/prc-50>



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 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



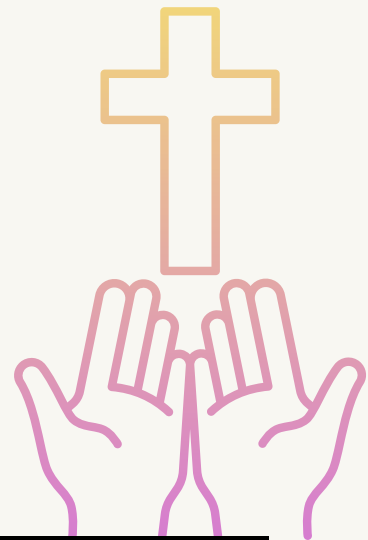
PRAYER REQUESTS

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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