

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School & Worship Time

Adult Sunday School will resume at 9:30am next Sunday, September 11th, with Mike Beamish again facilitating the discussions in the cafe. Next week's topic will be "*What's in Your Closet? – Using Our Strengths and Differences in a Beloved Church Community*". Worship time will begin at 10:30am again.

St. John's Choir

St. John's Choir will reassemble at 6:30pm this Wednesday, September 7th. There is plenty of room in the front two pews on the piano side of the sanctuary, and we can easily spread to the third and fourth rows if necessary. Please join your singing friends for an hour of reviewing some old favorite tunes, and perhaps looking for a few new ones. See you then!

Church Picnic

St. John's Annual Church Picnic will be held at the Troy Community Park on September 24th beginning at 3:00pm. If you want to play in the cornhole tournament, please arrive at 2:30pm. Please bring lawn chairs, your own table service, and a covered dish to share. St. John's will provide chicken, chips and water. If you want a beverage other than water, please bring that with you. Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with our church family!

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday, September 14th Women's Fellowship will meet at the church at 11:30am to then go to New Bremen Park. Please bring a brown bag lunch. We will have dessert and will be stopping at Crossway Farms on the way back.

Pastor Don & Mary Ann on Vacation

Pastor Don and Mary Ann will be out of the country September 6th-27th. He has arranged for another local Pastor to be on call should anyone need him. Please call the office and Melissa will get in touch him.



September 4, 2022

**“21st Century
Church”**

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Pastor Don Crist

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist)

A friendly welcome to all! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

BELLS TO WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE "Open Now Thy Gates" Roger C Wilson

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist)

You, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (adapted from Isaiah 64)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Like clay, we arrive at this time of worship:

People: Shapeless and full of potential, we arrive.

Liturgist: Like clay, we prepare for this time of worship:

People: Stretched and twisted into formation, we prepare.

Liturgist: Like clay, we enter this time of worship:

People: Formed and ready for warmth, we enter.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Loving Creator, maker of everything good, we are in your hands. Be with us now as we gather ourselves to seek your wisdom and strive to become the people you would have us be. Amen.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeff Shaw: Please keep Joyce Swank and her family in prayers as they grieve her cousin.

McKenzie Gibbons (age 5) daughter of David and Kirsten Gibbons, granddaughter of Barb and John Gibbons had extensive throat and palate reconstruction surgery August 19th. Prayers are needed throughout her long recovery.

Dot Thompson: Please pray for Earl Reives' sister who home from the hospital and continuing to gain strength.

Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father. The cancer that he previously battled and defeated has metastasized into the bone and liver. He is now facing a very aggressive chemo regimen.

Brent Adkins: Please continue to pray for Brent's improvement.

Fred Finney: Please pray for Ginny Beamish's brother. He has had some complications with a heart procedure and is in the ICU at the Cleveland Clinic.

Em Finney: Please continue to pray for Ginny Beamish's sister, Em, as she continues to battle health issues.

Michael Ham: Please pray for Michael as he continues to struggle with serious health issues.

Joe Valentine: Please pray for Barb Bartel's son, Joe, as he continues to struggle with family issues.

Erika, Logan and Brianna Wilson: Please pray for Sharon's grandchildren that they may know the love, peace and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Remember our homebound in your thoughts and prayers. Cards are welcome:

Barb Bartel: 4675 Orbison Rd., Troy, OH. 45373

Beulah Bowers: 1220 N. Dorset, Troy, OH 45373

Carletta Gritzmaker: 2896 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

Joan Meredith: Garbry Ridge Room #103, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356

Janet Walpole: c/o The Lindley Inn, 9000 Hocking Hills Dr, Room#144, The Plains, OH 45780

Please note: Updates and/or amendments to the prayer list are appreciated. Typically, prayer requests will be removed after 4 weeks. If you or a loved one needs to remain on the list, please contact Betty Schaffner at 937-335-6713. Thank you.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Don Crist

POSTLUDE

“Christ the Cornerstone”

Benton Price

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Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Nevin Fessler

Head User: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today, Sunday, September 4th 9:30am Worship

Monday, September 5th Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday September 6th-Wednesday September 7th Office Closed

Wednesday, September 7th 10:00am History Team
6:00pm Choir

God is Still Speaking,

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***HYMN:#84**

“This is the Day”

Black Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist)

Hebrews 1:1-2, 8-12

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES:

Ginny will be leading us all in the singing of some children’s songs. Children age 5 and under are invited to gather together in the Sunday School area at the conclusion of this time.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Don Crist

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

People’s Choice...We will sing one verse of each hymn selected by those folks in the congregation.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

We invite you to use these few moments of silence to welcome the Inner Teacher to speak to you as Pastor Don shares the morning message.

SERMON

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OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

The cost of discipleship is bold and radical. It requires a countercultural giving of possessions and self. Let us risk the safety of ordinary and choose to build with God by sharing our tithes, offerings, and our very selves.

