

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Allison Pierce

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &

John Gibbons



May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship 4p US/MX Trip Chat @ TGP	1 6:30p Grandparents Support Group Happy Birthday Carletta Gritzmaker! 🎂	2	3 10a History Team 6p Choir	4 4p-8p Rummage Sale Happy Birthday Erica Wilson! 🎂	5 9a-2p Rummage Sale	6 9a-12p Rummage Sale
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21 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship 1p-4p Grandfamilies Respite @ TGP Happy Birthday Ear Reeves! 🎂	22	23	24 10a History 6:00p Choir	25 10a Twisted Stitchers	26	27
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April 30, 2023

“Back to Basics”

St. John's United Church of Christ

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God is Still Speaking,

INTROIT

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 "Andantio" Joseph Haydn

*OPENING WORDS

God, my shepherd! We don't need a thing. You have bedded us down in lush meadows, and you find us quiet pools to drink from.

adapted from Psalm 23 - the Message Translation

*HYMN: #1 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (Red Hymnal)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

People: The Christ is in our midst.

Liturgist: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe

People: The Christ is in our midst.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

God of the visible and invisible, we gaze upon roads ahead knowing that you are ahead of us. We seek your presence when the fog is heavy and our hearts are hurting. In the moments of haze, clear the path before us. In the moments of clarity, show your face to us. Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night as we search for your presence and call. Amen.

Family Ministries Director

We are looking for a part time Family Ministries Director. He/she will be responsible for the development, coordination, and administration of the Christian Education programs, curriculum planning and special events. The primary focus will be on the church's children's ministry program. If you or anyone you know would be interested please have them submit a resume to our email at: stjohnsucctroy@gmail.com.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will be hosting a celebrate Spring luncheon on Saturday, May 20th at 12:00pm. There will be food, prizes and entertainment by the Troy High School Trojan Tones, an acapella choir. Please come and invite family, friends and neighbors. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex until May 14th. Come celebrate with us!

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 4/23/23 = 31

Week of 4/23/23	Month to Date	Year to Date
\$561.00	\$12,541.80	\$37,199.03

For past sermons, bulletins and other information about St. John's please visit our website at <https://stjohnsucctroyohio.org/>

Office Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

Pastor Don is in W-F and the office manager is in M, T & F



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, May 7th in the café. Next week's topic will be "Invite Them Anyway – Being That Beloved Community" with Mike Beamish leading.

US-Mexico Border Trip

Today at 4pm in The Gathering Place, come join Don and Mary Ann for some light snacks and beverages as we share slides of our trip to the US-Mexico border area. During two days in March, we accompanied Randy Mayer, pastor of a UCC church in Sahuarita Arizona and experienced first-hand the border wall, the towns which straddle both sides of it, an ecumenical mission which serves migrants seeking asylum, and the work of the Samaritans who provide food and water to immigrants crossing into the US through the desert.

We were inspired by all that we saw and heard from those who, in spite of political divisions, strong opinions and a very complex and messy immigration system, simply save lives. We'd love to share our pictures and stories with you.

Respite Time for Grandparents

You have a great opportunity during the next few months to make a difference in the lives of children. St. John's is partnering with Ann Marie Winters' Grandfamilies support group in providing once a month respite time for grandparents and therapeutic playtime for the grandchildren. The first event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon May 21st from 1-4 pm and will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and the Gathering Place. We are asking for 5-6 adults with a heart for older adults trying to raise young children. There will be experienced leaders running the program but each child needs a special "friend" for the day. Please consider if you are being nudged to step up and wrap your arms and your hearts around these families. Talk to Mary Ann or Ginny for more information.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES: Ginny will be leading us in song. All under 5 are invited to gather together in the Sunday School area at the conclusion of this time.

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Don Crist

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. ANN MARIE WINTERS, leader of the Grandfamily Support Group meeting regularly at The Gathering Place.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:38-47

***HYMN: #349** "I Come With Joy" Vss 1,2,3 (Black Hymnal)

SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

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

SERMON "Back to Basics"

***HYMN: #349** "I Come With Joy" Vss 4,5 (Black Hymnal)

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of your realm.

OFFERTORY

“Rondino”

J.P. Rameau

*DOXOLOGY: (In Unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*DEDICATION PRAYER: (In Unison)

Holy God, Holy Light, even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this world. May the gifts we share today and each day hereafter create a Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.

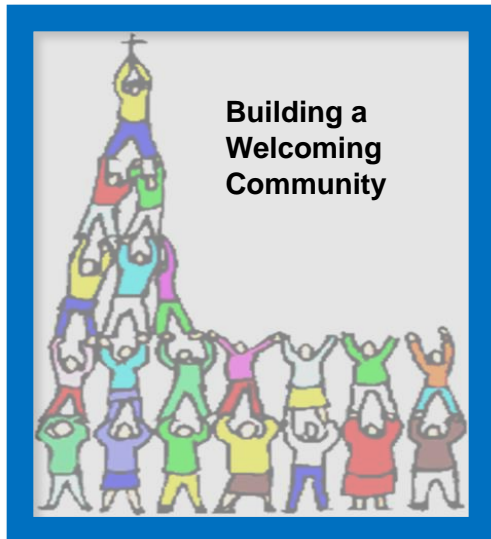
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Gavotte”

J.F. Dandrieu

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PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Cheryl Braun: Please pray for Joyce Swank's sister in law who is now in a rehab unit.

Becky: Please pray for the Fessler's daughter in law that is having surgery.

Pam Nolin: Joyce Heffelfinger's niece is in critical condition with a number of health concerns. Please keep her in your prayers,

Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer.

Em Finney: Ginny's sister, Em, has been on our prayer list for a very long time and needs our prayers now more than ever as her illness progresses, and her health deteriorates.

Michael Ham: Despite his life-long health issues, Michael has accomplished a great deal in his life and is very active in the Troy community. As his health issues mount, Michael could certainly use all the prayers that we at St. John's can offer.

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: Lakeview Wing #213, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356

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 or Joyce Reives at 937-477-8268. Thank you.