

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Mike Beamish

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	2	3 10a History Team 6p Choir	4 4p-8p Rummage Sale	5 9a-2p Rummage Sale	6 9a-12p Rummage Sale
7 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship	8 2p Trustees	9	10 10a History Team	11 10a Twisted Stitches	12	13
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21 Recognition Sunday 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship 1p-4p Grandfamilies Respite @ TGP	22	23	24 10a History 6:00p Choir	25 10a Twisted Stitches	26	27
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May 14, 2023

Mother's Day

“My Mother, My Teacher”



Happy Birthday!



5/1 – Carletta Gritzmaker, 5/4 – Erica Wilson, 5/7 – Kate Arnett,
5/17 – John Gibbons, 5/21 – Earl Reives

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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 "Household of Faith" Lamb/Rasasco

***OPENING WORDS** Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72:19)

***FIRST SONG OF THE MORNING:** "Perpetual Praise" (Insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Creator God, you call us.

People: We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.

Liturgist: Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

People: You never leave us, you never forsake us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.

Liturgist: Creator God, you love us.

People: Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you—our Creator, our Mother, our Father—with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds, and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Strengthen the Church

On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, we will receive our Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering, another one of our Five for Five offerings. This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Please indicate your gift on the fourth line of your giving envelope, or use the special envelope you will find in the narthex.

April Council Tidbits

- Possibility of Facebook Live sermons returning soon.
- Grandfamilies' Support Group will be meeting at St. John's
- Council is con continuing to search for a Families Ministry Director.

As always, complete minutes may be found in the church office.

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 5/7/23 = 33

Week of 5/7/23	Month of May	Year to date
\$2,210.00	\$2,210.00	\$40,184.03



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, May 21st in the café. Next week's topic will be "Don't Worship the Music – Praising our God in Many Ways" with Mike Beamish leading.

FISH Mission

The month of May gives us the opportunity to support the local FISH mission. In 1969 the methodist men of Troy were looking for a project to reach others in the Troy community. As a result, FISH was organized and continues reaching out to the residents of Troy. FISH receives no funding from sources other than support from generous donors. All funding remains in Miami County and funds are used to help those in need pay for rent, utilities, gasoline and prescriptions.

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.

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!

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Blessing of a Mother's Love" Becki Mayo

SCRIPTURE READING: II Timothy 1:1-7

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 TIME TO RECOGNIZE MOTHERS

Becky Pierce

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

"My Mother, My Teacher"

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

We come in thanksgiving for God's great faithfulness and abiding presence. We come with generous spirits to build God's kingdom and provide for God's children.

OFFERTORY

"Christie Sanctorum"

Old Plain Chant

***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)**

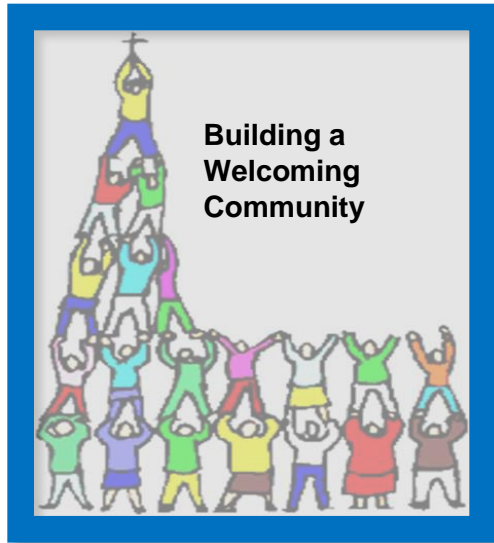
May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: #362** “When Love is Found” (Black Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Go With God” Jane Carrier

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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.