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PROGRAM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON	POSITION	CONTACT
Kyle Taylor	Church President	859-394-5256
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days
when the office is closed.



September 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

*O, Holy God, your Holy Spirit enabled Simon Peter to be the first one to
confess Jesus as Lord and Savior; may your Spirit enable us to follow,
to profess faith in Jesus as the Christ and to place our trust in him. Amen.*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"Meditation Religieuse"

(Alexander Schreiner)

Tower Bell

Introit

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth Your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite, Your vast domain;
everlasting is Your reign.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 10:1,7-10,14

The heavens are telling the story of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Together we pray:

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable
to you, O Lord, our rock and my redeemer.**

(Marion)

Sunday, September 22: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Karen Liden, Family of Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Carol Strong, Kelsey Taylor, Bonnie Walter, Marty Westermeyer & Peggy Westlund

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Norma Biery. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Norma as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Norma Biery
Fields of Florence
212 Main Street
Florence, KY 41042

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Online Video Worship Services

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

From Letters to the Entire Church in the New Testament: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Anthem

“Toccata of Praise”

(Joseph Martin)

Jubilate!
Sing to the Lord a new song.
I will sing to the Lord most glorious.
Fill the world with a joyful sound.
I will sing to the Lord most glorious,
Power and glory and blessing be unto the Lord.
With every glad hosanna I praise the Lord of life.
With every alleluia give praise to God on high.
Alleluia Praise the Lord.

I pledge my voice to you, O God.
I lift it up to you, God.
You are the everlasting song.

Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord of hosts a new song.

Jubilate! Make a joyful noise.
Nations now join as one, unified by peace and love.
Proclaim the glory of the Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

***Affirmation of Faith: UCC Statement of Faith in form of Doxology, 1982**

**God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify.**

**create persons in your own image
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**You have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues and races.**

**to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
to resist the powers of evil,**

Join us Saturday, October 19th, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as St. John's hosts a trunk-or-treat. This event will take place in the parking lot of St. John's. We are asking members and friends to bring their cars and decorate them and pass out candy to children as they come to your car. Costumes are encouraged for both children and adults and there will be a winner for best costume. There will also be games and activities for kids to participate in as they make their way through the treat trail. Invite all of your children, grandchildren, and friends to join us for this fun event.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

St John's Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 27th - 11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary after Sunday worship

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Nominations are open for the 2025 Leadership Team. If you or another member of St. John's would like to run for a position on the Leadership Team, please contact Past President, Laura Haas to express interest. Positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Questions about each position can be asked of current members of the Leadership Team. Please contact Laura Haas with any additional questions.

SEPTEMBER SHOES AND SOCKS

During the **month of September, the 1st through the 29th**, we will be collecting (NEW) shoes and socks of all sizes and types to be donated to the Washington UCC community store. There will be tubs at each of our sanctuary entrances during the month for you to drop off your donations. If you prefer to make a donation of money we will gladly do the shopping for you, simply mark an offering envelope with "shoes and socks", and we'll be sure to purchase items on your behalf. Thank you for participating in this community service. Your support of the important work that Washington UCC does for so many people makes a difference.

THE CHOSEN

You are invited to join a “watch and discuss” group for Season 4 of *“The Chosen”*. We will gather on the Saturdays listed below from 9:30-11:00 in the church parlor. If you have already seen this season, nothing can be better than watching it again and discussing it with others. If you haven’t seen previous seasons of The Chosen it will be easy for you to follow and enjoy the season. All are welcome and we welcome your family and friends too!

Saturday September 28, 9:30-11:00
Saturday October 05, 9:30-11:00
Saturday October 26, 9:30-11:00
Saturday November 09, 9:30-11:00
Saturday November 23, 9:30-11:00
Saturday December 14, 9:30-11:00

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.**

***Hymn #589**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

(Maryton)

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

Psalm 143:1

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord



WORDS: Psalm 143:1
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER
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Offertory Invitation

Through our offerings, we are invited to put God first in our lives, to show our gratitude and our commitment. We owe everything to God: our lives, our health, people who love us, meaningful work and activities. Let us respond in proportion to our gratitude.

Offertory

“Only God”

(Mary McDonald)

Only god can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea.
Only God can heal a wounded spirit; Only God, only God.
Only God can hear my heart’s cry; only God, my sin atone.
Only God can give us calm assurance, only God, only God!
God Almighty, most Holy wise God; You are the power and the glory,
O God, our God!
Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength.
Only God will stand as our Defender, only God, only God!
God is the power; only God in majesty!
Only God will reign as King forever, only God, Only God!

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**
For the sake of the Gospel we offer our lives and resources to the working of Your will. Let no one be ashamed of what they bring or who they are, for Christ is not ashamed of us and receives us as we come. So receive our offering now to the glory of God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #466

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

(Hendon)

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

(Gordon Young)

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and Worship!
We pray that your experience of Worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.
May you know His grace and peace today!
Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers at the pulpit are in celebration of the baptism of Karen Liden’s granddaughter, Charlotte Grace Marie Pecora who was born on May 2, 2024. Charlotte is being baptized today in Arlington Heights, Illinois.



Open flower dates are September 29th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15TH

September 21st: Josephine Fussinger

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Rev. Henry Marksberry who passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024. Rev. Marksberry’s memorial service will be held here at St. John’s on Wednesday, September 18th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There will also be a visitation at Dobbling Funeral Home in Ft. Thomas on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this tender time.

