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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

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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.	



March 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday



*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on "Wondrous Love"* (Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him. Christ the Lord.

*Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted up. O ancient doors, that the
King of Glory may come in!

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Let us Worship our God!



Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Mike Hanson

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, March 29: 10am Worship Service

Monday, March 30: 7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 31: 7pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, April 1: 7pm - 9pm Choir Rehearsal-Easter Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2: 3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 4: 9am AA Meeting
10am - 11am Lenten Discussion Group

Sunday, April 5: 8:30am Easter Breakfast
10am Worship Service/Easter Sunday

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

BIBLE STUDY, THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (2026 LECTIONARY YEAR A)

Saturdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM
April 11 through June 27
St. John’s UCC Newport, church chapel

Consider studying the Gospel of Matthew during this Spring season. “Matthew’s life was changed when he met Jesus. In his Gospel Matthew shares the glorious good news about Jesus’ life. From start to finish Matthew reminds us that Jesus is more than just a carpenter. He is our King.”

Max Lucado’s “Life Lessons from Matthew” is a 12-lesson study including readings, stories, questions, and reflections. The study can be done individually or in a small group. The book can be purchased through Amazon (\$7.15), Kindle, or other online or local book sellers (\$4-\$10).

You may wish to join our small group, complete a lesson before each Saturday gathering, and enjoy the fellowship of discussion, or you may prefer to complete the study individually at your own pace with family or friends at home. If you choose the small group you may have to miss now and then, no problem, it is easy to catch up and stay connected.

The first gathering of the small group will be Saturday April 11 at 10:00am in the church chapel area. Please complete “How to Study the Bible”, the introduction, and Lesson 1 – “God With Skin On” before the Saturday gathering.

Saturday April 11 – Lesson 1
Saturday April 18 – Lesson 2
etc to Saturday June 27 – Lesson 12

Questions? Contact Laura Haas at 859-240-9807, lauraclairehaas@gmail.com

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LUNCH BUNCH
Wednesday, April 8th
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bring Your Own Lunch
Drinks & Desserts Provided
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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CARD SHOWER FOR ERIC HAAS

We are asking our members and friends to reach out to Eric Haas with prayers and cards as he continues his journey recovering from a stroke back in September 2025. He would appreciate hearing from everyone here at St. John’s. His address is:

Eric Haas
100 Huntemann Lane UNIT 14
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

***Hymn** *“The Palms”* (Faure)

1. **O’er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E’en now the throng to welcome him prepare.**

Refrain:
**Join all and sing, his name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord,
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

2. **His word goes forth and people by its might,
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right
While those in darkness are restored to light.**

Refrain:

3. **Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem,
Brings forth the hope to thee for-ever-more.**

Refrain:

***Hymn #267** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* (Ellacombe)

***Prayer of Confession**
Forgive us, God, that as Jesus journeys toward a cross, our preference runs toward parades and palms, and noisy celebrations. Forgive us that we turn away from Calvary with its rusted nails and twisted thorns. Forgive us that we are more willing to be instructed than redeemed. Have mercy upon our brief faith that fades when faced with a world of troubles, with enthusiasm that fizzles easily, with hopes we parade out but do not pursue. Tear us away from the small purposes that drain our blood and sweat, so that our tired eyes may see the splendor of that noble vision which fed the soul of Christ.
Bless you, O Lord, and all that is with Your Holy Name! Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Hear the words you may trust, words that are worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!”

Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

From the Letters of Paul in the New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



(Greatest)



ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29TH

March 30th: Mike Hanson

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29TH

March 30th: Carol & Ralph Schoulthies (63 years)

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturday, April 4th: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Discussion Group meets in the church parlor.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to participate in enhancing our Sanctuary with lilies and tulips this Easter. **Orders for Easter flowers are now available until Monday, March 30th.** Order your Easter lilies or tulips for the Easter season and take them home with you after the Easter morning service on Sunday, April 5th. Flowers are **\$12.00 each** and order forms are in your Sunday bulletin. You can place your order form and payment in the offering plate.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

7:00 p.m. Worship Service/Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH EASTER

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion and Special Music

EASTER BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S

The Leadership Team will be serving an Easter Breakfast to all of our members and friends. Please join us on **Sunday, April 5th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall** for a breakfast of pastries, coffee cakes, different breakfast casseroles, and drinks. All we need you to do is just show up as the Leadership Team is providing this to thank everyone for all that you do for St. John's. We hope you can join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before we join together in the celebration of our Easter Service.

Baptism of Archie Joseph Sester

Born May 2, 2025 to Abby and Shane Sester.
Brother: Hank Sester
Sponsors: Sean Sester & Jacob Marquet

- Welcome
- Address
- Questions of the Candidates
- Congregational Assent

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

- Prayer of Baptism
- Act of Baptism
- Prayer for the Baptized

**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

Sing Twice



Offertory Invitation

The Bearer of Sorrows gave life itself, in total dedication to God’s way of love. We too have the privilege of investing our lives for others. The tithes and offerings we dedicate here are symbols of our willingness to answer God’s call with all our time and talents.

Offertory

“Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs” (Lloyd Larson)

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows!
Surely He was wounded for us, bruised for our iniquities!
The chastisement of our peace fell upon Him,
and with his stripes we are healed!
Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
yet He opened not His mouth!

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O most afflicted!

***Doxology**

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