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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		
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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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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.	



July 19, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship
Develop your sense of perspective.
When everything around you looks like weeds, remember:
From the heavens, all is a garden.
–Philip Toshio Sudo, 1997

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (arr. John Innes)
(Dobin Park and Michael Sullivan)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**
Rejoice, people of God! The Lord knows you completely.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.
Rejoice, people of God! The Lord knows you completely.
Where can we go from God’s spirit?
Rejoice, people of God! The Lord knows you completely.
God’s hand leads us no matter where we go, near or far.
Rejoice, people of God! The Lord knows you completely.
Search us, God. Know our hearts.
Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #87** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Madrid)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

All encompassing God, we come before you with hearts full of thanks and praise. We give you thanks for this day, for this community of faith, for the people in our lives who challenge us, bless us, and make us grow in faith. Assure us now, God, that we are your beloved children, adopted into the holy family of faith through Christ Jesus. Give us the strength we need this day and every day.

Guide our lives so that we may be a blessing and bring honor and glory to you. God of love and mercy, we come to you today, our hearts heavy with the words we have spoken and the deeds we have done that have disappointed you. Bring our awareness to you, God. Help us to remember that wherever we are and whatever we are doing, you are there with us.

Search our hearts this morning, God, and weed out those thoughts and deeds that bring dishonor to you and to us. Forgive us where we have failed you and make your presence so real to us in each moment of our lives so that our thoughts and actions will be filled with your spirit. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Because of what Jesus did for you, you are forgiven, your sin is forgotten, and you are loved with a love that knows no boundaries or end. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greatest)

**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.**

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Wendy Bauer & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, July 19:** 10am Worship Service
- Monday, July 20:** 7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, July 21:** 7pm NA Meeting
7pm East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Thursday, July 23:** 3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, July 25:** 9am AA Meeting
- Sunday, July 26:** 10am Worship Service
11:15am Cookies & Lemonade Social

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

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

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Judy Eads, Carol Fickenschier, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Family of Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Janice Keeney, Vickie Kennedy, Ed Von Strohe, Family of Bonnie Walter & Wendy Watts

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Immanuel UCC; Bromley
Jack Denham

Christ UCC; Ft. Thomas
Diane Vego

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 Bertie Jo Tuerpe. Bertie Jo's birthday is Monday, July 27th. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bertie Jo as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Bertie Jo Tuerpe
999 Lincoln Road
Dayton, KY 41074

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!

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your maidservant.

Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Solo

“Then Sings My Soul”
(Dobin Park - soloist)

(Mary McDonald)

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Sermon “Living With the Weeds” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Baptism of Lily Jueun Park
Born May 11, 2026 to Dobin and Saneer Park .
Sponsor: Michael Sullivan

- 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?

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES

David Giron, Global Relations Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean, reports that Venezuelan aid workers, rescue teams, and citizenry have mobilized immediately, carrying relief supplies and searching for those caught under the rubble and debris. The search and rescue effort has been impeded by significant aftershocks, including a 4.6 magnitude aftershock on June 29, 2026, off the northern coast.

*God of the broken and the buried,
Hear us as we pray in sorrow and hope.
We hold before you those whose lives have been shaken,
Let your peace, comfort and love be known to
Those who search, those who wait, and those who grieve.
Let your love be a source of light amidst the chaos of uncertainty.
In your name we pray,
Amen*

You can also mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note “Venezuela Earthquakes 2026” in the memo section of your check.
Our EIN: 34-1927041

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St. John's is excited to announce the return of our Back-to-School supply drive benefiting the Newport Independent School District and Washington UCC. This year the schools are looking for any of the following items: Crayola Crayons, Crayola Colored Pencils, Crayola Markers, Folders, Pencils, Pens (blue, black & red), Glue Sticks, Erasers, Pencil Boxes, Scissors, Single Subject Spiral Notebooks (wide & college lined), Composition Books and Backpacks.

If you can't make it out to shop, no problem! We will collect monetary donations and send them to the organizations to help them get the supplies they need. Make your check payable to St. John's UCC and mark it for the "Back to School Drive." This donation drive will kick off on **July 5th** and run through **August 2nd**. Boxes will be located at the baptismal font in the sanctuary to drop off supplies. Please contact the church office with any questions.



ADULT EDUCATION

The following is a summary of the recent survey results regarding adult education. It seems to be that most people are interested in viewing and discussing The Chosen as the last 2 seasons become available. Folks appreciate the devotional groups during Advent and Lent. The most popular choices in bible study included the continued study of the Gospel, New Testament, Psalms and the Wisdom books.

The majority of folks prefer in person sessions on Saturday mornings. Preferred times of the year were across the board, all seasons, with Fall and Winter identified as the most popular.

With these thoughts in mind, we'll aim to begin a group study in September. Look for more information in August. We hope you'll consider joining a group in the year ahead and sharing fellowship and your faith journey with us. A reminder that all are welcome – neighbors, friends and family.

If you need a good read for the summer, I suggest **"Who Needs God" by Harold Kushner**. In this book Rabbi Kushner "makes religious commitment understandable and attractive to everyone – as he explores the importance of God and religious faith in our daily lives". This book was published in 1989, so if you've read it before, it is worth reading again. If you would like to share in a **book discussion** of "Who Needs God" please join us **Saturday August 29 at 10am** in Fellowship Hall.

***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 and 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

(Amazing Grace)

The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

Offertory Invitation

Because we care, we give: to lift burdens, to provide fresh water, to share bread, to build self-esteem, to make disciples. Most of all, we give in thankfulness to God, who has multiplied in us great blessings.

Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me”

(Joel Raney)

*Doxology

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

(Old 100th)

*Prayer of Dedication

God, you have granted us many blessings, whether it is material or spiritual wealth. For this we offer thanks and return a portion of those blessings for your mission in our world. Generous God, help us to understand the true meaning of your blessings – that they are not in earthly possessions, but in your presence and your promise in our lives. Use us to bless others still. Amen.

*Hymn #123

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

(Crusader’s Hymn)

*Benediction

*Postlude *“A Spanish Rhapsody” (All Creatures Of Our God And King) (Joel Raney)*

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 baptismal font are in honor of
Lily Jueun Park on her baptismal day.
Wishing you a lifetime of faith, love, and joy.



Open flower dates are July 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.



ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19TH

July 23rd: Kelli & Scott Taylor (38 years)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

Please join us after Sunday worship for **lemonade and cookies**. Enjoy a few moments of fellowship outside the entrance at the parking lot drop off. We will celebrate the last Sunday of each month - **July 26th**. Cookie donations are needed for each gathering.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the Henry Hosea on **Friday, July 31st from 3:30-6:30pm**. All you need to do is serve on the food line and provide a warm, welcoming smile to the people who come for dinner. If you and a family member or friend would be willing to do this, please text or call Pat Goins at 859-250-2830 or contact Kelli in the church office.