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

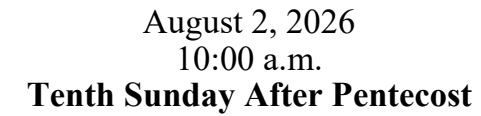
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Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. John's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES



*Never hesitate to bring your gifts to God.
No matter how small, God will transform your gifts
into blessings that feed the multitude.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Albin Whitworth)
 (Kendra Franke - Flute)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship: based on Psalm 17**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to prayers from lips of deceit.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #68** *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* (Nettleton)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Holy One, we come to you hungry, wanting to be fed from your spirit, from your word, from your community. We come thirsty and tired from our journeys. We come with empty pockets, with nothing to buy what we truly seek. We come expecting miracles.

We come expecting to leave with a full heart and mind. We come with praise in our hearts. We come with our gifts, whether large or small. We come with our faith, whether weak or strong.

Most importantly, God, we have come. We have come to this place to worship you and grow in love and community. We seek your blessing. Fill us, we pray. O God, we call upon you; we ask that you hear our words. We cry to you words of anguish, words of despair, words of hopelessness and helplessness. We have failed you, God, in so many ways. The weight of the world is upon us and we feel as though we are being crushed.

But, just as you have forgiven Jacob and given him a new name, you are faithful to us as well. Renew us this day. Forgive us for how we have failed you and others. Thank you for calling us your beloved, forgiven children. It is in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! The Good News in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. Let us praise this God of grace! 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.**

(Creatorex)

From the Letters of Paul in the New Testament: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Solo

“The Perfect Wisdom Of Our God” (By Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)
(Evan Stuart - soloist)

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe
all things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the myst’ries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His,
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet, His spirit teaching and guiding me.
And, O, the myst’ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ.

O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love,
and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace;
so through the trials I choose to say “Your perfect will in your perfect way.”

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, August 2: 10am Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Monday, August 3: 7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, August 4: 7pm NA Meeting
7pm East Row Historic Foundation Meeting

Thursday, August 6: 3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 8: 9am AA Meeting
10am Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, August 9: 10am Worship Service

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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, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Family of Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Janice Keeney, Vickie Kennedy, Brenda Scharber, Ed Von Strohe & Wendy Watts

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Grace UCC; Ft. Wright
Mark Roeder

St. Paul UCC; Alexandria
Paul Forrey

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 Janice Keeney. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Janice as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Janice Keeney
10630 Marshall Road
Covington, KY 41015

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!

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

"Jesus Feeds, But We Remember!" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #665**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

(Bread of Life)

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

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Offertory Invitation

Jesus invites us to put the claims of God's realm before all else in our lives, to sacrifice all we have in order to obtain it. God's rule is not only a future promise; it is a present reality, waiting to be accepted by individuals and shared in community. Our offerings and the work we do together are meant to announce and demonstrate the realm of heaven.

Offertory

“Thy Word” (Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to your side
And I will love you to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Beautiful word, wonderful word,
Wonderful word of life.

*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

*Prayer of Dedication: our Monetary Offering and our School Supply Collection
Thank you, God, for the opportunities to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. We offer along with our monies, these gathered school supplies to be blessed this day. It is our hope that the children use them in continuing their education and understanding there are those supporting them in that endeavor. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. We give them all in the name of Jesus Christ, your greatest blessing. Amen.

NKY UCC
DARTBALL GATHERING
with a Carry In Lunch

Sunday, August 30, 12:30
at
St. John’s Newport
415 Park Avenue

Come enjoy a day of food and fellowship
with all our NKY UCC churches!
Any one who is interested is welcome
to join in a friendly game (or two) of dartball.

DRINKS:

St. John’s Newport

SIDES:

St. Paul Alexandria
Christ Ft. Thomas

MAIN COURSE:

Immanuel Bromely
(Open-faced roast beef
and turkey sandwiches)

DESSERT:

Grace Ft. Wright
St. Mark Latonia
St. John Bellevue

NKY UCC DART BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AND CARRY IN LUNCH – AUGUST 30TH

On **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, we at St. John's UCC will be hosting the other UCC churches in Northern Kentucky at a Dart Baseball Tournament. (participation in the tournament is optional)

The meal will begin at 12:30 pm, with the tournament to follow at approximately 1:30 pm. It will be an opportunity to share food and fellowship with our sister UCC folks in Northern Kentucky. We are the hosts, and will provide drinks, paper plates, etc. The main course will be open-faced roast beef and open-faced turkey sandwiches. The flyer lists what items individual churches are to bring. If you feel motivated to provide a side or a dessert – no one will turn you down.

As I understand it, there was a team at St. John's UCC that participated in the Northern Kentucky league that was formed in the late 1980's and ran until 2020. If you are willing to participate, then please attend and represent St. John's UCC-Newport in the tournament. (Pastor Marty wants to have bragging rights). If you will participate and/or bring your boards, please let Rachel at St. Mark's UCC know at rachelswirrig@gmail.com.

As I understand it, there will be other people from the denomination (moderator, Association Minister, etc.) attending and fellowshiping with us. Please plan to share lunch and the afternoon together with other UCC folk and share in the fellowship.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Beginning **September 6th**, on the first Sunday of each month, St. John's UCC located at Park and Nelson Place in Newport, is offering a Sunday School session for grades K-6 during worship. Worship on the first Sunday of the month is our communion Sunday, to which all are welcome!

Sunday worship is 10:00 – 11:00 am. Coffee Hour, a time of fellowship, precedes worship in Fellowship Hall on the lower level below the sanctuary.

Signs in the building will guide you to the Sunday School classroom.

The children's time will be led by Mr. Matthew Shephard

***Hymn**

"Let Us Be Bread"



Communion

Celebrating God's Word in Sacrament

*Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity and community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God*

***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.

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

*As is our tradition, the Elements of Communion are held until all are served
and partake at the direction of the Pastor.*

*Traditional wine is located on the outside circle of the serving tray and
apple juice is available on the inner circle of the serving tray.*

Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and ask that your daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “*Paeon*” (*Gordon Young*)

Please use trash receptacles located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



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



For online giving, please scan the QR code

August 2nd: Fred Haas, Jr.
August 3rd: Krista Meadows
August 6th: Erma (Sammie) Deslongchamps

Today is the last day for the Back-to-School-Drive. You can still make a monetary donation and we will send it 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." Thank you for your help with this outreach project.

ALL are Welcome! Come and Enjoy!

“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”. Whether you’ve read the book or not, you would likely enjoy the conversation.