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THE CARILLON

Pastor's Desk

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In 1803 Ohio was admitted as the 17 state of the Union and during that time hundreds of immigrants from Germany and Switzerland built log homes near Dover, an area rich in timber and an abundance of clear water. They became part of a small but growing settlement in the Ohio wilderness. During the early 1800's these settlers, who shared many of the same religious beliefs as well their native German language, held church in each other's homes. At some point these freedom-loving people with a firm belief in God, built a separate log

cabin near our present church.

There are no pictures of the log structure but there are records of our first pastor, Rev. Henry Colloredo, also a German immigrant. For 13 years Rev. Colloredo traveled on horseback between heavily forested Holmes, Coshocton and Tuscarawas Counties founding several German Evangelical churches.

Under Rev. Colloredo's leadership the frame structure shown here was constructed in 1838 on a site close to our current location. The building was owned jointly with the Lutheran church whose members spoke English. Our church, whose members spoke German, became the St. John's

German Evangelical church. Early records of St. John's reflected a practice common to most congregations building their first house of Worship: members paid their church pledge by doing a certain number of hours of work on the building; some as carpenters, some as stone masons; others met their pledges by unloading lumber and supplies from the canal boats docked nearby on the Ohio Canal. The two churches held separate services in this same building for 25 years.



In 1863 the English Lutherans sold their equity in the building for \$350 to the German Evangelicals and the church became known as the German Evangelical St. John's Church of Dover. The Lutherans moved to Third Street, to the present location of Grace Lutheran Church.

This was a period when large numbers of Europeans emigrated to the United States. German and Swiss families in the Old Country had undoubtedly heard from local settlers that land was plentiful and available. The church was a central part of the lives of these people, and St. John's reflected that, as church St. John's United Church of Christ 409 North Wooster Avenue Dover, OH 44622

Rev. Dr. Cassandra Granados Senior Minister

Natalie Peterman

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Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship

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natalie@doverstjohns.org church.secretary@doverstjohns.org newsletter@doverstjohns.org membership swelled. In 1878, having outgrown their church building, the congregation voted to build a new church.



A stately brick and sandstone structure facing what was then Market Street (now North Wooster Avenue) was constructed to accommodate a growing congregation. The Sanctuary was located on the second floor and the Sunday School classrooms on the first floor. To make the brick walls strong they made them 4 courses thick at the bottom and 3 courses thick above the Sanctuary floor and

between the windows to support the roof.

Again, our church members worked together, and many members made their contributions by working on the new building in any way that they could. The women of the church did their share too; they spent many hours sewing carpet rags and weaving rugs to be sold to help raise funds for the building. They also made soup to sell and labored countless hours at County Fairs selling homemade pies and foods all to benefit the church building fund.

In 1938 extensive renovation/construction to the church took

place to accommodate a growing congregation with the addition of a Sunday School Hall and major renovation to the Sanctuary. Charles Marr was the architect and Wendling Brothers was the general contractor. E.A. Barthelmeh, Church Board President in 1938 stated: "The unselfish labors of pioneer German families of St. John's in founding our church have resulted in countless benefits to those who have followed. The church has always welcomed its membership with open arms. Whether in joy or sorrow the church always stood ready to serve."



As part of the renovation:

- A brick veneer was added to the church to match the new Sunday School Hall.
- The plaster ceiling in the Sanctuary was removed to expose wooden trusses.
- The second floor was removed, bringing the Sanctuary to the ground level.
- The direction of the Sanctuary was reversed, from facing Wooster Ave to the present configuration.
- The steeple was reused and covered with copper.
- A Holtkamp organ was installed with 1,700 new pipes added to the 500 salvaged pipes.
- Stained Glass windows were crafted by Von Gerichten Studios of Columbus, Ohio

The church has gone through several name changes over the years. In 1934, it became known as St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church with the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed churches in the United States. In 1962 it was changed

to the present name of <u>St. John's United Church</u> <u>of Christ.</u>



St. John's membership, programs and facilities have continued to grow and evolve over the years with the addition of our Christian Education building in 1967 and more recently, in 2022,

the addition of our Fourth & Faith building, focusing on Contemporary Worship and community outreach.

Our church now offers many programs for all ages including St. John's Preschool, Christian Education programs for youth through adults, mission projects both locally and in areas of need, a won-



derful music program, numerous programs and activities for seniors and the community.

Our traditional church service is conducted in the Sanctuary on <u>Sunday at 10:30am</u>.

All are welcome!

St. John's United Church of Christ 409 N. Wooster Ave.

Visit us at: www.doverstjohns.org
Facebook- St. John's United Church of Christ for info and online services

Join Our Prayer Chain

A **prayer chain** is a group of people, often associated with a church, who share prayer requests and commit to praying for specific needs as they arise. The members are "linked" by prayer, passing requests from one person to another in a continuous chain.

We are looking for people to join us on the prayer chain. It is easy as you make a phone call and pray for whoever might want you to say a little prayer for them. Contact Marge Burkhart at 330-343-1731 to express your interest. She'll guide you through the process.



Neighbors in Need Offering

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 resolution to become а (Welcoming. Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.



Bad Girls

THE ANTICIPATED SEQUEL

You may remember when the Bad Girls read <u>The Book</u> <u>Woman of Troublesome Creek</u>

by Kim Michele Richardson. At last the promised sequel about her daughter is available. In 1953, fourteen years before the Loving vs. Virginia verdict by the Supreme Court allowed interracial marriage, before the child of an interracial couple was considered "legal," Honey, the daughter of the Book Woman and her husband, found herself alone and running from the law while attempting to build a life for herself and the few resources she has left. Join the Bad Girls on October 14 at 6:30 in the Conference Room for a sympathetic discussion of The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson.

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Christ made everything in the heavens and on the earth. He made everything that is seen and things that are not seen. He made all the powers of heaven. Everything was made by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

It All Starts With God

Humans have had questions for ages. How was the Great Pyramid of Giza built? Is there really a fountain of youth? What came first; the chicken or the egg? Nowadays, we encounter routine questions that also seem to have no answers; What did you do today? What's for dinner? Are we there yet? While we can't yet answer the wonders of the world, and we are living life too fast to have answers for the present, we can always count on one thing. God has a plan for us! We never have to ask, "Why am I here?" or "Am I alone?" Our purpose in life is far greater than ourselves. The Bible says, "It is God who directs the lives of His creatures; everyone's life is in His power." If we want to know why we were placed on this planet, our answer begins with God. If you were handed an invention you have never seen before, would you know how to use it? No! The easiest way to discover the purpose of an invention is to look at the owner's manual or ask the creator. The same is true for discovering your life's purpose. Ask God. He has given us answers revealed in our owner's manual, The Bible. In our busy days and even when pondering life's long unanswered questions, have no fear. God was thinking of you long before you ever thought about Him. His purpose for your life was planned before we were born. We may not have all the answers, but we can take comfort in knowing we have a path and we have a purpose, when we live our lives through God.

> Brightest Blessings. Natalie Peterman



K-12-th Youth Team Meeting October 6th during worship

K - 5th Youth Group October 3rd & 17th

10/30: Special Wednesday edition for the Halloween Parade

6th - 12th Youth Group October 20th

youth Group meetings are at Fourth & Faith 5-7pm

PARENTS
Scan here to fill
out the
Youth Emergency
& Activities Consent
Release for all
church related
activities!



OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Wed-Thurs 11:30am-2:00pm or by appointment

YOUTH FALL ACTIVITIES

Send us your sports/music/activity schedule or the date of a special event! We'd love to attend and show our support!

Contact: natalie@doverstjohns.org

YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH

Join the TEAM!

All ages youth are invited to leave worship after the children's time on Youth Sundays.

This will give us a chance to meet once a month as a K-12th grade team.

Together, we will work as youth members and jr youth members to support missions of St. John's like Parish Visitors, the Blessing Box and more!

If you're an older youth and do not want to miss worship, stop by the conference room after the service to see how you can help!

Show off your team SPIRIT!

Everyone is invited to wear a shirt or jersey representing your favorite sports team, or wear your own team's shirt or jersey!

Next YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY - November 3rd

September

BACKPACK BLESSING YOUTH & FAMILY SUNDAY

LORD, we give You thanks for our schools, teachers and students. We thank You for this new school year and all of the excitement and learning it will bring. Bless these backpacks and those who carry them. We ask that each be guided by Your love in the classroom and at home. May they feel Your loving care in everything that they do, now and forever.

AMEN

September 8, 2024



St. John's UCC Church Council Meeting September 11, 2024 at 7:30 pm

President Dave Gingrich called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with thirteen members present. Jean Paddock offered an opening prayer and President Gingrich lit the Christ candle. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Holly Gonter delivered the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund for the month of \$22,945 is better than the budget by \$3,337. Expenses for the month of \$39,150 were over the budget by \$1,716 but was explained that there were three pay periods in August. The resulting shortfall for the month of \$16,205 is \$1,621 better than the budget. Expenses for the year-to-date of \$256,569 are lower than the budget by \$16,110 resulting in a year-to-date shortfall of \$58,526 which is \$27,189 better than the budget. Beginning cash balance for the year was \$75,644 and the ending cash is \$31,262. We've transferred \$18,616 from investments to cover General Fund expenses and disbursed \$16,703 from the Capital Improvement Fund for plaster repairs, lighting upgrades and replacement of the freezer in the Social Hall kitchen. M/S/C by Rob Gump and Bev Smith.

Director of Christian Education Report

The Director of Christian Education, Natalie Peterman, listed community events at the Dover elementary school and YMCA that she plans to attend. Youth groups have started with a 6-12th grade youth group in conjunction with the First United Methodist Church to be held in the Fourth and Faith building on September 22. XOO will resume on September 12. The Christian Education board is reviewing the Safe Church policy with help from Vicki Rufener. Bags for Parish visitors to distribute to homebound members will be available on September 15. Additional information is available on the church website under the Office of Christian Education at www.doverstjohns.org/youth

<u>Elders</u>

The Elders have been reviewing the Associate Pastor job description. Brenda Durisen, along with Jean Paddock, has been developing a more robust list of community resources to be posted outside the church. We decided that Fellowship Time before church should be scaled down to see if the congregation responds to the cutback. The Elders are working on the 2025 budget.

Trustees

Dan Dummermuth reported for the Trustees. The HVAC unit in the Christian Education building is working at ¼ capacity with only one of the four rooftop units cooling. The heating coils need to be either patched or replaced based on input from three heating/cooling contractors that were consulted. All have recommended that we install new technology which would be a mini-split system. Tree trimming by Dakota Tree Service will cost \$2,200 and include 2 oak trees and three other smaller trees in the front lawn of the church. Funds for tree trimming will be taken from the Memorial Fund and Trustees Maintenance accounts. Rudy Tschantz has been working to replace the steel window panels on the Christian Education building. New exit lighting has been installed in the Christian Education building.

Deacons

The Deacons, as reported by Bev Smith, have secured ushers for October and communion servers for October 6.

Parish Visitors

Dave Gingrich encouraged Council members to inform the church office of any congregation member or attendee who is having surgery, is homebound or in nursing care so the Parish Visitors can contact them

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee provided budget worksheets for Council to complete. The committee will meet with the various boards to compile the proposed budget for 2025 on October 1st and the completed budget form will be presented to council for approval at October Council meeting.

Congregational Activities

Card Party at Fourth and Faith-9-11-24 to benefit Cancer Care Bags

Youth Group Meetings-9/5, 9/19, 9/22 thru 11/17 (3rd Sunday and Bi-weekly Thursday)

Craft Show at Fourth and Faith-11/2/24

Advent Festival-12/1

Youth Christmas Pageant during worship-12/8

Live Nativity-12/14-15

The Needles and Hookers group will partner with the local T4C organization on a project provide lap quilts and other needed supplies for nursing home residents. The congregation will be asked to donate various supplies that T4C will distribute.

For the Good of St. John's

Logan Ladrach will be in the pulpit on October 13 since the pulpit supply minister who was scheduled is unavailable that day. Logan is currently attending seminary.

Thanks to both Rudy Tschantz and Mark Hughes for the extra work they've done to maintain the building. The Cancer Care bag that was delivered to the Baker home was appreciated.

Closing

President Gingrich led Council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting

Elder of the Month

In an effort to better meet the needs of the congregation, we will be printing the contact information for the Elder of the month. The purpose of doing this is to provide another contact person, in addition to Rev. Cassandra should you have a personal or family emergency.

Dan Hurst

700 Evergreen Drive Dover, Ohio 44622 330-827-8217

Fellowship Reminder

Just a reminder as we return to our fall Sunday morning schedule to stop in the Fellowship Center at 10:00 am for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Come greet and catch up with your fellow parishioners prior to worship and enjoy a cup!.





Card Party

At Fourth & Faith

Wednesday, October 9

1pm-4pm Cost \$10.00 includes food.

Please contact Bev Smith at 330-343-2231.

Benefits the Cancer Care Bags.

August Financial Report

Actual Income \$ 22,945

Actual Expenses \$ 39,150

Average Worship Attendance 78



St. John's UCC Fourth & Faith Community Outreach Center 401 N Wooster Ave., Dover, OH



Guest Pastors

We have lined up guest pastors from the Pulpit Supply list provided by the association. These guest pastors will lead Sunday worship for the month of

October. For needs outside of Sunday worship, we have various lay members of St. John's available and the pastor from St. John UCC in Strasburg. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact the church office Monday – Friday from 8:30am – 4pm at 330-364-4458. These guest pastors will lead Sunday worship for the months of October.

October 6, 2024 Rev. Sandra Hutchinson

October 13, 2024 Logan Ladrach

October 20, 2024 Rev. Nick Nicholson

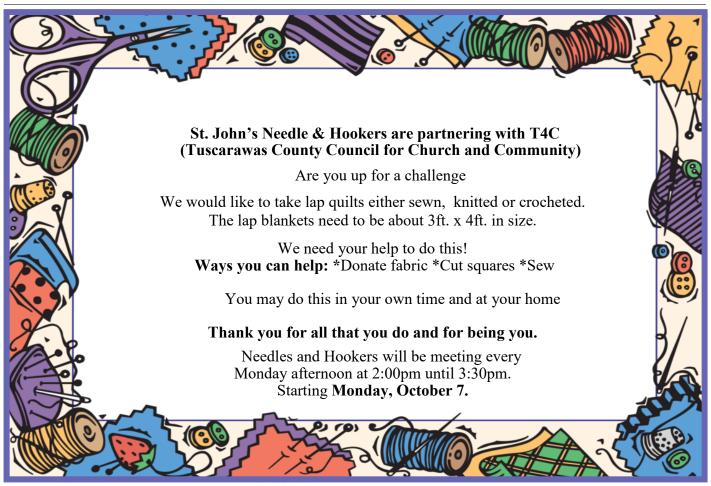
October 27, 2024 Rev. Michael Howard

Carillon Deadline

The deadline to get information and articles into the next regular issue of the Caril-

lon is **Monday, October 14, 2024.** Please mark your calendar! This will be for the November Carillon. We want to continue to keep each mailing loaded with information, dates, articles, etc. pertaining to the life of St. John's.

Remember ... you can now send your articles, thank you, etc. by E-mail to: church.secretary@doverstjohns.org



Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship



Church Office Hours



Please note that the church office has resumed regular office hours

8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday—Friday

CHAIR YOGA

Our Chair YOGA has begun. Feel free to join us Mondays & Thursdays at 10 am at Fourth & Faith. It is a low-stress, relaxing



half hour to concentrate on yourself.

If you know someone who might be interested, reach out to them and invite them along. There is no fee! Just wear comfortable clothes and show up. Come and enjoy good company.

Try it! You'll like it!

Mondays	Thursdays			
October 7 No YOGA	October 3			
October 14	October 10 No YOGA			
October 21	October 17			
October 28	October 24			
	October 31			

Let's Explore!

Starting in the fall, the Adult Contemporary Sunday School will be using a curriculum entitled Animate: Practices. This series is meant to lead to openended and creative discussions that will challenge and clarify our Christian values. You don't have to have all the answers, or in fact, any of the answers to participate. Some of our topics are eating food with Jesus, money and servicing the needs around us. Please join Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Conference Room. There are wrong answers!



THE CARILLON



October **Birthdays**

Christina Armstrong

Tiffany Bowman 2

Trevor Klar Belynda Creech

Jill Abel

Shelly Beitzel

Conner Davis

3

Ricky Brown

Linda Keller

Daniel Minnis

Kasey Duda Bassett David Warther, III

Samantha Green

4

Betty Davidson Steven Frum

Robert "Bo" McCaslin

Alec Sayre

Marilyn Brown

Gabrielle-Alexis Hall

6

David Snyder

Marcia Lukens

Grant Gonter

Richard Jenkins

Shelley Becker

Jaclyn Dummermuth

Mark Stokey

Jason Hoover

Jeff Giannobile

Lindsey Wallick

10

Mary Lou Hagloch Joey Warner

Carson Engle

Riley Engle

Tammy Frantum

12

Grace Haglock

Annette Jones

Susan Rice

Margy Wherley 13

Teresa Wright

Amanda Burdette

14

Marvin Croy

Judy Engelhard Ryan McGinnis

Tucker McCabe

15

Jovce Dummermuth

Adam Whitlach

Amy Felgenhauer Camryn Hurst

Amy Weber

16

Thomas Dunkle

Molli Jacobs

James Cua

17

Andrew McMillan

18

Wilda Jones

David Sickinger

Garret Davis

20

Jim Cotton

Madilyn Kelly

Joshua Klar

21

Beth Swegheimer Matthew Berens

Zavn McCulloch

Hunter Abbuhl

22

Casey Brown

Melissa Poland

Amara Rossiter

24

Kimberly Nagy

Stephanie Bingle

25

Mary Jo Jones

Rian Lorenz

Kaelli Whitlach

26

Debra Haglock

Turner Engle

Mason Armstrong

27

Jon McDonald

28 Dave McGrath Mandy Warner John Wright 29

Michele Clinton Mitch Keener Dan Swonger

Spencer Edie Nancy Coutts

Shawn Hart Kaitlyn Hughes

Olivia Stuart

30

Carol McCutcheon Ethan Miller

31

Constance Eckhardt

Judy Menges

Thomas Pongratz

Patrick Mercer Vivianna Capozella

Amanda Lindon



October **Anniversaries**

Kathy & John Deitrick

Sharon & Paul Kelsey

Lori & Mike Phillips

Lee Ann & Dale Miller

11 Paula & David Sickinger

Daniel & Elizabeth Sickinger

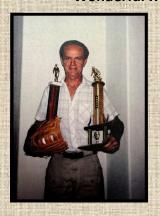


Celebrating our History at St. John's UCC

Pictured is **George Telle**, coach of St. John's Church League Softball in the late 1970s-early 1980s.

They were League Champions and Playoff Champions. George was also active at this time as the Youth Group Adviser.

Wonderful memories





Hospital News

HOSPITAL NOTE: We are no longer being notified by any of the area hospitals when our members are admitted due to policies involving patients' rights to privacy. **None at this time.**

Therefore, if you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital and you would like the church to know and the minister to visit, you need to call or E-mail the church office with the information. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Hospital



We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the James Mercer family. Jim passed away on Sept. 6. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Jim was a big part of the St. Johns Family. He will be greatly missed.

Family Members in Nursing Homes

Park Village

Carol France Jim Cotton Linda Schilling

New Dawn Clara (CJ) Struhar

The Inn at Northwood George Telle Norma Haglock



Attention all BAKERS!

Your help is needed for our bake sale on **Saturday, November 2nd.** We need cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies etc. whatever you would like to donate.

Please drop off all donations at our Fourth & Faith building on *Friday, November 1st between 10am-4pm*. Thank you so much, we appreciate every single one of you for helping our Craft show and bake sale be successful!





Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors



Did you forget to reserve your special date by sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins this year? It's okay...we still have **many open dates** during the fall and winter months!! Stop in the office soon and remember or honor your loved ones or celebrate a special occasion with your church family!



OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos	7:00 Chancel Choir	10:00 Chair YOGA @ Fourth & Faith 5:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved		3:00 Fourth & Faith Reserved:. Spanish Fashion Show
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Youth & Family Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellow 10:30 Worship/ World Communion 11:30 Bell Choir practice	No Chair YOGA 2:00 Needles & Hookers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop Chorus	6:00 Cub Scouts/ Webelos 6:30 Elders/Trustees/ Deacons 7:30 Council Meeting	Card Party 1-4 @ Fourth & Faith 7:00 Chancel Choir	No Chair YOGA 6:30 Fourth & Faith Reserved		
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