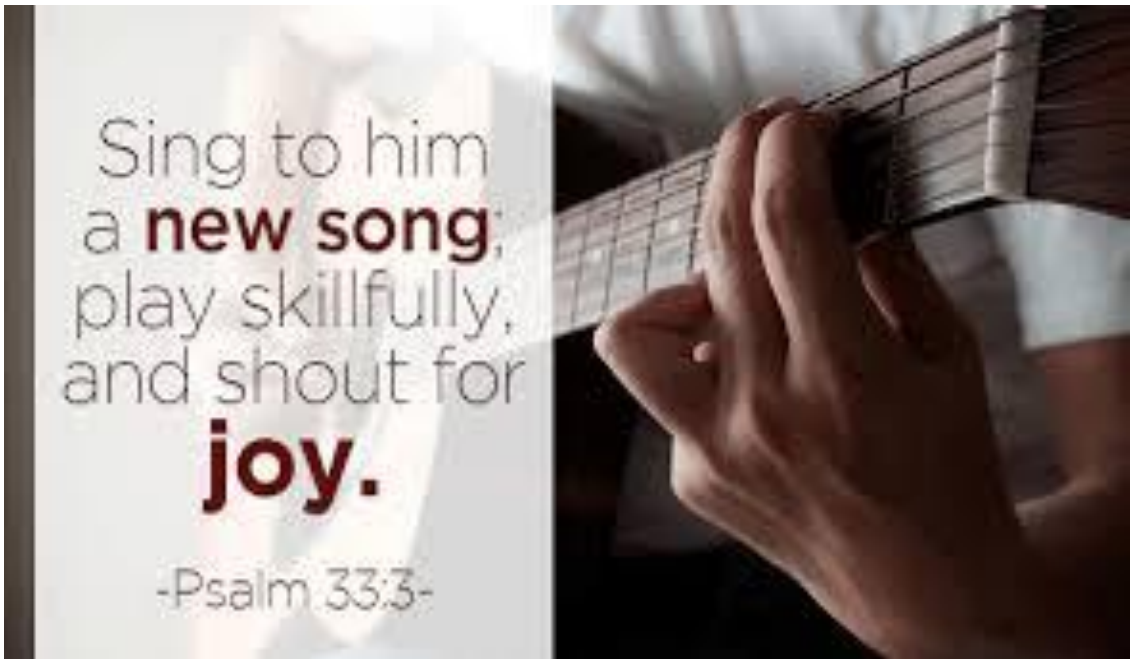




**Sunday, June 7, 2026,
St. Mark's & St. James United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dan Borchers, Guest Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Sandy Perronne, Reader

Our Mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

****Bold text means to read in unison**

Call to Worship:

We come from all directions and varied backgrounds.

We come as individuals, couples and families.

We come to be part of a holy moment, a holy event.

We come to form the Body of Christ, a holy people, gathered for worship and praise.

Let us open our hearts to the presence of the holy.

Let us focus our minds on life and peace and wholeness and all we are about to receive.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God, Join us in this time and place. Give us your gifts of the Holy Spirit. Give us ears that can hear your voice and accept all your words in love. Give us a Spirit of welcome that reflects the Christ we serve. Touch our hearts with your peace and your holy energy, that in love we may be transformed. Amen.

♪ Hymn:

St. Mark's: #549

St. James: #329

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

♥Young at Heart ♥

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, we know you as a dear Parent, and to you we confess our sin, reflected in the harmful things we have done, as well as in the good things we have failed to do. We have failed to speak and show our gratitude, we have failed to share what we know, what we believe, and the hope we have in you. We readily admit

these things to ourselves, to one another, and to you, trusting in your love and forgiveness.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

With joy I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 33: 1-12 ESV

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

the plans of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 ESV

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are

sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

♪ Hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Mark's: #123

St. James: #182

Message

♪ Hymn:

St. Mark's: #613

St. James: #404

Your Love, O God

O God of Love, O King of Peace

Prayer:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

Offering:

St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through our church website: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Offertory Music

Doxology: (*Sung as the offering is brought to the altar*)

(St. James: #551) (St. Mark's: #34)

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.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Let us pray,

God of love, source of life, we give you thanks for your generous care and providing. Bless now these gifts that we bring, that they may be used to building up of your Church – both here and around the world. May these gifts reflect your generosity to use, and bring hope and life to others. Amen.

♪ Hymn of Sending:

In Christ There is No East or West

St. Mark's #603

St. James #406

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you in favor and give you peace.

All: Amen!

Postlude

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC: 13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

St. Mark's UCC: W1307 Orchard Rd., Cleveland

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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Check out our Website: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*June 8th – Morgan Henschel
9th – William Spindler
10th – Dean Sprenger, Tara Vandoske
11th – Mike Summers
12th – Michael Belitz
13th – Henry Lutze, Emma Perronne*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO:

*June 10th – Rick & Donna Wippermann
11th – Todd & Stacy Grunwald*

Today is Strengthen the Church special offering Sunday.

ST. MARK'S – The sign-up form for the "Hospitality Hour" is on the table next to the elevator in the entryway. Choose a Sunday to bring treats to share, or give a monetary donation and a snack will be purchased to share.



A NEW STUDY GROUP!

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Pastor Patrick is making plans for a study group in early fall (or this summer if there is interest). It's an Adult Confirmation curriculum - 7 weeks long. The group will be held in the evening (it should still be light out) with 1.5 - 2.0 hours each night. A date is not nailed down yet, but will be shortly.

Whether you can come to some or all of the sessions, you will be welcomed!

Let Pastor or Karen (stmstjoffice@gmail.com or (920) 693-8361) know if you are interested in attending.

AGENDA:

Session One – God/Jesus/Holy Spirit: Understanding the Trinity

Session Two – The Bible: Understanding Our Sacred Text

Session Three – Following Jesus: What's this guy all about?

Session Four – History of Christianity: Understanding How We Got Here

Session Five- United Church of Christ: Who Are We?

Session Six – Worship & the Sacraments: Why We Do What We Do

Session Seven – Spiritual practices: Finding Ways to Pray & Incorporate Faith into Our Daily Lives



ST. JAMES & ST. MARKS U.C.C.



GENERATIONS *Sunday*

Join St. James U.C.C., St. Mark's U.C.C., and Spring Hope Barn for a Sunday celebrating community, connection, and generations coming together. From grandparents to grandchildren, friends to neighbors, all are welcome to enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, great music, and meaningful time together. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

Live music provided by 2/5's Party Band.

Sunday, July 19, 2026

11:00 AM



Outdoor Service led by
Pastor Patrick Schultz



Noon

Potluck & Social
Bring a dish to pass



12:30 PM

Music by 2/5's
Party Band

NEED MORE INFO, CHECK OUT WWW.SPRINGHOPEBARN.COM