

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The office will be closed on the following days due to the holidays:
Closed Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st,
and Jan. 1st

MESSENGER/NEWS NOTES DEADLINES

Due to the holiday office schedule, please note the following deadlines to submit information for inclusion the News Notes and Messenger:
Thursday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m.: January Messenger
Monday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m.: Dec. 29 News Notes
Monday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m.: January 4 News Notes



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

~ Cantata ~

9:00 Christianity 101/Men's Choir

10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.

11:10 Coffee Hour

11:20 Christian Nurture

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. Human Choices

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 17

4:10 Women Part. w/ Christ

5:30 Discovery Dinner

5 & 6 Cub Scouts

6:15 Bible Study (library)

6:30 Women's Bible Study

6:30 Handbells

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 18

~ Peanut Brittle ~

12:30 p.m. Women's Guild luncheon,
then pack Shut-In baskets

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 20

8:00 a.m. Community Men's Fellowship

8:00 Doctrine study

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 21

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 Christianity 101/Men's Choir

10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.

11:10 Coffee Hour

11:30 Parents of Peeps

ST. JOHN'S CABLE (Ch. 99)

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Wednesday - 1:15 p.m.

Friday - 3:15 p.m.

Sunday - 1:15 p.m.

NEWS-NOTES

Sunday, December 14, 2014



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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to sign our guest book in the Narthex and take a "Welcome" brochure. The "Welcome" brochures contain more information about St. John's United Church of Christ, as does our website, www.stjohnsmc.org. Also, please read and fill out the visitor card in your pew rack. **For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m., in the preschool playroom. During 8:00 a.m. worship, a quiet room is available for parents, or grandparents, to comfort their children.** Following worship, join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. A church member will be happy to show you the way.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: 48; 10:00 a.m.: 82, Total: 130

Sunday School: Children, 12; Adults, 17; Total: 29

CAROLLING, Dec. 21st.

We are planning to go carolling and bring gifts to nursing home residents on Sunday, December 21st. Still needed are cube-sized boxes of tissues.

Thank you very much! *Missions Committee*

CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX REPORT

Ninety-one Christmas Child boxes were delivered in November! Thank you so much to all who packed up love to send in Jesus' name!

THANK YOU!

There were 208 pairs of socks distributed through New Disciple Soup Kitchen!

Your generosity is very greatly appreciated!

MITTEN TREE

Again our church will sponsor a Mitten Tree. The items donated are greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army each year and they look forward to them. Please help keep little noses, toes, and fingers warm this season. Thank you!

*Christ
is Coming!*



COOKIES NEEDED FOR SHUT-IN BASKETS

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS OF ST. JOHN'S! WE NEED YOUR DELICIOUS COOKIES FOR THE BASKETS WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO OUR SHUT-INS. PLEASE BRING YOUR YUMMY CREATIONS TO THE OFFICE LOUNGE BY DECEMBER 16TH, NO LATER THAN 10 A.M.. THE WOMEN'S GUILD WILL BE ADDING THEM TO THE SHUT IN BASKETS AFTER THEIR LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



My mouth will speak
the praise of the Lord . .
I will praise the Lord
as long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God
all my life long.

--Psalm 145:21; 146:2

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE

If you have not already done so, please email your committee report to the office as soon as possible. Thank you very much!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



Needed--a team from St. John's to prepare and serve lunch on Sunday at St. Paul's, probably every 6 weeks. Will you be a part of this team? For information, call Lynda, 872-1427.

PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

One week left! St. John's is offering its famous Peanut Brittle at \$8.00/pound. Please place your order as soon as possible, as this Thursday, Dec. 18th, will be the last work day for peanut brittle. All profits from the sale will be donated to community agencies and to St. John's projects. Thank you for your continued support!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We learned about being thankful to God for everything by studying 1 Kings 17. God shows us how He works in all times and situations and how he challenges us to increase our faith. God prepares Elijah for service by hiding him where he learns to depend on God. In faith he must accept the food brought to him by the unclean ravens. He sends Elijah to Zarephath, the center of Baal worship and home of Queen Jezebel at a time when King Ahab was trying to kill him. God sends him to the home of a poor Gentile widow and challenges her to provide food for the prophet as she is preparing a last meal of bread for her and her son. When the widow steps out in faith to follow the word of God and puts serving God first in her life, God provides a miracle. God blesses her with a flour bin that is never empty and an oil jar that never runs dry. When the widow's faith is tested by the death of her son, God responds to the prayers of Elijah with another miracle by restoring life to the boy. Their faith is strengthened as they see firsthand God's power to provide for our needs and even overcome death. Our God is mighty to save!

Ask your Sunday school teacher for your December Bible Express Devotions. It's a great way to spend a little time each day growing closer to God with your child.



USHERS

Ushers for the month of December are:
Paul Steinheiser, Arnie Bos,
Joe Dabkowski, Mike & Debbie Dill

"NEEDLES GALORE & MORE"

The one-year-old "Needles Galore" is off to a great start. Members meet on Monday mornings to enjoy knitting, cross-stitch, crocheting, or other needle or "lap crafts." This past year they have been working on lap robes, NICU blankets, and hats for cancer. Here's your chance to enjoy the fellowship of others with similar interests! They will also teach you skills if you would like to learn. There will be opportunities to knit caps for preemies and other worthy projects.

They are always in need of yarn and supplies; you may drop off any of your leftover yarn in our office.

Please call Evelyn (872-3312) if you have questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
6:30 p.m. Worship (family service)
9:00 p.m. Worship (traditional
candlelight)



DECEMBER