

“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.

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

— Luke 2: 9-11



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

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

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. Human Choices

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 24

6:30 p.m. Worship (Children’s Service)
9:00 p.m. Worship
(Traditional Candlelight)

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 25
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**



SATURDAY - DECEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. Community Men’s Fellowship
8:00 Doctrine study

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 28

Food Bank

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 Christianity 101/Men’s Choir
10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.
11:10 Coffee Hour

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 21, 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, 10:00 a.m.: 127
Sunday School: Children, 4; Adults, 13; Total: 17

GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2015 Giving Envelopes are now available on the table outside of the office.

Please do not use these envelopes until 2015!

They will not be entered until 2015 because many numbers have changed. Also, if you do not see your name and would like a box, please contact Nicole at 872-9121.



MITTEN TREE

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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



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.

OFFICE CLOSINGS

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



GIVING

In this season, many hearts are open to giving. We can trust that God sees our giving. He doesn't need a plaque or a printed announcement to remember what we have given. The Bible provides many verses to help us give the right way. Matthew 6:1-4 shows us how we should give quietly, even secretly, and promises that God will reward us for our giving. Acts 5 gives us one of the most memorable examples of the wrong way to give in Ananias and Sapphira: they gave the impression of donating the full value of the land they sold while they secretly held back part of the proceeds. 2 Corinthians 9:7 tells us how we should give cheerfully the amount we have decided in our heart without any feeling of compulsion.

GREETER

Mrs. Betty Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We learned about trusting the Bible by studying the Old Testament prophecies (Isaiah 7, 9, 29 and 53; Zechariah 12; Psalm 132 and Micah 5) about the Messiah and then learning about the fulfillment of those prophecies recorded in the New Testament (Matthew 2 and 11; Mark 15; John 19; and Luke 1). We can see the Bible is inerrant when we have the Holy Spirit to guide us in our study.

GROWING THE CHURCH

You probably have heard people ask something like, "what can we do to grow the church?" The simple answer is WE can't grow the church; only God can. Worrying about the number of people in the pews is basically not trusting God (see 1 Chronicles 21). The Book of Acts of the Apostles shows us how the believers were devoted to the Apostle's teaching and to one another and God added to their numbers. We need to follow this example and be ready to serve when He calls on us. We can prepare ourselves for service by reading the Bible daily, writing down the verses and listening to the Bible on the radio or CDs. Ephesians 5:26 gives us the example of how Jesus prepares the church by the washing of the word. We also need to develop the heart of a servant that we see perfected in Jesus—that starts by caring for others and sharing our lives throughout the week instead of just on Sundays.

USHERS

Ushers for the month of December are:
Paul Steinheiser, Arnie Bos,
Joe Dabkowski, Mike & Debbie Dill
Ushers for the month of January will be:
Paul & Bob Applegate,
Craig Schroeder, and Kirk Bos

NEWS NOTES DEADLINES

Due to the holiday office schedule, please note the following deadlines to submit information for inclusion the News Notes :

- Monday, Dec. 22, 9 a.m.:
Dec. 29 News Notes
- Monday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m.:
January 4 News Notes

