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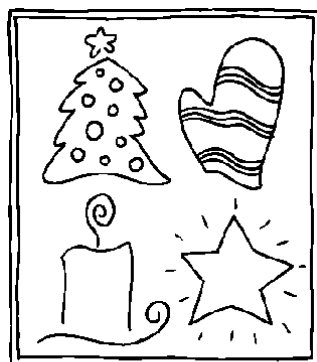
To find previous services, including sermons, please go to:

<http://alc.pegcentral.com/>

You may also go to St. John's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchmc>

WANTED: SOCKS!

We need socks for men, women, and children, but especially *men!* Our soup kitchen guests often walk long distances in cold, damp weather and really need a change of socks. *Will you help?* Please bring new socks to our laundry basket display. They will really be a blessing to our neighbors.



DECEMBER

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30

NOISY OFFERING

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 Christianity 101/Men's Choir

10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.

11:10 Coffee Hour

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. Human Choices

12 - 6 p.m. Bloodmobile

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 3

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 4

~ Peanut Brittle ~

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3

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

8:00 Doctrine study

10:00 Choir practice

12 - 2 p.m. Ladies' Tea

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7

COMMUNION

2nd 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, November 30, 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.: 61; 10:00 a.m.: 82, Total: 143

Sunday School: Children, 14; Adults, 19; Total: 34



CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Mark Your Calendars!

St. John's is having a Christmas Cantata this year on Sunday, December 14th.

Please note, we are having one worship service that day (10:00).

~ ADVENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE! ~

The German Club of Michigan City High School are selling Advent calendars before and after the 10 a.m. service for \$3.50.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - ANNUAL REPORTS DUE SOON

Just a reminder to all committee chairpersons, the Annual Reports are due at the December Consistory meeting, Thursday, Dec. 11th.

Please email your report to the office.

Thank you very much!



POINSETTIA ORDERS and CHRISTMAS DONATION

It's time to place your order for poinsettias which will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Order forms are included in the December Messenger and are also available in the office. The cost is \$8.00 per poinsettia. They may be taken home after the second Christmas Eve service. Please return your order forms to the church office by Friday, December 12th.

If you would rather make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one this Christmas, we are designating New Disciple Love Church's Tuesday Soup Kitchen, 1411 Pine Street, Michigan City, as our recipient this year.

Please call Dave Swartz (872-9121) if you have any questions.

I-K UCC NEWS

The IKC Board of Directors met on Friday, November 21, 2014 and accepted Rev. John Vertigan's resignation. Transitional plans for the future include a "Bridge Plan" for the leadership of the Conference. During the meeting on November 21, the decision was made to appoint the Associate Conference Ministers as transitional leaders. Rev. Dr. Carrie Call will continue leading the northern section of the Conference with additional duties and Rev. Dr. Stephanie Weiner will lead the southern section of the Conference with additional duties. These responsibilities are effective January 1, 2015.

If you have questions or concerns, please email Joyce A. Smidley at:
bodchair@ikcucc.org.

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.



Prayer

~ by Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

*For each new morning with
its light, For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything
Thy goodness sends.
We give thee Thanks.*

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We were learning about Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dreams in Genesis 41 including the seven sickly cows (seven years of famine) eating the seven healthy cows (seven years of plenty). We were thinking about how strange it was to dream of cows eating cows when the Holy Spirit guided us back to Genesis 1:30 where God provided plants to be the food of every animal. Imagine carnivores like wolves may have been eating grass next to sheep. This may bother evolutionists, but God knew the end from the beginning. He designed and created predators before they were needed to limit suffering by removing sickly animals from the herd and preventing the spread of disease. Evolutionists cling to a false idea that there was disease and death in the world before the fall of man. We can trust that death only came into the world as a result of Adam's sin as the Bible states, "By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19 NLT) "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned." (Romans 5:12 NLT) We can't stop the death that will come to us in this fallen world, but we can trust in the victory of Jesus over death and the salvation he offers us if we are willing to surrender our lives to him. You can learn much more at <https://answersingenesis.org/evolution/> and by visiting the creation museum <http://creationmuseum.org/> in Petersburg, Kentucky. It's an easy 4-hour drive from here and well worth the trip.

PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

Join our Guild project by eating Peanut Brittle, selling peanut Brittle, or making Peanut Brittle! All together we can contribute to agencies in our community which serve others. We can make a difference right here in Michigan City! St. John's will begin offering its famous Peanut Brittle at \$8.00/pound and just in time for Thanksgiving! Orders can be placed in the church office. Tell your family and friends that once again all profits from the sale will be donated to community agencies and to St. John's projects. We are accepting orders for our work dates of Dec. 4, 11, and 18. Thank you for your continued support!



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TODAY

We will be making ornaments for our Christmas tree today in Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. service today. Join us!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT SALAD BAR LUNCHEON

"Legend of the Candy Cane"

Hosted by the women of St. Paul's
December 6, 2014, 12:00 noon; \$3.00 per person. Reservations needed by Dec. 1st; call Janet (873-9015) or Joan (872-6012) to reserve your place!

USHERS

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