

NEWS NOTES

January 18, 2026

St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Rd., Michigan City, IN 219-872-9121;

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We invite you to visit our website, www.stjohnsmc.org for more information about our church and our activities.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 10 am: 46; Adults, 8

ANNUAL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY -- JANUARY 25TH, 2026

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held after the 10 a.m. service next Sunday, January 25th, 2026, in the Sanctuary.

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

The proposed Budget for 2026 was mailed out earlier this week for your review. There are also copies available in the office if you did not receive your copy.

2025 GIVING STATEMENTS AND 2026 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2025 Giving Statements and 2026 Giving Envelopes are out by the office entrance. Please note, your giving number may have changed. If you would like a box, please contact Nicole (872-9121).

2026 PLEDGE CARDS AVAILABLE – IN NARTHEX

Pledge cards for 2026 will be located on the table in the narthex for those who would like to pledge for the year 2026.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP

All members and friends are invited to join in our Bible Study group which meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions, please talk to some of our members--Ernie Dingler, Dolores Van Ulzen, or Karen Lawrenz. We have chairs and booklets waiting for you!

CHURCH CLOSINGS/WEATHER WATCH TEAM

Our "Weather Watch Team" will make the decision to cancel Sunday service in case of inclement weather. Those on the Team include Les Ast, Kent Lange, and Larry Sadenwater. They will determine if conditions exist that would make travel hazardous enough to cancel 10 a.m. service. The decision will be made no later than 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Closings will be posted on our church Facebook site and on our St. John's website, <http://www.stjohnsmc.org>. Of course, please do not venture out if you feel conditions will compromise your safety! Services are livestreamed on Facebook.

GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED

We need YOUR presence and your smiling face to help make our Sunday visitors feel welcome! Please add your name to the list of Greeters/Ushers on the bulletin board so that we can keep the wonderful tradition of Sunday Greeters/Ushers alive at St. John's.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do YOU or someone you know play piano, organ or guitar and would like to help provide joyful and engaging music for our Worship services?? We are in need of guest musicians in January and beyond! Please contact Lora Gohn (219.877.8391) or Carla Zancha (630.479.3992) if you are interested. *"I will sing and make **music** to the Lord!" Ps 27:6*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

SUN. – JAN. 18

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

WED. – JAN. 21

9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 6 p.m. Scouts

SUN. – JAN. 25; Food Bank

8:30 Chris. 101;

10:00 a.m. Worship;

Annual Meeting, potluck afterward