

# NEWS NOTES

April 12, 2026

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

Office Hrs: Mon & Thu. 9-12 p.m.; Office Manager: [norzech@stjohnsmc.org](mailto:norzech@stjohnsmc.org); Secretary: [secretary@stjohnsmc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmc.org)

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](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday, 10 am: 96

## FOOD BANK

You may notice the corner as you approach the Narthex. It is next to the coat rack and titled "Food Bank." The area has a few different size containers. The goal is to donate food items such as soups, canned chicken, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned tuna-fish, noodles, spaghetti sauce. One of our church members has volunteered to deliver these groceries to the Salvation Army at the end of each month. The Salvation Army then hands out these groceries to those in need. We hope you are able to help us feed our neighbors. *Thank you for your support!*

## BECOME A RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

Every eight minutes the American Red Cross rushes to help people who have lost everything to disaster. A volunteer carries out 90% of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross. This is accomplished by helping a displaced family or thousands of people, providing care and comfort to an ill or injured service member or veteran, or teaching others how to respond to emergencies. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things!

*Turn compassion into action!* Contact [RedCrossRecruitsIN@redcross.org](mailto:RedCrossRecruitsIN@redcross.org), (317) 886-8508.

## USHERS, COMMUNION SERVERS, GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in lending your helping hand to any of our ministries of serving as an Usher, Communion Server, or Greeter, please speak with Bruce Carr. Your smile and willingness to share your talents in serving the family of St. John's on Sunday mornings will be very much appreciated. Please assist in one or more of these ministries of service and welcoming!

## ATTENDANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Please fill in the Attendance sheet. Check the appropriate box(es) and add your information to the Attendance Sheet. Pastor Bruce would be pleased to meet with you and answer your questions regarding our family here at St. John's.

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2026 – 2027 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN

St. John's Preschool has begun open enrollment for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Enrollment forms and information packets are available in the church office.

## UNITED CHURCH FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund was started in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Oct.-Nov.-Dec., 1997) with an investment of \$1,500. Only interest earned from this Fund may be used for the church expenses. The principal remains invested in the Fund. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026: Units: 11,819.3698 Book Value: \$97,773.35 Unit Price: \$16.1122 Market Value: \$190,436.05. Many *thanks* to all the individuals who have invested in the Fund over the years.

## CELEBRATING 170 YEARS IN MAY! WERE YOU MARRIED HERE?

Were you married at St. John's Church on 9th and Franklin or at our present church? If so, we would like to display your wedding picture during our 170th celebration. Please give your wedding photo with name on back to the office by April 15th. Contact Jean at 219-778-4789 if you have questions.

## SANCTUARY CHOIR

St. John's would like to have a choir to enhance our Sunday worship each Communion Sunday. We meet in the Choir Room. If you would like to join, please contact Dolores (872-2441). Practices are before the Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

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

**SUN. – APR. 12**

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

**SUN. – APR. 19:** 8:30 a.m. Christianity 101; 10 a.m. Worship

**MON. – APR. 13**

1:00 p.m. Preschool Board

**WED. – APR. 15**

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