

NEWS NOTES

May 24, 2026

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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: 99; Adult Sun. School: 8

ST. JOHN'S PORTAL PANEL CARVING

The right panel exalts the wish of Jesus as He spoke through the words of John 17:21, "That they may all be one." By placing the fish emblem in place of the word "they," the artist invites all to identify with that early form of Christian identification. The individual is invited to become a part of the fellowship of Christ and to "put himself" in the fellowship of oneness. The fish also recalls the days of the early martyrs for Christianity and reminds us of their steadfastness and of their courage.

LONGTIME MEMBERS ST. JOHN'S MEMORIES

(This is an installment for the month of May that will highlight longtime member's reminiscences)

"I believe the thing that stands out to me since belonging to the church has been the Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. It means so much to me! Thank You, Jesus!!" -- *Phil Smith*

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

If you would like to include a 170th anniversary offering, there are blank white envelopes available on the table in the narthex to include your anniversary offering together with your name.

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.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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 also have a Sunday morning adult Christianity 101 study group. Come join us! We have chairs and booklets waiting for you!

TREE OF LIFE

Have you looked at our Tree of Life in the hallway recently? Over 200 names are all part of our history, remembering the family members who gave their church love, hard labor and financial support. Since it is spring and blossoms are starting, we can make our tree grow too by filling out a Tree of Life form and turning into the office.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS & "QUIET BAGS"

We now have some children's books and "Quiet Bags" in the narthex for our little ones to use during worship services. The Quiet Bags include children's bulletins, and crayons are available also. Please feel free to allow your children to use these but please remember to return them to the back of the church so others may use them next week.

IK-UCC WEBSITE

If you would like to be kept abreast of the upcoming happenings of your Indiana-Kentucky UCC, please go to their website, ikc@ikcucc.org where you will find a wealth of information for the upcoming months and you may also sign up to receive their emails.

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

SUN. – MAY 24

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

SUN. – MAY 31; Noisy Offering

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101; 10 a.m. Worship

MON – MAY 25; Memorial Day

(Office Closed)

WED. – MAY 27

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