

NEWS NOTES

May 31, 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: 41; Adult Sun. School:8

LET'S REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR BRUCE AS HE LEAVES FOR THE MISSION TRIP TODAY

Please pray for our interim Pastor, Minister Bruce Carr, as he travels to the Amazon region for two weeks to spread the Gospel of Jesus to our southern neighbors. Please pray for his safety and God's guiding hand upon him as he seeks to follow the Lord's lead in spreading the Word of God. He will return to us for the June 21st service. Thank you, Pastor Jim King, for your service to us on June 7th and 14th!

BLESSING BAG UPDATE

Thank you to those who have donated money or items for the Guild Blessing Bags. While we can still use all the items originally listed like deodorant, toothpaste, and washcloths....we could really use men's or women's socks, lip balm, bars of soap, and toothbrushes. Thank you again for supporting this community charity with us!

JUNE GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, June 17 at 1 pm in the Youth Lounge. Our program this month is "Learning to Crochet." For many, this will be a delayed refresher course as we did it many years ago and need to update our skill! The purpose of this is to make children's scarves for our next project of providing winter items for local children. Yarn will be provided, but if you have any crochet hooks, bring them. If not, we will have some for you. Any questions can be directed to Karen or Meredith. We hope you put this on your calendar!!

WEDDING PHOTOS IN LIBRARY

Please remember to stop by the library today after service and pick up your wedding photo from our anniversary display. Thank you so very much for submitting your photo and helping to make our 170th anniversary celebration extra special!

ST. JOHN'S PORTAL PANEL CARVING

The left door panel depicts the official emblem of the United Church of Christ in a variation of the original form. Placing the crown slightly above and to the left of the main body of the symbol gives greater emphasis to the cross. Clearly apparent is the cross, known from ancient times as the Cross of Victory or the Cross Triumphant, which is attached to the orb, representing the world. The whole of the symbol signifies "the kingship of the risen Christ over all the world." The division of the orb into three parts symbolizes the command of our Lord to His disciples: "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

LONGTIME MEMBERS ST. JOHN'S MEMORIES

"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.

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.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

All members and friends are invited to join in our two Bible Study groups. Our Wednesday morning group meets at 9:30 a.m. and our Christianity 101 class meets Sundays at 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, please talk to some of our members—Tim Murphey, Ernie Dingler, Dolores Van Ulzen, or Karen Lawrenz. We have chairs and booklets waiting for you!

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

SUN. – MAY 31

8:30 Christ. 101; 10 Worship

SUN. – JUNE 7: 8:30 a.m. Christianity 101; 10 a.m. Worship

TUES. – JUNE 2

12 – 6 p.m. Blood Drive

WED. – JUNE 3

9:30 a.m. Bible Study