

NEWS NOTES

October 4, 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: 57; Adult Sunday School: 8

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive at St. John's will be this coming Tuesday, October 6th, from noon to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your donation.

BLESSING BAG THANK YOU!

A thank you goes to members and friends of St. John's for your generosity in the Guild's Blessing Bag project. As these bags are blessed consider it also a thank you to you!

UPCOMING HACIENDA GIVE BACK – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

If you enjoyed the Hacienda Night Out, our church will be doing a Holly's Give Back on Tuesday, October 20th, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We will again get back 20% on food and drink including dine in and carry out. Coupons are on the table in the narthex and on the bulletin board outside the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2026 is now available in the office.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Guild is restarting its annual project, "For the Children." We are now collecting clothing items for children ages 6 months to 12 years old to be given to the local Salvation Army for their family holiday project. At a special week, families eligible can select clothing items and a toy for their children to save for Christmas. The Guild has some great shoppers so if you care to financially support this project, for a \$9 donation you would actually be purchasing a winter jacket, hat, and gloves for a child! Any size donation is appreciated. You may also shop and donate any clothing item from sweatshirts or underwear to diapers and wipes. Thank you for considering to help the Guild in another community project where we remember our less fortunate neighbors here in Michigan City!

HACIENDA GIVE BACK -- THANK YOU!!

Our church had a good response to Hacienda Give Back enjoying food and drinks. A huge "thank you!" goes out to the three caballeros -- Kent, Minister Bruce, and Mike for your generous help! The profit will be posted after receiving the totals.

PRESCHOOL NEEDS

St. John's Preschool will need the following supplies, and would greatly appreciate any donations. Supplies needed are: napkins, 5 oz. cups, hand wipes, table wipes, tissues, paper towels, copy paper, liquid hand soap, and colored copy paper. *Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool!*

TRIVIA QUESTION

When the church's tower was built, what did the community enjoy from the structure? (answer below)

2026 NWA OF I-K UCC FALL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY

When: Sunday, October 11th -- 4 p.m. EST / 3 p.m. CST; join via Zoom: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/89582909550>

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

SUN. – OCT. 4; Communion	TUES. – OCT. 6	WED. – OCT. 7	THURS. – OCT. 8
8:15 a.m. Christianity 101;	12 - 6 Blood Drive	9:30a.m. Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Board mtg.
9:05 a.m. Choir; 10 a.m. Worship		6 p.m. Scouts	
SUN. – OCT. 11: 8:15 a.m. Chris. 101; 9:05 a.m. Choir; 10 a.m. Worship			

Trivia answer: The carillons that played daily were the community's enjoyment, listening to the songs reaching out in all directions from the church.