NEWS NOTES
November 15, 2026

26St. 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: 63; Adult Sunday School: 6

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Our holiday season is just around the corner, a time to remember our loved ones, in honor of or in memory of, by ordering a poinsettia to be displayed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas holiday. The cost is $10 per poinsettia which can be taken home after the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service or you may donate your poinsettia to a local assisted living center. If not picked up by Jan. 3rd, they will be donated. Please return the form with money on Sundays to Jean or to the office on Monday or Thursday mornings, 9 – 12 noon.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR 2027

If you would like to continue or begin serving as a Liturgist for the 2027 year, please call (872-9121) or email the office (secretary@stjohnsmc.org) to let them know you'd like to be included on the 2027 schedule. If there are days you will not be available, please also let the office know. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this vital ministry!

PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

Join our Guild project by eating peanut brittle, selling peanut brittle or making peanut brittle! St. John's will begin offering its famous peanut brittle at $10.50 per pound and just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Orders can be placed in the church office. All profits from the sale will be donated to community agencies or to St. John's projects. We are accepting orders for our work dates of Nov. 16th, Dec. 7th and Dec. 14th. *Thank you for your continued support!*

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2027

If you would like to make a pledge for 2027, there will be commitment cards available on the table in the narthex.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Thank you to many St. John's friends for your donations of children's clothing or money to help with our project. It is not too late to gift an item or any amount of financial contribution. All monies will be used to sale shop and purchase items for our local children. The items will be distributed by the Salvation Army at their family Christmas event where the family can choose clothing items and a gift to give each child at Christmas. For your donation of $9 here at St. John's, the Guild can purchase a winter jacket, hat and gloves for a child. No donation is too small. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GUILD MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

Women and friends of St. John's are invited to the November Guild Meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18th in the Youth Lounge--Enter by the back kitchen door. Our program will be preparing and wrapping gifts for the holiday projects we have planned for St. John's and community groups. Plan to join us for an afternoon of worship, service, and food, of course!

RED CROSS -- THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S!!

The Red Cross reported that, thanks to the blood drives held at St. John's since January of 2021, 5,233 people have donated; 3,997 total units were collected; 2,152 Type O units were collected; and there were 89 first-time donors! All this because St. John's has so faithfully opened our doors to the Red Cross as a monthly donation site! ***THANK YOU*** to all who have so generously donated their time, talents, and/or blood to make this such an amazing and fruitful mission in our community!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Make plans to attend our traditional Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary, including a guest organist.

TRIVIA QUESTION

How many years has the Women's Guild made peanut brittle? (answer below)

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

SUN. – NOV. 15	MON – NOV. 16	WED. – NOV. 18	SUN. – NOV. 22 Memorial Sunday, Food Bank
8:15 a.m. Christianity 101;	8:30 Peanut Brittle	9:30a.m.Bible Study	8:15 a.m. Chris. 101, 9:05 Choir
9:05 a.m. Choir; 10 a.m. Worship		1 p.m. Guild; 6 p.m. Scouts	10 a.m. Worship

Trivia answer: Over 60 years