NEWS NOTES
November 29, 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: 56; Adult Sunday School: 8

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH, 2026

Please plan to attend a special congregational meeting this coming Sunday, December 6th, immediately after the 10 a.m. service.

WOMEN'S GUILD DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CELEBRATION—SIGN UP TODAY!!

Please note, today is the last day you may add your name to the list to attend the Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday December 2nd, 1:00 p.m., at Polish Peasant, 801 Franklin Street, Michigan City
All women of St. John's are cordially invited to attend! Please call Karen Lawrenz (872-5087) to RSVP.

THANK YOU TO ST. JOHN'S—"FOR THE CHILDREN!"

The Guild is so happy to deliver 51 jackets/coats, 35 pair of socks, 19 dresses and shirts, 72 hats, gloves, and scarves, and 6 large boxes of diapers and 26 packs of wipes! In addition, ask God's blessing on two other donations. The Guild will be donating Christmas gifts (knit winter caps) for all residents of the homeless shelter -- The Nest. Also, families at the Sand Castle each will receive a polar fleece blanket made by the Guild members. We ask God's blessing on this project and those receiving our donations. *Thank you very much from the Women's Guild!*

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!

TRADITIONS AND LEGENDS: LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA

The poinsettia, or *flor de la Nochebuena*, is one of the most beloved symbols of Christmas in Mexico. According to legend, a humble child longed to give a gift to the Christ Child but had nothing to offer. On her way to church, she gathered simple green weeds from the roadside. When she placed them at the altar, the leaves burst into brilliant red blooms. It's a timeless story of love, humility, and the true spirit of giving at the heart of the Christmas season.

PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

St. John's is offering its famous peanut brittle at $10.50 per pound and just in time for 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 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.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Mark your calendar and please plan to attend our Annual Meeting which has been scheduled for January 24, 2027, immediately after the 10 a.m. service.

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

SUN. – NOV. 29: 1st Sunday of Advent	**TUES., DEC. 2**	**WED. – DEC. 3**
8:15 a.m. Chris. 101; 9:05 Choir; 10 a.m. Worship	12 – 6 p.m. Blood Drive	9:30 a.m. Bible Study, 5 p.m. Choir; 6 p.m. Scouts

SUN. – DEC. 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:15 a.m. Chris. 101, 9:05 a.m. Choir; 10 a.m. Worship; **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW**