

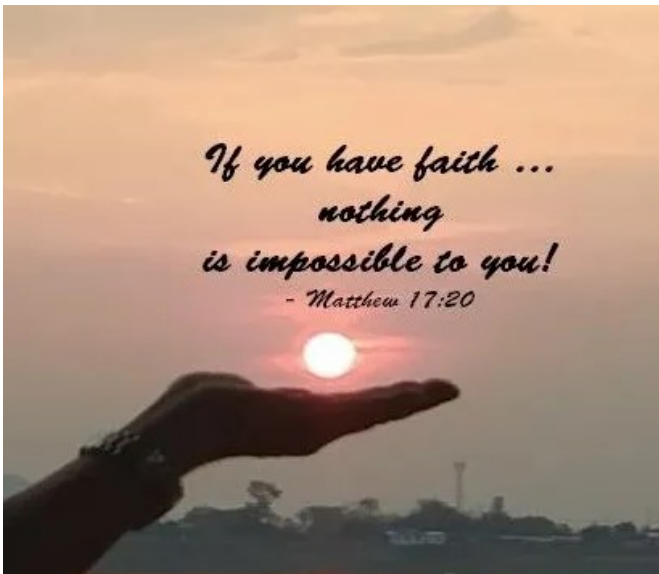
# AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



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**Mission Statement Adopted March 12, 2000**  
*We are a family of many hearts and voices faithfully worshiping God. We encourage one another in our living, learning, and growing as God's people. Led by the Holy Spirit, we joyfully promise to serve others as we share the love and hope of Jesus Christ.*

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## Pastors' Ponderings August 2023

The end of July and the beginning of August is a time of year when there are many summer celebrations. There are festivals galore across the state of Indiana where people gather for good eats, fellowship and to support local organizations, towns or churches.

This is the time of year for the Knox County Fair and of course the “big show” the Indiana State Fair at the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Animals, demonstrations, 4-H projects, live music, rides and of course food will be plentiful (if it can be eaten...it can be fried.) The growing season is past the half-way mark, and the days are getting shorter. These are busy, busy times.

August also means the beginning of school. St. John's three Senior High graduates are preparing for a new adventure as they enter into the college segment of their life journey. Elementary, intermediate, middle and high school students will return to their desks and class spaces to begin another year of learning and growth. Vacation Bible School will be every Sunday morning of August and the offering is designated for Backpacks of Love, a ministry that gives out backpacks full of school supplies to children who could use a helping hand.

Don't forget the “Community Block Party in September. More information will forth coming.

May the rest of the summer be a blessing to all,

Shalom,

Pastor Dennis

## Church Board Highlights June 17, 2023

The June minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and approved.

**Joys and Concerns:** The following joys and concerns were shared: Charlie and Carol Klein celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary; prayers for the Lange family but joy for the wonderful life of Mark; prayers for Janet Daniel's nephew's 6 year old son who will be having major surgery for a tumor in his eye.

### Committee Report Highlights

**Christian Education.** Reminder that Vacation Bible School will begin in August and the theme of spiritual gifts will be used.

**Membership and Evangelism.** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> for the Church Block (Building Linkages of Community Kindness) from 4-6. Activities may include bounce houses, photo booth, corn hole, and other games. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and ice cream to be served. Open to all Church members and the neighborhood.

**Technology.** Technology policy revisions were reviewed which included the Agreement for Use of Electronic Communications and Policies and Procedures for St. John's UCC Vincennes Website and Social Media.

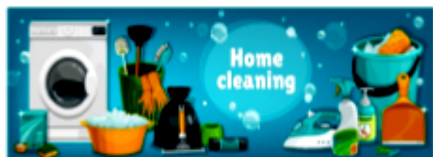
**Pastor Search.** Sheri Stodghill, Chair of the Pastor Search Committee, appeared before the Board for direction and to discuss/inform the Board of the processes used to gather profiles.

Complete Church Board minutes and Treasurer's report are available after approval at the next month's board meeting.

Next meeting will be August 21, 2023

Betsy Marchino, Church Board Secretary

# Phoebe's Mission



## What Is Phoebe's Mission?

This ministry helps low income families stretch their money by providing necessary household items that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Each month, families can stop by and pick up a box of toiletries and cleaning supplies donated by St. John's members.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

First Friday  
Of Each Month  
4:30 - 6:00 pm

Contact  
Will Meyer  
812-882-2720

## How Can I Help?

**Phoebe's Mission relies on the support of individuals from St. John's UCC.**

- Donations For The Following:
  - Laundry Soap
  - Bar Soap
  - Deodorant
  - Shampoo
  - Toothpaste
  - Dish Soap
  - Toilet Paper
- An Extra Donation In Your Pledge Envelope Marked "Phoebe's Mission"
- Cash Donation Dropped Off In The Church Office Marked "Phoebe's Mission"

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**The Churches and Friends of the  
Wabash Valley Association  
Indiana / Kentucky Conference ~ United Church of Christ**

**are respectfully asked to come together in joyful worship  
and join with**

**Saron United Church of Christ  
Linton, Indiana**

**to install  
the Rev. Ron Haynes**

**as their Pastor**

**On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

*Clergy and Association participants are asked to be present  
before 2:45 p.m. to organize for the processional.*

*Red - "the fire of the Spirit" - is the traditional liturgical color.*

Saron UCC is located at 440 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE;  
Linton, Indiana 47441

[saronchurch @ sbc global .net](mailto:saronchurch@sbcglobal.net)

812: 847-4911



### **August Birthdays**

Stephen Cole  
Cameron Mattingly  
Isabella Lange  
Saundra Lange  
Arlene Wilson  
Billy Henry  
Brian Spangle  
Beckett Miller  
Gabrielle Miller  
Matthew Vieck  
Leah Lankford  
Ellis Jones  
Kennedy Alexander  
Madalynn Grube  
Bob Klein  
Jill Lopez  
Larry Marchino  
Jessica Bennett  
Kyle Brown

### **August Anniversaries**

Jeff & Janet Newell  
Gary & Peggy Meyer  
Jeff & Krisi Mattingly  
David & Michelle Grube  
Brad & Pam Summers  
Tony & Ann Riley  
Ed & Brenda Cummings  
Mike & Michelle Halter  
Fred & Donna Klein  
Larry & Betsy Marchino  
Mark & Susan Schutz  
Kyle & Jill Doggett  
Mark & Janice Strange  
Vernon & Marilyn  
Houchins

**If your birthday or anniversary  
is not listed, but should be,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH  
OFFICE! Thank you**

# Back to School

## WORD SEARCH

Playground  
Lockers  
Crayons  
Recess  
Desk  
Principal  
Assembly  
School  
Study  
Bus  
Classroom  
Teachers  
Pencil  
Test  
Music  
Students  
Hallway  
Lunch  
Gym  
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# August

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm	5
6 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship 10:30</b> Children's Church Communion VBS 9:15-11:30am	7 BABE Store 12-5:30pm Evangelism & Membership 7pm	8 Finance Meeting 12pm	9 Christian ED 6:30 Preschool Open House 6-7pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship 10:30</b> Children's Church VBS 9:15-11:30am	14 BABE Store 12-5:30pm <b>Preschool 4 yr. First Day Of School .</b> Outreach & Missions 6:30pm	15 <b>Preschool 3yr. First Day Of School .</b>	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship 10am <b>Worship 10:30</b> Children's Church VBS 9:15-11:30am	21 BABE Store 12-5:30pm  Worship 6pm <b>Church Board 7pm</b>	22	23	24 Technology 10am	25 Newsletter Deadline	26
27 Sunday School 9:15 <b>Worship 10:30</b> Children's Church VBS 9:15-11:30am	28 BABE Store 12-5:30pm	29	30 Laundry Love 6-8pm	31		





## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Don Osborne, Jr., Bruce Deckard, all church family members who are serving our country, The families of Hank Lopez, Robin Root, Mark Lange and John Jackson. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in

### Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

**Norma Meyer**, Colonial Assisted Living, Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Susie Milligan**, Colonial Assisted Living, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Joy Tooley**, Willow Manor, - 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Leona Conway**, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

**Jean Wells**, Lodge of the Wabash, 723 Ramsey Road, Vincennes, IN 47591 (Room number is not required).

**Marge Beamon**, Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to her home address, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

### Home

**Alexander Family**  
**Bruce Deckard**



If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairperson of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it!

St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie, Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino .



## Mark Lange

**February 3, 1951~July 9, 2023**

Mark Lange was born February 3, 1951 and raised in Valparaiso, Indiana, by a school teacher and a musician. His parents were Robert J. Lange and Fay (Churchill) Lange. He earned degrees in Electronics Engineering from Valparaiso Technical Institute, A BS Degree in Radio Television and Film from Indiana State University and a Masters Degree in Vocational Education from Indiana State University. Lange

began his broadcast career in 1968 while in high school at WNWI Radio in Valparaiso. He worked 55 years in mass media.

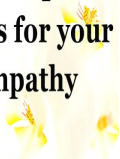
Mark has been married for 50 years to Sandra who is a working partner in the media business and Reily Home Bed and Breakfast. They have three children: Christina (Shawn) Schlag, Jonathan (Chrissy) Lange, and Aaron Lange. Christina and Jonathan work at The Original Company. Christina’s husband Shawn is the CEO of TOC, and Aaron is a Lt. Colonel in the Indiana National Guard recently returning from IRAQ deployment. He and Sandra have seven grandchildren: Isabella, Caleb, Anna, Adelynn, Olivia, Landon and Cora. All seven live in Vincennes. Mark’s siblings are Kathleen Carlisle, Laurel (Chuck) Krider, and Neal (Terri) Lange, sister-in-law Betsy (Rick) Curless, brother-in-law Kent (Margie)Powelson, numerous nieces and nephews.

(Goodwin –Sievers funeral home website)

Mark will be missed deeply by all of the St. John’s United Church Of Christ family!



**Our deepest  
thanks for your  
sympathy**



**The family of Robin Root** wishes to thank his Church Family for the many cards, prayers, and visits. Robin and his wife Joan had made St John's UCC their Church home since Easter Sunday 1955. The family expresses that the words of comfort were appreciated especially from 95 yr. old Rev Al, Rev Lynn, Pastor Linda, and Pastor Dennis.



**2024 is St. John's 175 Anniversary!** The celebration committee is requesting the following from everyone:

**Pictures of:** Weddings, Baptisms, Choirs, Youth Groups, Sunday School Parties, VBS, Christmas Programs or any other Special

Events that were at St. John's! A box will be placed in Memorial Hall....please put your pictures (in one of the large envelopes we have provided and write your name on them to be returned) If possible, tell us who is in the picture and/or year it was taken. We will make copies of your pictures and return the originals to you asap! We want to use them for several events we are planning during next year.

**OR** if you have pictures on your phone, please send them via email to me at [sheri.stodghill@crawfordmh.org](mailto:sheri.stodghill@crawfordmh.org)

**Help us celebrate St. John's with the wonderful memories we've made**



Kids Hope USA program through our partnership at Riley school is looking for new mentors for the upcoming school year, 2023-2024. If you are interested please contact church office. 812-882-2720. If you would like more information about the program you may contact Jerri Johanningsmeier. Updates will also be in the next newsletter.



St. John's United Church of Christ is once again hosting a Block party. It is set for September 17, 2023 from 4-6 pm. We are looking for volunteers to

help with the event. Please see sign up sheet on hallway bulletin board. Some of the things needed are:

Set up, Clean up, Food & Serving, Bounce House monitor, locate business donations/Baskets donations, donations individual bags of chips and cookies, photo booth help, bottled water, tea, lemonade. Any new ideas are always welcomed!



**Vacation Bible School** will once again be held during Sunday mornings in August, 9:15 through 11:30 am. Our theme this year is **“Sharing and Celebrating our Spiritual Gifts”**. God gives each person special gifts to use in service to others, but not everyone has the same gifts. What are your special gifts?

The morning schedule is as follows:

9:15 - 9:30 *Welcome and Opening* (Memorial Hall)

9:30 - 10:00 *Sharing Our Gifts* - Presentation/demonstration/hands on activity led by church members For all ages. (MH)

10:00 - 10:15 *Snacks and fellowship for all.* (MH)

10:30 - 10:40 Worship Service and Children’s Message (Sanctuary)

10:40 - 11:30 *Children’s Church* (Upstairs Blue Room)

Our Sunday School hour will focus on congregational members who will share one of their gifts (passions) in Memorial Hall. **This portion of VBS is an all ages presentation.** Bible passages and relevance will be shared during the Children’s message. Children’s Church time will include discussions, games, and songs. On August 27, there will be a VBS sharing time during worship service. Our offering will go to **Backpacks of Love.** We hope to see everyone there!

Let Jill Lopez know if you have questions or would like to help.

Our special presenters are:

Aug. 6 - Eric Meyer - planting/growing

Aug. 13 - Elaine Workman - candy making

Aug. 20 - Larry Marchino - music

Aug. 27 - VBS kids will practice songs for worship service (but there will still be Fellowship time!).



The Children and Family group had a busy July with activities. On July 6, a group from the CFM traveled to Holiday World. Thank you to all the children and chaperones making the trip this summer great.





A big thank you to the families, church members and the Vincennes community for coming by the Children/Family Ministry lemonade stand at church on Saturday, July 15. The Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement.



Final planning for Fall activities are being finished up and will be announced in the coming weeks. Please be looking for announcements in the bulletin, Facebook and Children and Family Ministry mail boxes for future information.

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