



St. John's United Church of Christ
August 20, 2023
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

***THE INTROIT** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L. What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

P. **God's love flows through our lives!**

L. This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

P. **This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

L. Let us rejoice on this day!

P. **Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us.**^{MM}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* No. 91

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention to the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life's journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life's challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**^{MM}

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT *"Hawaii Wildfires Disaster Relief"*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Ours the Journey"* -Julian Rush

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* (words below)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. AMEN.^{MM}

SCRIPTURE

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28

THE HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 5

SERMON

"Out of the Mouths of..."

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***THE HYMN** *"Standing on the Promises"* No. 552

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN** *"Go in Peace"* No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{MM}Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley

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Worship services will be found on the church website, www.myucc.org, by clicking on the "sermons" tab. And on the church Facebook page, *St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes*.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Don Osborne, Jr., Bruce Deckard, all church family members who are serving our country, Dan Roark & Family, 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 our prayers.
- Prayers for Delaynee Coomes have been requested. Delaynee has had some spells where she has passed out. It appears to be heart related but there is no diagnosis yet. She has been restricted to no driving, no athletic workouts, and also that some one must stay with her at all times. She has upcoming appointments to learn more about her situation.
- It's with a heavy heart that I share that Jean Wells passed away this week . Please keep Bill Lathrop and the family in your prayers.

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

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

Home
Alexander Family
Bruce Deckard
Dan Roark

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman 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 and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



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!).



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. More detail in future announcements.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri
	Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Cindy Deckard
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jana Vieck
Sound	Bruce Deckard
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill



A fund has been set up through our church to help support victims of the 2023 Hawaii wildfires. Anyone who wishes to give money may do so in offering collection using the green envelopes on the pews, or submitting to the church office, 606 N 5th Vincennes, IN 47591. Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC and mark Hawaii fund on the envelope.



Services for Jean Wells will be as follows. Visitation on August 25th 5-8 Eastern Standard time (4-7 Central), Colvin Funeral Home 425 N Main St. Princeton, IN. Bill Lathrop would also like me to mention that Daughters of American Revolution service will be held at 3:30pm. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, August 26, at Fairview Cemetery 919 Willow St. Vincennes, IN. Dinner immediately following at St. John's United Church of Christ.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's UCC

Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, myucc.org
Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, August 20

VBS 9:15am-11:30

Fellowship 10 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, August 21

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

Worship Committee 6pm

Church Board 7pm

TUESDAY, August 21

BABE Board Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, August 27

VBS 9:15am-11:30

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Children's Church

MONDAY, August 28

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

Worship Committee 6pm

Church Board 7pm

WEDNESDAY, August 29

Laundry Love 6-8pm

FRIDAY, September 1

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK CHURCH INFORMATION

Attention: All Affiliates of
St. John's United Church of Christ
WE NEED YOUR HELP IN OUR PLANNING AND
ORGANIZING OUR UPCOMING
ALL CHURCH and NEIGHBORHOOD
ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
4-6 P.M. Parking lot

Requests and/or Volunteer opportunities
Name _____

_____ SET UP 3:00 P.M.
_____ CLEAN UP 6:00 P.M.
_____ BOUNCE HOUSE Attendants. (4) 4-6 P.M.
rotation.

WATCHFUL EYES

_____ Game and Activities Leadership and monitors
(examples: corn hole, bucket toss, face painting,
rock painting). We welcome and are open to different ideas and
suggestions. **APPRECIATION GALORE**

_____ PHOTO BOOTH DESIGNER and snapshot
organizer **MUST HAVE**

THEME: Rock Around the Block

**Donation Items Needed: Drop off in Kitchen. Label Block Party
prior to Sunday, September 17**
2-3 crockpots for hot dogs
Small individual chips. 24/36 count boxes
Small individual cookie packs

**Signup sheet is located on hallway bulletin board. If you have any
questions you can contact any of the Evangelism and Membership
Committee; Janet Daniels, Mark Schutz, Ray Pieper, Brian
Fillingim, Jerri Johanningsmeier.**

Rock Around The



ALL St. John's UCC
Members Inviting Our Neighborhood

Sunday September 17, 2023
4-6 p.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ
Church Parking Lot
606 N. Fifth Street
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips,
Cookies, Ice Cream, Tea, & Lemonade

Family Activities: Bounce Houses,
Games, Fellowship, Photo Booth,
Rock Painting and More.

