



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



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

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**THE PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS,**

**CONNECTIONS AND GREETINGS**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

- L. Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker of our being!
- P. Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**
- L. The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us to do good work.
- P. Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.**
- L. Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption and restoration.
- P. Hallelujah! Let us worship and give thanks for the mighty deeds and the good works of our God!**<sup>WW</sup>

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** *"O, How I Love Jesus"* No. 99

**\*THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

**When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises!. AMEN.**<sup>MM</sup>

**\*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.**

**THE ANTHEM** *"Shout to the Lord"* Zschech & Hayes

**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)**

**Merciful God, receive our humble offerings as a testimony to your provision and a demonstration of our love. May they be magnified and multiplied for the benefit of our community and all creation..**<sup>WW</sup>

**SCRIPTURE**

*Romans 14:1-12*

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**THE HYMN**

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

No. 73

**SERMON**

*"On Forgiveness"*

**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** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* No. 234

**\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

**PASTLUDE**

**Worship Notes**

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<sup>WW</sup>*Forgiveness*: Service Prayers for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost were written by

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

Worship services will be found on the church website, [www.myucc.org](http://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, Delaynee Coomes . For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Please pray for Wayne Baker, Cheryl Meyer's cousin, who is recovering from heart surgery. He's been the rock for his daughter and her family and now needs our prayers that he continues to make a quick and complete recovery!

### 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, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

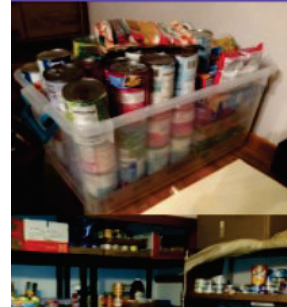
**Dan Roark**, Gentle Care, 1202 S. 16th St., Vincennes, IN 47591

Home  
Alexander Family  
Bruce Deckard

**caregivers**

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

## Sandy's Pantry



### **What Is Sandy's Pantry?**

Providing free, non-perishable food items for Vincennes University students who are experiencing food insecurity. The Pantry is open on one Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 11 am - 12:30 pm at the church's rear parking lot entrance.

### **How Can I Help?**

**Sandy's Pantry relies on the support of individuals from St. John's UCC.**

Donations For Non-Perishable Food That Could Consist Of:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| - Mac & Cheese   | - Canned Meats  |
| - Vegetables     | - Cereal        |
| - Canned Fruits  | - Peanut Butter |
| - Rice & Beans   | - Canned Soups  |
| - Healthy Snacks | - Coffee & Tea  |

- An Extra Donation In Your Pledge Envelope Marked "Sandy's Pantry"
- Cash Donation Dropped Off In The Church Office Marked "Sandy's Pantry"

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**One Tuesday  
& Thursday  
Of Each Month  
11 am – 12:30 pm**

**Nov. 10 / Nov. 12  
Other Dates TBA**

**Contact  
Brenda Fillingim  
812-882-2720**

## ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

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

**Don't Forget, This Evening!**

**4-6pm**

## Rock Around The Block Party

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.



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



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

Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, [myucc.org](http://myucc.org) Worship Ser-



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

#### SUNDAY, September 17

Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Children's Church  
Block Party 4-6pm

#### MONDAY, September 18

BABE Store 12-5:30pm  
Friends Talent Show 5-6:15pm  
Worship Comm 6pm  
Church Board 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, September 20

Dinner at Procopio's Pizza & Pasta, 127 N 2nd St. 5pm  
Choir 7pm

#### LOOKING AHEAD

#### SUNDAY, September 24

Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Children's Church

#### MONDAY, September 25

BABE 12-5:30pm  
Friends 5-6:15pm

#### WEDNESDAY, September 27

Dinner at American Table 5pm  
Choir 7pm

Laundry Love 6-8pm

#### THURSDAY, September 28

Technology 11am

### Come Join Us ! Dinner & Conversation WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

If you'd like to join others in eating out and sharing in relaxed conversation, mark your calendars for these Vincennes locations on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. For the following dates:

This Wednesday, September 20—Procopio's Pizza & Pasta, 127N 2nd St.

Wednesday, September 27— American Table, 1500 Willow St.

Wednesday, October 4— Ponderosa Steakhouse, 2625 Hart St.

Wednesday, October 11- Senor Tequila, 1350 Hart St

Wednesday, October 18— McAllister's, 2720 N Sixth St.

Wednesday. October 25— Chicago Pizza, 529 Main St.