



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**September 24, 2023**  
**Seventeenth 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. The spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

P. The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

L. The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

A. As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.<sup>FS</sup>

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* No. 6

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

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be with us today, for we come, asking for your support in all that we do. We need your love, transforming our lives in hope. Be with us, we pray. Amen.<sup>FS</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** *"Thanks Be to God"* -arr. Sheldon Curry

**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)**

One and Eternal God of time and space, we respond to you with joy as we present these offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.<sup>FS</sup>

**SCRIPTURE**

*Philippians 1:21-30*

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**THE HYMN**

*"The Gift of Love"*

No. 526

**SERMON**

**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** *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* No. 714

**\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Worship Notes**

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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.

### 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.

**Franklyn Schroeder**, Oak Village Health Care Center, - 200 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

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

### Home

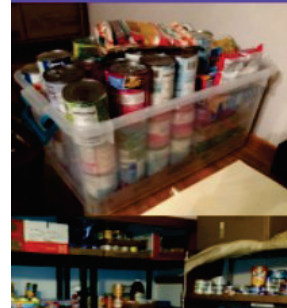
Alexander Family

Bruce Deckard

**caregivers**  
managers, loving, adult, care, giving, women, families, brave, selfless heroes, inspiring, empowering, generation, strong, worker, sandwich, supporter, caregivers, motivators, coordinators

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.

## 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:

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| - 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	Sandra Lange
Sound	
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill

**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:**

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

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

Wednesday, October 11- Senor Tequila, 1350 Willow St.

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

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



## 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 Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page*



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

### **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**

Choir 7pm

Laundry Love 6-8pm

Dinner at American Table 5pm

### **THURSDAY, September 28**

Technology 10:30am

### LOOKING AHEAD

### **SUNDAY, October 1**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

Worldwide Communion Sunday

Children's Church

### **MONDAY, October 2**

BABE 12-5:30pm

Friends 5-6:15pm

Evangelism & Membership 7pm

### **TUESDAY, October 3**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12pm

### **WEDNESDAY, October 4**

Dinner at Ponderosa Steakhouse 5pm

Choir 7pm

### **THURSDAY, October 5**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12pm

### **FRIDAY, October 6**

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm



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





Artist: Alexis  
Age: 15  
Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

# Behold!

*"God saw everything God made  
and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31*

## Mayflower United Church of Christ practices what it preaches.

**I**t called for divestment from fossil fuels, and Mayflower Foundation became one of the first church organizations to invest in the Beyond Fossil Fuels fund of United Church Funds. It authored a resolution for General Synod that champions electrification to transition from fossil fuels to combat climate change, and it has committed itself to becoming a carbon neutral church by 2030. You can see the congregation's commitment to caring for God's creation in its 204 solar panels, its pollinator garden, its protests against fossil fuel pipelines, and its regard for Earth Sunday as a high holy day like Easter and Christmas. Get inspired by watching this video about Mayflower's commitments to creation justice: <https://bit.ly/MayflowerInspiration>



## Prayer

Dear God,  
Each day we behold the beauty and goodness of all that you have created.  
Each day we breathe in your air, drink your water, and enjoy your fields of harvest.  
We rejoice and give thanks for the gifts of your creation!  
Amen.

## Litany of Wonder

**Leader:** Let us behold the wonders of creation. Let us marvel at the infinite artistry of nature.  
**People:** Let our senses take it all in: each tree, each flower, each blade of grass.  
**Leader:** All around us are gifts that have been bestowed upon us by God.  
**People:** Today, we renew our spirits and fill our hearts with gratitude

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