

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Mission Statement Adopted March 12, 2000
We are a family of many hearts and voices faithfully worshipping 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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Church Board Highlights

September 18, 2023

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

Joys and Concerns: The following joys and concerns were shared: the Block Party was a success. Really nice to have so many participating for the Rally Day Breakfast, lots of good food and smiles! Miss April was WZDM's the "Teacher of the Week". Continued prayers for Dannie Roark and Franklin Schroeder.

Committee Report Highlights

Music and Worship. Harvest Home/Fall decorations will be going up soon. Everyone is invited to bring canned goods during the last two weeks of October. More details will be announced as to where and when to bring the canned goods. Christmas decorating will begin in November. On November 12th we will be putting up the garland, November 19th we will be setting up the trees and some window decorations, and the following Sunday will be decorating the trees. All volunteers are welcome to participate. We especially need "younger" helpers for the garland. More details will be forthcoming!

Christian Education. We are going to have Advent festivities this year for all to enjoy. The exact date is still uncertain so watch the newsletter and bulletin for more details.

Membership and Evangelism. The Church Block party was September 17, 2023 and we had a good response. We had lots of games, rock painting, door prizes, food,

fellowship and smiles! We even had windy conditions enough to blow over our tents! We need to have Church “rock painting party” to paint the remaining rocks for our rock garden! Thanks to all who participated.

Congregational Life. About 50+ people attended the Church picnic and had a great time. Thanks to everyone for bringing food and helping.

Memorial. New banners and music were purchased.



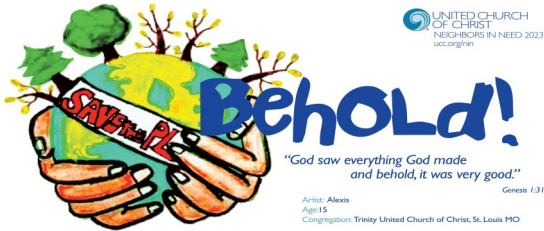
WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

If you'd like to join others in eating out and sharing in relaxed conversation, mark your calendars for Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Restaurant locations for upcoming times together will be decided at the first gathering. Contact Pastor Linda for more information. Restaurant locations for upcoming times together will be decided at the gatherings. Here are some of the dates so far:

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.



The Neighbors in Need offering, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bftyatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Behold, with your assistance, we together can help our Neighbors in Need. Envelopes are available to donate to in the sanctuary or church office.



October Birthdays

Kaiden Lichte
Lonny Vieck
Michelle Grube
Casey Harner
Jan Henry
Darcie Bahr
Becky Nowaskie
Sarah Lowe
Liam Goodman
Etta Snyder
Ish Clausman
Emily Haskins
Jordan Daniels
Diane Frederick
Joel Sanders
Catey Haskins
Marvin Covey
Karen Cole
Jack Haskins

October Anniversaries

Chas & Landry Culp
Daniel & Trista Goodman
Dean & Linda Wagoner
Peter & Emily Haskins
Don & Marjorie Hoffhaus

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

October

2023

1	2 BABE Store 12-5:30pm Evangelism & Membership 7pm	3 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm	4 Choir 7pm Dinner at Ponderosa 5pm	5 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm	6 Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm	7 M&M Fall activity @ 6:00pm-7:30pm at church.
8 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Children's Church	9 Indigenous People's Day Office Closed Outreach & Missions Friends Fall Party 5-6:15pm	10	11 Dinner at Tequila 5pm Christian ED 6pm Choir 7pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship 10am Worship 10:30 Children's Church CFM Dinner Fall Activity 5-7:30pm	16 BABE Store 12-5:30pm Friends Halloween Party 5-6:15pm Worship Committee 6pm Church Board 7pm	17	18 Dinner at McAllister's 5pm Choir 7pm	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Children's Church	23 BABE Store 12-5:30pm	24	25 Dinner at Chicago Pizza 5pm Choir 7pm Laundry Love 6-8pm	26 Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30 pm	27	28 CFM Halloween Holiday World Trip 10:15am-Return 10pm
29 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Children's Church	30 BABE Store 12-5:30pm	31 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm				



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. 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 her home address, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center, - 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

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

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 .



Don't Forget !! 2024 is St. John's 175 Anniversary!

"To help celebrate our 175 Anniversary throughout 2024, the Anniversary Committee is looking for singers, performers, musicians, anyone who would like to share their talent with St. John's during a Sunday Worship Service. Please contact Sheri Stodghill at 812-890-2363 to get signed up for a special Sunday! We can't wait to see your performance!"

"The Anniversary Committee would like to remind everyone that we still are looking for special photographs, memorabilia, booklets, newspaper articles, etc. that took place at St. John's. Please share your memories with us! There is a tub in Memorial Hall where you can put your treasures and we will copy and return them back to you! Help up celebrate 175 years of our wonderful church and congregation."

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

Help us celebrate St. John's with the wonderful memories we've made throughout the years!



Christian Education Highlights

Congratulations to Elise Goodman, Gannon Haney, and Keaton Summers! These are our 4th graders who received their bibles on Sunday, September 10th during worship service. Our blessings are on these three special children!

The bible presentation culminated a full morning of breakfast for all and a celebration of Grandparents' Day in addition to morning worship service. A huge thanks to those who helped make the breakfast, plan the grandparent theme, and to all who attended!

The Christian Education Committee is planning to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season this year with an Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 26, immediately following worship service. Plans include a lunch, decorating trees, making crafts, and other fun experiences. If you are interested in helping plan or coordinating a piece of the Advent celebration, please contact Jill Lopez or Sarah Lowe. More information will be in the November newsletter.

M&M Fall Fun

On Saturday, October 7, the M&M (age 4-2 grade) will enjoy a Fall evening activity 6-7:30pm at church. There will be crafts and activity at the Mini-Marvels event. Also, there will be light snacks to enjoy too! This will be a great activity to invite friends, grandparents and other family members to come to the fun activity too! Feel free to let me know about any of your questions!

On Sunday, October 15, the Children and Family Ministry will enjoy a Fall Fun Day starting at 5pm until 7:30pm at St. John's. A meal will be served at 5:30pm. At the activity there will be hamburgers, hot dogs and BBQ. Please sign-up on the bulletin board next to the nursery or on Facebook to bring something to share with the other families! The drinks and table settings (cups, plates and silverware) will also be provided! There will be many games and activities for



the families at the cook out. This activity would be a great opportunity for the families to invite friends. If there are any questions please let me know!



On Saturday, October 28, the KFC and Youth will travel to Holiday World for Happy Halloween Weekends. This family-friendly special event includes the rides you love at Holiday World, plus 12 acres of corn mazes and hayrides! St. John's children will need to pay \$20 and friends/family are welcome to come but will need to pay \$30 for tickets. New this year is the Halloween in the Sky drone show. The group will have an opportunity to stay for the show. We will leave St. John's at 10:15am and return around 10pm (11pm if we stay for the drone show). Please provide each child \$20-\$25 for food at the park and for a stop on the way back for supper. Please let sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery or texting Will (812-887-5303) by Thursday, October 26, so the tickets can be purchased. A medical information form will need to be filled for St. John's KFC and their friends. The medical information forms are located on the bulletin board by the nursery and outside of the CE office upstairs.

**Final planning for more activities is 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.

[Children and Family Ministry Age Groups](#)

M&M (Mini-Marvels)-Age 4-2nd Grade

KFC (Kids For Christ)-3nd-6th Grade

Youth-7th- High School



Our Preschoolers are really getting into the fall season apple tasting, apple painting and apple crafts! Everyone decided their favorite color of apple!

The butterflies are writing their names on all their papers. Every time we write our name we get better and better at it. We are taking a walk to visit the library and learn what the library has to offer. The caterpillars know the first letter in their names! We are also so excited to move on and learn the other letters in our name. Everyone loved learning all the new preschool songs and singing them at home. If you have a special talent, hobby, or something fun you would like to share with our preschoolers, please contact Miss April to set up a time. We love special quests!



St. John's United Church of Christ members and staff would like to congratulate Mrs. April Brown, Preschool Administrator and Teacher on receiving the WZDM title Teacher of Week on September 18, 2023. We are all very proud of you! You work very hard and do a great job with the kids and preparing them for Kindergarten!

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