



St. John's United Church of Christ
February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



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

CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

*CHORAL INTROIT *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* #263

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Shout out! You are the light of the world!

P. We lift up our voices and sing praise to God!

L. Live your praise with justice and love.

P. We light up our lives with compassion and mercy.

L. Let us enter God's house as bearers of light.

*HYMN OF PRAISE **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** #66

***UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION**

ALL: God of justice and mercy, Christ the light and life, enter our lives and this time of worship with your radiant presence . Bring light to our journey, that we may see your path of righteousness. Shine in us and through us, that we may be lights of compassion and justice for all the world to see. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #35

PSALM READING Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

CHILDRENS MESSAGE Kyle Doggett

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 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

L: Each of us is a fragile miracle evidence of God's creative hands and amazing grace. We are each unique gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are gifts of creation, now offer our gifts of love.

*DOXOLOGY #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard our call, we offer you our lives and service. Amen

THE ANTHEM *"On Eagles Wings!"* Joncas/Arr:Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:29-39

SERMON "Source of Strength"

*CLOSING HYMN *"We've a Story To Tell The Nation"* #484 V:1,3,4

***BLESSING**

ALL: We May Fail: God Does Not. We May End: God Does Not. Bless and be Blessed. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"God Be With You Until We Meet Again"* #434 V:1

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, the family of Dannie Roark, and Gary Myer and family. 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

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 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

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 (co-chair 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 (co-chair), Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



LAM Banquet: St John's UCC is again sponsoring a table at the LAM (Life After Meth) banquet which will be held on February 22nd at Highland Woods Community Center. This is an opportunity to learn about an important local ministry that we support and includes a meal. We encourage members who have never attended to consider attending.

Doors open at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the back hallway no later than Sunday February 18 th if interested in attending. Any seats not used by church members will be donated for LAM program participants. Contact Larry Marchino or the church office with any questions.

Today we welcome Rev. Georgia N. Chambers, M.A., M.Div., BCC

Rev. Chambers is a native Texan, born and raised in Austin, Texas. She also lived, worked and played in Houston, TX, Berkeley, CA and St. Louis, MO. She has resided in Evansville, IN for the past 8 years where she currently serves as a Chaplain at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Rev. Chambers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree – Business Administration, from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas, a Master of Arts degree – Education, from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa and a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Chambers is also a Board-Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Rev. Chambers is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ. She has served on the pastoral staff of several congregations within the United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Rev. Chambers serves on the Board of Directors for the Indiana-Kentucky Conference -UCC and the Good Samaritan Home, Inc.

In her spare time, she loves cooking, traveling, and buying awesome t-shirts.



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

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor for today	Rev. Georgia Chambers
Liturgist	Allison Cummins
Head Usher	Kyle Doggett Family
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	Jonathan Lange
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Jeremy & Natasha Coomes & Family

Would you like to see and engage with others that walk through our church doors on Sunday mornings? This is a good way to build that connection with your church family. The Evangelism & Membership committee is looking for individuals or families to serve as greeters 3-4 times a year. There is a sign-up sheet on the Memorial Hall bulletin board or tear off the bottom of this sheet with your name and the best way to contact you to arrange a Sunday that suits you to volunteer.

Name: _____

Best contact method: _____

Best month or time of the year: _____



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, February 4

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, February 5

BABE Store 12-5:30

Evangelism & Membership 7pm

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Dinner at Senor Tequila 5pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship Time Welcoming Pastor Debbie 9:45- 10:20am

Worship 10:30am

Super/Souper Bowl Sunday (see below)

MONDAY, February 12

BABE Store 12-5:30

Outreach & Missions 6:30pm

FRIENDS 5-6:15pm VU Dance

TUESDAY, February 13

MardiGras/Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday Dinner

6pm at American Table

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service 6pm

Choir 7pm

Super Bowl/Souper Bowl Sunday: Pastor Debbie is asking the congregation to wear their favorite football team's jersey or t-shirt since it is Super Bowl Sunday! Please bring a can of soup that day for the Blessing Box.