



St. John's United Church of Christ  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 March 17, 2024



\* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. L=Leader, P=People

**PRELUDE** CHURCH BELLS

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER**

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

\***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

L: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**P: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

L: Come together and wait for God.

**P: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

L: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**P: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

L: Come, worship the Lord.

**P: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

\***OPENING HYMN** *What Wondrous Love is This* (vs. 1 & 4) #200

\***WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP** (unison)

**All: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion and peace. In the name of Jesus, your Anointed One, we pray. Amen.**

\***RESPONSE** *How Great Thou Art* (chorus only) #33

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** featuring Scarlett and the story of the Shamrock (children come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* and depart during *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

**OFFERING INVITATION**

L: God is so good, and we are richly blessed. Let us give back to God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

\***DOXOLOGY** #46

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**All: We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give not because we pledged to, and not because we have to. We give because we can. We give in response to the life of Christ, given for us. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional. O God, let it be so. Amen**

**ANTHEM:** *Jesus Paid it All* arr. Kingsmore

**MEMORIAL MOMENT:** *Carole Klein:*

**WE GATHER IN PRAYER**

Silent Prayers – Pastoral Prayer-The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Congregational Response *Lord, Jesus, Who through Forty Days* (v.3) #180

**SCRIPTURE:**

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

New Testament: John 12:1-19

L: This is the Word of God **P: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** This Lenten Road: *The Bethany Road*

\***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* (vs. 1 & 2) #595

\***BLESSING** (responsively) (an old Irish Blessing)

L: May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rains fall soft upon your fields.

**P: And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Go In Peace* #445

\***POSTLUDE**

**Never put a period where God has placed a comma,  
 God is still speaking!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, and Gary Meyer and family. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.**
- Please keep Rev. Lynn Marino in your prayers. She had knee replacement surgery this week.
- Carole Klein's visitation will be held here at ST. John's UCC Friday, March 22nd, starting at noon and going to 3pm the funeral will be after that at 3pm. A dinner will held after the funeral in Memorial Hall. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Please keep the family of Don Hoffhaus in your prayers, Don passed on Saturday March 9. A visitation for Donald will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday at Goodwin-

### 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, - Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Leona Conway**, Willow Manor, - Room 73B request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

**Marge Beamon**, Oak Village Health Care Center— Room 333 bed 2 Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

**Franklyn Schroeder**, Oak Village Health Care Center—Room 120 200 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Carole Klein**  
**December 15, 1940**  
**~ March 3, 2024**

Carole Ann (Hagemeier) Klein passed away peacefully on March 3, 2024, in For Pierce, Florida, at the age of 83, her husband, Charlie, and children were by her side.

She was a loving wife to Charlie for over 65 years; and a devoted mother to Jana (Lonny) Vieck of Vincennes, Elizabeth (Betsy, Liz) Emmons of Vincennes, and Bob Klein (partner, Jennifer Foster) of Vincennes/Westport, Illinois. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Matthew (Alyssa) Vieck, Daniel Vieck, Ryan (Brooke) Klein, Bri Klein of Carmi, Illinois, Danny (Abbie) McCullough of Green River, Wyoming; and step-granddaughter, Natalie (Cody) Steffey of Robinson, Illinois. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Jack Gilley, Leo Vieck, Eloise Klein, and Juliette Klein. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Carole was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Vincennes. She worked alongside her husband, Charlie, in operating a farm and Black Jewell Popcorn business until her retirement. Carole was a dedicated member of St. John's UCC in Vincennes, and Emmanuel UCC in Sebring, Florida. Visitation for Carole will be Friday March 22 stating at Noon, with Funeral at 3pm & Dinner Following in Memorial Hall.

<https://www.suncommercial.com/obituaries>



**Donald Hoffhaus**  
**January 18, 1940 ~**  
**March 9, 2024**

Donald G. Hoffhaus, a devoted husband, son, and esteemed member of the community, passed away on March 9, 2024, in Vincennes, at the age of 84. Donald's dedication to his faith was evident in his active participation at St. John's United Church of Christ, where he found comfort and support in his spiritual community. His love for his family was unwavering, as well as his devotion to his beloved spouse, Marjorie Hoffhaus. Don is survived by his wife of 41 years, Marjorie (Lane) Hoffhaus of Vincennes; his children, Chris Hoffhaus of Princeton and Mindy Burnfin of Princeton; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Hoffhaus, Carbon Burnfin, and JaKaitlyn Kidd; and his brother, Roy Hoffhaus.

A visitation for Donald will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday at Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home, 524 Broadway St.

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## ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Cheryl Meyer
Head Usher	Betsy Marchino
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	Brian Fillingim
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Pete & Sharon Mallatt



DON'T FORGET ! The Worship committee invites you to participate in Sanctuary decorations for Easter Sunday. We will once again welcome live Easter lilies, daffodils or any other spring flowers to be given in honor of, or in memory of the special people in your lives. We ask that all flowers be potted, wrapped and placed on the tables in Memorial Hall, by Wednesday March 27.

Please mark your flowers with your name. In addition please notify Angie in the church office with the following information, so your gift may be acknowledged correctly in the bulletin. Labels with the below information are available in the church office.

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

We ask that you pick up all flowers following church on Easter Sunday.



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, March 17**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, March 18**

BABE Store 12-5:30

Worship 6pm

Church Board 7pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 20**

Choir 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, March 21**

Dinner & Conversation @ Procopio's 6pm

#### **FRIDAY, March 22**

Carole Klein Visitation Noon, Funeral 3pm & Dinner Following for

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### **SUNDAY, March 24**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, March 25**

BABE Store 12-5:30

#### **TUESDAY, March 26**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

BABE Board Meeting 6 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 27**

Choir 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, March 28**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service Noon

#### **FRIDAY, March 29**

No Preschool

Good Friday Service @ 7pm

#### **SATURDAY, March 30**

Egg Hunt 4-6pm

Don Hoffhaus visitation 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Goodwin Sievers Funeral Home