



St. John's United Church of Christ
Good Shepherd Sunday
 April 21, 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) based on Psalm 23

L: We are led beside still waters.

P: We are fed at a huge banquet table.

L: We are accompanied through valleys of shadow and death.

P: We are guided to do justice and righteousness.

L: We are anointed, blessed, and filled.

P: We sing of God's goodness and mercy.

***OPENING HYMN** *God Is My Shepherd* #79

***WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP** (unison) based on Psalm 23

ALL: Lord, sometimes these words of yours can become so familiar, so commonplace. As we interact with this well-known and beloved psalm, may your Spirit reveal to us one morsel to savor, one simple phrase or one line that speaks to our hearts, to our situations, to our souls. Grant us a moment to reflect on that line, allowing us to feel the weight of who you are, our Great Shepherd.

***RESPONSE** *Christ Arose* (chorus) #224

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (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: Shepherding God, we offer our gifts in gratitude for your many blessings received. Transform them and use them to further your mission throughout our community, nation and world. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *He Lives* (chorus) #226

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 10: 11-18

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

ANTHEM *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

MESSAGE *No Matter How Baaaad We Are!*

***CLOSING HYMN** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #80

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: May the Lord anoint your head with oil; may your cup overflow. May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life,

P: And may we dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Amen.

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

* **POSTLUDE**

**You may place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or online at myucc.org and clicking on the *contribute* button. Please prayerfully consider setting up regular online donations to continue our outreach into the community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, and family. For the family of Carole Klein, and Don Hoffhaus. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.**
- Prayers please for Gary Meyer, as he continues his 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,- 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 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Home
Bruce Deckard
Gary Meyer

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,

Don't forget today is Spring Fling Luncheon! Make plans to stay and eat after service!

Attention:

Please direct your evening and weekend prayer requests to Brenda Roark from April 24- May 4. (Janet Goodman will be out of town) Her method of contact is to use the following. bjr72@hotmail.com and 812-890-1221. Thank you.

FREE PIANO: The church is offering the piano currently in the Sonshine Room to anyone wishing to remove it. If interested, please contact the church office.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOS are wanted of your mother, grandmother, etc. to use in a presentation during worship on Mother's Day. You may send them electronically to church office or drop them by during office hours. Photos will be scanned and returned unharmed. Please label photos with name and relationships.

Nursery Assistants

In keeping with our Safe Child Policy, there should be two caregivers in the nursery when children are present. Darcie Bahr is our paid staff person, but there needs to be a second person with her. The person can be high school age or older. If you are willing to help in the nursery once in a while during worship service, please let Jill Lopez know (812-887-3182) or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the nursery. You will be contacted when your assistance is needed. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring our graduates. If you know of someone who will graduate high school, college, or tech school who is in or related to our church family, please contact the church office as soon as possible with the following information. **NAMES OF 2024 GRADUATES** are requested by the church office by May 12th. Graduates will be recognized in worship on May 19th.

Name: _____

School: _____

Degree or special honors: _____

Future plans: _____

Other info: _____

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Kelly Alexander
Head Usher	Jake Alexander
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Sandra Lange
Sound	Andrew Anson
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Darcie Bahr & Family



Cereal Drop ...want to know more , read on!
Some time in the near future St. John's UCC will be requesting new unopened box's (has to be a box) of cereal . Once we have collected several we will ask the children (and parents too!) to set each box up as you would dominos! Be watching bulletins for more information .



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



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, April 21

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

Spring Fling Luncheon after Service

MONDAY, April 22

BABE Store 12-4 pm (*New Time For April & May Only*)

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, April 24

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, April 25

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30[m

Dinner & Conversation 6pm Kelso's

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Mom's Day Preschool

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, April 28

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, April 29

BABE Store 12-4 pm (*New Time For April & May Only*)

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 1

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, May 2

Dinner & Conversation 6pm Ponderosa

FRIDAY, May 3

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6 pm

SATURDAY, May 4

CFM Vincennes City Clean Up 8:30-11:30 am