



St. John's United Church of Christ
Mission Works Sunday
 May 5th, 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: A dream revealed, a mission received. God calls, again and again.

P: God beckons us to follow, to love, to serve, to give, again and again.

L: God invites us to embrace the lonely, to feed the hungry, to tell of Jesus,

P: To love and serve, and to sing praises all our days.

***OPENING HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* (vs. 1 &3) #72

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

Holy One, we gather to worship secure in the knowledge that each one of us is precious in your sight; trusting in the understanding that you will never stop searching for any who are lost. We praise you with unbounding joy, knowing there is truly no God but you. Amen.

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

MISSION MOMENT Phoebe's Mission & Isaiah 117 House Will Meyer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Therapy Dog:** Scarlett

MISSION MOMENT **Laundry Love & Gleaning** Jana Vieck

OFFERING INVITATION**

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

MISSION MOMENT **Blessing Box -** Elaine Workman

***DOXOLOGY** #46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us be open to the possibilities of what we can do Amen.

MISSION MOMENT **BABE Store** Peggy Meyer/Cindy Deckard

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

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

MISSION MOMENT **Friends That Care And Count** Hope Clausman

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 31-45

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

MISSION MOMENT **Sandy's Pantry** Brenda Fillingim

ANTHEM *By Our Love* McDonald

MISSION MOMENT **Benevolence Committee** Larry Marchino

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution; Consecration and Sharing of the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* (vs. 1 & 3) #543

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: Go now with the grace of God, to share God's many gifts with all the world. Take care to remember God has given us these gifts.

P: We go now with thankful hearts, in joyous thanksgiving, living the good news of Jesus Christ every day and everywhere.

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

* **POSTLUDE**



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.**
- Gary Meyer, he is home, prayers as he continues his recovery .
- John Riggs has asked to keep his wife, Ellen in your prayers. She is suffering from issues causing her pain.
- Vernon Houchins surgery went well this week, prayers were all felt! Continue prayers for speedy 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, The Villages at Oak Ridge — 1694 Troy Rd. Washington, IN 47501, Room 333 bed 2, Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

**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, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



LAST CHANCE 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, stjohsuccoffice@gmail.com, or drop them by during office hours. Photos will be scanned and returned unharmed. Please label photos with name and relationships.

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.

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	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Eric Meyer
Head Usher	Ren Simmons
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jana Vieck
Sound	Andrew Anson
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Jake & Kelly Alexander 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, May 5

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, May 6

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

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 8

Choir 7pm

Christian Ed 6 pm

THURSDAY, May 9

Dinner & Conversation El Corral 6pm

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30 pm

FRIDAY, May 10

Preschool Butterfly Graduation 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 12

Mothers Day

Fellowship 10 am

Worship 10:30 am

MONDAY, May 13

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

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 15

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, May 16

Dinner & Conversation Procopio's 6pm

SUNDAY, May 19

Graduate Recognition

Worship 10:30 am

Strength in the Church Offering

Mental Health Sunday