

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

1 Kings 2:10–12, 3:3–14

“Wisdom Quest”

It’s the time of year when many of us prepare members of our households - or ourselves - to return to school. If you are a life-long learner and would like to return to school, the United Church of Christ has many opportunities for you, including Pathways. Pathways, an online program in progressive theology, offers many points of entry and programs of different lengths and intensity depending on what the student would like to focus on.

“PATHWAYS offers you a program for progressive theological engagement that values the past without being limited by it, moving intentionally into the present while looking boldly towards the future. We provide a welcoming online space to bring your questions, doubts, and desire to deepen your understanding. Pathways welcome all people who yearn for a still-speaking God. Whether you are on the path to authorized ministry, want to hone your current skills, or just want to explore your faith more deeply, we have a program for you.

What Makes PATHWAYS Unique

Why does a Pathways education work so well for its students?

- Affordable, Accessible, and Flexible – We are able to include students from a diversity of regions, backgrounds, and economic means, with coursework that flexes around the rest of your day-to-day life.
- Learner-Centered Adult Education – Our pedagogical approach, including weekly readings and facilitated online discussion forums, allows you to focus on your own personal educational goals so that you can get out of each course whatever is most relevant to your own needs.
- Asynchronous Education – Rather than following a traditional semester and set class-times, with just a computer and internet-access, you can opt-in to weekly forums for our six-week regular courses, four-week Explorer courses, or 12-week UCC history and polity courses.”

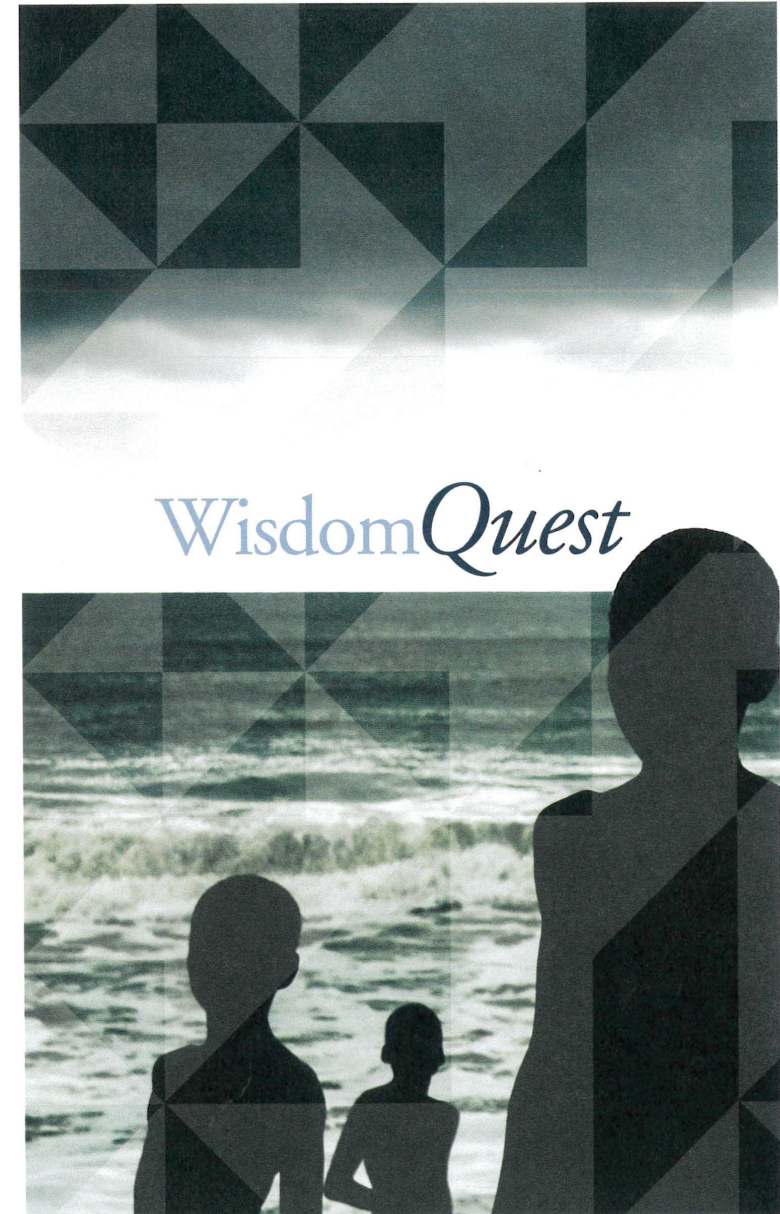
To find out more and to register for Pathways, navigate to <https://www.secucc.org/ministries/pathways/>



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St. John's United Church of Christ
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 August 18, 2024



* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. **Bold print** is everyone in unison

PRELUDE: Prayer W.F. Ambrosia

CHURCH BELL

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER

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

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

O God, with gratitude we come to this place of hallowed ground.

Here we have come to be comforted.

Here we have come to celebrate the joy of love, and the blessing of our children.

We have come to hear your Word as we worship together.

How grateful we are for what this sacred space has been.

We gather for worship with the prayer that it shall always be. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** Give Thanks #528

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

O God, our Creator, Alpha and Omega, to you a thousand years is like a minute, but for us every second counts. Every minute is scheduled; every minute is precious. A minute of overtime means a minute away from our loved ones. But at this moment, we have chosen to give our time to you; to step out of our demanding schedules, to stop and pray and worship and remember that life is more than what our appointment books tell us. God, we honor and praise you with our most precious commodity — our time. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* and depart during *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERING INVITATION**

Let us give back to God with gratitude for all blessings received.

***RESPONSE** From All That Dwells Below the Skies #49

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Great and generous God, we make melody in our hearts to say thank you for all your wonderful gifts to us. Please accept our tithes and offerings, given so that others might know you and find your peace. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (chorus) #86

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 111

New Testament: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Stand for the Flag and Kneel for the Cross* Austin Glover

MESSAGE *At All Times and For Everything*

***CLOSING HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* #715

***BLESSING** (responsively)

As you leave this morning, may your hearts be filled with joy and thanksgiving. God is ever present — steadfast in times of trial and sorrow, the ordinary and in times of celebration.

Beloved, great is the glory of the Lord! Amen.

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

* **POSTLUDE** *Festal Postlude* Harold K. Marks

**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., Family of Carole Klein, Family of Franklyn Schroeder, Luis Prada (pastor Debbie's brother in law) .
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, - 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

Home

Bruce Deckard

Gary Meyer

Michael Lankford

Gayle Huffer

Ellen Riggs



CEREAL DROP is coming on September 8th. Bring in a box or two of cereal and watch them fall like dominos on Rally Day!



INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE annual meeting will take place on August 23-24 at St. Mark's UCC in New Albany, IN. They will be celebrating the Conference's 60th Anniversary. Lonnie & Jana Vieck will be representing our congregation along with Pastor Debbie Jo.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY in the parking lot needs books for all ages. Please bring your used books in good condition and share them with others. Take a book for yourself. Books from the library may be kept, returned or passed on.

BUS TRIP TO FOX THEATRE IN ST. LOUIS: Join us on Thursday, November 7th for a day trip to see The Neil Diamond Musical, A Beautiful Noise, based on his life and music. The cost is \$150 and includes round trip bus transportation from Robinson, IL, admission to show, dinner at Niemerg's on the way home. This trip is being organized by Sheri Stodghill and flyers are available in back of sanctuary. If we have 12+ folks going from Vincennes, the bus will pick us up in the Walmart parking lot.

CALLING ALL POSSIBLE CONFIRMANDS: Pastor Debbie Jo would like to briefly meet with any young person (Grade 7 and up) and their parents, following worship on August 25th, to discuss the 2024-2025 Confirmation Class. If you are unable to attend but are interested in Confirmation, please contact Pastor immediately.

MESSY CHURCH TRAINING will take place on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Anyone interested in learning more about Messy Church is invited to attend.

LABOR DAY worship is on September 1st. You are invited to wear your regular work clothes to church so we can recognize your occupation. Children are encouraged to dress as what they want to be when they grow up. Join in the fun as we celebrate!



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.

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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, August 18

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
 Vacation Bible School 9:15-11:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Special Music Austin Glover
 Children's Church

MONDAY, August 19

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm
 Friends 5-6:15 pm
 Worship comm 6 pm
 Church Board 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, August 21

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, August 22

Pastor out of Office

Dinner & Conversation Monical's 6pm

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, August 23 & 24

INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE annual meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, August 25

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
 Vacation Bible School 9:15-11:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am VBS 9A
 Special Music Jonathan Clark
 Children's Church

MONDAY, August 26

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, August 28

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, August 29

Pastor out of Office

Dinner & Conversation El Coral 6pm