



St. John's United Church of Christ
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024



* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. Bold print is everyone in unison
175th Anniversary

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

PRELUDE *On Eagles' Wings* Jonathan Clark

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We gather, centered in the promises of God,

Caught in the web of grace,

Whirled in wonder and joy,

Welcomed into the house of blessing.

We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

Lifted up by stories of faith,

Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayers,

Touched by joyous music and the power of God's love.

***OPENING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* vs. 1-3 #464

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

Almighty God, we gather as the body of Christ this morning to boldly offer you our prayers and praise. You alone are worthy of our praise. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship you so that we may be fully present to you, setting aside any cares or concerns. Let our words, spoken and sung, be to your glory. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Seek Ye First* (v.1) #354

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Power Shuffle* Sunday School Children

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children please come forward) *Jesus Loves Me*

ANTHEM *By Our Love* McDonald

OFFERING INVITATION**

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

***RESPONSE** *Now Thank We All Our God* (v.1) #715

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Wonder-working God, use all of who we are, and all of what we have, to uproot what is unjust, and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your gospel to people we may never meet. May all come to hear your call to prophetic living. Amen.

ANTHEM *All That We Have Heard* Trevor Murray

Commissioned for the 175th Anniversary

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response *Seek Ye First* (v.2) #354

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-37

L: The Word of God for the People of God P: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Be the Church*

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

President and General Minister of the UCC

***CLOSING HYMN** *Community of Christ* (vs. 1-3) #655

***BLESSING** (responsively)

Go forth into the world in peace; let your love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Let us labor for God's reign in all we do, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER following the service in Memorial Hall. Several letters will be shared, Pastor Lynn will bring greetings and recognitions celebrated.

MESSY CHURCH is on track to launch on November 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Our theme is **Celebrate Harvest!** **Activities** will include a variety of crafts, making a birdfeeder, a gratitude game, making gingerbread and more! **Dinner** will be mini corn dogs, mac & cheese and raw veggies. **Worship** will be interactive and include a recap of everything we learned. Our Core Team is doing an **AWESOME** job preparing for this event and we will soon have flyers for you to share with others. We will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

How can you help with Messy Church? Volunteer to lead an activity (you don't have to do every month, just when you are available); help in the kitchen; assist with set-up or clean-up; there are so many ways to get involved as much or as little as you can. We appreciate everyone's help. We will also be posting lists of items we need to prepare for future crafts. Currently we are looking for:

Cardboard tubes from paper towels or toilet tissue rolls (may be dropped off at the church office.

A "Paint Spinner" toy

Someone with a *Cricut* to cut out needed shapes or iron-on transfers (on occasion)-Please let Pastor know.

Prayers for our new venture to share God's love with others.

We are so excited to be starting this new ministry and look forward to everyone becoming involved as they are able.

NEXT SUNDAY we will be lifting up our **Kid's Hope** Mission and Jerri Johanningsmeier will be sharing her experiences.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following worship on September 22nd for the purpose of approving a new roof for the parsonage. Please plan now to attend.

WABASH VALLEY ASSOCIATION will meet at 3:00 p.m. on September 29th at Saron UCC in Linton.



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.
- Don Black Sr. has been released from the hospital and is now recovering at home. Please keep him in your 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, Aperion Care - (Willow Manor under new ownership) C&D Hall Room 35, 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

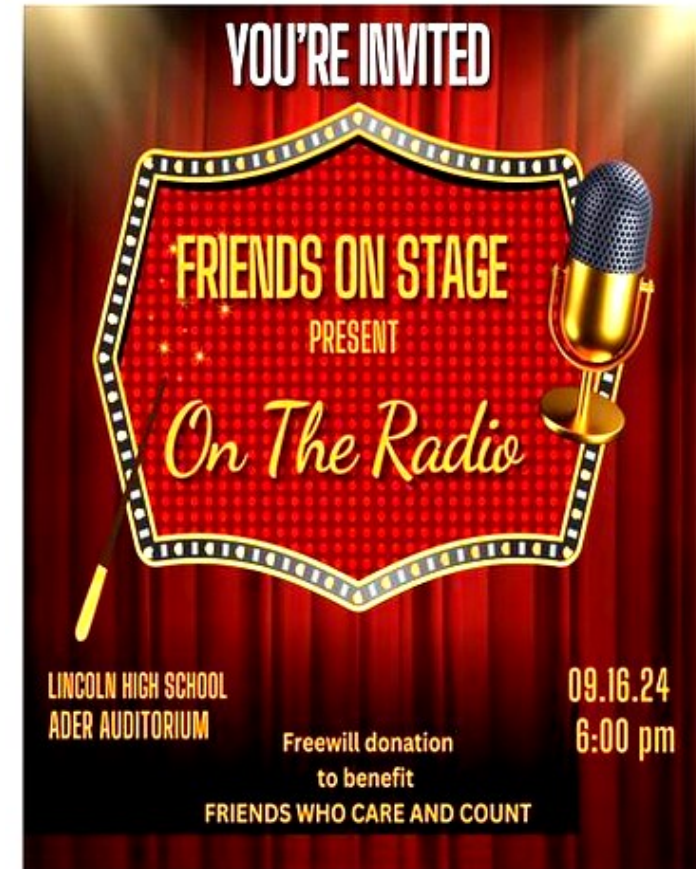
Ellen Riggs



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.



Aurelia Nell Goodman Russell was born September 8th in Winchester, UK. She is the daughter of Matthew Goodman and Madeline Russell. She is welcomed home by brothers, Joe and Sam. She was 8 pounds and 8 oz. "Over the moon" grandparents are Terry and Janet Goodman



ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Head Usher	Krisi Mattingly
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	David & Carole Culp



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, September 15**

175 Anniversary Celebration Luncheon
Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
175 Anniversary Worship 10:30 am
Children's Church

MONDAY, September 16

Babe Store 12-5:30 pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm
Worship Comm. 6 pm
Church Board 7 pm
Friends perform at Ader Auditorium 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, September 19

Dinner & Conversation Ponderosa 6pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, September 22

Adult Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Children's Church

MONDAY, September 23

Babe Store 12-5:30 pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 25

Choir 7pm

Laundry Love 6-8 pm

THURSDAY, September 26

Dinner & Conversation El Corral 6pm

Sandy's Pantry

What Is Sandy's Pantry?

Providing free, non-perishable food items for Vincennes University students who are experiencing food insecurity. The Pantry is open on one Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 11 am - 12:30 pm at the church's rear parking lot entrance.

How Can I Help?

Sandy's Pantry relies on the support of individuals from St. John's UCC.

Donations For Non-Perishable Food That Could Consist Of:

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| - Mac & Cheese | - Canned Meats |
| - Vegetables | - Cereal |
| - Canned Fruits | - Peanut Butter |
| - Rice & Beans | - Canned Soups |
| - Healthy Snacks | - Coffee & Tea |

- An Extra Donation In Your Pledge Envelope Marked "Sandy's Pantry"
- Cash Donation Dropped Off In The Church Office Marked "Sandy's Pantry"

HOURS OF OPERATION

One Tuesday
& Thursday
Of Each Month
11 am – 12:30 pm

Nov. 10 / Nov. 12
Other Dates TBA

Contact
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