



St. John's United Church of Christ
Transfiguration Sunday
 March 2, 2025



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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)
 CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship) **PRELUDE**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

The blessing of God rests on our shoulders.

The love of God dwells in our hearts.

The word of God inflames our speech.

The compassion of God stirs us to care.

The word of God compels us to sing.

The mystery of God leads us to worship.

* **OPENING HYMN** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #100

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

God of Transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. As you join us in worship, set us free to love and serve in Your name. Amen.

* **RESPONSE** *I Am the Light of the World* (chorus) #469

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

OFFERING INVITATION**

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

* **RESPONSE** *Great is Your Faithfulness* (chorus) #86

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

May these gifts and offerings be used to change both our hearts and the hearts of those in need. May we pledge to stay on the mountain with you, working side by side to show others both your glory and your great mercy. May we continue to be always astounded at the greatness of our God. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *Here I Am, Lord* (chorus) #452

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Larson

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35

New Testament: Luke 9:28-36

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

MESSAGE *The Face of the Good News*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

* **BLESSING** (responsively)

We have spent this hour together in the presence of our Holy God. As you depart, remember that you are the face of Jesus to everyone you encounter.

May we live and love as God would, and may the world be changed because we have met Jesus face to face.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go In Peace* #445

* **POSTLUDE**

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Bill Lathrop
Head Usher	Jill Doggett
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Saundra Lange
Sound	Lonny Vieck
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Ed Cummings
Greeters	Reid & Owen Schotter

SAVE THE DATE. APRIL 6, 2025. 4:00-6:00 P.M.

ROCK THE BLOCK NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

The Spring "Rock The Block" event will be held on Sunday, April 6, from 4-6 pm in our church parking lot. As in the past, food and activities will be enjoyed with our neighborhood attendees and church family. At this time, traditional hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream will be served. Activities have not been planned in totality, but bounce house, volleyball, photo booth, games, and theme basket raffle are on the list to enjoy.

Donations of theme baskets would be appreciated. Suggestions include a car wash, movie night, art supplies, summer games, pizza things, salad toppings, gift-wrapping items, snacks, soup and crackers, paper items, and many more.

In addition, volunteers are needed for the event: there are plenty of jobs for all. More details will be available in the days to come. Watch for them in the church service bulletin or April newsletter, or call the church office.

Evangelism and Membership Committee Members: Janet Daniels, Ray Pieper, Mark Schutz, Pastor Debbie Jo and Jerri Johanningsmeier, Church Board Representative Jill Doggett.



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, March 2

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

MONDAY, March 3

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

TUESDAY, March 4

Sandy's Pantry 11- 12:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, March 5

Messy Church -Live, Love -Lent!- 5:30-6 pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
Choir Practice Immediately Following Service

THURSDAY, March 6

Sandy's Pantry 11- 12:30 pm
Dinner at El Corral 6 pm

FRIDAY, March 7

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Forward!

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

MONDAY, March 10

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

WEDNESDAY, March 12

Choir 4:30 pm
Christian Education 6 pm
THURSDAY, March 13
Dinner at COCO's 6 pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Don Osborne, Jr., Norma Meyer, Pat Hutchins and Family.

- **Vern Houchins** is now at the GSH Rehab Unit after his surgery last week. Marilyn now has pneumonia, but remains at home. Prayers are needed!"
- **Brian Fillingim** went to Evansville for a surgical appointment to address his lumbar fractures this past Friday. Prayers that he will find relief soon!
- Cindi Gilmore's procedure was successful as expected, she was hospitalized for one night, and was released Friday, and had permission to attend Saturday's SK girls' state final game!
- Gayle Huffer is continuing chemotherapy and kidney dialysis. She will have cataract surgery on March 8th. Continued prayers for her, please. Her address is 5372 E. Wheatland Rd. Vincennes, IN, if you would like to send a card.
- Please pray for Phil Smith, Brenda Cummings neighbor, who will triple bypass surgery in Evansville this past week..
- Michael Lankford has been moved to BridgePoint Health Campus for rehabilitation .
- Please keep Pam Summers and Cheryl Meyer in your prayers. Cheryl had cataract surgery and Pam had knee surgery this past week. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

Norma Meyer, Gentle Care, - Room 8, 1202 S 16th, Vincennes, IN 47591
Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591
Leona Conway, Aperion Care, - C Wing Room 3, 3801 Old Bruceville Rd , Vincennes, IN 47591
Marge Beamon, The Villages at Oak Ridge, - Room 303, 1694 Troy Rd. Washington, IN 47501

Home

Bruce Deckard
Gary Meyer
Michael Lankford
Gayle Huffer
Ellen Riggs
Vern Houchins

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.

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

MESSY CHURCH will take place on Wednesday, March 5th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The theme is Live, Love, Lent, and activities will include creating a tabletop Lenten garden, making pretzels, and several crafts. Dinner will be hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and chips. Everyone is invited to join us afterwards for the Ash Wednesday service.

LENT BEGINS with Ash Wednesday on March 5th with a Service of Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 7 p.m.

LENTEN MOVIE & DISCUSSION nights will take place on several Sunday evenings during the Lenten season. The first movie will be *Conclave*, starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, and Isabella Rossellini, on March 16th at 5:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

VALLEYS OF LENT will be the theme for worship during the Lenten season. We will explore messages from various valleys in the Bible, beginning with The Valley of the Dry Bones on Ash Wednesday.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S UCC is open to EVERYONE, no matter their age, church affiliation, or non-affiliation, whether confirmed or not. If you belong to Christ, you are welcome at the table. It is God's table, not ours. No one should be denied God's grace through the sacrament. We need help moving the Cross into the Sanctuary. We plan to move it to Sunday, March 2, after church. Please let us know if you can help.

A Big Thank You goes out to Bill Lathrop for repairing the broken drawer in the kitchen and to Larry Marchino and Mark Schutz for their work on the stained-glass window in the Sanctuary. We appreciate all of you! Also, a big thank you to Mark Schutz for sidewalk and property snow removal!

To maintain a healthy relationship between the congregation and the pastor, St. John's United Church of Christ has formed a Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC). Ideas or issues for the PRC may be directed to any of the following members of the committee: Hope Clausman, Brenda Cummings, Eric Meyer, Sheri Stodghill, and Jana Vieck.