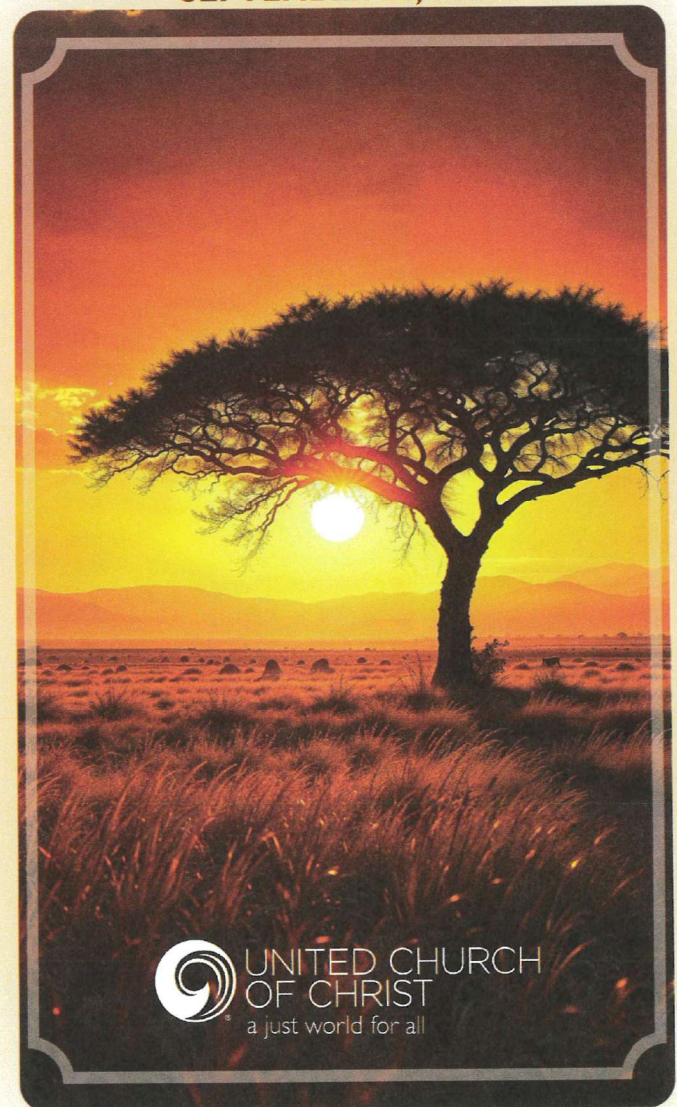


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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. John's United Church of Christ
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026



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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you'

We acknowledge, Lord, your supernatural provision.

And yet the people grumbled, in ancient times as well as today.

We proclaim, no matter what the circumstance, that Jesus Christ is all we need to sustain our souls until the time of our resurrection.

***OPENING HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* #709

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

Lord, teach us to recognize the manna already lying in front of us. Teach us to trust its enoughness. Teach us not to hoard what you mean us to receive. Teach us to rest in the provision you have already given. Join us in worship. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (refrain) #557

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children please come forward) *Jesus Loves Me*
(Children K-6th Grade are welcome to leave with Faith Ventures leaders)

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

***RESPONSE** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (v. 1) #56

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Help us to be content with all that we have, knowing that it is more than we need. May we give of ourselves today cheerfully and with strength, knowing that what we give will help others in need. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (refrain) #86

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15

New Testament: Matthew 20:1-16

The Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *Just-Enough Provision*

***CLOSING HYMN** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* #450

***BLESSING** (responsively)

As we prepare to be sent into the world, let us remember that God does not promise us an easy road. But God is with us. God does not provide us with all that we desire. But God provides manna.

God does not promise us a trouble-free life. But God provides eternal life through Jesus Christ, who goes with us, as we serve the world in Christ's name. 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

FAITH VENTURES is our Faith Formation program (formerly Sunday School) for grades K-6th. Participants leave with the teachers following the Children's Moment and return by end of service. Younger children are invited to play quietly under parental supervision in the Playground in the back of the sanctuary.

SEPTEMBER MOVIE NIGHT is TONIGHT at 5:00 featuring Ryan Gosling in the recent mega box-office hit, *Project Hail Mary*. Sign the clipboard in the back so we can plan for the light supper that will be served.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES on Saturday, October 17th (NOTE: DATE CHANGE) to watch our own Delaynee Coomes compete in Dirt Track racing at Red Hill Raceway in Sumner, IL. Sign up to attend on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. The entrance fee is \$25 (cash only facility) and hot laps begin at 7:30 pm. More details to come. If we have enough people, we may take the church van. Let's turn out and support Delaynee!

FALL FESTIVAL sponsored by The Membership & Evangelism Committee will take place on Sunday, October 4th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the church parking lot, featuring: Pet Blessing; Lincoln Trail Mobile Farm (petting zoo), Face Painting, Vincennes Firetruck and firefighters, Bounce House, free food, marshmallow toasting for S'mores, gift card raffle, carnival games, race car, pumpkin painting and MORE! Plan now to participate and volunteer to help! Invite your friends and families. **WE NEED THE LOAN OF SEVERAL POP-UP TENTS. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE ONE WE CAN USE.** Also needed: \$20 gift cards for raffles. We need lots of help to set-up & clean-up. Please volunteer to help.

PET BLESSING will take place during the Fall Festival. Pastor Debbie will be set up throughout the event to blessing any animal you wish to bring. Dogs must be leashed, Cats & small animals in carriers and large animals (horse, cow, llama, elephant) must be tethered and controlled by the owner. Each animal will receive a small tag and prayer card.

CHURCH PICNIC DATE is **NEXT SUNDAY** at the Open Air Pavillion in Gregg Park. Mark your calendars! The Church Board will be providing pulled pork (by Brayton Cummins) and everyone is asked to bring a side dish to serve 10-12 people and a lawn chair.

MESSY CHURCH on October 7th from 5:30-7:00 pm is **DO, LOVE, WALK** based on Micah 6:6-8: *And what does the LORD require of you but to DO justice and to LOVE kindness and to WALK humbly with your God?* Activities include experimenting with magnets, Scripture "cup game," foot craft, rhythm stick painting and playing, compass necklace and more. We will also do our cattle round-up we didn't get to last month. Dinner is walking tacos, fruit cup and raw veggies & dip. Join us for an evening of faith, food, fellowship and fun.

FELLOWSHIP TIME HELP: Please sign up to help with Fellowship Time at 9:45 on October 11th, November 15th and December 20th. A clipboard is in the back of the sanctuary.

BIBLE PRESENTATION to all fourth grade students during worship on October 4th. If you have a fourth grader, please let Pastor know ASAP so we can have a Bible ready to present.

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE: Pastor's Call Agreement allows for two weeks study leave each year. In October she will be traveling to Scotland to visit the Abbey on the Isle of Iona and visit a number of cathedrals and chapels throughout the country. On a fun note, she will be having tea aboard the Hogwart's Express (a.k.a. the Jacobite Steam Engine), and visiting other historical sites. She will be away from the pulpit on October 11th & 18th, returning in time for Reformation Sunday on October 25th. The church has established an appreciation fund for donations towards her trip. If you would like to contribute, please do so by October 4th. Thanks!

WHILE PASTOR IS AWAY: October 11th will feature a "Mission Sunday" with our local missions being shared by various members of our congregation. On October 18th, the service will be led by the Youth Fellowship & Will.

UNITED STATES OF KINDNESS is a movement to complete 250 acts of kindness in celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States. We encourage everyone to perform one act of kindness per day for the rest of the year.

THE NEIGHBORS IN NEED offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. We will gather our NIN offering in worship on **October 4**. Thank you for your support and generosity!

CARD SHOWER FOR COLES: Longtime church family members, Jay and Karen Cole, have moved to North Carolina. Their new address is 1941 Kimball Drive, Greenville, NC 27834. Let's wish them well in their new home close to their children's families!

Prayers Posts

We ask for continuing prayer requests for: Marilyn Houchins, John Mineo, Cindi Gilmore, Kim Godare's daughter Mallory, Marvin Covey, Colten Kirchoff, Jane Ann Marchino, Jana Vieck, Brenda Fillingim, Olivia Robinson and Dan Flowers.

Shut-in Addresses:

Susie Milligan - Colonial Assisted Living, Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591
Leona Conway - Aperion Care, C Wing Room C-35, 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

At Home:

Gary Meyer
Mike Lankford

This Week in the Life of St. John's

Sunday, September 20

Adult SS Class 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am
Youth @ 11:30-1pm (Lunch Provided)
Movie @ 5pm—Project Hail Mary

Monday, September 21

BABE Store 12-5:30pm
Finance/Stewardship @ 5pm
Church Board @ 6pm

Tuesday, September 22

Wednesday, September 23

Handbells @ 3pm
Choir @ 4pm
October Newsletter Due

Thursday, September 24

Dinner & Conversation
Dragon 2000 @ 6pm
Ministerial Assoc. @ noon

Friday, September 25

Pastor's Day Off
Dolly Parton Day 9-25

Looking Ahead In September/ October 2026

Sunday, September 27

Adult SS Class 9:30am
Church Picnic & Outdoor
Worship at Gregg Park
Confirmation Class @ 6pm

Monday, September 28

BABE Store 12-5:30pm

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

Handbells @ 3pm
Choir @ 4pm
Laundry Love

Thursday, October 01

Dinner & Conversation
@ 6pm

Friday, October 02

Pastor's Day Off
Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm



Staff and Volunteers

Pastor:	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Secretary	Kim Butler
Church Board President:	Sandra Lange
Choir Director	Jonathan Clark
Pianist:	Pat Sparks
Children & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Will Meyer
Head Usher:	Allison Cummins
Projection:	Sandra Lange
Sound:	Jonathan Lange
Liturgist:	John Riggs

Did You Know?

St. John's Sunday Morning Worship Services are streamed **LIVE** on our church's Facebook page, "**St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes.**"

Or, you can watch the Worship Service at your convenience by going on the church website, "**myucc.org**" and clicking on "Worship Service" for a particular date.

You can also download a copy of each monthly **church newsletter** from our church website to keep up with all the activities.