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A Note From Pastor Debbie Jo...

Dear Friends:

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity (Psalm 133:1). Thus began my sermon on August 16th following my return from the Indiana-Kentucky Conference annual meeting. It was not what I originally planned to preach, and it was the hardest sermon I've ever delivered. My anxiety level was high, and I am so grateful to the many positive comments I received, and I have never had applause following a sermon. I want to share some of the highlights here, so we won't forget.

Like many mainline churches, we are shrinking in numbers. This pattern has been going on for decades. We no longer have 200 in worship on Sunday mornings, we no longer have hundreds of volunteers ready, willing, and able to carry the workload. We are an aging congregation with a 177 year old history of service to this community. We continue with numerous missions and have no intention of letting them fall by the wayside. We were founded by Germans, and they're stubborn (and a bit contentious)

If I were to ask each of you what you hoped for our congregation five years from now, I believe most of you would have the same vision. You would want more people in the pews, younger people with families, and enough money coming in to pay the bills and cover our missions.

Unfortunately, many churches don't heed the warning signs. They keep doing things the way they've always been done—but expect new results. That's not how it works. You have to take risks, step out in faith, do something bold and new in order to reap new outcomes.

I understand the need for stability, the desire for continuity, the yearning for tradition in how things are done. But all of us need to realize that is not the path to growth.

At the Conference meeting, I was welcomed by the leader of the Evansville Tri-State Association with whom we are now aligned. Twenty years ago, I served a church in Evansville Tri-State and at that time there were 32 UCC churches in the Evansville area. Today there are nineteen. That's thirteen churches gone, mostly due to closings because their membership gradually became smaller and smaller until they could no longer maintain the building.

None of us want this to happen to St. John's. This is our church home, our church family. So again, what are we going to do about reversing this trend? It won't be by burying our heads in the sand and continuing to do things the way they've always been done and hoping for some dynamic new outcome.

For the past year, we have had a small group of dedicated, devoted members studying the results of a membership survey and planning what we can do to move forward into a more dynamic future. We are not going to give in and allow our church to slowly fade away.

The first phase of the Visioning plan is about to go into effect in September. It is about restructuring committees and how they work. This was outlined several months ago in the newsletter, and approved by the Board. More info is available in the back of the sanctuary.

I can tell you right now that being a congregation of mostly German ancestry, some aren't going to like it, some will hate it, because it is a major change. It is not the way we've always done things. Some are going to willingly accept it and embrace the change. Others aren't going to be sure. They will be skeptical and questioning, which is totally fine. All of these reactions are valid.



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But we have to ask ourselves, “how will this impact our congregation? Are we going to be open enough to give this new plan a try for the next year? Can we support the change even if we are uncertain or against it? Can we agree to disagree over the change and move forward?

Beginning in September, our committee structure is changing to make it easier for more people to get involved with leadership, to streamline the way things get done, and improve communication.

Our congregation has witnessed and experienced a lot of changes in our history. Once upon a time, our services were in German. That changed during World War I. We have gone from being German Evangelical to Evangelical & Reformed to being the United Church of Christ, and sadly watched our church split for several reasons.

If we can weather all those changes, surely we can come together to make this transition without it becoming more of an issue than it really is. It is a leap of faith. It is going out on a limb. It is something previous pastors have already told you needed to be done.

So, my question to you this morning is this: Do we love one another deeply enough, to work together to make this transition as smooth as possible? Do we trust God enough to step out of our comfort zone and try something new without hurt feelings? Do we value one another enough to be free to ask questions, make suggestions, but ultimately work in unity for the future of our congregation?

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity. I have faith in you that we can do this. I’m also hoping you are hearing this as intended—with love, respect, and deep concern for our future—and that I’m still considered part of that future.

My sermons are always reminding you how much you are loved by God. Today I want you to know how much I love you and pray this will not be a point of conflict.

I want to close with words from the Visioning Committee’s report about needing many gifts: *Some people lead. Some organize. Some give encouragement. Some make calls, prepare food, sing, greet, build, teach, write, fix, or simply show up and help where needed. Every gift matters.*

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please prayerfully consider where your interests and gifts may fit best. St. John’s needs willing hearts, shared work, and faithful people who are ready to serve together.

I encourage everyone to fill out a volunteer form and indicate where you would like to serve. What committee best suits your interests, talents and skills?

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

Peace,

Pastor Debbie

Visioning

Visioning for St. John's UCC

The Visioning Committee would like to thank everyone for filling out the surveys . We are busy tallying the results and will report back to the congregation in late January. Again, thank you for your responses.

Vision Committee: Eric Meyer, Kelly Alexander, Betsy Marchino, Allison Cummins, Pastor Debbie, and Sheri Stodghill.

Scarlett Speaks

SCARLETT SPEAKS Woof! Woof! I think my Mom has gone a bit cray-cray with my outfits lately. First was the cow-girl outfit to promote the Messy Church kick-off. The dress was a bit tight (it obviously shrank even though it's never been in the washing machine) and I was forced to wear a hat. I don't like hats, she knows it, and continues to put them on my head. I pouted a bit in worship and didn't want to come down front but came when I saw my friends waiting for me. THEN, as if that wasn't bad enough, she put me in my Doggy Parton rhinestone encrusted dress (which I actually like, it's such a pretty shade of blue) and had the audacity to add a blonde wig which I didn't care for at all. However, I received many compliments, and I still got lots of belly rubs from the kids, so I guess it's okay. I was honored to pay tribute to all the amazing and faith-filled stories of the late, great Dolly Parton. Mom & I attended the Preschool Ice Cream social and read the book, Elmer (about a patchwork elephant) to both classes. Miss Jerri, my AMAZING personal stylist added some wiggle room to my cowgirl outfit and made me a beautiful fall plaid jacket to wear to the church picnic and fall festival. She has also completed my very secret Halloween costume that I will reveal in worship on October 25th at the Costume Blessing during the Children's Moment. It is FABULOUS even though it has a hat. Can't wait for you to see it. Woof! Woof!



Children & Family Ministries



With September here, the 2026-27 Children and Family Ministry program year is officially getting started! This year brings a mix of exciting new activities along with the return of family and youth favorites. Here's a sneak peek at what's coming this Fall and Winter:

Upcoming Activities Include:

- Trips
- Mission Projects
- Family Holiday Dinner
- Age-Specific Activities
- Youth Group Gatherings

Stay Connected:

Be sure to check the church bulletin, our CFM Facebook page, and the Children and Family Ministry mailboxes for upcoming announcements and schedules.

Children and Family Ministry Age Groups

M&M (Mini-Marvels): Age 4-2nd Grade

KFC (Kids for Christ): 3rd-6th Grade

Youth: 7th - High School



Starting in September, the St. John's Youth (7th- 12th Grade) will have opportunities for Faith Formation at least twice a month upstairs in the youth space. During meetings the youth have a lesson, an activity and do mission work/community outreach. If there are any questions, please let Will Meyer know!

September Youth Dates

9/2 (Wednesday): **7pm-8pm** After Messy Church

9/13 (Sunday): **3:30pm-5pm**

9/20 (Sunday): Youth Group **11:30am-1pm** Lunch Provided

Children & Family Ministry Age Groups

M & M (Mini-Marvels) Age 4-2nd Grade

KFC (Kids For Christ) 3rd - 6th Grade

Youth 7th Grade - High School



Children & Family Ministries



The Children and Family Ministry will be hosting a Wabash Trails Fun Day on Saturday, September 19, from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at the Houchins Shelter House! Meat, drinks, and table settings (cups, plates, and silverware) will be provided. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the other families. Don't worry if your family is coming straight from another activity—extra side dishes and desserts will be provided for those who may not have time to bring something.

There will be many games and activities for the whole family, making this a great opportunity to spend time together and have some fun! Families are also welcome to bring outdoor games for others to enjoy at the activity. Families are also encouraged to invite friends to join us for this special evening. We hope to see you there!

Mini-Marvels (age 4-2 grade) will have an opportunity to enjoy a Fall afternoon from 3-5pm at church on Sunday, September 20. There will be crafts and activities at the M&M event. Also, there will be light snacks to enjoy too! This will be a great activity to invite friends, grandparents and other family members to come to the fun activity



Children & Family Ministry Age Groups

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On Saturday, October 24, St. John's KFC & Youth will travel together to Holiday World for Happy Halloween Weekends! This family-friendly special event includes the rides you love at Holiday World, plus 12 acres of corn mazes and hayrides! St. John's children will need to pay \$30 and friends/family are welcome to come but will need to pay \$40 for tickets. The group will leave St. John's at 10:15am and return around 10pm. Please provide each child \$20-\$25 for food at the park and for a stop on the way back for supper. Please let sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery or letting Will know by Thursday, October 22, so the tickets can be purchased. A medical information form will need to be filled for St. John's KFC/Youth and their friends. The medical information forms are located on the bulletin board by the nursery and posted in the file area of the CFM Facebook group.



Faith Ventures has started back up for the school year. Faith Ventures is our ministry for elementary-aged children in kindergarten through 6th grade. Children in grades K-6 will attend the 10:30 a.m. worship service with their families and will be dismissed immediately following the Children's Message. Faith Ventures includes a Bible lesson along with fun, hands-on activities that reinforce the day's lesson. Also, younger children can use the pray-ground in the back of the sanctuary and the nursery during worship time.

Will Meyer
Children and Family Ministry Coordinator

Children & Family Ministry Age Groups

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Prayer & Post

We ask for continuing prayer requests for friends and family:

We ask for continuing prayer requests for: Marilyn Houchins, John Mineo, Cindi Gilmore, Kim Godare's daughter Mallory, Marvin Covey, Colten Kirchoff and Jane Ann Marchino.

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



Prayer requests or updates can now be relayed to the church office during regular office hours and Pastor Debbie during the evening/weekend. Email: st.johnsuccoffice@gmail.com or call 812-882-2720 M-F, 9 am - 1 pm.

Email Pastor Debbie: revdjatkins@gmail.com

Text or phone call: 812-760-2226

Preschool Activities

Preschool News

We are getting into the routine of things at St. John United Church of Christ Preschool! The children are learning our daily schedule, making new friends, and settling beautifully into their classrooms. It is wonderful to see their confidence and excitement growing each day!

Our four-year-old Butterfly class is officially full with 15 students! Our Caterpillar class currently has seven students and still has room for additional enrollments. Please help us spread the word to families who may be looking for a wonderful preschool experience!

We are planning a Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale Fundraiser for Friday, September 25. It will be set up at the church during the Homecoming Parade. We are asking for donations of cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, breads, or other individually packaged goodies to sell alongside our lemonade. If you would be willing to provide a baked good, please let Laura know.

Thank you for always supporting our preschool!



Preschool Activities



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

During our August 9, 2026, worship service, our congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ grew by six members. What a joy! One of those new members, Karla K. Vollmer, first was baptized by Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins. Others who then accepted the vows of membership and were offered the hand of Christian fellowship by Sandra Lange, church board president, were as follows; Laura Arial, Cindy and Jim Utley, and Carson and Joel Sanders. A reception in their honor took place in the Memorial Hall after the worship service.

We look forward to getting to know these individuals better and participating with them in serving as members of St. John's UCC.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIT OF NEW MEMBER INFO:

***You may update your church directory too.*

Laura Arial enjoys her job as the teacher of St. John's UCC Preschool. She also enjoys thrifting, crafting, and spending time with her family. Her children are Rebecca (21), Allyson (19), and Connor (15), a freshman at Lincoln High School. Laura's mailing address is 1204 Old Wheatland Road, in Vincennes. Her email address is Lauraarial@yahoo.com while (812) 899-1731 is her phone number.

Carson Sanders is 17 and a junior at Lincoln High School. There two of his favorite subjects are history and science. He enjoys playing basketball, football, and going fishing. He also likes spending time with his friends, family, and Archie (his dog.) Chris and Lori are his parents, and his siblings are Joel and Avery. The Sanders family lives at 2029 Prospect Ave. in Vincennes. Carson's phone number is (812) 881-2416, and sanderscarson82@gmail.com is his email address.

Joel Sanders, who will turn 20 in October, is beginning his second year as a student at Franklin College where he is majoring in Exercise Science. His school address is 101 Branigan Blvd., Franklin, IN 46131. He likes to golf, ride around with friends, and go shopping in the Indy area. He enjoys watching sports: IU basketball and football, the Colts, the Indiana Pacers, and occasionally the St. Louis Cardinals. Joel always feels at home with his family (Chris, Lori, Carson and Avery) at 2029 Prospect Ave. in Vincennes. His email address is Joelsanders2006@gmail.com and his phone number is (812) 881-2052.

Cindy and Jim Utley are parents of Briana York, Caden York, and Gavin Utley. Granddaughter Emberleigh Bailey just started preschool at St. John's UCC, and Cindy reports she loves going! Jim works third shift at Toyota in Princeton. Cindy is a stylist at Great Clips here in Vincennes. She enjoys crafting in her free time. Both Cindy and Jim love to go fishing because they enjoy the peacefulness of it. Their mailing address is 702 W. Anson Rd., Vincennes. Cindy's email address is utley.cynthia.1198@gmail.com and phone number is (618) 783-1198. Jim's email address is jutley510@gmail.com and phone number is (618) 783-1403.

Karla K. Vollmer had three relatives (already members of our church family) standing with her during the sacrament of her baptism. Those were her sister, Marty Wilson, and cousins, Sarah Lowe and Lonny Vieck. Interests of Karla's are watching movies and wrestling. She loves to play Bingo. Karla also enjoys making blankets. (812) 899-5233 is Karla's phone number. Her mailing address is 350 Felt King Rd., Apt. 100 in Vincennes.

Thank you card from Mrs. Willhouse:

We wish to express our gratitude for all the prayers, cards, notes and phone calls we received during Al's illness and death. Thank you, too, for so many attending his memorial service and for all the love and support we have received.

Al's family: Leta, Becky, Paul, Beth and Brian

Angela Mueller and John Pieper (Ray Pieper's children) are hosting an Open House to celebrate Ray's Birthday! At Ray's Home: 1518 E. Locust Street, Vincennes, Saturday, September 5th. From 1-4pm. Light refreshments will be served.



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Our St. John's United Church of Christ in Partnership with Riley Elementary is serving its 25th. year this fall as a successful and integral part of our present outreach programs. It has been by leaps and pounds a program that has benefitted multiple families and children at Riley school since its beginnings in 2002. Congratulations St. John's on a picture perfect history and dedication from our members.

We presently have five children and mentors involved in the program. They are beyond appreciated for their time and commitment to their Riley Elementary child. We thank you endlessly. (Jill, Larry, Linda, Eric, Cheryl and Brett). However, the program cannot flourish without more members taking students to mentor. There are children waiting and desiring that one-on-one relationship by children, teachers and staff. It can't get better than that.

If you would consider being a mentor, the time we need you is either 11:00-12:00 or 12:00-1:00pm, one day per week and less than an hour visitation. Background checks, training and school and church support is available. A truly heartwarming and life changing experience and opportunity to reach out and help to build a strong community. Please contact Jerri if you might be interested in joining our group.

On another note, after twenty-five years of training and multiple positions within the Kids Hope USA program here at St. John's UCC, I will be stepping back from the Director's title at the end of school 2027. Therefore, a new director will hopefully be trained and confident to begin the journey in the Fall of 2027.

If you are interested in pursuing this position, please make it known by calling the church or myself. (Jerri)

Training (online), shadowing and records will be made knowledgeable to you in preparation for Fall 2027.

Jerri Johanningsmeier

**WALKING TOGETHER IN ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS
PLANTING SEEDS, GROWING HOPE, REACHING MORE KIDS**

CARD SHOWER FOR THE COLES

Jay and Karen Cole have a new address: 1941 Kimball Dr., Greenville, NC 27834. Let's wish them well and share any fond, funny, or other remembrance while stuffing their new mailbox in North Carolina with cards, notes, or letters! As longtime church family members here, they worshipped with us in our pews, were available to help with any committee or task, shared support, and were faithful friends. However, their children, Andrea, Jennifer, and Stephen (along with their spouses and Jay and Karen's grandchildren) live in North Carolina, and Jay and Karen are both now retired. We can only imagine how these families' lives will be enriched by being in closer proximity with each other, even as we miss them here. May God's blessings be with them all.

250 Acts of Kindness

Easy, Trackable “250 Acts” Ideas for Individuals

- Easy, Trackable “250 Acts” Ideas for Individuals
- 250 thank-you texts or messages sent to people who have helped you
- 250 compliments given (in person, by text, or online)
- 250 doors held open, carts returned, or small everyday helps
- 250 “check-in” calls or messages to friends, neighbors, or family
- 250 acts of service for someone outside your household
- 250 positive reviews left for local workers, restaurants, or small businesses
- 250 acts of encouragement (notes, cards, or messages)
- 250 pieces of litter picked up in your neighborhood or at a park
- 250 kindness moments shared publicly using @ US of Kindness and #USK250

Kindness at School and With Friends

- Smile at someone
- Say hello to a new student
- Invite someone to sit with you at lunch
- Include someone who is left out
- Cheer up someone who is down
- Be a good friend
- Make a new friend
- Help someone feel like they belong
- Stand up for someone

Respect and Character

- Use kind words, even when you are frustrated
- Respect people's differences
- Appreciate people's uniqueness
- Be honest and caring
- Admit when you make a mistake
- Apologize when you hurt someone's feeling
- Say "please" and Say "thank you"
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Helpful Actions

- Hold the door for someone
- Help someone who is struggling
- Help clean up without being asked
- Share what you have
- Help a younger student
- Help someone who is new learn the rules
- Leave a place better than you found it
- Ask someone, "How can I help?"

Gratitude and Encouragement

- Give a compliment
- Write a thank-you note to a teacher, coach, or bus driver
- Tell someone you are grateful for them
- Tell a friend what you like about them
- Say something kind to someone

WE WELCOME JONATHAN CLARK as our Interim Choir Director. He has agreed to a six-month interim while we continue to search for a Choir Director & an Organist. This will take us through the Advent and Christmas season, and the Choir is excited to work with him. Jonathan is well known to our congregation as a frequent soloist for Special Music. He is also renewing our **Handbell Choir** that will rehearse on Wednesdays at 3:00 am followed by the **Choir** at 4:00 pm. All ringers and singers are invited to attend.

WANTED: FAITHFUL KIDS FOR GOD'S POSSE is the theme for our **MESSY CHURCH** rootin'-tootin' round-up on September 2nd from 5:30-7:00 pm. Each child participating will receive a cowboy hat, bandana, and sheriff's badge to wear so giddy-up to our western theme night of fun for the whole family as we explore Jesus calling the disciples. Eat at the chuck wagon (BBQ pork by Brayton Cummins, mac & cheese, baked beans & cornbread), interactive worship and lots of activities, crafts, and games., including herding cattle into corrals. Invite your friends and families and join us. YEE-HAW!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY PIEPER: Angela Mueller and John Pieper (Ray's children) are hosting an Open House to celebrate Ray's 80th birthday at his home located at 1518 E. Locust Street, Vincennes, on Saturday, September 5th from 1-4 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

LABOR DAY: Wear your "work clothes" to church. If you normally wear scrubs to work, or a uniform, overalls, special equipment, wear them to worship on September 6th as we celebrate the importance of everyone's labor.

GRANDPARENTS DAY will be celebrated during worship on September 13th with special recognitions of all grandparents and the role they play in our faith formation.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES on Saturday, September 12th 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!

SEPTEMBER MOVIE NIGHT is September 20th at 5:00 featuring Ryan Gosling in the recent mega box-office hit, *Project Hail Mary*. Science teacher Rylan Grace wakes up on a spaceship with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge to save everything on Earth from extinction, but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone.

CHURCH PICNIC will take place on September 27th under the open-air pavilion at Gregg Park at 10:30 am. 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.

BLESSINGS BOX needs donations. Suggestions are: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, Velveta mac & cheese (doesn't require milk or butter), canned pasta, soups, crackers. Cans with pop top lids are best.

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.**

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.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE goes into effect on September 1st. As we transition to a newer, more efficient way of leadership and administration, this month's schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 1 st	Worship Committee 4:30 pm
	Membership Development 5:00 pm (formerly Membership & Evan)
	Christian Education Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, September 21 st	Finance/Stewardship 5:00 pm
	Church Board 6:00 pm

OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is *There Our Hearts Shall Be* based on Matthew 6:21. Watch for more details from the Stewardship Committee in the weekly bulletin.

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 be collecting the NIN offering during worship on **October 4th**. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

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Find Your Place to Serve

Committee opportunities and meeting schedule

Most groups meet every other month. Choose one area that fits your gifts – try it for a year!



FIRST TUESDAY Most ministry groups - 5:00 to 6:00 PM

THIRD MONDAY Finance and Outreach - 5:00 PM

QUARTERLY Cong. Life, Facilities & Improvements, Technology Public Relations

W Worship + Messy Church

Worship: 1st Tuesday at 4:30 PM

Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July

Messy Church: 1st Tuesday at 8 PM

Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr

A great fit for people who love meaningful worship.

E Christian Ed + Preschool

Christian Ed: 1st Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July

Preschool: 1st Tuesday at 5:30 PM

Aug, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun

A great fit for teachers, mentors and encouragers.

M Membership Development

1st Tuesday at 5 PM

Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, Jul

A great fit for warm, welcoming people.

O Outreach, Benevolent & Memorial Gifts

3rd Monday at 5 PM

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug

(mtg. time may change to 10 am)

A great fit for people who put faith into action.

F Finance, Investments & Personnel

3rd Monday at 5 PM

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, July

Investments: October @ 12 noon

Personnel: Reviews in October/As Needed

A great fit for careful planners and good stewards.

C Congregational Life

1st Tuesday at 5:30 PM (Quarterly)

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug

A great fit for people who bring others together.

H Facilities & Improvements

1st Tuesday at 5 PM (Quarterly)

Aug, Nov, Feb, May

A great fit for practical helpers and problem-solvers.

T Technology Group

1st Tuesday at 5 PM (Quarterly)

August, November, February, May

(mtg. time may change to 10 am)

A great fit for troubleshooters and tech helpers.

P Public Relations

1st Tuesday at 5:30 PM

(Quarterly)

September, January, April, June

A great fit for writers, designers and communicators.

READY TO SERVE?

Add your name to the committee sign-up sheet. Every gift matters.

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Birthdays

Hannah Shields

Laura Arial

Ray Pieper

Elaine Workman

De Etta Welte

Adam Schotter

Anniversaries

Nyal & Hannah Shields

Luke & Mackenzie Jones

Chris & Kim Vieke

Shawn & Christina Schlag

Dinner & Conversation



Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Each week we visit a different restaurant and enjoy an evening of food and conversation. It's a great way to get to know our fellow church members better. A reservation sheet is in the back of the sanctuary weekly or you can call the church office to add your name. The schedule is as follows:

September 03 Coco's

September 10 Procopio's

September 17 Kelso's

September 24 Dragon 2000

Church Board Highlights

The highlights for the August 17th Board Meeting are:

The Board appreciated the opportunity to meet with Sherri Stodghill and discuss the recommendations from the visioning committee.

The Board discussed the Church finances, including updates from church accountant Mackenzie regarding our accounts and recent contact with the IRS.

The Board discussed plans for music and worship for the coming months. The Board is excited to welcome the interim music director.

The Board discussed the growth in the pre-school this year and the positive participation in the Procopio's fundraiser.

Finance Report

July Revenue	6428.00
July Expenditures	18100.76



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Worship Mtg. @ 4pm Mem/Evang. @ 5pm Church Ed @6pm	2 Handbells @ 3pm Choir @ 4pm Messy Church 5:30-7pm Youth Meeting 7-8pm	3 Dinner & Conversation - Coco's @ 6pm	4 Pastor's Day Off Phoebe's Mission 4:30—6:00pm	5
6 Adult SS Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Labor Day—Wear work clothes Communion Choir directed by Conway	7 Babe Store 12-5:30pm Office Closed	8 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 Pastor Debbie i@ Meeting in Evansville	9 Handbells @ 3pm Choir @ 4pm	10 Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30 Dinner & Conversation - Procopio's @ 6pm	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 Adult SS Class 9:30am Fellowship 10am Worship 10:30 am Youth Meeting 3:30-5pm Grandparents Recognition Confirmation Class @ 5pm	14 Babe Store 12-5:30pm	15	16 Handbells @ 3pm Choir @ 4pm Pastor Debbie @ Church Hill Downs	17 Dinner & Conversation - Kelso's @ 6pm	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 Adult SS Class 9:30 am Fellowship Time @ 10 am Youth Group 11:30-1pm (lunch provided) Confirmation Class @ 5pm Movie @ 5pm	21 Babe Store 12-5:30pm Board Mtg. @ 6pm Finance/Stewardship Meeting @ 5pm Church Board @ 6pm	22	23 October Newsletter Items Due In Office Handbells @ 3pm Choir @ 4pm Ministerial Assoc. @ noon	24 Dinner & Conversation - Dragon 2000 @ 6pm	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 Adult SS Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship at Gregg Park Confirmation @ 5pm	28 Babe Store 12-5:30pm	29	30 Handbells @ 3pm Choir @ 4pm Laundry Love 6-8pm			