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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST



St. John's United Church of Christ
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 18, 2026



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

Youth Sunday

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER (be seated)

PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL (the bell invites us to worship)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Joy is loose, In the wiggles of the children,

The whispers of the youth, The smiles of the adults.

Praise is rising, For this glorious day,

For God's abundant blessing,

For good friends and loving families.

Joy and praise. In our hearts and in our songs.

***OPENING HYMN** *They'll Know We Are Christians* #494

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

Come, O God, and be present with us today in your holy Word. Let it speak to us as we worship, as a living, piercing, and uniting instrument of your glory. Give us a heart that waits upon you for guidance and direction. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Jesus Loves Me* Will Meyer

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)

Gracious God, you have blessed us so that we may bless others. Use these gifts of our lives and our pockets, we pray, to feed, clothe and house our neighbors; to give hope and healing to those sick in body, mind, soul or spirit; and to bear witness to Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

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

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

New Testament: 1 Timothy 4:12

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

MESSAGE Youth Fellowship & Will Meyer

***CLOSING HYMN** *Pass It On* #477

***BLESSING** (responsively)

Stand firm in the Lord. Trust in the promises of God. Live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us walk with Jesus and know that God's great Spirit always walks with us. 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.

MESSY CHURCH on November 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm is **GROWING GENEROSITY** based on 2 Corinthians 8-11: *And God is able to provide you with every blessing^l in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* Activities will include painting rocks, Generosity Tag, a Treasure Toss, Care Kits in a Sock, and more! Join us for this awesome event.

BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES will take place during the Children's Moment on Oct. 25th and all children are asked to wear their Halloween costumes to worship.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY. Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** for the Holy Spirit.

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.

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE: Pastor's Call Agreement allows for two weeks study leave each year. Currently she is in Scotland visiting the Abbey on the Isle of Iona 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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT is tonight at 5:00 pm will feature *The Way* starring Martin Sheen. Thomas Avery (Sheen) is an American ophthalmologist from Ventura, California, who goes to France following the death of his estranged adult son, Daniel, killed in the Pyrenees during a storm while walking the *Camino de Santiago* (the Way of St. James), a Christian pilgrimage route to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. Tom's purpose is initially to retrieve his son's body. However, in a combination of grief and homage to his son, Tom decides to walk the ancient spiritual trail where his son died, taking Daniel's ashes with him. Jana Vieck will be leading this session and a light dinner will be served. Please sign the clipboard in back of sanctuary so we can plan the meal.

Never put a period where God has put a comma, God is still speaking!

MEMORIAL SUNDAY/TOTENFEST will take place in worship on November 1st. We will remember those of our church who have entered into eternal life during the past year: Vern Houchins, Ellen Riggs, Marjorie Beamon, and Rev. Al Wilhouse. A candle will be lit, the bell rung, and yellow roses will be in honor of each person recognized.

THERE OUR HEARTS SHALL BE is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign which kicks off in October. We will be sharing our dreams for our congregation as we approach our Stewardship Sunday on November 15th. During the past 18 months of Visioning gatherings, we have heard a lot of the dreams church members have for our congregation. Let's work together to make those dreams into reality.

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.

Messy Church will be preparing care kits for homeless individuals and the First City Sunrise Shelter for homeless individuals and we need your help. Please consider donating any of the following items: socks, (long-thermal/warm), gloves, travel size personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant), and hand warmers: reusable or disposable.

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, Derrick Flowers, and Ryan Watts.

Shut-in Addresses:

Susie Milligan - Colonial Assisted Living, Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway - Aperia Care, C Wing Room C-35, 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

At Home:

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

This Week in the Life of St. John's

Sunday, October 18

Adult SS Class 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am
Youth Leading Worship
Movie @ 5pm (The Way)

Monday, October 19

BABE Store 12-5:30pm
Board Mtg. @ 6pm

Tuesday, October 20

Wednesday, October 21

Handbells @ 3pm
Choir @ 4pm

Thursday, October 22

Dinner & Conversation
Bobe's in Washington @ 6pm

Friday, October 23

Pastor's on Study Leave

Looking Ahead In October 2026

Sunday, October 25

Adult SS Class 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am
Confirmation @ 5pm
Reformation Sunday
Customary Blessing

Monday, October 26

BABE Store 12-5:30pm

Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

Handbells @ 3pm
Choir @ 4pm
Laundry Love 6-8pm

Thursday, October 29

Dinner & Conversation
Log Inn@ 6pm

Friday, October 30

Pastor's Day Off



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:	Jill Doggett
Projection:	Sandra Lange
Sound:	Jonathan Lange
Liturgist:	Youth Group

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.