

**NEWS-NOTES**  
**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to visit our website, [www.stjohnsmc.org](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday: 9:30, 28; 11:00 a.m., 28; 12:00 p.m.: 12; Total: 68; Adult Sunday School: 12

**ST. JOHN'S MISSION FOR THE NEXT 5 MONTHS!**

Until the end of the year, the main focus for St. John's Missions will be the support of the Interfaith Community PADS in Michigan City. PADS needs your help as they embark on Phase 2 of remodeling their homeless shelter: replacing the windows and doors with thermal pane to improve energy efficiency and save on utility costs.

They've been challenged by the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, who will give them \$25,000 if they can raise \$25,000 in donations for the project.

Would you like to donate to this important project? Every dollar gets them closer to securing the full grant award.

You can learn more about the project and grant at <https://interfaithcommunitypads.in/ifcpwpr48/>

To donate, send a check (with "Phase 2 Remodel" in the memo) to St. John's UCC or to PADS, 1001 W. 8th St, Michigan City, IN 46360.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS—SUPPLIES REQUESTED**

St. John's Preschool will be opening in September for the 2022-2023 school year. We have limited openings in the Beginner's class (for children turning 3 by Sep. 1, 2022), and in the Pre-K class (for children turning 4 by Sep. 1, 2022).

We will need the following supplies, and would greatly appreciate any donations. *Thank you for the continued support of the Preschool!!*

Napkins  
5 oz. cups, Hand wipes  
Table wipes, Tissues  
Paper towels, Copy paper  
Liquid hand soap  
Colored copy paper  
Balls for recess

**BLOODMOBILE**

The next Bloodmobile at St. John's will be Tuesday, August 2nd, from 12 - 6 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your donation.

## **LITURGISTS FOR 2023**

Would you like to participate as a Liturgist for the 2023 year at St. John's? We value your charming voice and positive presence as a Liturgist! Come join our group of dedicated and talented Liturgists! Just call the office and speak with Joyce. She will assign you days that fit with your schedule. Please call 219-872-9121 to add your name to our Liturgist list. The schedule will be sent out in December, 2022.

## **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - CRAFTING CROSSES - CULINARY TREATS**

All women of the church plus friends are invited to join us at the Women's Guild meeting on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. (Enter through back kitchen doors.) Our program will center around crosses - reading, singing, and crafting (no experience necessary). We hope to see you there!

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The July 2022 Treasurer's Report is now available in the office. Please call 219.872.9121 if you would like a copy mailed to you.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**

The Women's Guild held a small group VISION meeting as part of its program on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. When the first Congregational meeting was held, it was mentioned that we should follow up with smaller meetings for more ideas. Therefore, this meeting was the Guild's response. A report on our comments has been given to all Board members. If anyone would like a copy of the comments, please ask any Guild member. Our hope is that additional small groups will meet to submit ideas for this critical time.

## **HELPING HANDS FOR HOLLY!!**

### **Women's Guild Community Project**

School may be out for the summer, but we are planning ahead with our own Holly (Applegate) Martinez, principal of Knapp elementary School. Holly has given us a list of items which will help Knapp families and their students toward a better school year.

As usual, there will be a collection basket near the table outside the church office for any donations you wish to make. Also, Guild members volunteer to shop for you. Any cash donation to the church office should be marked for this Guild project or give your donation to a Guild member. After we have completed shopping, you will receive a list of the items purchased with your donation money.

Thank you for your donations and prayers for this community project! The list of needed items follows:

- \* Over-the-ear head phones (no foam earbuds)
  - \* Dry-erase markers
- \* Underwear, sizes 5-8 (for younger students)
- \* Body wipes (little ones may have accidents)
  - \* Socks, all sizes
  - \* Gloves, stretchy
- \* Girl's leggings, sizes 5 - 12/14
- \* Sweatshirts, larger sizes, 10 - 16
- \* Travel/mini-sized deodorant

## **PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN AGAIN: OFFICE "CLEAN BUBBLE"**

The LaPorte County Health Department reports that the test positivity rate in LaPorte County is very high, suggesting that cases are being significantly undercounted. In an effort to maintain clean bills of health and ensure the smooth running of office business during this pandemic, it has been decided to again create a "clean bubble" in the office. Please again use the table outside the office to pick up any copies you have requested from office staff or leave any necessary correspondence that you would normally either bring to, or pick up from, the office. Rather than stopping into the office, please contact us via email, phone, or postal mail so we can best serve your needs. There is also a secure mailbox on the outside of the building, to the right of the double doors nearest the office, into which you may place your mail correspondence to the office. The office itself will be closed to visitors, exceptions being postal mail carriers, maintenance staff, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office (219.872.9121).

Also, if you feel unwell, please remember to join us at services virtually rather than in person. As much as possible, let us as before be sensitive to others who may be at higher risk or more vulnerable.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding. As numbers decline, we will again reassess the need for shielding the office area.

*"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

#### **Church Office Hrs.: Mon. & Thur., 9-12**

#### **SUNDAY - AUGUST 14**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Worship

12:00 Gospel service (chapel)

#### **MONDAY - AUGUST 15**

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

#### **WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 17**

1:00 p.m. Women's Guild

3:30 p.m. Discipleship group

#### **SATURDAY - AUGUST 20**

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group

#### **SUNDAY - AUGUST 21**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Worship

12:00 Gospel service (chapel)