### WOMEN PARTNERING w/ CHRIST

All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to join the ladies' group Women Partnering With Christ, as they examine Kenneth Osbeck's "Amazing Grace," a study in hymnology. The group meets Wednesdays at 4:10 p.m.



### **FAMILY MATTERS GROUP** COUNSELING

Do you have a family member or a loved one struggling with

Frontline offers support addiction? and hope through interactive and spiritually-led discussions and education for those coping with a loved one facing addiction. Where: Frontline Foundations, 605 Michigan Ave., LaPorte, or 1008 Broadway, Chesterton

Pre-registration is required as group size is limited. Please call 219-728-1638 to register or for more information.



### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### **SUNDAY - JANUARY 15**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101 9:30 Worship Coffee Hour 10:10 Men's Choir 11:00 Worship 12:00 Worship 6:00 p.m. Naomi's Place (F. Hall)

**MONDAY - JANUARY 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



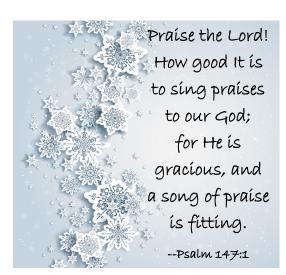
#### **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 18**

4:10 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ 5:30 Discovery Dinners 6:30 Handbells



### **SUNDAY - JANUARY 22** ANNUAL MEETING

9:30 Worship--in the Sanctuary ~Meeting and Potluck to follow in Fellowship Hall ~ (don't forget to sign up!)



# **NEWS-NOTES**

Sunday, January 15, 2017



Pastor William H. Fine 101 St. John Road Michigan City, Indiana 46360 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 sign our guest book in the Narthex and take a "Welcome" brochure. The "Welcome" brochures contain more information about St. John's United Church of Christ, as does our website, www.stjohnsmc.org. For your convenience, **Welcome** childcare is provided each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the preschool **playroom.** Please join us for refreshments between services in the Fellowship

Hall. A church member will be happy to show you the way.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday: 9:30 a.m.: 46; 11:00 a.m.: 24; 12:00 p.m.: 8; Total: 78 Sunday School, Adults: 12



# **ANNUAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, January 22, 2017 One service, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary **Annual Meeting to follow** 



### CHURCH FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER

Following the Congregational meeting Sunday January 22! Make and bring your favorite dish to share !!

# There is a sign-up sheet on the board by the office.

Please tell us how many people you are bringing and what dish you are bringing to share (so we don't have 5-6 people bringing the exact same thing). Questions?? Contact Beth Ann or the office.

# 2017 GIVING ENVELOPES GIVING STATEMENTS

2017 Giving Statements and your Giving Envelopes are now available on the table by the office.

Please note that your Giving number may have changed. If you would like a box of envelopes and do not see one on the table, please contact Nicole at 872-9121, ext. 101. Thank you!



# NOMINATION SLATE FOR 2017 CONSISTORY

This slate of candidates for Consistory leadership

is presented to the Congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 22nd, 2017.

The 2017 slate of nominations includes three Elders, one deacon and one trustee. These terms will begin January 2017 and conclude in January of 2020.

The 2017 slate also includes one Moderator (term begins January 2017 and concludes in January of 2018) and one Treasurer (term begins January 2017 and concludes in January of 2019).

Elders: Pastor Dennis Carroll, Don Briggs, and Larry Sadenwater

Deacon: Joyce Stallsmith Trustee: Bob Stallsmith

Moderator: Kent Lange (1 year) Treasurer: Tom Cofer (2 year) FREE DOCUMENT
REVIEW SEMINAR
Presented by Mr. Bruce Carr,
Attorney
Saturday, January 28th, 2017,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
~ here at St. John's ~

Free information will be available on wills, trusts, estates, Durable Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. There will also be free document reviews on contracts, business, insurance, court process, partnerships, and corporations. Please let the office know (872-9121) if you plan on attending.

# SNOW and WORSHIP SERVICES

Please note, in case of snow or other inclement weather, please listen to local radio station <u>WEFM</u> for any cancellations regarding Sunday worship services here at St. John's. Please also use your best judgement—if it is too snowy, icy, etc. for you, then please do not venture out! We will miss you but we want you to have a safe and healthy winter!

# GET-WELL WISHES APPRECIATED!

St. John's member Elaine Alonso has had back surgery at Memorial in South Bend this past Tuesday, with rehab to follow. Please keep her in your prayers for a very speedy recovery!



### **EMAIL UPDATE**

Please help us keep our database updated! If you have changed your email over the

past year, please send us your new email.

Also, we are oftentimes able to communicate more quickly and easily by utilizing email. If you have not shared your email address with us, we ask that you please consider adding your email to our congregation's contact list. Updated schedules, timely information, and notices can be shared quickly and easily using email. (Of course we do not engage in sharing our addresses with any outside source, and we would only communicate information directly related to St. John's.)

If you would like to add your address to our contact list, please send a note to: secretary@stjohnsmc.org.





### OUR DELICIOUS PEANUT BRITTLE IS STILL AVAILABLE!

There are still a few bags remaining!
They are now being sold for \$5.00
per pound bag. They will be available after worships services on Sunday and in the office until gone.



# **DISCOVERY DINNERS**

If the Michigan City Area Schools have closed for that Wednesday, there will be no Discovery Dinner served that evening.

### **LOST KEYS??**

Have you, or someone you know, lost a set of keys? We have a set in the office that was found several weeks ago outside the main sliding doors. There are approximately 13 keys on the ring, along with a Ford key. Come to the office to claim.

#### RITTENHOUSE NEWS

- Open House Special Event: Tues., Jan.
   17th, 2 3:30 p.m.;
   RSVP by TODAY to 872-6800
- Complementary Luncheon & Tours, Jan. 31st, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
   RSVP by Jan. 29th to 872-6800
- 8th Annual Valentine's Bazaar & Breakfast, Feb. 11th; Breakfast, \$6.00, 8:30
   a.m. 9:30 a.m.; Bazaar, 9 1 p.m.;
   RSVP by Feb. 9th, 872-6800