

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S



**SNOW and WORSHIP SERVICES**

Please note, in case of snow or other inclement weather, please listen to local radio station WEFM 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!



**SUNDAY - JANUARY 19**

8:30 Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
Coffee Hour  
10:45 Women's Study  
11:00 & 12 p.m. Worship

**MONDAY - JANUARY 20**

**Martin Luther King Day**  
(office open)  
6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22**

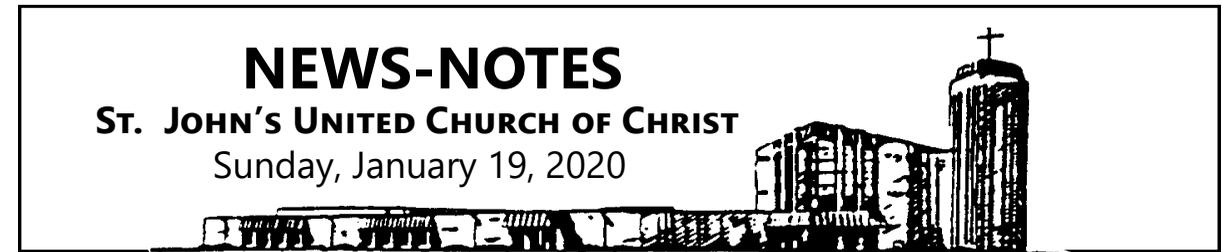
4:00 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ  
5:30 Discovery Dinner  
6:00 Boy Scouts

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 25**

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Study

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 26**

**Food Bank Sunday  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
8:30 Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)  
Annual Meeting to follow; then luncheon in Fellowship Hall



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**All are  
Welcome**

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 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](http://www.stjohnsmc.org). For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery 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., 64; 11:00 a.m., 19; 12:00 p.m., 10; Total: 93  
Adult class: 12

**JOIN US IN . . . "SOCKS SUNDAYS!!"**



The Women's Guild has identified its first 2020 project....collecting clean, warm socks! Our community friends who stay nightly in area shelters are walking in cold, rain, ice, etc. We hope to be able to give them new socks to make them healthy, warm, and safe. You can participate by gifting and hanging a pair of men's or women's socks on our clothes line in the west hall or by donating money which will be used to purchase socks for this project. No amount is too small! At the end of the project, the socks will be distributed to community homeless shelters to give to their residents. Thank you for donations and prayers for this project!

*The Women's Guild*



**VALENTINE TEA**  
**February 8, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**First United Methodist,**  
**121 E. Seventh Street, M. C.**

The First United Methodist Women cordially invite all the ladies of the community to be our guests at the 70th Annual Tea. This is a non-denominational event and it is to celebrate the gift of love in our community. They have a short devotional and then a light form of entertainment, followed by the tea. The ladies of the church make the refreshments. This event is free.

**NOMINATIONS**

This slate of candidates for Board/Consistory leadership will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The slate of nominations includes two Deacons, two Trustees, and one Elder. The terms will begin January 2020 and end in January 2023.

Trustees: Dave Allison & Mike Dill  
Deacons: Dean Talbott & Kim Martin  
Elder: Sue Allison

**SOUP KITCHEN**

St. John's Soup Kitchen Crew will serve dinner to about 30 homeless men:

Monday, Jan. 20th

Access at 5 p.m., serve at 7 p.m.

1st Presbyterian Church,  
 121 W 9th St.

To join us, call Lynda Ferry at 872.1427 or Don Briggs at 219.324.6117.



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, January 26th, 2020**

~ After the 9:30 a.m. service ~

in the Sanctuary *(one service that day)*

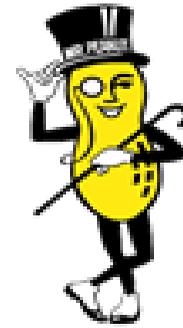
**Don't forget to sign-up** for our Potluck dinner on the office bulletin board! Meat, beverages & tableware will be provided. We ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Questions? See Beth Ann Ast or call 872-5292.

**TREE OF LIFE**

We have many occasions to celebrate with special birthdays, marriages, baptisms, and anniversaries, and to mourn the loss of loved ones. For a minimum donation of \$50, you can add your remembrance to the Tree of Life. If interested, please see the office.

**ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Learn the latest data, services, caregiving skills and emotional support for someone dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Rittenhouse hosts a support group on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 2:00 p.m. This is a free support group open to the community.



**THANK YOU**  
**ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS**  
**AND FRIENDS!!!**

This year again the Women's Guild will be donating over \$3,000 to St. John's programs and community charities from profits from our Peanut Brittle Project! The recipients this year will be our Vacation Bible School, St. John's Pre School, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Service League, Paladin, Humane Society, and the Sacred Heart Homeless Shelter project.

Having fun in the kitchen each Thursday but working hard on those 4 Thursday mornings were Loren Adrian, Yvonne Baron, Debbie Blackie, Carol Brandon, Tom Cofer, Sandy Cook, Debbie Dill, Mike Dill, Lora Gohn, Kent Lange, Phyllis Nowatzke, Allie Richards, Jean Squires, Bob Stallsmith, Joyce Stallsmith, Jackie Steele, John Steele, Alyce Knouse, Doreen Zepik, and Judy Kerestury. It would not be possible at all without the help from our St. John's office staff--Nicole Orzech and Joyce Pairitz.

Once again this year we had those wonderful donations--all the Spanish peanuts from Captain Ed, all the sugar from a St. John's couple, bottles of vanilla from Mexico from two different members, pounds of butter from another member, and all the plastic bags from another. What a team effort and what a blessing to be able to give back! So we ask God's blessing on our work and our donations that this money will impact our neighbors in Michigan City.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

**DISCOVERY DINNERS**

Don't forget! For a hearty meal, good company, and great classes, come by on Wednesday nights for a delicious meal! Join us for Discovery Dinners, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. *Please note, if the Michigan City Area Schools have closed for that Wednesday, there will be no Discovery Dinner served that evening.* A freewill offering to cover the cost of the meal is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

The Discovery Dinner crews are looking for someone (or a group) who would be interested in cooking 1 or 2 dinners for Discovery Dinners on Wednesday nights between January and April, 2020. Please contact Beth Ann at 872-5292 for details. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

Annual Reports booklets are now available in the office.

**2019 GIVING STATEMENTS and ENVELOPES**

2019 Giving Statements and 2020 Giving Envelopes are available on the table by the office. Please note 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!