### WOMEN PARTNERING W/ CHRIST

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

#### **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.



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

SUNDAY - JANUARY 22 FOOD BANK **ANNUAL MEETING** 

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) **Annual Meeting** Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 25**

4:10 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ

5:30 Discovery Dinners

6:30 Handbells

#### **SATURDAY - JANUARY 28**

10 - 12 noon, Free Document Seminar (Adobe Room)

#### **SUNDAY - JANUARY 29 NOISY OFFERING**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101 9:30 Worship Coffee Hour 10:10 Men's Choir 11:00 Worship 12:00 Worship



## **NEWS-NOTES**

Sunday, January 22, 2017



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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.: 69; 11:00 a.m.: 36; 12:00 p.m.: 13; Total: 118 Sunday School, Adults: 16

### ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS ~ Outreach to church and community ~

The Guild sends a thank you to all St. John's members and friends who once again helped make our Peanut Brittle Project enjoy another successful year. A profit of \$2,500 has been gifted to these groups:

Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity (matching gift), Michiana Resources, St. John's Preschool, Vacation Bible School program, Meals on Wheels, our Sunday School program, PKD (kidney) Foundation, and Michiana Humane Society.

On four Thursday mornings in November and December, the kitchen crew produced almost 400 lbs. of our famous St. John's recipe. Yes, the group admits to having some fun mornings, but all agreed they felt blessed to be able to be a part of a project where our Christian love could be spread to others in our church and community.

The Project's profit was again possible because of donations — Ed Beutner of Captain Ed's on Hwy. 20 once again donated all the peanuts. Another St. John's couple donated the sugar and Pat Turner supplied us with authentic Mexican vanilla.

> THANK YOU TO ALL . . . From the Women's Guild and Kitchen Crew!

# 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.

#### **DISCOVERY DINNERS**

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

#### **RITTENHOUSE NEWS**

- 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

## FAMILY MATTERS GROUP COUNSELING

Do you have a family member or a loved one struggling with addiction? Frontline offers support 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.

## NEXT SATURDAY! 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.* 

67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VALENTINE TEA February 11, 2017 1:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church



### 121 E. Seventh Street, Mich. City

The First United Methodist Women sponsor a Valentine Tea each February for ALL of the women in the area. This is a non-denominational event and is to celebrate the gift of love in our community. The ladies have done this for more than 65 years.

They have a short devotional and then a light form of entertainment. This is followed by tea in the community room. The women of First United Methodist make the refreshments with love and care. Please join them for a lovely afternoon of entertainment and tea!

#### **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.



### PRESCHOOL NOTES

St. John's members and friends can support our St. John's Christian Preschool through donations of paper products, including wipes, crayons, markers, or financially. Money donated would be used for family scholarships in case of a short-term hardship or student supplies.

## LECTIONARIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Did you know you can access the Lectionaries for the entire year of 2017? Yes, you can! Just go to: lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A

## 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 cancella-

tions 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!



#### **NOISY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY**

We will be collecting our Noisy Offering so have your loose change ready next Sunday! Our Sunday School program will benefit from this offering, so lets make a joyful noise!!

