



### 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!

### ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar!  
Annual Meeting,  
January 27, 2019

~One worship service at 9:30 ~  
The proposed revisions to the bylaws will be voted on at that time.



### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 6

##### COMMUNION

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

#### MONDAY - JANUARY 7

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible

#### TUESDAY - JANUARY 8

12 - 6 p.m. Bloodmobile

#### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 9

4:10 p.m. Hymnology  
5:30 Discovery Dinner  
6:30 Handbells

#### THURSDAY - JANUARY 10

6:30 p.m. Consistory

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 13

8:30 Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
Coffee Hour  
10:00 Men's Choir  
10:30 Women's Bible Study  
10:30 Youth Ministry mtg. (FH)  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 p.m. Worship



## NEWS-NOTES

Sunday, January 6, 2019



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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 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](http://www.stjohnsmc.org). **For your convenience, 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., 61; 11:00 a.m., 39; 12 p.m., 12; Total: 112  
Sunday School: Adults, 12

### WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

Today we celebrated Epiphany, which is the 12th day of Christmas and marks the official end to this festive season for many Christians.

The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means "manifestation." It celebrates "the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ."

It is associated with the visit of the Magi (the three kings) to Bethlehem.



According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three wise men followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet the baby Jesus, offering gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

These gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth,  
the gold representing His royal standing;  
the frankincense His divine birth;  
and myrrh His mortality.



## 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS & ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

2019 Giving Statements and your Giving Envelopes are now available on the table by the office. Please file your Statements in a safe place as you will need these to file your tax returns. Also, due to the new year beginning, 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.

## PROPOSED UPDATES TO BYLAWS

Stop in the office if you would like a copy of the proposed revisions to the bylaws, or, call the office and we'll be happy to email you a copy (872-9121; or: [secretary@stjohnsmc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmc.org)). Please note that these revisions are currently in the *proposal* stage; they will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 27th, 2019.



## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much for your loving generosity in supporting our efforts to collect books, magazines, calendars, lip balm, etc. for our assisted living residents! Your generosity has been a great blessing to many and was gratefully appreciated. Thank you for always being so faithful in your concern and assistance shown to others!

## 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.

## RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY

**Next meeting, Thursday, Jan. 17th**

9:15-10:15 a.m., 1st floor Memory Care, Rittenhouse, 4300 Cleveland. If you would like to join us or if you need further information, please call Sue, 861-6374.



## ANNUAL MEETING

January 27, 2019

~One worship service at 9:30 ~

The Annual Meeting will follow in the Sanctuary. The proposed revisions to the bylaws will be voted upon at that time.

Please remember to RSVP on the main bulletin board and to sign up for the Potluck which will follow in Fellowship Hall! We will provide chicken and beverages; please sign up to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share!

## NOMINATIONS

This slate of candidates for Board/Consistory leadership will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The slate of nominations includes one Elder and one Treasurer. The Elder term will begin January 2019 and end in January 2022. The Treasurer will serve a two year term for January 2019 through January 2021.

Elder: Pastor Dennis Carroll  
Treasurer: Tom Cofer



## "FUND THE FENCE"

During a safety and security inspection of our outside play area this past year by the Sheriff's department, it was suggested that St. John's install a fence around the playground. This would benefit the children of our church family as well as children attending our Preschool program. Consider a Christmas donation to St. John's to help "FUND THE FENCE!" Donations can be directed to our church office and marked "Fund the Fence."

## BLOODMOBILE

The next Bloodmobile at St. John's will be Tuesday, January 8th, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your donation.

## DISCOVERY DINNER

Please note, Discovery Dinners will resume this Wednesday, January 9th.

Thank you!

