



## SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU AND NEWS

St. John's Soup Kitchen Crew, working with St. Paul's, fed about 100 homeless on Sunday June 30. *Thank you very much to all who volunteered!!*

Since October, a loose network of local congregations has worked together to feed our homeless. Twice weekly, a truck brings to a distribution center some surplus groceries from local businesses. We work with Erik Tannehill of St. Paul to plan menus around the surplus available. We use our Missions budget—and our volunteers' contributions!—to supplement our portion of the surplus. With planning and volunteer effort, we serve healthy, balanced, often delightful meals to so many at a modest cost. Everyone who gives to St. John's has a part in this ministry! On June 30, after we fed the people, a surprise donation of food arrived from South Bend, delivered by a local resident who worships there. She knew about our network, and brought leftovers from a youth camp. That food, together with the leftovers from the lunch at St. Paul, went to Stepping Stone and Sand Castle before dinner, and to the Men's Shelter. Know that even the leftovers from the local surplus goes to good use!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY - JULY 14

8:30 Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
Coffee Hour  
11:00 & 12:00 Worship  
2 p.m. VBS decorating stage

### MONDAY - JULY 15

6:00 Men's Bible Study  
6:00 VBS planning mtg (Y.L.)

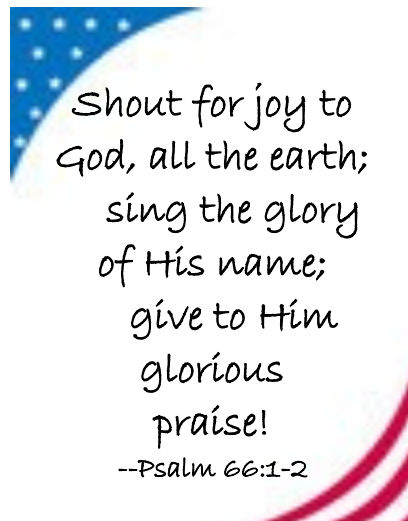
### THURSDAY - JULY 18

9:15 a.m. Rittenhouse Ministry  
12:30 p.m. Women's Guild

### SUNDAY - JULY 21

8:30 Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
Coffee Hour  
11:00 & 12:00 Worship

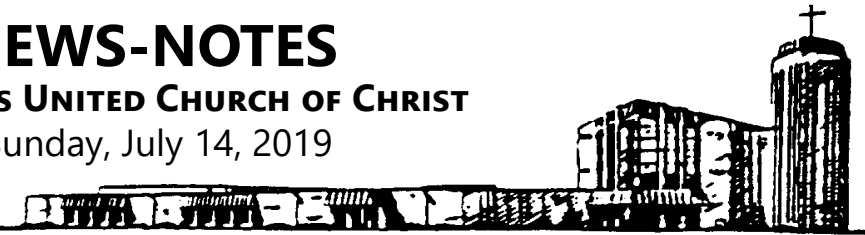
**(Mon., July 22 - Fri., July 26: VBS)**



## NEWS-NOTES

### St. John's United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 14, 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 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., 53; 11:00, 28; 12:00 p.m.: 10; Total: 91  
Sunday School: Adults, 11



### COMMUNITY-WIDE VBS -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We still need volunteers for MCVBS. We'll need help setting up before, and cleaning up afterward. We need crew leaders, and help in the kitchen, too. Please sign up online at [mcvbs.com](http://mcvbs.com) or see Don Briggs.

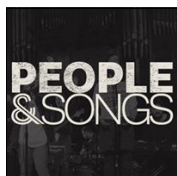
### MCVBS BAKE SALE THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for all the baked goods that St. John's members brought!! And thank you to all who helped set up, sell at the event, and tear down afterward! Our Bake Sale yielded \$222. The leftover items went to Stepping Stone and to the Coast Guard Station. (St. John's provided them evening meals during the government shutdown earlier this year.)



### SPONSOR A CHILD FOR MCVBS!

MCVBS encourages each member of our collaborating congregations to sponsor a child. The children's parents pay no fee. But, we feed the children and volunteers all five nights. With the curriculum materials and other supplies, the total cost per child is about \$25. If you can, please write a check payable to St. John's, with the annotation "MCVBS."



## PEOPLE AND SONGS

The young folks from People and Songs in La Porte have performed at St. John's worship services, and have volunteered as crew leaders for MCVBS. The Emerging Sound is a dynamic Summer Songwriting Camp hosted by People & Songs. It trains and equips a next generation of Christian songwriters and leaders of worship music. The camp is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for young artists to lay a foundation for creative ministry. Attendees work alongside an amazing team of professionals from the People & Songs community, and with other special guests.

The Emerging Sound invites our entire congregation, including friends and families, to come to three Show-and-Tell sessions. They will perform some of the songs they are developing.

**Mon., Tues., Wed., July 15th - 17th,  
6:30 p.m.**

**First United Methodist Church  
1225 Michigan Ave, La Porte  
(219) 362-2443**

St. John's will provide an evening meal for The Emerging Sound attendees on **Tuesday, July 16.** *(Soup Kitchen crew: we could use some help, starting at 5 p.m. in the First United Methodist kitchen.)*

Some of our Soup Kitchen crew will stay for the music—join us at the Tuesday session!

## NWA-IK UCC MEETING Here at St. John's Friday, August 2, 1-3 PM Youth Lounge

Our own Pastor Carroll serves as President of the Northwest Association of the Indiana Kentucky Conference of UCC (NWA-IKC-UCC). They will be meeting here at St. John's. Please plan to attend! They will need to fill the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Registrar. The NWA IK UCC invites all St. John's members to attend, deliberate, and vote!

## BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Our community will rally:

**City-Wide Back to School Rally  
Thur., Aug. 8, 2019, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Gill Field, Elston Campus**

Many Michigan City students do not have the supplies necessary to start the school year. So, once again, St. John's will collect back packs and school supplies in the coat rack area near the office. Our kids need backpacks, earbuds, headphones, pencils, black pens, spiral notebooks, 3-hole college-ruled notebook paper, dry erase and washable markers, glue sticks, pink erasers, pencil boxes, 2-pocket folders, facial tissues, colored pencils, rulers, highlighters, composition books, calculators, 3-ring binders, 3 x 5 index cards, and highlighters. Members of St. John's have responded to past rallies very generously. Let us once again step up and show our UCC "Love for Community" in this effort!

## JULY ACTIVITY/BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

The July Activity/Birthday calendar is now available for pick up in the Narthex and outside Fellowship Hall.

## RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY Next meeting, Thursday, July 18th

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 Pastor Carroll, 219.898.8492. We are looking forward to expanding this ministry!



## 25th ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN HUNT Sunday, August 4th, 2019

Gates open at 11 a.m.

Hunt from noon to 5 p.m.

Food & entertainment 12 to 6:00 p.m.  
Find one of the Leprechauns hiding on our 185 acres and win cash prizes!

Where: Sharing Meadows

Directions: Take US 20 East to CR 300  
East, then north 2 miles

Community for Handicapped Adults  
Call 219-778-2585 for reservations, or  
go to [www.leprechaunhunt.com](http://www.leprechaunhunt.com)  
for more information.



## YOU'RE INVITED TO A PICNIC!!

The Women's Guild invites all St. John's members & friends to an indoor picnic on July 18th at 12:30 pm. in the Youth Lounge. Our picnic will begin at 12:30 followed by bingo games. All men & women are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of food & fellowship! For questions, please contact Karen Lawrenz, Phyllis Nowatzke or Judy Kerestury.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The June Treasurer's Report is now available in the office.

## CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Let's begin to focus on how we can bring Christ to children through the Christmas Child Box project. Suggested items are small flashlights with batteries and flip flops. Thank you for your generosity in this outreach mission!

