

NEWS NOTES

March 17, 2024

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We invite you to visit our website, www.stjohnsmc.org for more information about our church and our activities.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 10:00 a.m.: 48; 12:00 p.m., 11, Total, 49; Adult Sunday School, 9

EASTER BREAKFAST and GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Your help is needed for our **Easter Breakfast**, which will be held after the 10 a.m. Easter service. *Please sign up on the bulletin board* to let us know what you will be bringing; needed are your delicious coffee cakes, breakfast casseroles, fruits, etc. Your Easter goodies may be dropped off at the church Easter morning. Help is also needed with decorating for Easter (plan to help after the Palm Sunday service, March 24th) and with clean up after Easter breakfast; if you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board. Questions? Please speak with Sue Novak or Sue Allison.

There will be a **Good Friday** worship service on Friday, March 29th, 2024, at New Creation Vineyard Church, 9009 W. Pahl Road, from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be a message, singing, and communion. The goodwill offering will be donated to The Nest Community Shelter of LaPorte County (formerly Interfaith Community PADS).

SAVE THE DATE!

2024 IKC Annual Gathering

Location: St. Mark's UCC in New Albany, IN Dates: August 23-24, 2024 Theme: "The Time is Now"

PRESCHOOL 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

St. John's Preschool will begin open enrollment on March 1st. The Pre-Kindergarten class is for children who turn 4 years old by August 1, 2024. The Pre-K class meets on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 9 – 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$150.00.

The Beginner's class is for children who turn 3 years old by August 1, 2024. The Beginner's class meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 – 11:30 a.m. cost is \$115.00.

The Preschool would like to begin a "sponsor a child" program for families struggling to pay tuition. Please consider donating full or partial tuition to a needy child. It would be greatly appreciated!

Enrollment forms and information packets are available in the church office.

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS

The Women's Guild is reinstating our "Blessing Bags" project. A Blessing Bag is prepared for community friends who are in need of basic essentials. A gallon plastic bag will contain a pair of socks, soap and washcloth, deodorant, lotion, Kleenex, and toothbrush and toothpaste. Also, the Guild is asking for donations of men's or ladies' socks as well as the other items listed. A collection box is located on the table outside the office; or if you prefer, a Guild member will do the shopping for you -- any financial donation will be used to shop for you and then we'll give you a listing of the items purchased. (Last year we delivered over 60 bags to area agencies!) Thank you for continuing to support projects like these because we all know St. John's is a giving community!

ARE YOU DEALING WITH THE DEATH OF SOMEONE? JOIN GRIEF SHARE

Tuesdays through May 21st, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1201 S Franklin, Michigan City

Facilitators: Pastor Bill Fine & Major Becky Simmons

Registration is not necessary, just come & join us. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit griefshare.org.

GIVING ENVELOPES/TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 Giving Envelopes are out on the cart by the office. If there was not a box with your name on it and you would like one, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

SUNDAY – MARCH 17

5th Sun. of Lent

8:30 a.m. CHR 101; 10 a.m. Worship

MONDAY – MARCH 18

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 20

9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 1:00 p.m. Women's Guild; 6 pm Scouts

THURSDAY – MARCH 21

6:30 p.m. VBS mtg.

SATURDAY – MARCH 23

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group
12 – 5 pm Scouts Pinewood Derby

SUNDAY – MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY; Food Bank

8:30 a.m. CHR 101; 10 am Worship