



**CALLING ALL  
ST. JOHN'S  
PRESCHOOL ALUMNI!!**

In preparation for our 40th anniversary celebration, we are asking all St. John's Preschool alumni to send us their current contact information. Please call the church office, 219-872-9121, and let us know your current mailing address or email address. We're looking forward to celebrating with you in 2017-2018!

**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. Frontline Foundations, 605 Michigan Ave., LaPorte, or 1008 Broadway, Chesterton  
Please call 219-728-1638 to register or for more information.

**LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesdays, through April 5th  
6:15 p.m. Vespers (chapel)  
Good Friday, April 14th  
6:30 p.m. Worship (chapel)



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

**SUNDAY - MARCH 26**

**FOOD BANK**  
8:30 a.m. Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
10:10 Men's Choir  
10:30 Fish Fry mtg. (Adobe Rm.)  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 p.m. Worship  
*\*12 pm Worldgate worship (F. Hall)*

**TUESDAY - MARCH 28**

*\*6 - 9 p.m. Worldgate (Youth Lounge)*

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 29**

4:10 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ  
5:15 Discovery Dinners  
6:15 Vespers (chapel)  
7:00 Handbells

**SATURDAY - APRIL 1**

9:00 a.m. Women's Study (Adobe)

**SUNDAY - APRIL 2  
COMMUNION**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship  
10:10 Men's Choir  
Coffee Hour  
10:30 Ladies' Study  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 p.m. Worship  
*\*12 pm Worldgate worship (F. Hall)*

*\*Denotes Worldgate Church activities taking place this week*

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Please remember to return your Easter donation/Lily order form to the office by Thursday, April 6th.

**NEWS-NOTES**

Sunday, March 26, 2017



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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.: 76; 11:00 a.m., 40; 12:00 p.m.: 11; Total: 127  
Sunday School, Adults: 17

**FISH FRY MEETING TODAY!**

**Adobe Room, 10:30 a.m.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with set up, serving, taking down, cooking, greeting, general helping and selling tickets!  
All are welcome! Please stop by and see how you can be of assistance with this year's Fish Fry!  
The Fish Fry is being held Friday, June 2nd, 2017.



**GOODTIMERS**

*~ Open to any church members! ~*

On Saturday, April 29th, the Goodtimers and any church member who would like to join them are cordially invited to see "I Love you, You're Perfect, Now Change," a musical comedy about relationships which will be playing at the Round Barn Theater, Nappanee. Dinner begins at 11:00 a.m. CST, the show begins at 1:00 p.m. CST. Cost is \$43.90 per person or \$87.80 per couple. Please contact Pat Beebe (879-7867) by April 15th if you are interested.



**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH  
RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY**

Pastor Carroll, Sue Allison, and Tom Cofer are reaching out to minister to St. John's members, and others, at Rittenhouse. Eventually there will be a committee comprised of volunteers willing to offer communion, provide anointing of the sick, and prayer to residents of Rittenhouse. If you would like to be a part of this ministry with Pastor Carroll and Sue at Rittenhouse, please call the office (872-9121).

**LENTEN VESPERS**

**"SHOW ME THE WAY, O LORD"**

*Psalm 25:4*

**Wednesdays, through April 5**

On Wednesdays, at 6:15 in the chapel, we are meeting for 30 minutes of devotion. Our theme is to trust the word of God and the spirit of God to show us the way to Christ.

During vespers devotions we sing, pray, observe silence and reflect on scripture-based readings written by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

You are welcome to attend as we intentionally set aside time to be with Christ and one another.



**MEMORIAL FOR ART MENKE**

The Menke family has announced that there will be a Memorial service held Saturday, April 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. for Mr. Art Menke. The service will be held at Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home in Michigan City.



**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Thursday, April 27  
and Friday, April 28, 2017**

Please start saving your treasures for our Rummage Sale! As in the past we will greatly appreciate your help setting up, marking, organizing, and also during the days of the sale. You may drop off your clean, useable items in the front (main) door, nearest the office. There will be a rolling cart available for your use. Items will be stored in the Choir Room. *(Please note that TV's are NOT being accepted.)*

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND**



What an exciting time for St. John's, as we refresh our Fellowship Hall! Our sound equipment & technology, our curtains & lighting, our stage area, and seating will all be refreshed and improved. Our present furnishings have served us well for many years, but upgrading now will ensure that our worship and mission activities will thrive and suffer no interruptions due to outdated or aged equipment.

Please be a part of this endeavor as we ensure our physical space and technology supports inspiring worship, evangelization, and ministry in the 21st century!

Please note on your check or envelope "Capital Campaign Fund." Any donation, small or large, will be greatly appreciated!

**IT'S MORE THAN JUST A  
RUMMAGE SALE!**

To plan for the Rummage Sale this year, the Women's Guild has enlisted a committee of volunteers to head up the venture. We began by considering how this project fits in with the mission statement of our church:

**LOVE THE LORD, SHARE THE  
FAITH, SERVE ALL PEOPLE**

Committee members found common ground making these statements:

- \*Taking care of God's earth means we reuse or recycle items instead of just trashing them.
- \*Provides community members with limited resources a way to obtain items, giving them a feeling of self-worth as they purchase and choose items for themselves.
- \*Sharing items with churches and agencies at no cost so they in turn can help their people (donations are given each year to groups)
- \*Having people attend our sale means guests are welcomed into our building and invited to return to worship with us where we share our faith.
- \*Using profits to support St. John's missions and community projects which serve God's people
- \*CAN YOU VOLUNTEER??? Jobs range from sorting items, pricing items, greeting visitors in the hallway, setting up and taking down tables, keeping table merchandise organized, selling and packing items, and just being a St. John's Friend during the sale. Check the bulletin board to sign up.

*Thank you from our committee!*



**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Please extend a warm St. John's welcome to new members  
**Sarah & Xavier Silva.**

Mr. & Mrs. Silva will join the family of St. John's at worship services next Sunday.

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Wednesdays, through April 5th

6:15 p.m. Vespers (chapel)

Good Friday, April 14th

6:30 p.m. Worship (chapel)  
with Tenebrae

Easter Sunday, April 16th

9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

(combined service with Worldgate)

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary (traditional)



**Easter breakfast** will be held both at 8:30 a.m. and after the 9:30 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall.



Please remember to sign up on the main bulletin board to bring your delicious coffee cakes!

**CHRISTMAS CHILD T-SHIRTS**

We are beginning to prepare Christmas Child boxes for ages 2-14 for our November collection. Please join in our new T-shirt drive! There are boxes across from Fellowship Hall and near the office.

