NEWS NOTES MARCH 26, 2023

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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: 9:30, 24; 11:00 a.m. 26, 12:00 p.m., 6; Total: 56; Adult Sunday School: 11

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Good Friday, April 7th, there will be a worship service at 7:00 p.m. at New Creation Vineyard Church, 9009 W. Pahs Road, Michigan City. Four churches will be collaborating in this service, St. John's UCC, New Creation, Living Way, and Faith City. Communion will be served. All are welcome!

On Easter Sunday, worship services at St. John's will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be a continental breakfast between services in Fellowship Hall. Anyone who plans to bring a breakfast casserole, we need you to please bake it at home. Also, volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast and to also help clean up. Please let Sue Allison (219.861.6374) or Phyllis Nowatzke (219.221.0406) know if you will able to attend the breakfast, assist by volunteering, or what tasty treat you will be bringing to share to help make our breakfast amazing!

GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW IN!!

Yes, Giving Envelopes are now in! They are on the table outside the Fellowship Hall and church office. If you do not see your name on a box & would like one, please call Nicole @ 219-872-9121 opt. 2.

Thank you so much for your patience!

LENTEN STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

I invite you to join me in study and prayer as we commit to engage more of Jesus and less of self. During the six Wednesdays of Lent, we are meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom down the hall from the office. We are using a Discipleship Evangelism course to guide us in discussion. We also enjoy a time of prayer together as well sharing accounts of how God is working to change us.

We will end on Wednesday, April 5. Again, the time is at 10:30 am. Please bring your Bible, the discipleship course will be provided. Come join us and bring a friend! *Pastor Bill*

PRAYER SHAWL UPDATE

The Guild wants to thanks members who have joined us in this UCC project for the summer Ind/Ky Conference meeting. Several members have donated crocheted/knitted ones plus Guild members worked on this project at their March meeting. Presently, the count is 12 completed prayer shawls.

If anyone wishes to donate extra yarn or polar fleece fabric, just drop it off on the front table outside the office. (Mark it "Guild.") Also, any financial donations could be used to purchase more supplies. Donations can be left in the office marked accordingly. *Thanks so much!*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hrs.: Mon. & Thr., 9-12 SUNDAY – MARCH 26

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship (Sanc.),

12:00 p.m. Gospel Service (chapel)

MONDAY - MARCH 27

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 29

10:30 a.m. Discipleship Class

11:00 a.m. VBS Meeting

5:30 p.m. Scouts

SATURDAY - APRIL 1

8:30 a.m. Prayer group

SUNDAY – APRIL 2

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship (Sanc.),

12:00 p.m. Gospel Service (chapel)

Blessed is the one
who perseveres under trial,
because having stood the test,
that person will receive
the crown of life
that the Lord has promised
to those
who love Him.

-- James 1:12