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PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin St. in Michigan City, is opening its doors each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for those that may need a mid-week reset. Come sit and pray in your own way in either our church or chapel (they will be rotated) each Wednesday. It is a great way to come together with God during a hectic week no matter where you worship on Sundays. For questions, please contact *williams.sarahjo@gmail.com*.

MEN'S CHOIR

The Men's Choir has resumed practices on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. Please see Dolores if you have any questions. All men of the congregation are most welcome to join!

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
 NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
 COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
 SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 13

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 14

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:00 Preschool Board

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 16

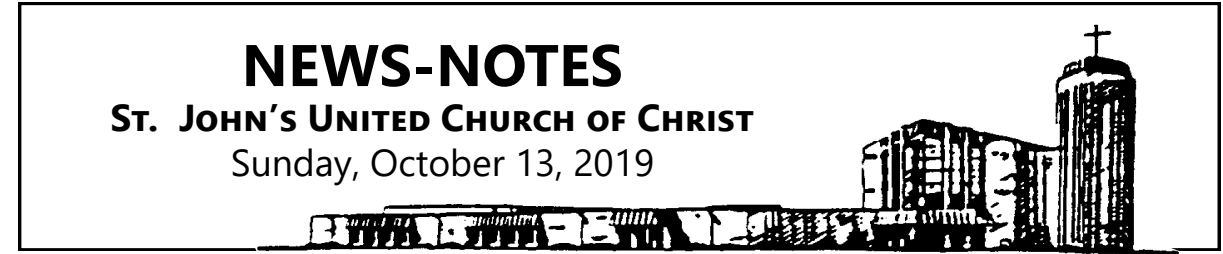
4:00 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ
 5:30 Discovery Dinner
 6:00 Boy Scouts
 6:30 Handbells

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 17

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

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20

8:30 Christianity 101
 9:30 Worship
 10:00 Men's Choir
 Coffee Hour
 11:00 & 12 p.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (at individual homes)



NEWS-NOTES
St. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Sunday, October 13, 2019

Pastor William H. Fine
 101 St. John Road
 Michigan City, IN 46360

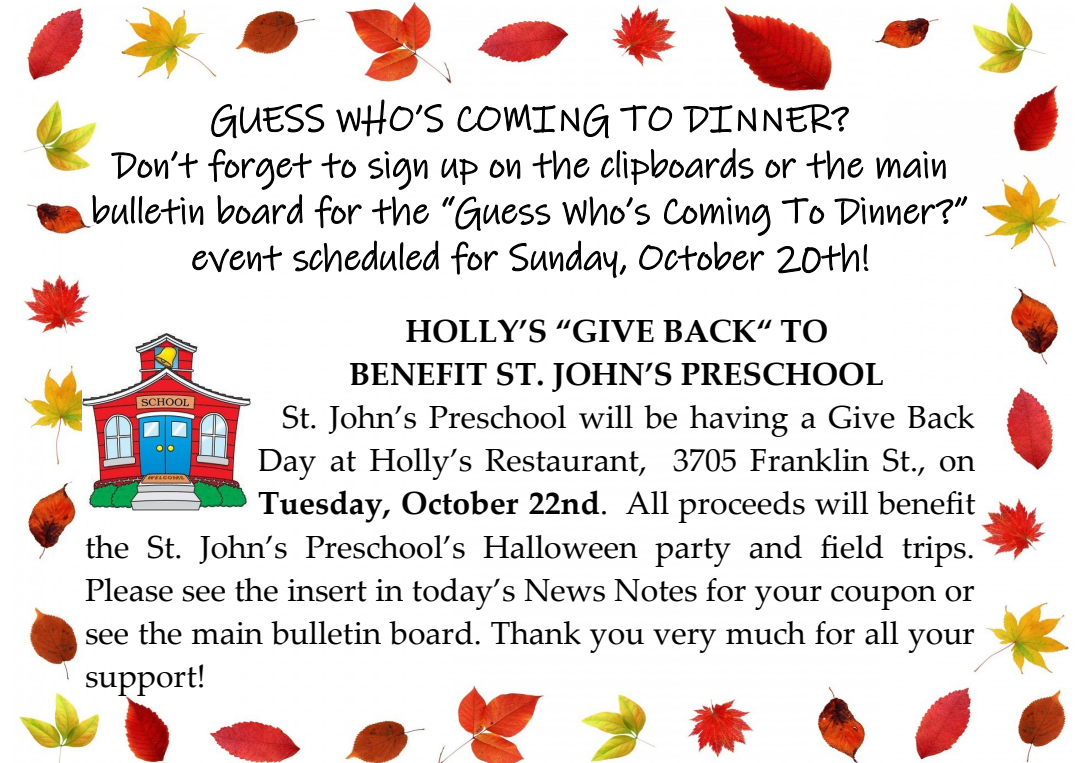
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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to take a "Welcome" brochure. The "Welcome" brochures contain more information about St. John's United Church of Christ, as does our website, www.stjohnsmc.org. For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Nursery 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., 55; 11:00 a.m., 30; 12:00 p.m., 10; Total: 95



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Don't forget to sign up on the clipboards or the main bulletin board for the "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" event scheduled for Sunday, October 20th!



HOLLY'S "GIVE BACK" TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

St. John's Preschool will be having a Give Back Day at Holly's Restaurant, 3705 Franklin St., on **Tuesday, October 22nd**. All proceeds will benefit the St. John's Preschool's Halloween party and field trips. Please see the insert in today's News Notes for your coupon or see the main bulletin board. Thank you very much for all your support!



OCTOBER SOUP KITCHEN EVENTS

St. John's will serve evening meals to 6 to 8 homeless women:

Sunday and Monday, October 13 and 14, 7 PM, at 1st Presbyterian. We gain access to the kitchen at about 6 PM.

Our Men's Bible Study/ Discipleship group will serve dinner to about 30 homeless men:

Monday, October 21, 7 PM, at 1st Presbyterian. Again, we gain access to the kitchen at about 6 PM.

St. John's will serve lunch to homeless people:

Sunday, October 27, 11:30 AM, at St. Paul. We gain access to the kitchen at about 8:30 PM.

We welcome all St. John's members into this ministry. Please contact Lynda Ferry, 872.1427, Linda Mrkva, 219.362.1892, or Don Briggs, 219.324.6117 to help, either at the site, or with a dish to send.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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



HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED

If you are able to read music and enjoy praising God through song, our handbell choir is in need of 2, possibly 3 handbell ringers. Practice is every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in our handbell room here at St. John's. We play the first Sunday of each month at our 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Dill at 219-362-4345.

**NWA I-K UCC CONFERENCE
2019 Fall Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019; 3:30 p.m.
(EST)**

First Congregational Church UCC
431 S. 3rd Street, Elkhart, IN
The fall agenda will include the election of officers. Please see the main bulletin board for more information.

SAFE HARBOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Safe Harbor, the Michigan City Area Schools out-of-school time program, has paid part-time positions open for staff to work the school year. Some of the best staff they have ever had has come from and been involved in local churches! Please check the bulletin board for more information.

HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OF LAPORTE

The Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte has offered a matching grant of \$100,000 to help renovate Sacred Heart Church, Michigan City, into LaPorte County's only permanent emergency shelter for men & women. See: <https://www.gofundme.com/permanent-emergency-shelter> for details or send your tax-deductible contribution to: Interfaith Community PADS, Inc., PO Box 38, Michigan City, IN 46361. Your donation will be DOUBLED!! Please help!

DISCOVERY DINNER

If anyone or a group would be interested in cooking for Discovery Dinners on Wednesday nights only 2-3 times between October 2019 and May 2020, please contact Beth Ann at 872-5292 for details. Your help is appreciated!



CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Let's 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!

**RITTENHOUSE MINISTRY
Next meeting, Thurs., Oct. 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 Pastor Carroll, 219.898.8492. We are looking forward to having you join us in this ministry!



FALL GUILD PROJECT

The Women's Guild has announced a fall benevolent project--assembling and giving "Blessing Bags" to the homeless shelters when our Mission Committee serves a meal. The plastic bags will contain personal products in one section and in another section an informational listing of helping sites and phone numbers for our community as well as a pamphlet of beloved Bible verses.

We are collecting wash cloths, bars of soap, tooth brushes, small tubes of tooth paste and shampoo, pens, and small pads of paper. Each bag costs approximately \$2.75 to fill. If you wish to help, you can contribute money to a can on Sundays marked "Blessing Bags" (no amount is too small!) or items can be placed in designated baskets. Any extra items will be used in the Christmas Child boxes. Thank you for considering this project!

The Women's Guild