



### FOOD BANK

Especially needed are juice, stews, hash, and toilet paper. Thank you for always being so generous in your donations to our Food

Bank!

### ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets here at St. John's every second Thursday at 6:30 p.m.. Upcoming dates are November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### PRESCHOOL EMERGENCY FUND

During the school year, there sometimes are family situations which may occur like loss of a job, reduced work hours, a medical situation, etc. which affects our student's attendance. The Preschool Board maintains a fund to assist our families during such times. If you would like to give a gift or memorial to this fund in celebration of our 40th anniversary, please send your donation to the St. John's Church office with a notation in the memo line "Preschool Emergency Fund." Thank you on behalf of our school children!



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101  
9:30 Worship (F. Hall)  
10:00 Men's Choir  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 p.m. Worship  
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### MONDAY - OCTOBER 16

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

### TUESDAY - OCTOBER 17

\*6 p.m. *Lifepointe (Y.L.)*

### WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 18

4:00 p.m. Hymnology Study  
5:30 Discovery Dinner  
6:00 Girl Scouts  
6:30 Handbells  
7:00 Prayer group

### THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19

12:30 p.m. Women's Guild

### SATURDAY - OCTOBER 21

\*8:00 a.m. *Manhood Initiative*  
\*9:30 a.m. *Ladies' Meeting (Y.L.)*

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 22

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12:00 p.m. Goodtimer's (Y.L.)

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

## NEWS-NOTES

Sunday, October 15, 2017



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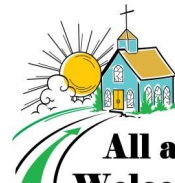
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**All are  
Welcome**

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.: 67; 11:00: 35; 12:00: 12; Total: 114  
Sunday School: Children, 9; Adults, 14; Total: 23



### MESSENGER HELP NEEDED!

Would you like to help fold the monthly Messenger? We need you! Come to help out, and enjoy good fellowship and fun conversation. Please call the office, 872-9121, if you are able to help.

### MESSENGER DEADLINE

Please note, the last day to submit your information for inclusion in the November Messenger is Friday, October 20th, by 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

### DISCOVERY DINNERS

Don't forget! For a hearty meal, good company, and great classes, come by on Wednesday nights for a delicious meal! Join us for Discovery Dinners, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. A freewill offering to cover the cost of the meal is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

### CALLING ALL DINGALINGS!

St. John's will ring bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, November 18th, at Al's on Karwick Road, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Please sign up to join us on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office! Your help is always very greatly appreciated!

## SOUP KITCHEN

**1st Presbyterian Church**  
**121 W. Ninth Street, Mich. City**  
**Mondays, November 13th and**  
**December 11th, 6:00 p.m.**

St. John's will provide Monday evening meals for the Men's Shelter. We serve at 1st Presbyterian. We gain access at 6 p.m. and serve at 7:00 p.m.. Please sign up to join us on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office!

## OPERATION BLESSING

St. John's will bless Eternal Anchor Adults at Christmas. St. John's has taken on a new mission with Eternal Anchor. Eternal Anchor cares for some disabled adults. Many of them have no family support. We will work with Kelli Kelly to match up St. John's people with Eternal Anchor's 20 Adult wards. Eternal Anchor will provide names, faces, and brief descriptions. We can choose a person to bless at Christmas time with a care package, as we do with Operation Christmas Child.

Needs include:

(Ten for women, ten for men:) Hair brushes, hair combs, razors, deodorants, socks (size 5-8 for women), socks (size medium, 6-8, for men), hair ties & accessories (women), shaving gel, nail polish, sunglasses, Chapstick or lip gloss, baseball caps, body sprays, digital hand watch, scarves, hand cream, gloves, hats, nail clippers, and shower gel

On November 5, we will gather our Blessing boxes when we box up our Operation Christmas Child items. Our church office will work with Kelli to ship our boxes to Eternal Anchor.

## OFFICE HOURS CONTINUED

We will continue our present office hours through the month of November: the office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The office will close at noon. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you very much!

## MICHIGAN CITY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEN'S SHELTER NEEDS LIST:

Blankets	Pillows
Pillow cases	Milk
Breakfast cereal	Coffee
Creamer (powdered)	Sugar
Coffee filters	Paper towels
9" paper plates	Plastic wrap
6" paper plates	Paper napkins
Plastic cutlery (fork, knife, spoon)	
Aluminum foil	Kleenex
Gallon ziplock	Toilet paper
8 oz. styrofoam cups	
12 oz. styrofoam bowls	
Large foodservice gloves	
Dishwashing soap (liquid)	
Cleaning chemicals (all purpose)	

Items may be donated at the shelters on their night or call Harry for pick up at 874-1143.

Mondays: First Presbyterian Church

Tuesdays: River of Life Church

Fridays: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MEN'S CHOIR

New members are always welcome! Please come join us for a "harmonic experience." We meet Sundays, 10:00 a.m., prior to the second service. Any questions, please call Dolores at 362-3665.



## CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Thank you for continuing to bring items for our Christmas Child boxes.! Still needed are t-shirts and simple toys (i.e., puzzles and jump ropes).

Please join us on **Sunday, November 5th**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge, when we will gather to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child and Operation Blessing.

## PUERTO RICO, UCC DISASTER RELIEF

On Wednesday Oct. 11, Global Ministries (UCC and Disciples of Christ) hosted a webinar, "Peace in the Eye of the Storm." Rev. Miguel Morales Castro is based in Puerto Rico, and he focused on the situation there. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the situation remains dire. Among urgent concerns, he mentioned: hospital care, medical needs generally, the elderly, the homeless, and people living in remote regions of the island. He reports that relief from church and non-government agencies, notably UCC Disaster Ministries, has proved more efficient and effective than that of FEMA. Your donation at: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_2017\\_relief](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief) can go to work immediately, 100%. Zach Wolgemuth, UCC Disaster Ministries Executive, asks us "to support our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico," and "to continue to pray and give financially for what will be a long road ahead."

## SCOUTS BLANKET COLLECTION

Boy Scout Troop 871 will be collecting blankets for the homeless shelters. If you wish to donate, please leave your blanket(s) on the table in Fellowship Hall. *Thank you very much!*

## CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAYS

St. John's Preschool is selling Carson's Community Days, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, coupon booklets. The booklets are \$5.00 each. The Preschool will receive all of the proceeds from the sale. Booklets are available in the church office or at the Preschool during the week. Thank you again for your continued support of the Preschool ministry!

## ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

**Monday, November 6th, 2017**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**~ held here at St. John's ~**



St. John's will once again be hosting the annual Veteran's Day Dinner sponsored by Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home, Michigan City, honoring those who have served in our military. All veterans are welcome! Please RSVP to Geisen-Carlisle, 874-4214, the names of those planning to attend. Please RSVP early as space will be limited.

## PRAYER GROUP

There is a new prayer group which meets here every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. This is an open group! Come join us to offer prayer or drop in if you need prayer for yourself or someone else. Questions, please call Jerry, 219-617-0526.