

NEWS NOTES

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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 a.m., 30; 11:00 a.m. 27, 12:00 p.m., 8; Total: 65; Adults, 9

CHAD ABBOTT HERE AT ST. JOHN'S: ONE SERVICE, OCT. 15TH, 2023

There will be one service on Sunday, October 15th, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Chad Abbott. Since 2018 Rev. Abbot has been serving the I-K UCC as Conference Minister. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2011 in the IKC. Chad has Committee on Ministry experience in the Ohio Conference and passion for Just Peace Leadership, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Public Speaking and Spiritual Direction. He is trained in labyrinth walk facilitation and presentation. Chad is also a published author with his most recent book being *Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy*. Please mark your calendars for Oct. 15th!

MEETING THIS WEEK - WOMEN & FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S ARE INVITED

Mark your calendar for the September Women's Guild meeting this Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at 1 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. The project for the month will be decorating wooden crosses which will be included with our fall children's clothing project and in our holiday gift bags for our shut ins. No crafting or artistic talent is involved in this easy project. Join us to serve others in our projects! Questions? Please ask Karen Lawrenz, Meredith Rumsey or Judy Kerestury.

GRIEF SHARE: GRIEF SUPPORT, YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Are you struggling with the death of someone? Please join Pastor Bill Fine and Major Becky Simmons at this weekly support meeting. When: Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Where: The Salvation Army, 1202 S. Franklin, Michigan City. Registration is not necessary, just come and join in the conversations. Meetings are free and are open to the public.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

St. John's Preschool started on Sep. 5th & 6th. There are 21 children in the Pre-K class and 11 children in the Beginners' class. The children were very excited and anxious to come to school. There were no tears this year, except for a few moms!

Both classes are learning school procedures and have already mastered walking in a line. They love playing on the playground and in Fellowship Hall. The Pre-K class colored self-portraits, and the Beginners' class fingerpainted red apples. Their art work is displayed in the hallway for everyone to admire.

The first field trip will be to Garwood's Orchard on Oct. 5th & 6th. The Michigan City Fire Department will visit each class sometime in October.

Thank you to all who donated to the Preschool! We appreciate your continued generosity and support!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August Treasurer's Report is available in the office. If you would like a copy, please call the office (872-9121) and we will send a copy to

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Office Hrs.: Mon. & Thr., 9-12

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship

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

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

WEDNESDAY – SEP. 20

10:30 a.m. Discipleship group

1:00 p.m. Women's Guild

6:00 p.m. Scouts

SATURDAY – SEP. 23

8:30 a.m. Prayer group

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 24

FOOD BANK

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship

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