

# 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](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday: 9:30 a.m. 18; 11:00 a.m. 29, 12:00 p.m. 11; Total: 58; Adults, 7

## MICHIGAN CITY MESSIAH – APPRECIATION FOR DAN McNABB

You are invited to join the Michigan City Messiah chorus this year. They will be rehearsing and presenting concerts in their new home, the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center in Michigan City. They will celebrate the legacy of Dan McNabb at these performances. Mr. McNabb has been singing with them since his retirement following 50 years of service as their founder and music director. Help them fill the stage with voices of appreciation for his legacy and dedication to this glorious masterwork and the community it serves! This will be his final performance with them as a singer before moving away from Michigan City.

Performances will be Saturday and Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Chorus rehearsals begin on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, so please reserve that date and the subsequent Thursdays (except Thanksgiving) for Messiah rehearsals. Rehearsals run from 7:00-9:30 pm (Central) and are located in the Band Room at the Holdcraft Performing Arts Center. Be sure to let them know if you plan to sing this year so a place will be reserved for you. Please email [mail@MCMessiah.com](mailto:mail@MCMessiah.com) to RSVP. You may check their website, <https://www.mcmessiah.com> for more information, or check the flyer available with today's News Notes or the letter on the main bulletin board.

## CHAD ABBOTT HERE AT ST. JOHN'S: ONE SERVICE, OCT. 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

There will be one service on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. 15<sup>th</sup>!

## FALL GUILD MISSION PROJECT

Let's help children get ready for colder weather – they need warm jackets, hats, gloves, and other clothing items. If you don't wish to do the shopping, join the Guild by donating any money amount. We did some sale

shopping for you ahead of time! So, for an \$8.00 donation, you can provide a winter jacket – for a \$4.00 donation, a hat and gloves! Any clothing item you wish to donate can be placed in the box by the office window and financial donations given to the office or Guild member. Join us in our "For the Children" project!

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

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

**SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 24**

**FOOD BANK**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship

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

**MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 25**

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

**WEDNESDAY – SEP. 27**

10:30 a.m. Discipleship group

1:00 p.m. Preschool Board

6:00 p.m. Scouts

**SATURDAY – SEP. 30**

8:30 a.m. Prayer group

**SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1**

**COMMUNION**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 & 11 a.m.. Worship

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

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

St. John's Preschool started on Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. 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. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!