

## NEWS-NOTES

### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 visit our website, [www.stjohnsmc.org](http://www.stjohnsmc.org) for more information about our church and our activities.

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Sunday: 9:30,16; 11:00 a.m. 27;12:00 p.m.: 10; Total: 53; Adult Sunday School: 11



#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

OCTOBER 30, 2022

9:30 A.M., ONE CHURCH SERVICE, IN SANCTUARY

10:30 A.M., "CELEBRATION"/COOKIE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### LITURGISTS FOR 2023

**We Need YOU!**

Would you like to participate as a Liturgist for the 2023 year at St. John's? Don't be shy—we need your charming voice and positive presence as a Liturgist! Come join our group of dedicated and talented Liturgists! Just call the office and speak with Joyce. She will assign you days that fit with your schedule. Please call 219-872-9121 to add your name to our Liturgist list. The schedule will be sent out in December, 2022.

#### MAKING OUR PLANS EARLY — CONSIDER JOINING US!

The Women's Guild is looking ahead to the holiday season---we already have had requests to order our Peanut Brittle!! We want to be certain that our past workers are able to help the four mornings again--- PLUS we hope to recruit some new men and women to help us. There are all types of jobs so no experience is necessary.

The benefit of joining this endeavor is that we guarantee you will also have lots of fun and experience Christian fellowship!

If you can help us, please sign the form on the sheet posted outside the office on the bulletin board or call Judy Kerestury with any questions or concerns. Our work dates are the mornings of November 17, December 1, 8, and 15.

## **DEEPEST CONDOLENCES**

The family of St. John's wishes to extend deepest condolences to the family of **Mr. Norman Cipares**, brother of St. John's members Tom & Sandy Cipares, who recently entered eternal life. We pray God's peace and comfort on the Cipares family and their friends.

## **BLESSING BAGS TO SHUT INS**

**~ 2023 CALENDARS NEEDED! ~**

The Women's Guild is also collecting 2023 calendars to include in their Blessing Bags which will be delivered to our shut-in residents. Please put your calendars in the collection basket on the table outside the church office. As always, thank you very much for your generosity!

## **PRESCHOOL UPDATE**

The Preschool began the 2022-2023 school year with an open house on September 6-7th. The Preschool families were greeted by Preschool Board members with cookies, coffee, and water. The families toured the building, met the teachers, and completed important paperwork. School started on September 8-9th. There are ten children in the Beginner's class, and twenty in the Pre-Kindergarten class. The children are adjusting to school, and are having lots of fun, especially on the playground.

The Preschool would like to install rubber mulch on the playground. It would be maintenance free, and would be safer for those using the playground. The estimated cost is around \$5,000. The Preschool will be raising funds throughout the year for the project.

Thank you for the "Back To School" donations for the Preschool. They are very much appreciated!

*Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool!!*

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 16: Stewardship Sunday
- November 6: Daylight Sav. Time ends
- November 17: Peanut Brittle
- November 20: Memorial Sunday
- November 27: First Sunday of Advent
- December 1, 8, 15; Peanut Brittle

## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION FOR THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS!**

Until the end of the year, the main focus for St. John's Missions will be the support of the Interfaith Community PADS in Michigan City. PADS needs your help as they embark on Phase 2 of remodeling their homeless shelter: replacing the windows and doors with thermal pane to improve energy efficiency and save on utility costs. They've been challenged by the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, who will give them \$25,000 if they can raise \$25,000 in donations for the project.

Would you like to donate to this important project? Every dollar gets them closer to securing the full grant award. You can learn more about the project and grant at: <https://interfaithcommunitypads.in/ifcpwpr48/> To donate, send a check (with "Phase 2 Remodel" in the memo) to St. John's UCC or to PADS, 1001 W. 8th St, Michigan City, IN 46360.

**HELPING HANDS FOR HOLLY!!**  
**Women's Guild Community Project**  
**Thank you for your donations!!**

The Women's Guild will soon deliver the first boxes of donations to Principal Holly (Applegate) Martinez. Some of the items like winter gloves and some sweatshirts, etc., are not yet in big supply at some stores. So just know that we will continue to leave the Knapp box on the entry table outside the office for any future donations of winter gloves, socks, sweatshirts, tights, as well as other items on our original list. That list is available on the Knapp box. Our children will learn better if they are well taken care of! As always, please pray for Knapp students.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

If you would like a copy of the updated Church Directory, please stop by the table in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office at 219.872.9121.

**BLOODMOBILE**

The next Bloodmobile at St. John's will be Thursday, October 6th, from 12 - 6 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your donation.

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

**Church Office Hrs.: Mon. & Thur., 9-12**

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 25**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Worship

12:00 Gospel service (chapel)

**MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 26**

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

**WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 28**

3:30 p.m. Discipleship group

5:30 p.m. Scouts

**THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 29**

10:00 a.m. Faith Builders class

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 1**

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2**

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Worship

12:00 Gospel service (chapel)