

HOSPITALITY TEAM

A Hospitality Team has been organized to oversee the operations of our church kitchen. The team consists of Beth Ann Ast, Elaine Burkhart, Debbie Dill, Lynda Ferry, Sue Novak and Phyllis Nowatzke. You will see a few subtle changes taking place in the kitchen and some new ideas being implemented over the next month or two.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support group, led by Pastor Dennis Carroll, will continue to meet every other Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Adobe Room.

Upcoming dates are:

October 8th & 22nd

November 5th & 19th

December 3rd & 17th

Questions, please call Pastor Carroll, (219) 898-8492. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES' STUDY

Starting October 21, 2015, a Ladies' Study "*Chai with Malachi*" will begin in the Adobe Room at 6 p.m. for approximately 4 – 5 weeks. "Chai with Malachi" is part of the Coffee Cup Bible Studies series. Briefly summarizing the publisher's book description, "Chai with Malachi" will guide readers through an encounter with the "Lord who rules over all." With an examination of "the 400 silent years between the Book of Malachi and Christ's birth," this study will also lead us into the Advent/Christmas season. If interested, please contact Marina Dingler at 873-9663 by October 10, 2015 so books can be ordered.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

FOOD BANK

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 Christianity 101

9:00 Men's Choir

10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.

11:10 Coffee Hour

CROP Walk, 1:15 p.m. (@ St. John's)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 a.m. Human Choices

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 30

4:10 p.m. Women Part. w/ Christ

5:30 Discovery Dinner

6:00 Bible Study (Jerry)

6:15 Bible Study - "Deborah" (Gerri)

6:30 Handbells

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 4

COMMUNION

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 Christianity 101/Men's Choir

10:00 Worship/Sun. Sch.

11:10 Coffee Hour

11:30 Peeps

ST. JOHN'S CABLE (Ch. 99)

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Wednesday - 1:15 p.m.

Friday - 3:15 p.m. Sunday - 1:15 p.m.



NEWS-NOTES

Sunday, September 27, 2015



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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. Also, please read and fill out the visitor card in your pew rack. **For your convenience, childcare is provided each Sunday, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m., in the preschool playroom. During 8:00 a.m. worship, a quiet room is available for parents, or grandparents, to comfort their children.** Following worship, join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. A church member will be happy to show you the way.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 39; 10:00 a.m., 94; Total: 133

Sunday School: Children, 8; Adults, 8; Total: 16

PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

Join our Guild project by eating peanut brittle, selling peanut brittle, or making peanut brittle! All together we can contribute to agencies in our community which serve others. We can make a difference right here in Michigan City!

St. John's will begin offering its famous peanut brittle at \$8.50 per pound and just in time for Thanksgiving! Orders can be placed in the church office. Tell your family and friends that once again all profits from the sale will be donated to community agencies and to St. John's projects. We will be accepting orders for our work dates of November 19th, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you donate some hours to assist in a St. John's project where the proceeds are donated to community mission work and St. John's projects? (Note: and we guarantee that you will have some fun at the same time!)

Beginning Thursday morning, November 19th, the Peanut Brittle Group will begin work in the kitchen. Our other work dates are December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. (We only work four Thursday mornings, and we welcome your help for one morning or four mornings.) Also note that our volunteers include gentlemen of St. John's as our workers!

All kinds of kitchen workers are needed and NO EXPERIENCE is necessary. Please sign up on the Volunteer sheet on the bulletin board by the office or call Judy (872-4128) if you have questions or concerns.





A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your thoughtful and heartfelt prayers for the healing of Adrianna Beans, granddaughter of Vi & Bud Beans. Adrianna is doing much better than expected. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for a complete recovery.

*Thank you again very much!
The family of Adrianna Beans*



MEN'S & LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Place: Swartz Home,
6121 Old Oak Drive, Mich. City

'15 - '16 Meeting Dates:

October 17th, November 7th & 21st
December 5th & 19th, January 16th
February 6th & 20th, March 5th & 19th
April 2nd & 16th, May 7th & 21st
Questions, call Lisa Kay, 229-8461

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Place: St. John's, in the Parlor

'15 - '16 Meeting Dates:

October 17th, November 7th & 21st
December 5th & 19th, January 16th
February 6th & 20th, March 5th & 19th
April 2nd & 16th, May 7th & 21st
Questions, call Dave, 219-229-8723,
or Pastor Bill, 219-877-7451

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

It may be a little early to start thinking about the Christmas season but one thing we do want you to think about is our second annual Christmas Tea which will be held on Saturday, December 5th here in St. John's Fellowship Hall. This year's theme will be "Candyland" so it will be fun to see how each of the tables will be decorated! Please reserve this date on your calendar. Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, November 8th after both services or from the office during the week. Watch the weekly News Notes and November Messenger for more details as they become available. If you would like to hostess a table, please contact Debbie Dill for further information. She can be reached at 219-362-4345 or dillml@hotmail.com.

MEN'S /WOMEN'S EVENT Saturday, October 3rd 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$5 covers materials, lunch, & coffee
~ Lunch will be included ~

This is a one-day event. The theme for the ladies will be "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade!" The men's theme is "Men Stepping Up." Both themes will seg-way into the new Bible studies which are beginning Saturday, October 17th.

Ladies will meet in the Adobe Room; men will meet in the Youth Lounge. Both groups will come together for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board nearest office. You may pay at the door or pre-pay your \$5.00. Attendance at this event is not required in order to attend the Bible studies; conversely, you may attend the event and not the following Bible studies. Questions, call Dave (229-8723) or Lisa Kay (229-8461).

ST. JOHN'S "DOINGS"

Thank you to all who stopped at the Outreach table on Picnic Sunday to learn about our Bible studies, CROP Walk, and Christmas Child Boxes!

- **Christmas Child Boxes**

It's almost fall! But there are still t-shirts, flip-flops, and colored pencils on sale. These are welcome additions to the gift boxes that are sent to reflect Christ's love. We ask for your prayers and support as we reach out to God's children. Please consider sponsoring a Christmas Child box! Postage is \$7.00 each and the contents are from \$20 - \$30 each. We are able to purchase many items in bulk. Still needed are:

- small flashlights & batteries, combs,
hair ties and barrettes, small cars

These can be put in the box in the library by November 1st.

- **Blanket and Mosquito Net Fund**

This collection ends on Sunday, October 11th. Checks can be made to St. John's with the notation "CSW Blanket." *Thank you!!*



UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST!

You are invited to help "decorate" T-shirts for the Christmas Child boxes, Sunday, October 11th, right after the 10:00 worship service.

HELP NEEDED!

On Sunday, November 1st, it is our turn to prepare and serve lunch at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Arrive about 9:00 a.m. for prep and we will serve from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Please call Lynda (872-1427) if you can help!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

~ CRAFTERS/VENDORS NEEDED ~

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, St. John's will host our annual Christmas Bazaar in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters and vendors are needed. Cost is \$25 per 8 foot table. Set-up time will be 8:00 a.m. the day of the bazaar. Please contact Betty (874-3725) or Judy (872-4128) for additional information.

KITCHEN REMINDER

Please remember to label any food item you place in a St. John's refrigerator. Make sure your label has the date the item was placed in the refrigerator, along with your name or your group's name. This will help ensure that our foodstuffs are kept fresh and used in a timely manner. Labels and markers are available for your use in the base cabinet next to the commercial refrigerator, in the top drawer. Thank you so much!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES UPDATE

Our St. John's Preschool especially needs donations of hand wipes, paper towels, tissues, and disinfecting wipes. There are a total of 52 students attending this year!

PEEPS MEETINGS

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge as we gather for lunch, fellowship, and to encourage one another as we raise the future leaders of our church. 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

- September 20th, October 4th & 18th
November 1st and 15th
December 6th and 20th, January 17th
February 7th and 21st
March 6th and 20th, April 3rd and 17th
May 1st and 15th