

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, 10:00 a.m., 48; Adult: 5

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Today we will welcome at the 10 a.m. worship service **Mrs. Carla Zancha** and **Mr. Philip Smith** into full membership of the family of St. John's UCC. Please offer them a warm welcome when you see them today!

SINCERE THANKS!

Mrs. Phyllis Nowatzke wishes to offer a most heartfelt "Thank You!!" to everyone who so thoughtfully sent her cards and get-well wishes! They were most welcomed and she sincerely appreciates all your kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, and prayers in her recovery! *Thank you very, very much!!*

"FOR THE CHILDREN!" – IT'S BACK!

One of the Women's Guild's favorite community charity projects is "For the Children." Each fall we focus on collecting winter items for children in our community and then donate them to the Michigan city Salvation Army. They reach out to deserving families to outfit area children.

Our goal is to collect clothing items for children ages infant to age 11. We are asking for donations of all types of clothing items for children: winter jackets, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, shirts, underwear, diapers, and pull-ups for babies, wipes, etc. We will have a collection box where you can donate any items. OR we are glad to do your shopping for you! Any financial donation can be given to the church office or a Guild member. Our goal on winter jackets, for example, is to donate over 20 complete with hat, gloves, and scarf. Because we have excellent, thrifty shoppers in the Guild, a \$9 donation will cover the cost of a winter jacket, hat, and mittens!! Yes, you read it correctly, only a \$9 donation for all that!

So, we ask for your prayers for this project, as well as your donations of items or a financial donation. Thank you for considering this project—For the Children!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE A MEMBER TO CHURCH?

If there are St. John's members in your neighborhood who would need a ride to St. John's so they may attend our 10:00 a.m. worship service, would you be willing to bring them? If so, please call the office (872-9121), leave your name, and we will see if there is anyone nearby your home who might benefit from a lift to church on Sunday morning.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES, OCTOBER 1ST (AM. RED CROSS) AND OCT. 24TH (VERSITI)

There will be two blood drives at St. John's in October, Tuesday, October 1st, 12- 6 p.m., and Thursday, October 24th, from 11 – 3 p.m., both in Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating at one of these drives this fall!

"JAM" (JESUS AND ME) YOUTH

The JAM youth ministry program meets from 8:30-9:30 a.m. every Sunday, with drop off starting at 8:20. Children between the ages of 4-10 are welcome to attend and parents may register them at their first class. Email Jennifer at jamstjohns@yahoo.com with questions. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this outreach.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (office hours, Mon. & Thur. 9 – 12 p.m.)

SUNDAY – SEP. 29; New Member Sunday; Noisy Offering

8:30 Chris. 101 & JAM Youth; 10: Worship

TUES. – OCT. 1

12 – 6 p.m. Blood Drive

WED. – OCT. 2

9:30 a.m. Discipleship;

6 p.m. Scouts

SAT. – OCT. 5

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group

MONDAY – SEP. 30

6 p.m. Men's Study

SUN. – OCT. 6 - Communion

8:30 Chr. 101 & JAM; 10 Worship