

*The Gathering at  
St. John's United Methodist Church  
Welcome we're so glad you are here  
and will come back*



*February 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m. Modern Praise*

*To Welcome and affirm all people to experience the love of God,  
Learn together to follow the example of Jesus, and  
Work to be a blessing to our community and the world*

*PLEASE, as a courtesy to your fellow worshippers, 'silence'  
Your cell phones before worship begins. Thank you!*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

\* Music to Praise God

*Praise Awaits You*

*No Chains on Me*

*All in All*

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of St. Francis Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me  
sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that  
we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Gift of Music

God's Holy Word

John 1:1-12

NRSVUE

The Message



*Pastor Amy Kalm*

Sermon Song

*We Are the Light of the World*

Offering/\* Modern Doxology



*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*United Methodist Hymnal # 95 (lyrics)*

Our Giving To The Work Of The Church

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Music For The Journey

*Great Things*



### **PRAYERS OF PRAISE**

† John Pool (Ruth Cisney's brother) - Cancer Free!

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

The following people have health concerns:

- † Mary Van Houten
- † Hudson (Judy Rose's grandson)
- † Roger Anders—COPD
- † Keverne Anders—cancer
- † Fred Grigg
- † Corie Jensen
- † Patsy Brocnik
- † John Rose (kidney cancer)
- † JoAnne McIver
- † Sophia—stroke
- † Pastor Ray Christianson
- † Chuck McKee
- † Bob D
- † Nicole Boone (Karen Seaborn's granddaughter)
- † Curt Laumann
- † Adam & Brita McDaniel
- † Cheyanne B.
- † Jane—cancer
- † John Shaorter
- † Wendall Carter
- † Lorena Meier
- † Aubrey (10 yrs. Old) - Cancer
- † Joy Creelman
- † Hannah Wigginton-surgery successful/continued healing
- † Jeanette Henderson—surgery
- † Jennifer Owen—healing/recovery
- † Helen Huston
- † Verel & Sandy Salmon



### **PRAYERS FOR SYMPATHY**

- † Family & Friends of Louis Hauck and Dian McCartney
- † Family & Friends of Millie McGee
- † Family & Friends of Arno Gates

### **PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & OTHER CONCERNS**

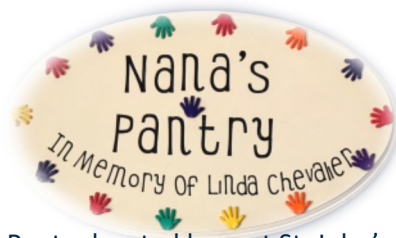
- † David Frye
- † The St. John's UMC Church Family

**See the Newsletter for District Prayers, and  
Long-Term Prayer List.  
Submit prayer requests to the Prayer Chain through  
E-mail – [st.johns@citlink.net](mailto:st.johns@citlink.net)  
or by phone – 692-8828**

# **Sunday Worship on Thursday**

**Can't make it to Church on Sunday?  
Well we have the answer...  
Sunday Worship on Thursday**

***Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.*  
we have a 'Sunday'  
Worship Service here at St. John's UMC  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!**



Nana's Pantry located here at St. John's UMC is:

***OPEN FRIDAYS FROM  
9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.***

St. John's UMC also has a small clothing closet that is open on Fridays during our Food Box distributions

***DONATIONS NEEDED:***

***Canned Veggies; Canned Meat; Canned Beans;  
Canned Fruit; Spaghetti Sauce; Dried Pasta  
Rice; Cereal; Canned Soup; Mac & Cheese  
Toilet Paper***



# Wednesday Night Potluck & Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us  
on Wednesdays  
beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
with a Potluck  
followed by Bible Study

# Coffee with Friends



Everyone is invited to join us the  
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10 a.m.  
for Coffee, Food, and Fellowship



# Lenten Lunches

**Lenten Lunch start Friday, March 7th!**

**What are Lenten Lunches?**

**This is a special worship offered each week of Lent. We start with a brief service at 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch together.**

**Volunteers needed to lead each brief service and provide light lunches.**

**Please see Pastor Amy for details.**



Did you know that a Printed Copy of the Sermon is available? If you would like to follow along with Pastor Amy on Sundays, you can just use the QR Code below or go to our website:



# Confirmation

*Confirmation Classes starting February 23rd  
After the Traditional Worship Service  
Mentors Needed!  
Please see Pastor Amy to be a Mentor or  
to be Confirmed*



**Tuesday:** Skippy only did one thing this weekend. (Remember that Skippy is Pastor Amy's evil twin that works when PA shouldn't be working) Finished the order of worship for the Celebration of Life for Louis and Dian.

**Wednesday:** Walked in to church a bit later than usual. Hellos to the Men's Bible Study. After coffee sat down with Heidi to look at the week ahead. Andrea Penn stopped by and we discussed what would be needed for the Bunny Car Hop registration form and what needed to go on the brochures for our Spring Fling. After preschool chapel (cute as always!), created the form, tested it with Heidi and then she started cranking out the flyers. Kept my QuickBooks skills sharp by helping Tracy with a few bank reconciliation questions. Also the orders of worship were created for Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Prepped for our Wednesday night Bible Study. Pastoral care session. Wednesday night potluck was delicious. Bible study started with a rousing game of Mad Libs followed by a deep look at the first chapter of Philippians. Funny thing, as we closed up the buildings. As usual, I set the alarm and started walking to my car. As you know I park a bit away from the building. As I got to my car I looked over at the sanctuary and saw lights on. GASP! The Beale Street theater was in there practicing for Cinderella. There is a 90 second gap between the time you set the alarm, and it actually sets. I found out that I can still run pretty fast if needed. The director called just as I successfully opened the door and unset the alarm. Whew!

**Thursday:** Met with Trudy to talk about the Friday service. Prep for the Harps of Hope sermon. Call from a parishioner about counseling a family member. Scheduled! Pastoral care session. Thursday night service. Check, check, check.

**Friday:** Quick check in with the food pantry people. Hellos to the office staff. Pastoral care call and scheduling an in-person meeting. Then it was off to prepare for Ryan's memorial service. The sanctuary was beautiful. Flowers, pictures, a guitar, and running shoes. The number of people who attended was so heartfelt. I know how much it meant to Trudy and Mike. The music was beautiful too. Thanks to our Foodies4Faith who served drinks and arranged the potluck dishes so nicely. That wasn't all that was part of my day. I had a meeting with someone from the reading team. They read all of my 17 papers! I received feedback on questions they had. Back to the fellowship hall to help take up all the tables, because there was a blood drive the next morning. After that it was time to get to better know an already beloved part of our church family. Spent a few minutes working on the sermon. Prayer with a TOPS member who left something important at the meeting.



**Saturday:** Arrived at church a few minutes before 7 to open up for Vitalant, our blood drive company. I walked down the hall towards the fellowship hall and what do I see in there? TABLES AND CHAIRS!!! My first thought was, "Did Robert set them back up"? But no, he doesn't work on Friday. There was a bit of relief when I found that only two tables were put back up and about 20 chairs. But still...the blood drive would be there any minute. As quickly as I could (I'm no he-woman) I got the 2 tables, and all the chairs put back up. As it turned out, the blood drive people didn't show up til 7:20 (grrr) so I had plenty of time. Went back home to really get ready for the day. Back to church by 9:30. Pastoral care session. The campus was a buzz with blood drive people, support group meeting, and practice going on in the sanctuary for Cinderella. Happy, happy, joy, joy! Sent service for Louis and Dian to his sister for review. Worked on and finished the sermon and the rest of the service items.

**Sunday:** Sunday, Sunday...Baa Baa Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba! Love Sundays. Love sing all of you. Sharing some laughs and also sharing in our mutual love for each other and God. It was so much fun to start announcing about Spring Fling. Again, wonderful music in both services! Lorena returns on February 11<sup>th</sup>! Hooray! When she gets back, we'll see how she feels about a return date. Hopefully by March 9<sup>th</sup> we can have the choir back! After the services and finally conversations with beloved church family members, headed over to my office. Quick hi to the counters and answered questions about where some offerings should go. It was then that I learned about Cookiegate. Someone stole most of the fellowship cookies from the cookie jar. We suspect the blood drive people. Sorry if you had a few less cookies at fellowship hour. Not intentional. Ran home to change. Back for pastoral care session. Cranked out the Weekly Devotion before I ran out of steam. Skippy will play this week. What song is drifting in my head right now. "Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar? Vitalant stole the cookie from the cookie jar." 🍪

## St. John's UMC Weekly Calendar February 16, 2025 thru February 22, 2025

### *Sunday ~ February 16*

8:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship  
9:00 AM Modern Praise  
10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

### *Monday ~ February 17*

5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study

### *Tuesday ~ February 18*

12:00 PM

#### *Bulletin/Connection Deadline*

10:00 AM Coffee with Friends

### *Wednesday ~ February 19*

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30 PM Potluck  
6:00 PM Bible Study

### *Thursday ~ February 20*

#### **Cornerstone Pick-Up**

9:00 AM Morning Glories

**5:30 PM Thursday Worship**

### *Friday ~ February 21*

8:00 AM T.O.P.S.

9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'

### *Saturday ~ February 22*

10:00 AM NA Meeting

**1:00 PM Memorial Service**

### **To the Parents of Our Young Children, may we suggest...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't  
feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

All are Welcome!