

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



*January 12, 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

Your Grace is Enough

Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling

Thy Word

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.

Gift of Music

God's Holy Word

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NRSVUE

The Message



Pastor Amy Kalm

Sermon Song

River of Life (Spring Up O Well)

BAPTISM RENEWAL

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

Shine Jesus Shine



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

The following people have health concerns:

- † Mary Van Houten
- † Hudson (Judy Rose's grandson)
- † Roger Anders—COPD
- † Keverne Anders—cancer
- † Susan Bethel
- † Fred Grigg
- † Corie Jensen
- † Patsy Brocnik
- † John Rose (kidney cancer)
- † Sherry Potter
- † JoAnne McIver
- † Sophia—stroke
- † Pastor Ray Christianson
- † Avery Hicks (Mike & Trudy's granddaughter)-knee injury
- † Chuck McKee
- † Curtis Thurman
- † Bob D
- † Nicole Boone (Karen Seaborn's granddaughter)
- † Barbara Bourell (Ruth's Cisney's sister)-heart issues
- † Curt Laumann
- † Adam & Brita McDaniel
- † Paul Kovacs
- † Cheyanne B.
- † Eddie Deck (George & Ruth's son in-Law)-Parkinson's
- † Wyatt (George & Ruth's Great Grandson) born 12/2/24
- † Hannah Deering—miscarriage
- † Leila Lawson
- † Nicole Castro
- † Jane—cancer
- † John Shaorter
- † Wendall Carter
- † Lorena Meier



PRAYERS FOR SYMPATHY

- † Family & Friends of Vicki Pomykala (Sandie Womack's sister)

PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & OTHER CONCERNS

- † David Frye
- † Rob B.
- † Trudy & Mike
- † 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
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!**

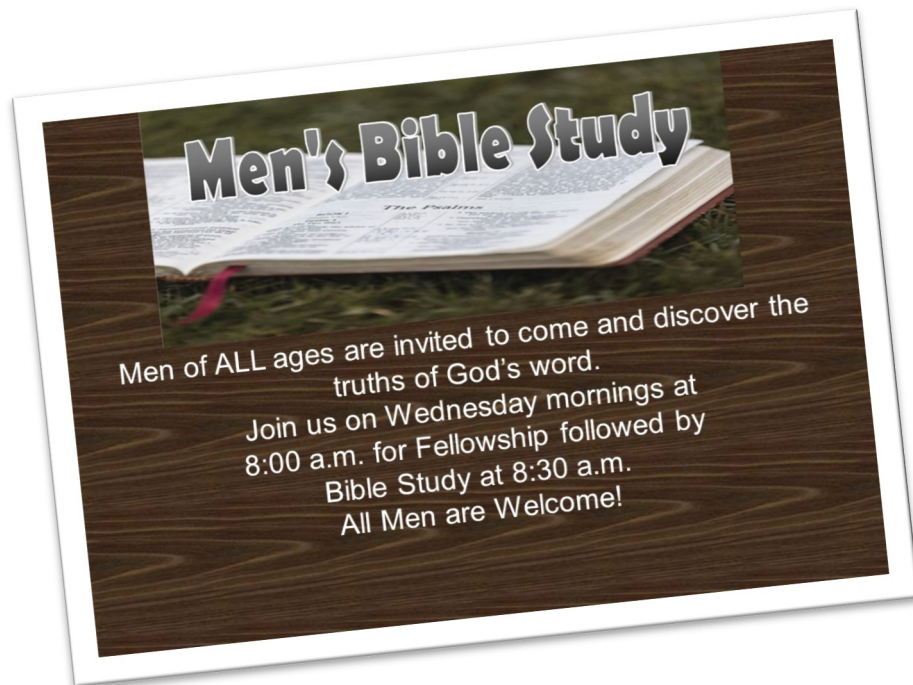


Nana's Pantry located here at St. John's UMC is:

***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

Please see the Giving Tree in the Lobby of the Worship Center for Tags with the needs of the Pantry if you would like to donate. Please see the 'Giving Tree' in the Lobby of the Worship Center for items needed in the Pantry.



Wednesday Night Potluck & Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Potluck & Bible
Study is taking a break until
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Coffee with Friends



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



**Check us out online at:
st.johnsumc.com
For all the latest News and Happenings**





Dear Pastor Amy and St. John's Methodist Church, I am very excited to announce this opportunity to you guys and exemplify the work that God has been doing through me and to better myself and be a role model for my community. Nothing would make me happier than if you guys could help support me on this faith journey were I will be able to share the message of God and his holy word to college students on whatever campus they send us to. I can't wait to build my worshiping skills on this trip and know I have the support of my hometown church family. I'm involved with Hope Church Movement, which is a collegiate-focused, church planting movement in 5 cities reaching 24 college campuses. The mission trips and leadership events I'll be a part of will give me an opportunity to be trained and equipped to share my story and the Gospel with other college students!



Wesley Larson

Help Wesley Larson with his mission trip with Hope Church Movement by following the link or Designate 'Wesley's Mission Trip' on your Offering Envelope



Since New Year's Day was on a Wednesday and the office was closed, you get a Amy Odyssey vacation edition for that day.

Pastor Amy's Vacation: "I'm dreaming of a COVID Christmas" said nobody ever! But that's exactly what happened. Suzanne tested positive the Thursday before and Meg tested positive the day before. Knock on wood, I didn't get it. But it changed our plans for Christmas Day. We postponed our Cracker Barrel Christmas dinner until New Year's Day, so my mom wouldn't get sick. Instead we made pancakes. I took a drive. We watched cheesy Christmas movies. Dinner was a lovely Stouffer's lasagna! The rest of the vacation involved: sleeping, getting back into walking, meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, eating, cleaning up the house which with all the Christmas activities was a disaster, more sleeping, doctors appointments, shopping, more eating, and more sleeping. New Year's Eve I had a reservation at my couch. We continued our tradition of appetizers, another cheesy movie, watching a NYE show, and celebrating with NYC when the ball drops at 10:00 pm. Then it was time for bed. Welcomed 2025 the next day. Finally opened all our Christmas gifts. Watch the Tournament of Roses parade. Agonized when the Sun Devils came so close to winning. Watched a worthless nut put the hurt on a duck. Christmas Day dinner was just as good on New Year's Day. Time to start thinking about getting back to work. Yay! I couldn't wait!

Thursday: First day back and of course it was going to feel like a Wednesday, except it wasn't. Caught up with Heidi and planned out what would be needed for a very busy week ahead. We had a memorial service on Saturday and the normal Sunday worship things. Planned out services for the 12th which will be baptism renewal! Started working on the message for the memorial service. Looked at list of potential substitute pianists for while Lorena is recovering. Was grateful to be able to enjoy Ms. Ginny Patterson's testimony in the Thursday evening service.

Friday: Greeted the food pantry people. What an amazing team we have. Worked on setting up individual meetings with each committee leader. Met with Avery, the son of the lady we would be celebrating on Saturday. Went through last minute details. Checked in with the Foodies4Faith, who were preparing the lunch for after the memorial service. They were sure making the church smell delicious. Especially that lemon cheesecake. Finalized the message for the memorial service. Started working on the message for Sunday.

Saturday: At the church bright and early to get things opened up and ready for the Memorial Service. The service was for Mitsy Petersen, a teacher of 30 years in Golden Valley, not a member of our church, but definitely a well-loved member in the community. The 60 in attendance were a mix of family, teachers, school staff, and even some students. Many beautiful stories were shared. The lunch that our F4F served was not only gorgeous, but also absolutely delicious. If you've never had Peggy Harback's chicken salad, you are missing out! After the lunch started breaking up, I had a session with my spiritual director. She is helping me prepare for my Provisional Elder interview in February. She's doing this by having me read my papers out loud while she listens. I'm so grateful to have found her. Next on the agenda? Meeting with Blake Rawls, director of the upcoming Beale Street Theater production of "Cinderella." Their practice location fell through. So I hope you are as happy as I am to know that our church will be their practice location starting this very week. They are so grateful to be able to use our space. After that it was time to finalize the sermon and other parts of the Covenant Renewal Service for Sunday. Then home!

Sunday: Arrived at church and ALL WAS NOT RIGHT IN THE WORLD! Louis' car was not parked at the church. This can only mean one thing. PANIC!!! This meant me opening the doors to the sanctuary. I also started getting out communion stuff. Thankfully our Communion Minister, Ginny P, picked up where I left off after getting spirited away. The internet was off in the education building, but thankfully rebooting the router and fellowship hall computer fixed that. Spent a few moments with our amazing Sunday School leader, Miss Chris. She hasn't had the best week and really needs our prayers. Then deer in the headlights...I needed a lamp of some sort for my children's message. Ack! Looked through all the rooms. Of course with our fine overhead lighting everywhere, we don't have lamps. It took two passes through the cave of wonders (storage space) behind the fellowship hall, but I found something. It wasn't pretty, but it would have to do. Heidi came to the rescue with an extension cord. Thank you all for humoring me on doing the entire Covenant Renewal liturgy. I know it was long, but I think you might agree that it would be hard to cut much of it. Spent time with our new church council chairperson, Dave Kopecky. We talked about the church goals and some exciting things that we will be cooking up for the coming year. Pastoral care session and then writing the Amy Odyssey and Weekly devotion. Skippy will still be on vacation this week. Wondering who left the freezer door open outside. Brr!!!

St. John's UMC Weekly Calendar January 12, 2025 thru January 18, 2025

Sunday ~ January 12

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

Monday ~ January 13

5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study

Tuesday ~ January 14

12:00 PM

Bulletin/Connection Deadline

Wednesday ~ January 15

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Thursday ~ January 16

Cornerstone Pick-Up

9:00 AM Morning Glories

5:30 PM Thursday Worship

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday ~ January 17

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

9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'

Saturday ~ January 18

8:00 AM Men's Fellowship

10:00 AM NA Meeting

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!