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Pastor's Corner

I'm sure you were expecting my October newsletter article to be all about stewardship. After all, that's what we've been talking about through all of September. And that was my original plan. But as important as it is to talk about the gifts we give to support the ministries of this church, I found a topic that was even more important when I was at leadership institute. It's a series that was offered to all attending churches by Adam Hamilton.

This topic centers around a rule. THE rule actually. Jesus talks about it as he ties up his Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 7:12 he says this, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Today we know this as The Golden Rule. Most of us would be able to recite this rule. But isn't hard to put it in practice? Jesus sure said hard things.

That's why for the rest of October and the first Sunday in November we will be going over 4 of the different aspects of this rule of all rules. This will take us up to the election, a place that makes following this rule more difficult than ever. By looking at these aspects of the Golden Rule, perhaps we might find ourselves equipped against divisiveness and anxiety.

The 4 aspects of the Golden Rule that we will cover are: Kindness, Compassion, Respect, and Love. We won't have time to talk about humility, but I will cover that in one of my weekly devotions.

We will find words of wisdom from Luke, Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew. And let's remember that Jesus lived in very turbulent times. If it wasn't the Pharisees and Sadducees, it was the Romans who were wreaking havoc on those living in Israel at the time.

As tumultuous as those times were, Jesus was still able to look at things differently. He called his disciples and us to imagine a world where we treat each other generously. Where we know what it feels like to live in generous love.

A Message from Our Lay Leader

Points to Ponder

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8

The Gullah Geechee culture is a unique African American heritage that developed in the coastal regions of the southeastern U.S., particularly in the Lowcountry regions of South Carolina, Georgia and parts of Florida. The people there were isolated from other cultures, and developed a language that combines English with western African words and traditions. This mixture of sounds and rhythms has created some beautiful songs and stories. One such song is recognized by us as Kumbaya (Come By Here).

The origin of the song is unknown, but was first recorded by folklorist Robert Winslow Gordon in 1926. Gordon traveled around the country, looking for local cultures and songs that were disappearing in the 20th century with the advent of mass media like radio. While on a trip to Georgia, Gordon used his Edison recording machine to make wax cylinders of several songs in the Gullah dialect by a Gullah singer only known as H. Wylie. One stood out for its simplicity, beauty and message, Kumbaya.

Kumbaya is a simple plea for God to be with us in our tough times. “Someone’s crying Lord, Come by here.” During the turbulent protest times of the 1950s and 60s, Kumbaya became a plea for divine intervention on behalf of oppressed people. It was a message that said, “We are hurting, Lord, and we need to feel that you are near us.” I remember singing this song around campfires at church camps in the 60s and 70s. Then, somewhere along the way, Kumbaya came to be mocked. The song became tied to unrealistic expectations. Politicians and others used it as a way of saying that things were tough, and the problems of this world are not easily settled. “These things will not be solved by having us all sit around a campfire, roasting marshmallows and singing Kumbaya.” While that may be true for complex issues, it is also true that we need God’s presence, especially in trying times.

James reminds us that if we draw near to God, God will draw closer to us. How do we do this? Through getting back to living the way God wants us to and expects us to as his children. We have God’s promise to never leave us or forsake us, so if we don’t feel close to God, we can know that it is us who have pulled away. The verses in Kumbaya starts with, “someone’s crying, Lord,” to “someone’s praying, Lord” to “someone’s singing, Lord.” If we want to move from the crying to the singing we need to remember to do the praying! May we all feel the presence of God in our lives, today and always.

Blessings,

Dave Kopecky
Lay Leader

Whatever our political preferences and views, I hope we can all agree that kindness still matters. Jesus demonstrated this all throughout his ministry. He offered grace to friends, family, and those who would eventually be responsible for his death. Think about how he healed the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue ruler and the Roman Centurian's servant. When he fed the 5,000, he didn't question whether they agreed with him or not.

I know we're all proud to be Americans and grateful to be Christians. I certainly am. Can we be champions of kindness? Can we be part of a revolution of kindness?

With this article is an image you'll see throughout this series. It's in the shape of a heart. One lobe is red. The other lobe is blue. These colors come together in the center to form the color purple. This is a call to move from silos to togetherness. To engage in conversation that seeks common good. We aren't out to sway each other or change each other. We are here to take the best of what we have in ourselves to make the world a better place.

Church family, God has brought us together in this time and space and gives us a very important mission. "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." Let's continue our commitment to Welcoming, Learning, and Working to do just that here in Kingman, AZ.

Pastor Amy



A Message from Our Finance Director

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Blessings to you all,

Here is the monthly financial report for the month of August, general fund giving for the month was \$11,167.05, compared to last year, which was \$10,231.49. Miscellaneous income for the month was \$312.99 compared to last August which was \$491.06. Total income for August 2024 was \$11,480.04 compared to last year, which was \$10,650.55. As you can see, we are slightly above in giving from where we were in last year.

Our general fund income for the year through August 31, 2024, was \$95,234.49 compared to last year, which was \$111,912.17.

We are down \$16,677.68 from last year's giving, this time last year.

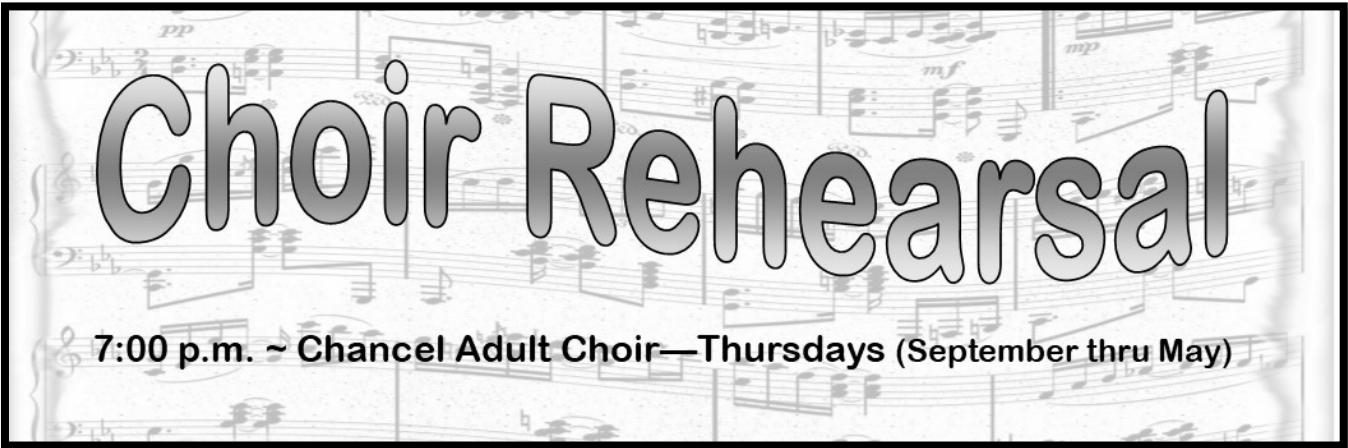
Total revenue for this year through August 31, 2024, was \$120,825.50 compared to last year which was \$185,219.68. Although August revenue is up this year, our revenue for the year is quite a bit lower than last year, with a difference of \$-64,394.18. Our profit and loss report shows that we have a negative net balance of **\$69,264.54** for the year through August 31.

Please be in prayer about how much you might be able to increase your giving. God is faithful to provide, especially if He asks you to trust Him with your finances.

Tracy Sheehy
Finance Director



October 6th	<p><i>What's in the Stew?</i> World Communion Sunday Sermon: Marks of True Christianity Scripture: Romans 12:9-21 NRSVUE</p>
October 13th	<p><i>Do Unto Others</i> Sermon: Red & Blue Make Purple: Kindness Scripture: Luke 6:31-36 NRSVUE</p>
October 20th	<p><i>Do Unto Others</i> Sermon: The Polarization Within: Compassion Scripture: Isaiah 11:6-9 NRSVUE</p>
October 27th	<p><i>Do Unto Others</i> Sermon: Living Together on Uncommon Ground: Respect Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-26 NRSVUE</p>





ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

TBD

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study

Potluck at 5:30 p.m. followed by Study at 6 p.m.



Board of Trustees ~ Meets 1st Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.

(January, April, July, October)

Next meeting is: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the Resource Center

Nurture Team ~ 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Finance Team ~ Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:00 p.m.

(January, April, July, October)

Next meeting is: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 in the Resource Center

Church Council ~ Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.

(January, April, July, October)


Next meeting is: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 in the Resource Center

Sunday Worship on Thursday

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

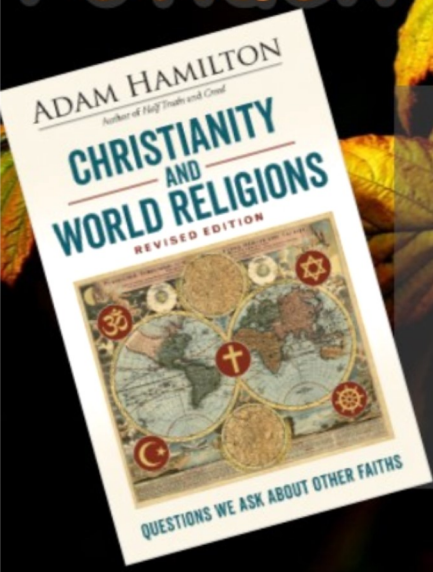
***Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.*
we have a 'Sunday'
Worship Service here at St. John's UMC**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!



Men's Bible Study

Men of ALL ages are invited to come and discover the truths of God's word.
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Fellowship followed by Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.
All Men are Welcome!



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

WWF

**Widow & Widowers Fellowship
Next Gathering:**

**Thursday, October 17th at 10 a.m.
We will be meeting at the Church and
then going to have lunch at:
Grandpa's Kitchen
(3065 E. Northern Avenue, Ste. 'A')**



Coffee with Friends



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

Men's Breakfast Fellowship



Men's Breakfast Fellowship!!!
All Men are invited to join us on:
Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 8 a.m. for
Food, Fellowship, and FUN!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Church Conference
Sunday, November 24, 2024
At 3 p.m. here at St. John's UMC



St. John's UMC Craft Fair 2024

**Saturday, October 12, 2024
9 a.m. ~ 3 p.m.**

**For more information, please email:
sjumcCraftFair2024@gmail.com**

St. John's UMC

Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Open October 6th thru
October 31st
Mondays thru Saturdays:
9 a.m.—6 p.m.
Sundays: Noon—6 p.m.

1730 Kino Avenue





**Want to help those affected by
Hurricane Helene?
Scan the QR Code to give to
UMCOR (United Methodist
Committee on Relief)
100% of Donations go to those
affected by the Hurricane**





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

If you know someone that is in need,
please let them know about us.

If you are interested in being part of this
ministry here at St. John's,
please contact Heidi in the Church Office at: (928) 692-8828 or st.johns@citlink.net

***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.
Thank you!***

Prayers for our North District Churches

As part of the United Methodist connection we pray to support one another in ministry. During the month of September please pray for these churches, ministries, pastors, congregations, and communities.

- 1) St. Michael's UMC, Lake Havasu City, Arizona
- 2) Trinity UMC, Las Vegas, Nevada



Pray Every Day for our Military Members—

Devin Arrants, Brian Barnacle, Justin Bayles, John Belcher, Chris Bradley, Greg Brewer, Dan Brocklehurst, Stacie Brown, Brady Burr, Ryan Burr, Erik Burris, Lucas James Butler, Clint Caldwell, Bobby Carlson, Charles Carroll, Nathaniel Castor, Amber Caswell, Richard Cole, Anthony Costa, Jenny Dalton, Colin Dyer, Daniel Eagan, Karen Eagan, Anthony Elliot, Adam Ernesti, Austin Ernesti, Ben Ferrell, Christie Francis, Adam Georges, Ethan Granger, Holly Gibbons, Joey Gormany, Brenton Green, George Hatchell Jr., Colin Arno Henry, Camerron Higbee, Jessica Huffer, Isaiah Huynh, Brian Illes, Jeremiah Johnson, Travis Johnson, David Kent, Jeffery Lederhouse, Ryan Miller, Danny Morales, Jennifer Parker, Jonathan Parker, Katrina Powell, Tyler Radcliffe, Will Ray, William Ritchie, Juan Roman, Jamuel Ruiz, Bryson Salazar, Ben Schwartzfigure, Sean Schwartzfigure, Jared Shulpa, Matthew Simone, Troy Smith, Daniel Travis, Jeff Vicario, Ashley Caswell Walker, Andrew Weatherford, Jason Williams, Chad Wright

Long Term Prayer List

To make changes to this list, please call the church office at (928) 692-8828 Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. —4 p.m. or email us at stjohnsprayerchain@citlink.net. We make every effort to keep the names on this list current, and we have a quarterly meeting to do so. Your help is appreciated so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lois Baker; Jennifer Casey; Kristen Coates; Sally Diehl; Debra Eberly; Gary Forde; Steven Frazine; Arno & Vera Gates; Patty George; Dana Godfrey; Carol Halen; Paula Hupp; Julie Jensen; Ed Krause; Amy Lunsford; Dale McCartney; Betty Mixon; Krista Nielson; Betty Rowe; Nandhini Sankar; Gert Schacht; Marc Schacht; Debbie Scott; Rodney Shutts; Karran Smith; Pam Smith; Rod Smith; Karen Spira; Jeremy Thomas; Don Waller; Lois Waller; John Walls; Pam Wally; Scott White; Zoe Wober;

For Your Information

Publication Deadlines

Bulletin Announcements for church events are due to the church office by **Tuesdays at 12:00 PM.** Bulletins are printed on Tuesday afternoons.

St. John's Connection for church events and happenings are due to the church office no later than **Tuesdays at 12 p.m.**

The Connection Email is sent out on Wednesday mornings.



The **November 2024 Newsletter** deadline is:
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 by 4:00 PM.

You can e-mail your submissions, with Bulletin, Newsletter, or Connection in the subject line to Heidi at:
st.johns@citlink.net.



Group meetings Saturday mornings at
10:30 a.m. in the
St. John's UMC Multi-Purpose Room

Other Groups that meet here at St. John's UMC

Morning Glories

Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. (September-June)

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Friday mornings:

Weigh-In begins at 8 a.m.
Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

Cerbat Garden Club

Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. (August-June)

Bible Readings; Birthdays; Anniversaries



October Daily Bible Readings	
October 1	Psalm 99, 100; Matthew 7:1-12
October 2	Psalm 101, 109; Matthew 7:13-21
October 3	Psalm 105; Matthew 7:22-29
October 4	Psalm 107:1-32; Matthew 8:1-17
October 5	Psalm 107:33-42; Matthew 8:18-27
October 6	Psalm 118, 145; Luke 7:11-17
October 7	Psalm 106; Matthew 8:28-34
October 8	Psalm 123, 124; Matthew 9:1-8
October 9	Psalm 119:145-176; Matthew 9:9-17
October 10	Psalm 133, 134; Matthew 9:18-26
October 11	Psalm 140, 142; Matthew 9:27-34
October 12	Psalm 127, 144; Matthew 9:35-10:4
October 13	Psalm 112, 113; Luke 7:36-50
October 14	Psalm 3, 4; Matthew 10:5-15
October 15	Psalm 6, 10; Matthew 10:16-23
October 16	Psalm 12, 13, 14; Matthew 10:24-33
October 17	Psalm 18; Matthew 10:34-42
October 18	Psalm 17, 22; Matthew 11:1-6
October 19	Psalm 116, 117; Matthew 11:7-15
October 20	Psalm 149, 150; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
October 21	Psalm 9, 15; Matthew 11:16-24
October 22	Psalm 28, 36; Matthew 11:25-30
October 23	Psalm 119:25-48; Matthew 12:1-14
October 24	Psalm 37; Matthew 12:15-21
October 25	Psalm 31, 35; Matthew 12:22-32
October 26	Psalm 32, 42; Matthew 12:33-42
October 27	Psalm 98, 103; Luke 10:25-37
October 28	Psalm 44, 52; Matthew 12:43-50
October 29	Psalm 45, 47; Matthew 13:1-9
October 30	Psalm 119:49-72; Matthew 13:10-17
October 31	Psalm 60, 66; Matthew 13:18-23

October Birthdays

- October 3—Paula Hupp
- October 4—Daniel Baehne
- October 13—Tyler Thurman
- October 19—Robert Frisch
- October 20—Kyle Glenn;
Lois Leichsenring
- October 25—Conner Tucker
- October 27—Lorena Meier
- October 31—Cindy Anderson



- Lisa & Dan Brownfield—10/10/2020 (4 years)
- Kristen & Todd Davison—10/10/2010 (14 years)
- Andrea & Chance Heer-Elliott—10/17/2021 (3 years)

October 2024 Calendar

Tuesday, October 1	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i></p> <p>4:00 PM Community Book Club</p>
Wednesday, October 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Cornerstone Pick-Up</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>
Thursday, October 3	<p style="text-align: center;">5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday</p> <p>6:30 PM Football Team Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
Friday, October 4	<p>8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 1:00 PM GriefShare</p>
Saturday, October 5	<p style="text-align: center;">PUMPKINS ARRIVE</p> <p>10:00 AM NA Meeting; 5:00 PM NA 1st Saturday</p>
Sunday, October 6	<p style="text-align: center;">12 PM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>
Monday, October 7	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study</p>
Tuesday, October 8	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH <i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i></p> <p>5:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>
Wednesday, October 9	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 10:00 AM Cerbat Garden Club 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>
Thursday, October 10	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday</p> <p>6:30 PM Football Team Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
Friday, October 11	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH Cornerstone Pick-Up</p> <p>8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 1:00 PM GriefShare</p>
Saturday, October 12	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>10:00 AM NA Meeting 9 AM ~ 3 PM Craft Fair</p>
Sunday, October 13	<p style="text-align: center;">12 PM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>
Monday, October 14	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study</p>
Tuesday, October 15	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH <i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Coffee with Friends; 5:30 PM Nurture Team Meeting</p>
Wednesday, October 16	<p style="text-align: center;">9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>

October 2024 Calendar

Thursday, October 17	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH Cornerstone Pick-Up</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Glories 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday 6:30 PM Football Team Dinner; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
Friday, October 18	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 1:00 PM GriefShare</p>
Saturday, October 19	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship; 10:00 AM NA Meeting Cerbat Garden Club Luncheon</p>
Sunday, October 20	<p>12 PM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>
Monday, October 21	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study</p>
Tuesday, October 22	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH 12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</p> <p>4:30 PM Preschool Board; 5:00 PM Finance Team 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>
Wednesday, October 23	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>
Thursday, October 24	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday</p> <p>6:30 PM Football Team Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
Friday, October 25	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH Cornerstone Pick-Up</p> <p>8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'</p>
Saturday, October 26	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>10:00 AM NA Meeting</p>
Sunday, October 27	<p>12 PM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p>
Monday, October 28	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study</p>
Tuesday, October 29	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH 12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</p>
Wednesday, October 30	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study</p>
Thursday, October 31	<p>9 AM ~ 6 PM PUMPKIN PATCH Cornerstone Pick-Up</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Glories; 12:00 PM KEMA Event 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday 6:30 PM Football Team Dinner; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>

St. John's United Methodist Church
1730 Kino Avenue
Kingman, Arizona 86409

Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Pastor Amy Kalm
Office Administrator	Heidi Heer
Treasurer	Tracy Sheehy
Contemporary Music Director	Chris Commisso
Traditional Music Director	Karin Kopecky
Preschool Director	Mande Padilla

Connection Staff

District Superintendent	Rev. Timote Piukala
Resident Bishop	Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Friday 8 am-2:00 pm
(928) 692-8828/Fax (928) 692-8799

Worship at St. John's UMC

Sundays:
9:00 AM ~ Modern Praise
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

'Sunday' Worship on Thursday
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

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