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Pastor's Corner

A few years ago, a team was assembled here to look at ways to improve effectiveness in our ministries. One of the gifts that came out of these sessions was a new purpose statement for St. John's. Here is that purpose statement:

***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.***

These words create a beautiful and powerful way for anyone to enter our doors, become part of the church family, and become part of the ministry of St. John's.

You might not have noticed, but recently I started making the action words of this purpose statement a part of the benediction each week. Welcoming, Learning, and Working. That is what we are about at St. John's.

This may or may not be a surprise to you. Most pastors, including myself, plan out sermons several weeks or months in advance. Some actually plan out a whole year in one setting. I'm not there yet. But I find planning very helpful. Instead of wondering what I will preach about each week, I wonder about messaging. How do I take these themes, verses, and songs that spoke to me during my planning, and bring them to life in our worship services. One thing to know about me is I rarely change from what I've planned. I trust that God, during planning, gave me what was needed for the here and now.

I diverted that for the first time in my ministerial life after attending Leadership Institute. What we heard there led to our current series, "Do Unto Others". Four weeks for topics starting on October 13th and ending on November 3rd. This left me with a problem though. Advent starts on December 1st. That meant only 3 weeks between the end of our current series and the start of Advent. What in the world could I meaningfully cover in just 3 weeks? I agonized and agonized.

Then it hit me. I wondered how much you all knew about our new purpose statement. Those who knew could always know more. Those who didn't know, it's high time they did. Remember how many lines are in the purpose statement. (Pst...look back at the top) There are 3 lines. 3 separate themes. Wait...I need a 3-week sermon series.

A Message from Our Lay Leader

Points to Ponder

“Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.” Matthew 10:29

Many of the stories and truths Jesus told his followers had to do with nature. Maybe he wanted to make the stories relatable; most of the folks he talked to were in close surroundings to nature. I think he also wanted to remind people that the Kingdom of God was not in some far off land, but all around them if they just looked and listened. Many of the proverbs and parables were about birds. I’m sure that birds didn’t seem too important to the people. They weren’t valued as work animals. Although some were perhaps appreciated for their singing, most people probably thought of them as pests and nuisances, if they thought of them at all. Did Jesus want to make a connection between the least seen parts of society and their value to the Father, or was he just a bird watcher?

A favorite song in my family growing up was His Eye is on the Sparrow. My mom especially loved the version sung by George Beverly Shea, who was best known for bringing music to the Billy Graham Crusades. His Eye is on the Sparrow was written by Civilla Durfee Martin, a Canadian gospel writer. She also penned another great song of faith, God Will Take Care of You. The words to “Sparrow” came to her after meeting an older Christian couple, one where the wife had been bedridden for over twenty years and the husband could only get around with the help of a wheelchair. How could these people who were suffering remain in positive spirits and not blame God for their misfortunes? The wife had put it this way to Civilla Martin, “His eye is on the sparrow, so I know that He will take care of me.”

“Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home? With Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he cares for me. I sing because I’m happy. I sing because I’m free! For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

It’s easy to get down, to feel discouraged, to think that no one cares what happens to us. But here’s the Good News: we have a Heavenly Father who watches over all His Creation. If he cares about something as little and insignificant as a small bird, how much more must He care about and love us? We are not alone! Thanks be to God! Make that your song of praise, and as the singing birds reflect God’s glory, let our voices do the same. Not only will that song bring joy to God, but it might also make a difference to other little birds around you. May we each have an attitude of gratitude!

Dave Kopecky
Lay Leader

Presto chango, we have a sermon series. I'm calling this brief series "We are:". Each week we will talk about an aspect of our purpose statement. By the time we are done, I hope you will know this statement well enough to both say it and consider how we can live it.

Where will we seek help from? Scripture of course. Matthew will help us discuss the idea of "Welcoming." King Solomon in Proverbs will help us with "Learning". And finally, Paul will help us dig into "Working".

Welcoming, Learning, and Working. That's who we are! Join me in the journey of learning more about what these mean for us and for the community we serve.

Pastor Amy



A Message from Our Finance Director

Blessings to you all,

Here is the monthly financial report for the month of September. General fund giving for the month was \$12,652.68, compared to last year, which was \$10,250.79. Miscellaneous income for the month was \$465.88 compared to last year, which was \$335.74. Total income for September 2024 was 13,118.56 compared to last year, which was \$10,586.53. Though giving is up from last year, net income for the month is still negative at **\$10,360.95**

Our general fund income for the year through September 2024, was \$107,887.17 compared to last year, which was 122,162.96. We are down \$14,275.79 from last year's giving. Total revenue for this year through September 30, 2024, was \$133,944.06 compared to last year's \$160,806.21. Our profit and loss report shows that we have a negative net income of **\$79,518.87** for the year through September 2024.

I wanted to share my morning devotion with you, it was titled Generosity and Provision (and was on the youversion bible app). The scripture was Malachi 3:10, which reads, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this 'says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room, enough to store it." The storehouse in ancient Israel was a place in the temple where tithes and offerings were kept, primarily to provide for the priests and the needy. This was God's lesson to them about stewardship and caring for people in their community. Their generosity was a way of loving and serving those around them. Today we also give to the church to support the ministries of the church but also to keep the lights on, so that we can continue to serve the community. This verse prompts us to examine our own generosity. Are we trusting God with all we have or are we holding back with as tightly closed fist? Stewardship is not only about generosity, but about faith. Do you have a "have to" mentality when it comes to giving, or do you have an I "get to" mentality.

Remember God loves a cheerful giver.

Tracy Sheehy
Finance Director



<p>November 3rd</p>	<p><i>Do Unto Others</i> All Saint's Sunday Sermon: Malice Towards None: Love Scripture: Matthew 22:24-40 NRSVUE</p>
<p>November 10th</p>	<p><i>We Are: Welcoming</i> Veteran's Sunday Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 NRSVUE</p>
<p>November 17th</p>	<p><i>We Are: Learning</i> Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7 NRSVUE</p>
<p>November 24th</p>	<p><i>We Are: Working</i> Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSVUE</p>



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

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 ~ Meets 3rd Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.
(January, April, July, October)

Next Meeting is: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 in the Resource Center

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!

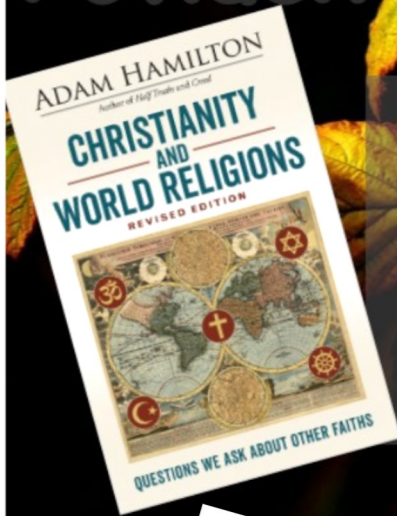


Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

All are invited to join us!!!

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

Men's Breakfast Fellowship



Men's Breakfast Fellowship!!!
All Men are invited to join us on:
Saturday, November 16, 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

All Members are Encouraged to attend our Annual Business Meeting with our District Superintendent

WWF

Widow & Widowers Fellowship

Next Gathering:

Thursday, November 14th at 10 a.m.

Board Games and Fellowship

Please bring your favorite snack

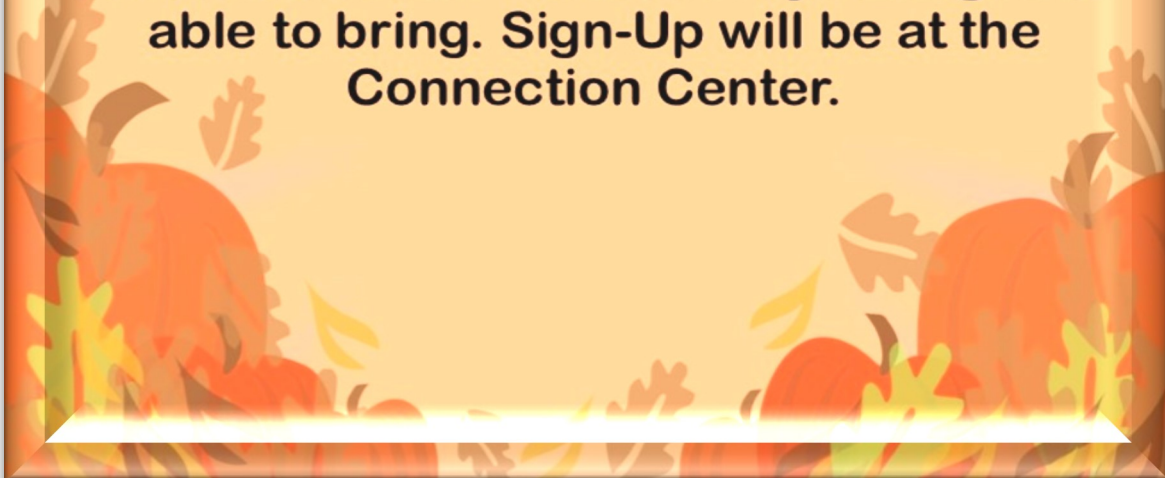


Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Turkeys being provided by the Church

Please consider what sides you might be able to bring. Sign-Up will be at the Connection Center.





Creating a Ugandan Connection

On November 9th, beginning at 3:00 pm, we will have the honor of hearing from is Rev. Kyemba Yosef Senior Pastor Kawanda United Methodist Church- Kampala. He is also the District Superintendent for the Luwero District United Methodist Church of Uganda. Yes, that's right. Uganda. Rev. Kyemba contacted me in early September. He will be attending and International Conference at ASU in Tempe that week. He asked about coming to visit our church the Sunday before and offered also to talk to us on Saturday. He will be discussing the impact of General Conference 2020 on church life in Uganda. Please be advised that his talk will include LGBTQ related topics, a serious matter for many parts of Africa. We will start with a light dinner, followed by the talk. For more information, please contact Pastor Amy.



Hanging of the Greens

It's almost time for Advent which means Hanging of the Greens!
This is an historic celebration where we decorate the church for the
celebration of the Birth of Christ!

Please plan to join us after our 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship on
December 1st to help decorate the church.

We will also have a super luncheon.

Let's make our church the perfect 'Home for Christmas'!

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 21st at 4:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas

December 24th

Modern Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve: 7 p.m.

No Service Christmas Day

All Services include Candlelight Ceremony



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!***

***The Clothing Closet is in need of:
Sweaters; Coats for Men, Women, and Children;
Pajamas for Men, Women, and Children;
Men's Pants***

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 November please pray for these churches, ministries, pastors, congregations, and communities.

- 1) Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, Arizona
- 2) University 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 **December 2024 Newsletter** deadline is:
Wednesday, November 13, 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



November Daily Bible Readings	
November 1	Psalm 51, 54; Matthew 13:24-30
November 2	Psalm 138, 139; Matthew 13:31-35
November 3	Psalm 24, 29; Luke 12:22-31
November 4	Psalm 58, 64; Matthew 13:36-43
November 5	Psalm 62, 68; Matthew 13:44-52
November 6	Psalm 72; Matthew 13:53-58
November 7	Psalm 71, 74; Matthew 14:1-12
November 8	Psalm 69, 73; Matthew 14:13-21
November 9	Psalm 75, 76; Matthew 14:22-36
November 10	Psalm 93, 96; Luke 14:12-24
November 11	Psalm 77, 80; Matthew 15:1-20
November 12	Psalm 78; Matthew 15:21-28
November 13	Psalm 81, 82; Matthew 15:29-39
November 14	Psalm 85, 86; Matthew 16:1-12
November 15	Psalm 91, 92; Matthew 16:13-20
November 16	Psalm 87, 90; Matthew 16:21-28
November 17	Psalm 66, 67; Luke 16:1-13
November 18	Psalm 89; Matthew 17:1-13
November 19	Psalm 99, 100; Matthew 17:14-21
November 20	Psalm 101, 109; Matthew 17:22-27
November 21	Psalm 105; Matthew 18:1-9
November 22	Psalm 102; Matthew 18:10-20
November 23	Psalm 108; Matthew 18:21-35
November 24	Psalm 118, 145; Luke 19:11-27
November 25	Psalm 106; Matthew 19:1-12
November 26	Psalm 123, 124; Matthew 19:13-22
November 27	Psalm 128, 129; Matthew 19:23-30
November 28	Psalm 132, 133; Matthew 20:1-16
November 29	Psalm 142, 143; Matthew 20: 17-28
November 30	Psalm 137, 144; Matthew 20:29-34

November Birthdays

- November 2—Robert Brackett**
- November 3—Nancy Hilton**
- November 5—Ernie Faris**
- November 12—Evelyn Mattson**
- November 13—JudyRose Layfield**
- November 14—Linda Bennett;
Wesley Heer-Elliott**
- November 23—Trudy Mixon**
- November 25—Mike Mixon**
- November 26—Krystal Burge**
- November 29—Louise Miller**



- Patty & Steve Hockingberry
11/2/1991 (33 years)**
- Sandie & Bob Womack
11/28/1980 (44 years)**
- St. John's UMC
11/28/1888 (136 years)**

November 2024 Calendar

Friday, November 1	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, November 2	10:00 AM NA Meeting; 5:00 PM NA 1st Saturday
Sunday, November 3	All Saint's Sunday 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, November 4	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, November 5	GENERAL ELECTION <i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 4:00 PM Community Book Club
Wednesday, November 6	Cornerstone Pick-Up 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck ; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, November 7	2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 8	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, November 9	10:00 AM NA Meeting 3:00 PM Ugandan District Superintendent Talk
Sunday, November 10	Veteran's Sunday 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, November 11	Veteran's Day 5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, November 12	<i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i>
Wednesday, November 13	December 2024 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 10:00 AM Cerbat Garden Club 5:30 PM Potluck ; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, November 14	10:00 AM Widow & Widowers Fellowship 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 15	Cornerstone Pick-Up 8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, November 16	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship; 10:00 AM NA Meeting

November 2024 Calendar

Sunday, November 17	8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, November 18	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, November 19	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline 10:00 AM Coffee with Friends
Wednesday, November 20	Healthy Families Countywide Training 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck ; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, November 21	Cornerstone Pick-Up Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution 9:00 AM Morning Glories 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM 'Sunday Worship' on Thursday 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 22	Cornerstone Pick-Up 8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, November 23	10:00 AM NA Meeting
Sunday, November 24	8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Potluck 3:00 PM Church Conference with District Superintendent
Monday, November 25	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, November 26	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline
Wednesday, November 27	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Potluck ; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, November 28	THANKSGIVING DAY Church Office Closed
Friday, November 29	Church Office Closed
Saturday, November 30	10:00 AM NA Meeting

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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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