

BE THE CHURCH

God is still speaking.
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Embrace diversity. **Reject racism.** Forgive often.
Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**
Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life.

Saint John's Journal

MAY 21, 2017

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Bridge Class Gives Back

Please join us today after worship as the Bridge Class will be preparing a homemade meal for the congregation as a thank



you for all our your support over this past year.

Join us for food and fellowship!

St. John's Directory

St. John's Church Directory is a great way for our church family to connect with fellow members and friends. For those new to our family, it can be a great way to put faces with names. From now through 5/28, we will be offering the opportunity to take family photos for



our church directory during coffee hour.

Dress in your best and bring the whole family! Digital files will be shared with you at no cost. The Digital directory will be updated as photos are taken. Please participate! Contact Michelle Hoffner with questions at 616-295-4635

Suggestions Wanted!

The Fellowship Team is looking for new and interesting ideas. If you have a suggestion for

an event or group outing, please contact Jen Berg at: jenbergjewelry@hotmail.com

Communion Sunday

On our Communion Sundays, June 4, June 25, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1 and Nov. 5, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to worship service to "Share the Meal" of Communion with local food banks. As you come forward to receive

Communion, please place your items in the food baskets located on the front pews. You will find a list of suggested donation items on the Mission bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Let's share the meal with our community in Christ.

Party for A Vet

Many thanks for your donations of time, items or money for the Party for a Vet events.

The next party will be in June. We will be celebrating two veterans birthdays. One will be 95 and the other is 90 years old! We would like



to have strawberries and any other items you would like to donate. They like wrapped treats, candy bars, cookies, chips and fresh fruit that they can take to their rooms for later.

We are always looking for volunteers as well. The time commit-

Meetings....

Council Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Team meets on Monday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Thank You

To all my church family and friends,

Thank you so much for all of the thoughts, prayers and cards of encouragement during my time of tests and surgeries. They all meant so much! I am so blessed!

Bless you all,
Bev Wisner

Music Ministry

Thank you to the Handbell and Chancel Choir for providing our worship service with wonderful music all year!

Prayer Circle

This month we are praying for Shelby United Church of Christ.



ment is about an hour. We pass out items and serve the cake and ice cream. Please come join us!

Thanks again to all that have helped in any way. We cannot tell you how much your support and donations mean to us and the veterans.

Next Mobile

Food Pantry

Wed. June 7
Volunteers report at
5:30
Food distribution
begins at 6 p.m.

Office Hours

Tuesdays
9:00—noon

Wed., Thurs., Fri.
9:00—3:00 p.m.

Church office closed
May 26 in observance
of Memorial Day

Ministry Touches

This month:
892

Year to Date:
21,846

Since Inception:
406,666

Plastic Bags

You don't know what to do with all of those left over plastic grocery bags?

Donate them to St. John's for the Mobile Food Pantry. A donation box is located outside the church office.

We thank you for your continued support!

Sponsorships

There are many flower sponsorship spots still available for the 2017 calendar. A sign up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Lily's Floral provides weekly altar flowers. Altar flower sponsorships are \$40.00 per week.

Directory

We will be finalizing the new directory soon..If you have updated information, please provide it to the church office as soon as possible.

Mother's Day Brunch 2017



Sincere thanks to all of the people that helped to make the "Mother's Day Brunch" a huge success.

We hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day!

Prayer Needs



Please let Sally in the church office know if you would like someone placed on the prayer chain or if someone needs to be removed. You may email the church office at: office@stjohnsuccgr.org or by calling the church office at 616-453-2497.

Thank you!

Food Basket

Please help us reduce hunger in children from our area by checking the wish list in the narthex and placing donations in the basket.

Kids Food Basket will then place these items in lunch bags and send them home with children in our area schools to provide them with a healthy evening meal.



'Girlfriends'

"Girlfriends," a Women's Bible Study, meets weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Johns.

Young @ Heart

Young @ Heart, a group for seniors meets monthly for a meal and conversation.

Watch upcoming Journals for the next meeting date.