



Saint John's Journal

October 19, 2025

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

Connections Sunday

Please join us in Fellowship Hall to meet the teams of St. John's. This is a great way to learn about each team and what they do. All teams welcome new ideas and members. What ideas do you have? While visiting the team tables,

please join in the various games and snacks each team has for you. Maybe you will find a team that speaks to your heart. As all St. John's know: It takes a village.

Pastoral Emergency Contact

In the event of a pastoral emergency, feel free to reach out to Pat Partridge at 616-915-7171.

Meetings...

Council Meeting, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Team Leads Meeting, Oct 27 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Pastoral Search Meeting, Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Trunk or Treat



St. John's church will again be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat event, October 26th after the worship service in the back parking lot. Fellowship time will be the trunk or treat event. We hope to hold it outside if weather permitting.

If the weather is being

scary (rainy, too cold, etc.) we will move the event to fellowship hall. Each family/ or a couple of families can decorate/ share a table for the event.

If this is outside, please use extra caution in moving your vehicle in the parking lot once the goblins/ monsters are outside. And if possible enlist help if you are moving your vehicle to be certain all little goblins and monsters are clear of your vehicle and space. Safety first please.

Renucci House

We will be serving dinner at Renucci House on Wednesday, October 29 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed at 5:00 p.m. If you will be delivering your food items to church, Sue will be picking them up from church at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Please include heating

up/baking instructions. Sue will be willing to pick up donated items personally from members homes by noon on Wednesday. Please let Sue know if you would like to drop off donated items or have them picked up at: bsue8152@gmail.com

Soup Sunday

On Sunday, November 2, the second annual Soup Sunday will be held. Please see Pat Partridge to sign up to provide a crock pot of your favorite soup.

Thank You!

Dear Friends at St. John's United Church of Christ,
Thank you so much for being a part of UCOM's Harvest of Hope Gala. We greatly appreciate your involvement and support.
Gratefully Yours,
UCOM Staff



**Lectionary
October 26, 2025**

2 Tim 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8



Tuesday 8:00—
1:00 p.m.
Wednesday
8:00—2:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00—
2:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00—2:00
p.m.
You may email
Sally at:
office@stjohnsuccgr.org
or call 453-2497.



Prayers for a speedy recovery for Jen's grandmother who fell.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Jean's niece, Kate, is home from the hospital.

Prayers for Jean's sister, Rita.

Prayers of thanks for John and Jean being good role models at St. John's.

Prayers of thanks for the prayers for Betsy's son who was in the hospital for a week and is now home.

Prayers for Kiera's cat, Pumpkin, who ate a lily.

Prayers for Violet's cat, Jack Carter, who was sick and is getting better.



Friends Discussion Group

Dear Friends,
We will begin our discussion of "The Wisdom Jesus, Transforming Heart and Mind", by Cynthia Bourgeault. Let's start with the first two or three chapters—I find the book has so many things, I want to think about some more--challenging--right??

Connection Sunday at church--come find our table to see the books we have discussed in the past and the future--special treats and book mark creations. Remember our Pastor Search team in your prayers.
Blessings to you all,
Barb

If you would like more information regarding joining the friends group, please contact Barb Huitema at bbhuitema@yahoo.com



Choir Rehearsals Thursday

Bell Choir 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.



Michigan Conference UCC Mitten Project Worship Engagement Survey

The Michigan Conference UCC asks that pastors, church leaders, parents, youth, and children complete the Mitten Project Worship Engagement Survey. This survey is about the roles of children and youth in worship and congregational life. Your responses are valued and will help shape the UCC Michigan Conference's next steps in creating worship and ministry that reflect the gifts, voices, and faith journeys of all generations. Your responses are anonymous.

To complete the survey, please go to: <https://www.research.net/r/UCCMittenProject>

Survey answers are being collected through **October 31, 2025**. If you have questions about this survey or the Michigan Conference Mitten Project, please visit <https://michucc.org/children-youth-and-families/>

Serving on Sundays

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Coffee Hour
Oct. 19	Judy Merrills	Donna Proulx	Connections Sunday
Oct 26	Open	Wilder	Todd and Frank

Mission Outreach Touches
This Month: 2,295 Year to Date: 60,563 Since Inception 371,282

Pulpit Schedule

Oct. 19	Barb Huitema
Oct. 26	Stacy Bare and Barb Huitema

Education Schedule

Date	Nursery	WC2	Bridge	Floater
		WC1 Floater		
Oct. 19	Pam	Lindsey Chloe	Makenzie Chess	Heidi
Oct. 26	Christine and Richard	Tarah Oliver	Becky	Jen



Persistence in Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

Word Search Puzzle

M U J D I A V U N J U S T Q R
Q H R R O P E C D W V A W W G
L O P C R F A S H Q J O C B S
L Y B E Z E U R X O D U Y W F
Y D A Y R S F B A I S A D R U
M B E Z E S G U W B R E A G X
H D W J V I I X S P L E N T E
Q A I B S X I S I E F E C I W
Q P D S B H R K T O D Q K Z Y
L M O H C O O M F E O N S A V
I U W V A I T W F X N Y V M F
S A Q B W H P H J U S T I C E
T C M M G V O L E H W L U W Q
E Y D I G M S A E R F V F I F
N D N T O W N N B S L T C C A

UNJUST	LISTEN	JESUS	CHOSEN	DAY
SHOW	LORD	REFUSED	DISCIPLES	JUDGE
WIDOW	FEAR	NIGHT	PARABLE	PERSISTENT
JUSTICE	WIDOW	TOWN	BOTHER	PRAY

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**Jesus didn't reject people.
Neither do we.**

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