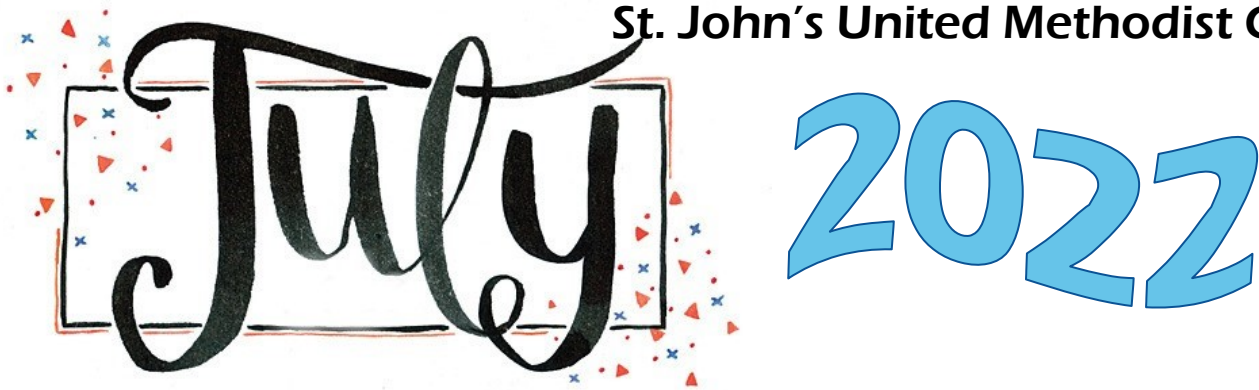


St. John's United Methodist Church



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Just a few weeks ago, our Lay Leader (Dave Kopecky) and I were privileged to be able to attend our first in person Annual Conference session in 2 years. Dave did an excellent job at talking through some of the high points of our conversations at Annual Conference.

There is one item we discussed that I would like to elaborate a bit more on, as it will directly effect us here at St John's. That item is the election of a new Bishop for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. For the past year we have been blessed that Bishop Grant Hagiya has stepped in to serve as the Bishop of both the Cal-Pac conference and the Desert Southwest Conference. But, Bishop Hagiya and several other bishops from the Western Jurisdiction have discerned that it is time for them to retire, and give the opportunity for new Episcopal leaders to be elected.

This will happen November 2-5, 2022. One of the interesting things about the Episcopal elections this year is that the method being used to discern candidates for the Episcopacy will be different than ever before. The aim in changing the method of receiving candidates for the office of Bishop is to create more space for the Holy Spirit to guide delegates to Jurisdictional Conference in deciding who is called to the Episcopacy. Previously, the process of receiving and voting on candidates was a very political process. It was very much a matter of whoever could sway the most people to vote for them would be elected. The new process will eliminate much of the politics from the process, and help ensure that the candidates voted into Episcopal office are the best candidates for the job, called by God to serve as Bishop.

As preparations for Jurisdictional Conference are made, I simply ask that we all be in prayer for everyone involved in the Episcopal Elections, and that just the right person will be elected to serve as our resident Bishop in the Desert Southwest Conference, effective January 1, 2023.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andrew

A Message from Our Lay Leader

Points to Ponder

Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

In the first few chapters of Genesis there is a lot about how God created all things, but the creation of a human was different. Here we hear that the human (man or *adam* in Hebrew) became alive when God breathed life into him. The breath of God, a special connection, linking us all to our Creator in a special way.

Just breathe. It's something we all do between 12 and 20 times every minute, awake or asleep.

That translates to about 900 breaths every hour, 21,600 times a day, 7,880,000 times a year.

If you are fortunate enough to live to 80 years, we can (or will be able) to say that we have taken over 630 million breaths! Wow! That takes my breath away just thinking about it! We can go without most things for a while, even important things like sleeping, eating and drinking, but we need to breathe many times every minute. Yet I would guess that most of us take breathing for granted, that is until something comes along, like an illness, that we can't do it so well. Every breath, a gift from God.

Many of you may remember from long ago classes in science that when we breathe in, our lungs capture and use the oxygen from the air, and we breathe out (expel) carbon dioxide. Why do we take 12 to 20 breaths a minute? Because that is the rate we need to expel the carbon dioxide from our system. It all works on automatic pilot; our breathing adjusts up and down as we need to expel more or less carbon dioxide, depending on the work our bodies are doing. This explains why we breathe less frequently when we are asleep!

By now I can hear you saying, "OK Dave, we get it. Breathing is important. Breathing is necessary, breathing is even sacred. Where is this going?" Well, I am going to tell you. Are you ready?

Take a deep breath and continue!

If breathing is a sacred gift from God, the most important gift, why do we (myself included) squander so much of it on talk and activities that go against God? Gossip, hateful and deceitful words, cursing God and God's creation; it seems that too often we are caught up and locked in on words and deeds that forget, neglect, or go against everything our Creator created us for. It's a conscious choice that we each make every day. How can we change our words and actions? How about we change our focus?

Back in 1878, Edwin Hatch put these words to music:

"Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do. Breathe on me, breath of God; until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure."

What a beautiful prayer! May it be yours and mine today and always.

Blessings,

Dave Kopecky
Lay Leader

A Message from Our Finance Director

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope this summer is off to a good start for you all. I wanted to give you a quick update as to where the church stands with giving and expenses.

Giving for the first two weeks of June is \$22,160.87 compared to last year the same time of \$14,047.43. Our expenses this month for the first two weeks is \$15,970.00 showing a loss of \$9,778.47 compared to last year's expenses of \$11,698.76. Last year this time we were in the positive of \$2,349.07.

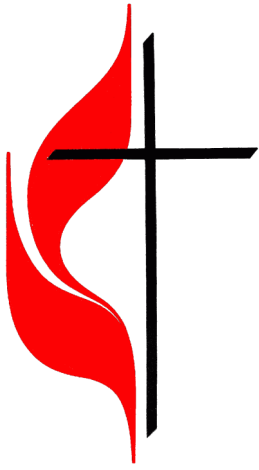
Giving for the year through June 18th is \$114,913.38 and this time last year was \$104,294.87. At first glance this looks like movement in the right direction, and it is, however our expenses this year are higher than last year. Our expenses so far this year are \$152,116.71 compared to last year's \$125,285. As you can see, we are operating at a negative balance of \$37,203.33. Last year we were operating at a negative balance of \$20,991.55. By the end of the month, we will have hit about 45% of our budget for the year.

I just want to remind you that with summer we always see a drop in giving because attendance is usually down, but the church doesn't stop functioning and bills don't stop coming. To make it easy to continue to be faithful in your giving you can sign up for automatic giving through St John's website.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Blessings,

Tracy Sheehy
Finance Director



Commit to Christ

Sunday Worship Services
In-Person Worship at 10 a.m.
in the Worship Center

Sundays in July and Special Worship

July 3rd

Guest Speaker

July 10th

Guest Speaker

July 17th

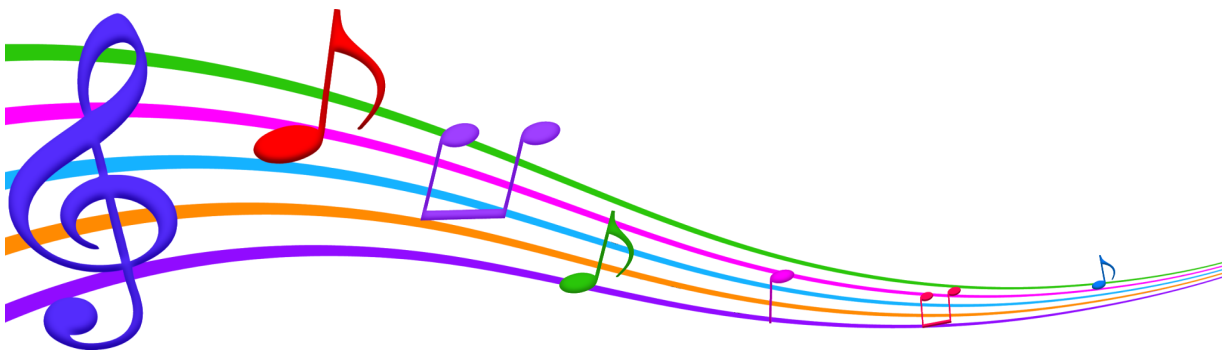
Guest Speaker

July 24th

A Beginners Guide to Kingdom Living
(The Sermon on the Mount and the Christian Life) ~ Week 1
Theme: The Beatitudes
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

July 31st

A Beginners Guide to Kingdom Living
(The Sermon on the Mount and the Christian Life) ~ Week 2
Theme: Extending the Meaning of Law by Going to the Heart of the Matter
Scripture: Matthew 5:21-30, 38-42



PRAISE BAND AND CHOIR REHEARSALS

6:30 p.m. ~ Bell Choir—Mondays (September thru May)

5:15 p.m. ~ The Heart of Worship Praise Band—Thursdays

7:00 p.m. ~ Chancel Adult Choir—Thursdays (September thru May)

Connect with Others



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

All Men are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Potluck and Bible Study are taking a break for June and July
Will resume in August

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 11 a.m.



Team Meetings Schedule

Administrative Team (combines the Finance & Trustees)

Meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

July meeting is: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Church Council ~ 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

July meeting is: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Connect with Others



SJUMC YOUTH GROUP'S



**SUMMER
SAYONARA**
— SPLASH —

WATER SLIDE
GAMES & FOOD



6TH-12TH
GRADE

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST, 4:30-7:00PM

~~~~~ **FREE ENTRY** ~~~~~

**1730 KINO AVE. KINGMAN, AZ 86409**

**WATER SHOES (FLIP FLOPS) AND SUNSCREEN RECOMMENDED.**



**CHECK OUR  
INSTAGRAM  
FOR  
UPDATES!**

**QUESTIONS?  
SJUMC.YOUTHMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM**

**SJUMCYOUTHGROUP**

# Connect with Others



***Women's Bible Study***  
***Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.***  
***ALL Women are invited to join us on***  
***Thursdays at 11 a.m.***  
***In the Stephen Ministry Room for***  
***Bible Study***

## *Women's Fellowship*

*Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 1 p.m.*

*St. John's UMC ~ Chapel*

*Speaker: Teresa Reaume*

*(Director Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center)*

*Will have a donation jar available.*

*Please consider bringing an outfit for an Infant/Baby or*

*Child up to Size 4T (can be gently used)*

*or a box/bag of diapers (all sizes)*

*Please Bring a Salad to Share*



**ALL Youth Grades 6th thru 12th are  
invited to join us for Youth Group !**

***Sundays at 11:30 a.m.***

**Please contact our Youth Leader:**

**Ali Devereaux at:**

**[sjumc.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjumc.youthministry@gmail.com)  
for more information**

# Care for Community



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](mailto:st.johns@citlink.net)

***For July we are asking for donations of:  
Toilet Paper; Eggs; Large Canned Soup***

***St. John's UMC Clothing Closet is currently NOT accepting any donations as we have truly been blessed and don't have space for any additional items.***



# Care for Community



## ***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 July please pray for these churches, ministries, pastors, congregations, and communities.

- 1) Mohave Valley UMC, Ft. Mohave, Arizona ~ Pastor Eugene Stouffer
- 2) Needles Ministry, Needles, California ~ Pastor Eugene Stouffer
- 3) Page Community UMC, Page, Arizona ~ Ash Dotson

## ***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, Micah Hamilton, George Hatchell Jr., Colin Arno Henry, Camerron Higbee, Jessica Huffer, Isaiah Huynh, Brian Illes, Jeremiah Johnson, Travis Johnson, David Kent, Jeffery Lederhouse, Tyrell Manakaja, Ryan Miller, Danny Morales, Jennifer Parker, Jonathan Parker, Katrina Powell, Tyler Radcliffe, Will Ray, William Ritchie, Juan Roman, Jamuel Ruiz, Bryson Salazar, Ben Schwartfigure, Sean Schwartfigure, Jared Shulpa, Matthew Simone, Troy Smith, Daniel Travis, Jeff Vicario, Ashley Caswell Walker, Andrew Weatherford, Jason Williams, Chad Wright, Dillon Zorn

## ***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](mailto: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.*

Joe & Lois Baker; Louise Botts; Family of Lyndal Byram; Jennifer Casey; Kristen Coates; Sally Diehl; Joyce Dombroski; Debra Eberly; Gary Forde; Steven Frazine; Arno & Vera Gates; Patty George; Family of Marilyn Gibbs; Carol Halen; Family of Warren Heer; Paula Hupp; Julie Jensen; Ed Krause; Amy Lunsford; Renita McElhaney; Betty Mixon; Family of Louise Moran; Krista Nielson; Micah Rincon; 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

# For Your Information

## Publication Deadlines

**Bulletin Announcements** for church events are due to the church office by **Tuesdays at 2:00 PM.** Bulletins are printed on Wednesday mornings.

**St. John's Connection** for church events and happenings are due to the church office no later than **Tuesdays at 2 p.m.**  
The Connection Email is sent out on Wednesday mornings.

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

The **August 2022 Newsletter** deadline is:  
**Wednesday, July 20, 2022 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](mailto: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

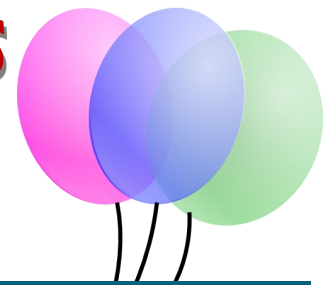
**Friendship Sewing Group**  
Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.

**Morning Glories**  
Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

**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.

# Bible Readings; Birthdays; Anniversaries



| <b>July Daily Bible Readings</b> |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fri—1                            | Psalm 123, 124; Matthew 21:23-32  |
| Sat—2                            | Psalm 128, 129; Matthew 21:33-46  |
| Sun—3                            | Psalm 133, 134; Matthew 22:1-14   |
| Mon—4                            | Psalm 141, 142; Matthew 22:15-22  |
| Tue—5                            | Psalm 137, 144; Matthew 22:23-40  |
| Wed—6                            | Psalm 146, 147; Mark 1:14-20      |
| Thu—7                            | Psalm 3, 4; Matthew 23:1-12       |
| Fri—8                            | Psalm 6, 10; Matthew 23:13-26     |
| Sat—9                            | Psalm 12, 14; Matthew 23:27-39    |
| Sun—10                           | Psalm 18; Matthew 24:1-14         |
| Mon—11                           | Psalm 16, 17; Matthew 24:15-31    |
| Tue—12                           | Psalm 20, 21; Matthew 24:32-51    |
| Wed—13                           | Psalm 149, 150; Mark 1:21-27      |
| Thu—14                           | Psalm 15, 25; Matthew 25:1-13     |
| Fri—15                           | Psalm 28, 36; Matthew 25:14-30    |
| Sat—16                           | Psalm 119:25-48; Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Sun—17                           | Psalm 37; Matthew 26:1-16         |
| Mon—18                           | Psalm 31, 35; Matthew 26:17-25    |
| Tue—19                           | Psalm 32, 42; Matthew 26:26-35    |
| Wed—20                           | Psalm 98, 103; Mark 2:1-12        |
| Thu—21                           | Psalm 44, 52; Matthew 26:36-46    |
| Fri—22                           | Psalm 45, 47; Matthew 26:47-56    |
| Sat—23                           | Psalm 49, 53; Matthew 26:57-68    |
| Sun—24                           | Psalm 60, 66; Matthew 26:69-75    |
| Mon—25                           | Psalm 51, 54; Matthew 27:1-10     |
| Tue—26                           | Psalm 55, 138; Matthew 27:11-23   |
| Wed—27                           | Psalm 29, 84; Mark 2:23-28        |
| Thu—28                           | Psalm 58, 64; Matthew 27:24-31    |
| Fri—29                           | Psalm 62, 68; Matthew 27:32-44    |
| Sat—30                           | Psalm 119:73-96; Matthew 27:45-54 |
| Sun—31                           | Psalm 71, 74; Matthew 27:55-66    |

## July Birthdays

**July 5—Dakota Heer**

**July 6—Louis Hauck**

**July 12—Wayne Faris**

**July 15—Jeanne Ferguson; Michael Sheehy**

**July 18—Steve Hockingberry**

**July 21—Truman Devereaux; Paul Kalanithi**

**July 22—Russell Cox**

**July 23—Michelle Burkes**

**July 25—Lula Deering**



**Linda & Bruce Rokjer—7/8/1967 (55 yrs.)**

**Vera & Arno Gates—7/17/1955 (67 yrs.)**

**Linda & Paul Bennett—7/18/1962 (60 yrs.)**

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## Church Staff

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Senior Pastor               | Pastor Andrew Devereaux |
| Office Administrator        | Heidi Heer              |
| Treasurer                   | Tracy Sheehy            |
| Traditional Music Director  | Karin Kopecky           |
| Contemporary Music Director | Chris Commisso          |
| Youth Ministry              | Ali Devereaux           |
| Preschool Director          | Mande Padilla           |

## Connection Staff

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| District Superintendent | Rev. Dan Morley        |
| Interim Resident Bishop | Bishop Grant J. Hagiya |

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Friday 8 am-3:30 pm  
(928) 692-8828/Fax (928) 692-8799

### **Sundays at St. John's UMC**

9:15 am Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 am Worship

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