The Gathering at
St. John's United Methodist Church
Welcome we're so glad you are here
and will come back



November 15, 2026
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

PLEASE, as a courtesy to your fellow worshippers, 'silence'
Your cell phones before worship begins. Thank you!

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** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE—Music for Gathering

WELCOME

Announcements

INTROIT ~ *Congregation*

Now Thank We All Our God

United Methodist Hymnal # 102, v. 1

*** INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?

Church Family: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and Sabbath for all.

Liturgist: Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?

Church Family: We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.

Liturgist: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.

Church Family: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** HYMN ~** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

United Methodist Hymnal # 110, v. 1, 2, 3, 4

*** UNISON PRAYER**

God, you are our kind and loving Parent, and you no longer call us servants but friends. You entrust much to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world. May we be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go on your way, united together. For you are our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN ~ *Bless Thou the Gifts*

United Methodist Hymnal # 587, twice

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.

Congregational Prayer Response:

'Alleluia' *United Methodist Hymnal # 186, Once*

GIFT OF MUSIC

GOD'S HOLY WORD *Matthew 25:14-30 NRSVUE*

THE MESSAGE ~

What Will You Do with All of Your Talents?

Pastor Ken Miller from Grace Lutheran Church

SERMON SONG ~ *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

United Methodist Hymnal # 581, v. 1,2 , 3, 4

OFFERING ~ Our Giving To The Work Of The Church
OUR GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

United Methodist Hymnal # 94, once

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*** HYMN ~** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

United Methodist Hymnal # 393, v. 1, 2, 3

*** BENEDICTION**



PRAYERS FOR HEALING

- ✞ Theresa Elliott—surgery
- ✞ Carol Langlois—seizures
- ✞ Cookie Stephens—ICU
- ✞ P.J. Nicholson (Darrel & Annie's grandson)
- ✞ Jim (Joe Lipuma's Uncle)
- ✞ Cory Cobanovich
- ✞ James (Michele F.'s brother)
- ✞ Jeanie Tomlinson
- ✞ Taresa Elliott
- ✞ Amanda Thurman
- ✞ Tyler Avila
- ✞ Ollie (4 yrs. Old-leukemia)
- ✞ Shannon Ugarte
- ✞ Paisley Nicol
- ✞ Hannah Deering
- ✞ Trudy Mixon
- ✞ Carol (Tracy's Mother in-Law)
- ✞ Teresa Acuna
- ✞ Bob Womack
- ✞ Lee Saeugling
- ✞ Sue Snell (ICU)
- ✞ Hannah Wigginton
- ✞ Baby Girl Remi N.
- ✞ Sandra Eisner—heart issues
- ✞ Zack Larson-knee injury
- ✞ Andra Goldberg
- ✞ Amber Balk
- ✞ Laura
- ✞ Chris Hadley-possible Cancer
- ✞ Nola (Friend of Ruth C.)
- ✞ Bob Tuomi
- ✞ Rebecca Faris
- ✞ Deb (friend of Linda Tucker)
- ✞ Lincoln Smith—cancer
- ✞ Rev. Nancy Cushman
- ✞ Dan V. (Danny Valderain's son)
- ✞ Lorelei Tuomi
- ✞ Jan Thill
- ✞ Rick Gagnon
- ✞ Noni Dye –cancer
- ✞ Cyndy Aden
- ✞ Paul Stahulak
- ✞ Peggy Connell
- ✞ Laurene MeKweon
- ✞ Zack Larson (torn MCL)
- ✞ Larry (stroke)
- ✞ A.P. (surgery)
- ✞ Olivia Gebbart
- ✞ LeAnn Bard
- ✞ Susyn Klein
- ✞ John Pool
- ✞ Ginny Patterson
- ✞ Amanda Castro (lupus)
- ✞ Jean Kowall (leukemia)
- ✞ Ricardo (surgery)
- ✞ Gert Schacht (Heidi's dad)
- ✞ Delilah Alvarado
- ✞ Evelyn Dearborn
- ✞ Brita McDaniel
- ✞ Kathy Reimund
- ✞ Nancy Shepard
- ✞ Paul Player
- ✞ Judy Venenga (brain cancer)
- ✞ Jeannette Henderson (Lisa Brownfield's Mom)
- ✞ Debbie Lewis
- ✞ Luke Thatcher
- ✞ Cheri Forsyth's sister Shelley and her nephew Max
- ✞ Nicole Castro daughter of Michaela Jefferies
- ✞ Connie Jackson (friend of Lesa Vishon)
- ✞ Fred Grigg
- ✞ Sophia—stroke
- ✞ Chuck McKee
- ✞ Cheyanne B.
- ✞ Jane—cancer
- ✞ John Shaorter
- ✞ Karen—bone cancer
- ✞ Sarah Sprague



JOYS AND THANKSGIVING

- Rev. Amy finished her Ordination papers!
- Pumpkin Sales were $20,000

PRAYERS FOR SYMPATHY

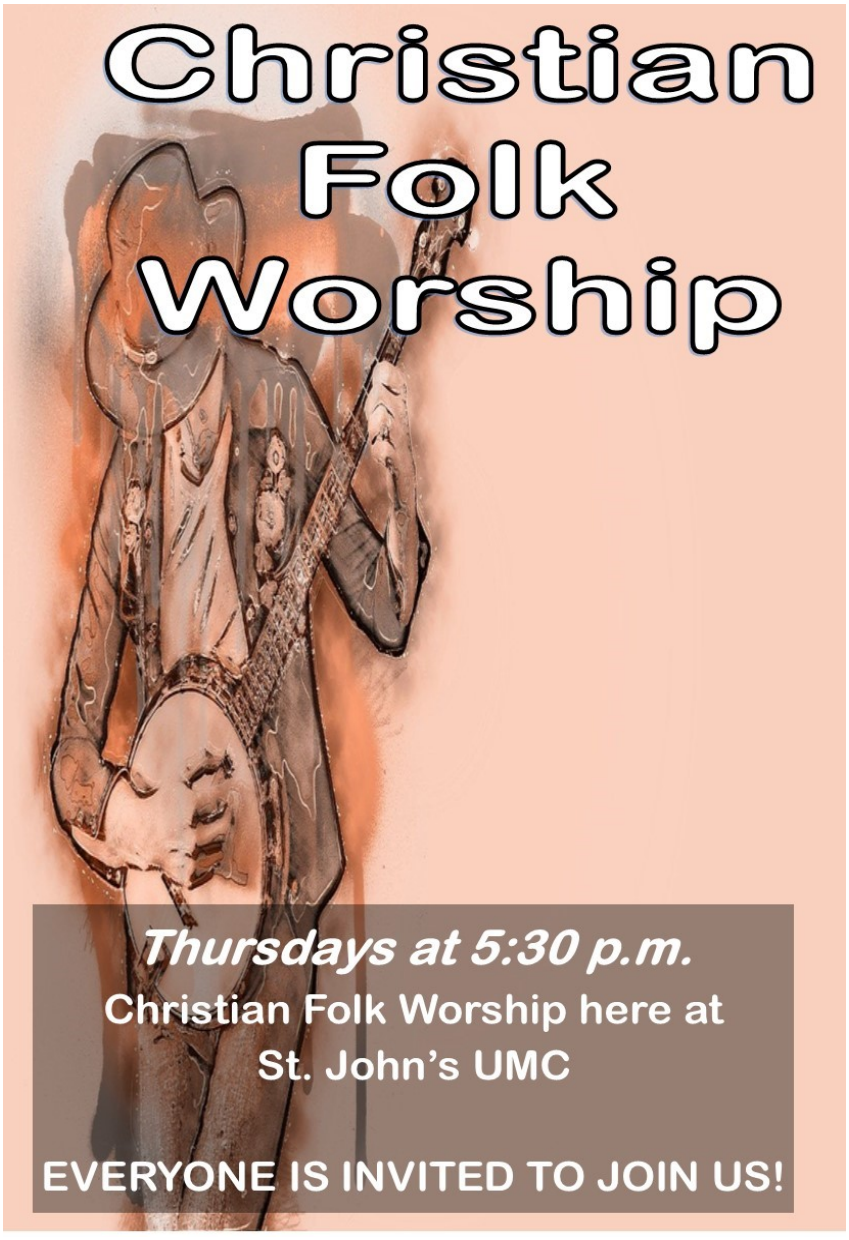
- Family & Friends of Great Aunt Lorraine Bevins
- Angela Bevins Cousin Eddie—loss of baby
- Family & Friends of Bob (Patty Hockingberry's Father)
- Family & Friends of Carol (Tracy Sheehy's Mother in-Law)
- Dorothy Sanderford—Hospice

PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & OTHER CONCERNS

- Town of Heber-Overgaard following a tornado
- Lisa & Haley—Guidance concerning Family Matters
- Ichigo Milton (Mary Zina's son)
- France A.—Prayers for her Grand-Daughters
- Karen (Friend of Sue Snell) - multiple issues



Christian Folk Worship



Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Christian Folk Worship here at St. John's UMC

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!

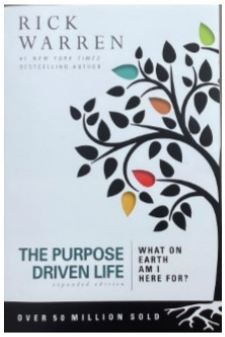


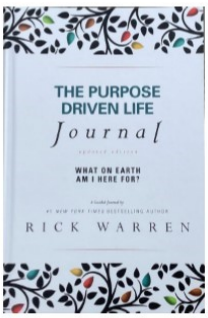
We are studying:
"The Purpose Driven Life" together
We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 am
in the St. John's UMC Sanctuary Choir Room

We are using the book
"The Purpose Driven Life" and
"Purpose Driven Life Journal"
The books are available on Amazon.

The Women Doing Life Together is open to all women in the Kingman area who wish to study the Bible together and learn to grow in our walk with the Lord as disciples of Christ.

Please call Barb Parker with any questions
(928) 530-2156.







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

DONATIONS NEEDED:
Canned Veggies; Canned Meat; Canned Beans;
Canned Fruit; Spaghetti Sauce; Dried Pasta
Rice; Cereal; Canned Soup; Mac & Cheese
Toilet Paper

Our Clothing Closet is in Need of:
Winter Coats for
Men, Women, and Children

Blankets

ALL Items Must be Clean and
in good shape



Average Weekly Attendance
September 2026

Modern Praise	36
Traditional	40
Christian Folk	8
Christian Folk—Online	54
Sunday—Online	42
Monthly Average All Services	179

Advent Lunches

Advent Lunches are a time once a week for 3 weeks during Advent for us to come together for a Short Worship followed by Lunch and Fellowship.

Advent Lunches will be
Fridays December 4, December 11, and December 18 beginning at 12:30 p.m.



For many years we've enjoyed a fantastic partnership with the Aquarius, where they provided around 40 Thanksgiving and Christmas Boxes for us to distribute. A recent change of ownership means a change in that program, which means we won't be getting these boxes this year. We would like to at the least continue Thanksgiving Boxes on our own. We have so many families that really count on us for them.

I'm pleased to tell you that we received a grant of $2000 from our conference to help with food ministries. We'd already planned on using that money to fill in what Aquarius wouldn't. Now that it looks like we'll not be getting anything, that money isn't going to stretch that far. We are asking for your help. Here are a list of items that we would like to include in our boxes this year:

- A Turkey (or turkey breast)
- Instant potatoes
- Instant gravy packets
- A box of stuffing
- A can of veggies
- A can of fruit.
- A can of cranberries
- A boxed dessert of some sort

If we do Thanksgiving boxes, we won't try to do Christmas boxes too. We will also limit the Thanksgiving boxes to the Preschool Staff and our larger food pantry families. We know this is a big and sudden ask when times are already tough. Thank you for doing whatever you can to help us make this happen.

Blessings!

Rev Amy



I thought we could finish the Pastor Ponderings about my calling this week, but it looks like it will need just one more week.

While I was deciding on a seminary, something else was taking place at the same time. The candidacy process. Now let me preface all of this to say, no two call stories are alike. Also no two processes are alike. What I share here isn't a set in stone calling or process.

The candidacy process is what vets someone who thinks they have a call to ministry. It is a district committee on ministry (DCOM) that oversees the process. Before I could meet with the South DCOM, I had a few steps I had to complete. First, I needed approval from my pastor. Since it was Efrain that recognized my call anyway. This was an easy step. Next, I had to share my call with the Staff Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) at Santa Cruz UMC. Again, this was an easy step. I loved them and they loved me. The final early step was to be approved by the entire Santa Cruz church family to be a candidate.

I now have a better idea of what this meant because it required a church conference to get this approval.

There are a lot of rules about what is required to hold a church conference. Just for me, Efrain and Santa Cruz were willing to go through these steps. Holding a church conference requires the presence of your district superintendent (DS) or an elder. Our DS really wanted to be a part of this church conference. I don't know if you know this, but our district superintendents are REALLY busy. We were able to find a date where Mark Conrad could be present. The other requirements are that it be in the bulletin 2 weeks prior and be announced in church 2 weeks prior.



All of this went according to plan. The only thing is, I had to share my call story in front of everyone. GULP.
Have I ever mentioned that my least favorite class in High School was speech class. I DREADED getting up in front of the class and talking about ANYTHING. But tell them my call story I did, and it was easier than I thought it would be. Those gathered were also able to ask me questions, which they did. The end result is that I was unanimously approved for candidacy from the church.
Now I could meet with the South DCOM. I was a bit nervous but also excited. I knew this was a big step. They were all extremely nice to me. I still connect with them at different gatherings to this day. The head of the DCOM at that time just so happened to be Melissa Rynders. She is now the DS of the Valley district today. They heard my call story, asked questions, and then outlined what needed to happen next. I was assigned to have Rev. Sharon Ragland as my mentor.
At that time she was the lead pastor at St. Marks in Tucson.



Rev Sharon and I met for many reasons, one just to make sure I was doing ok in the process. But the most important things we needed to do was the psychological assessments. This was a series of 3 assessments. There were 5 possible answers with one being not at all and 5 being very much so. When doing these types of assessments, you get more accurate results by not picking the middle. I worked hard not to have any answers that were 3. It does mean you are a lot more vulnerable. Sharon then went over the results on a minimal level. The real evaluation would come later when I met with the conference psychiatrist.

Because I said yes to serving a church as early as July of 2019, another thing had to take place that doesn't happen to every candidate. I had to interview with the cabinet. This not only included all four DS's and the head of connectional ministries, it included the bishop. Rev. Bob Hoshibata was the bishop at that time. This interview took place in early March of 2019. This was after the very contentious Extended General Conference meeting in February 2019. It was this meeting that set our denomination on a course for disaffiliations and division.

One question they asked was, "Why do you want to do this now"? My answer to that was that I believed I could help be a bridge for the divisive issue of the inclusion of LGBTQ siblings. And I still do to this day. I must say, I thought the interview went very well. But what would it mean in the end?

More to come next week. Where would Pastor Amy go to be a pastor?



Spring Fling 2027

Kick-Off/Planning Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2026 at 12:15 p.m.



Please plan to join us after our
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship on November 29th
to help decorate the church.
We will also have a souper luncheon.
Let's make our church the perfect
'Home for Christmas'!

St. John's UMC Weekly Calendar
November 15, 2026 thru November 21, 2026

Sunday ~ November 15

8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship

9:00 AM Modern Praise

10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

6:00 PM Trust in the Lord Service

Monday ~ November 16

5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study

Tuesday ~ November 17

12:00 PM
Bulletin/Connection Deadline

9:15 AM Women Doing Life

11:00 AM Chair Yoga

4:30 PM Preschool Board Mtg.

5:00 PM Finance Team Mtg.

5:30 PM Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday ~ November 18

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Potluck

6:00 PM Bible Study

8:00 PM Trust in the Lord Service

Thursday ~ November 19

Cornerstone Pick-Up

9:00 AM Morning Glories

5:30 PM
Christian Folk Worship

Friday ~ November 20

8:00 AM T.O.P.S.

9:00 AM Missions 'Food Boxes'

12:15 PM Spring Fling Planning

6:00 PM Young Adults & Singles

Saturday ~ November 21

8:00 AM Men's Fellowship

9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic

10:00 AM NA Meeting

Please Note:
No Chair Yoga ~ November 24th