

St. John's United Methodist Church



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The New Year is upon us! 2023 has come, and boy has time flown by! As I reflect on the past year, I can see lots of reasons to be thankful. Incredible things have happened in ministry at St. John's in 2022, I'm blessed that my family is happy and healthy. And, as I consider the last year I can see that there are lots of ways I have been faithful to God and to the people around me. And, I'm sure the same is true for all of us.

It's a new year. That means a new calendar. I don't know about you, but for me it used to be that when a new year began, my calendar had lots of empty spaces—lots of room for me to think about things I wanted to do in the next year. But, not anymore! It's not even January 1st as I am writing, and my calendar is already packed. Sermons planned, meetings scheduled, daily devotional readings, and much more. It's pretty well full. New Year's Day is no longer a time to think about do's and don'ts for the next year. That has already been decided. But, given that many of our calendars are already full, it's a perfect time to think about how we will conduct ourselves while carrying out everything we have planned. As Christians we live our lives within a covenant we have with God. God makes promises to us: to be with us no matter what, to always love us, to work even the most painful parts of life for good. And, we make promises to God: to love God above everything else, to love one another, to follow the example God gave us in Jesus Christ. So, the question we need to ask ourselves as we go into this new year is this: Will I live according to my covenant with God? With the help of the Holy Spirit, the answer can certainly be YES!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andrew

A Message from Our Lay Leader

Points to Ponder

*Romans 15:7 – Therefore **welcome** one another, just as our Lord Christ also welcomed you, to the glory of God.*

As you can probably imagine, the Bible is full of verses instructing people on how to greet and accept people you meet, whether into your home or into the church. From Old Testament times where people often lived a nomadic lifestyle, living far apart from each other, to the streets of crowded cities like Jerusalem and Rome, God's people have been encouraged to welcome old friends and strangers alike. This month I would like to look at the origins of the word, "welcome," so that we might better understand what we should mean when we say it.

Of course, every language has words of greeting. Many of you know that the Hebrew *shalom* is used as a greeting and when parting. It also means that you desire for that person peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare, and tranquility. Wow! That sounds a lot more important than a "hi," or a "wassup?" St. John's seeks to be a welcoming church; it is even the beginning of our new purpose statement. So, where does "welcome" come from?

"Welcome" comes down to us from Old English and before that Old Norse. The meaning brought two words together, one being "I desire", or "It is my wish" and the second part that means "to make you happy" or "to make you comfortable." So when we welcome someone, we are expressing our desire for them to be happy and comfortable with us. Who are we most comfortable with? For most of us, it's our families and friends. (I say "most" because I have known some families who are not comfortable around each other!)

So, our welcome extends a wish to make friends out of strangers, family out of those not physically related to us, an invitation to receive the same grace from us that Jesus extended to us and still extends to all. Does that make sense? It does? Well then, you're welcome!

Blessings,

Dave Kopecky
Lay Leader

A Message from Our Finance Director

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you had Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that Jesus met you during all the celebration and you had a chance to spend some quality with him. I know that Christmas is also a hard time for some of you, so I hope that you were able to feel His presence during this Christmas season.

Here is the most recent update of how we are doing financially.

Giving for the month of November through December 15th was \$56,399.65, this includes some donations that were ear marked for our apportionment payment. Our expenses were at \$71,058.69 showing a deficit of **-\$14,659.04**. For the year our income to date through December 15 is \$225,804.47 and our expenses are \$346,237.61 leaving us with a deficit of **-\$120,433.14**. These numbers do not include dedicated fund giving and dedicated fund expenses. I am sorry to always be the bearer of bad news, but it is important for you all to know where we stand financially.

St John's has always been a church known for their missional work out in the community, but if giving continues to be at the level it is into 2023, the church is going to have to make some hard decisions and some changes. It is up to the congregation to see the importance of what God says in the bible about tithing and giving. Everything that you have, your possessions, money, relationships etc, are a gift from God and it is only right and biblical to give back to Him a portion. Traditionally a tithe is 10% of your income. I know it is a scary thought to give 10% back to God (the church), but it is such a blessing to trust Him for your needs and in knowing that you are helping St John's pay its bills and also keeping their missions going.

I continue to implore you to seek the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ to see what He would have you give. He is faithful to a cheerful giver.

Don't forget that we have online giving through our website to make giving easier, just click on the Next steps Tab at the bottom of the home page, and it will take you to the giving screen.

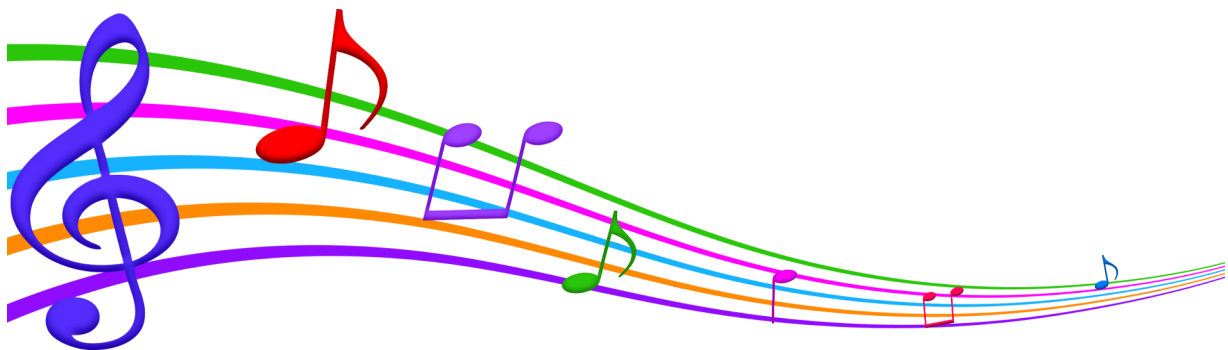
Blessings,

Tracy Sheehy
Finance Director

Sunday Worship Services
In-Person Worship at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center
Beginning Sunday, January 15, 2023 we will offer
2 Worship Services:
9:00 AM Praise & Worship
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

Sundays in January and Special Worship

January 1	New Year's Day Theme: Covenant Renewal Service Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34
January 8	Questions People Ask—Part 1 Theme: The Bible—What it is and What we Believe Scripture: Matthew 5:17-22a; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105
January 15	Questions People Ask—Part 2 Theme: The Bible—How to Read it Scripture: Matthew 5:17-22a; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105
January 22	Questions People Ask—Part 3 Theme: Doubt Scripture: Matthew 28:116-20
January 29	Questions People Ask—Part 4 Theme: Prayer Scripture: Psalm 22:1-5; Matthew 6:9-13



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)



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 Bible Study

Potluck at 5:30 p.m. followed by Study at 6 p.m.

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays at 11 a.m.



Team Meetings Schedule

**All are invited to join us on:
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 beginning at: 5:30 p.m.
For our 2023 Committee Kick-Off Meeting and Potluck
Please Bring a Dish to Share**



**United Methodist Men is now
UNITED MEN'S MINISTRY!
Please watch for some exciting new changes!**

UNITED MEN'S MINISTRY

A complete church ministry for any organizer or leader. Easy to install and get started. Rather than focus on a program, The UNITED Platform is a set of tools and resources (a framework) for your men's ministry. We can help you with a turnkey solution, or you can pick and choose what you need to reach the guys in your church and community. It's an ever-evolving platform complete with coaching on how to use the platform, establish effective discipleship, and use the additional resources inside.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship resumed gathering in June of 2022.

The focus of the group is to become better acquainted with other ladies from St. John's UMC and to expand our knowledge in areas of interest to us.

Each month we have a speaker at our gatherings which have included:

Sara and Melissa from Mohave County Probation discussing the topic of Human Trafficking globally and within Mohave County, Susan the owner of Herbs and More speaking about wellness of mind and body as well as the use of natural treatments, and Teresa from the Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center.

We feel these speakers have educated us on topics that we knew little about.

However, the focus of the group is Christian Fellowship. We have enjoyed answering 'ice breaker' questions, sharing our faith, and just getting to know one another better.

Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 1 p.m.
Please bring a dish to share

Grief Recovery Support Group

***New Sessions Begin:
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6 p.m.***

St. John's United Methodist Church
1730 Kino Avenue, Kingman, AZ 86409
(928) 692-8828; www.stjohnsumc.com

GriefShare is a network of 12,000 + churches worldwide equipped to offer Grief Support Groups. The program is non-denominational and features Biblical concepts for healing from your grief. This is a 13-week video seminar with workbook. Cost of the workbook is \$20



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 for more information



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

***For January we are asking for donations of:
Pasta; Vienna Sausages***

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

- 1) AGOMS UMF, Las Vegas, Nevada ~ Rev. Ki Yong Lee
- 2) Advent UMC, Las Vegas, Nevada ~ Rev. Eve Williams
- 3) Boulder City UMC, Boulder City, Nevada ~ Pastor Kimber Govett



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. 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; Family of Lyndal Byram; Jennifer Casey; Kristen Coates; Sally Diehl; Joyce Dombroski; Debra Eberly; Gary Forde; Steven Frazine; Arno & Vera Gates; Patty George; 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; Zoe Wober

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 **February 2023 Newsletter** deadline is:
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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

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:

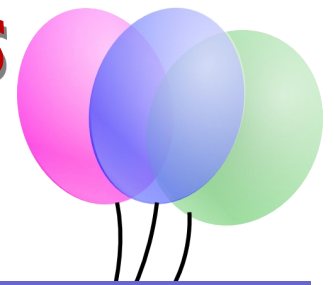
Weigh-In begins at 8 a.m.

Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

Cerbat Garden Club

Second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Bible Readings; Birthdays; Anniversaries



<i>January Daily Bible Readings</i>	
Day 1—January 1	Genesis 1:1—3:24
Day 2—January 2	Genesis 4:1—5:32
Day 3—January 3	Genesis 6:1—9:17
Day 4—January 4	Genesis 9:18—11:32
Day 5—January 5	Genesis 12:1—14:24
Day 6—January 6	Genesis 15:1—17:27
Day 7—January 7	Genesis 18:1—20:18
Day 8—January 8	Genesis 21:1—23:20
Day 9—January 9	Genesis 24:1—25:18
Day 10—January 10	Genesis 25:19—28:9
Day 11—January 11	Genesis 28:10—30:43
Day 12—January 12	Genesis 31:1—36:43
Day 13—January 13	Genesis 37:1—41:57
Day 14—January 14	Genesis 42:1—45:28
Day 15—January 15	Genesis 46:1—50:26
Day 16—January 16	Exodus 1:1—4:31
Day 17—January 17	Exodus 5:1—7:13
Day 18—January 18	Exodus 7:14—12:30
Day 19—January 19	Exodus 12:31—15:21
Day 20—January 20	Exodus 15:22—18:27
Day 21—January 21	Exodus 19:1—21:36
Day 22—January 22	Exodus 22:1—24:18
Day 23—January 23	Exodus 25:1—27:21
Day 24—January 24	Exodus 28:1—30:38
Day 25—January 25	Exodus 31:1—34:35
Day 26—January 26	Exodus—35:1—40:38
Day 27—January 27	Leviticus 1:1—4:35
Day 28—January 28	Leviticus 5:1—7:38
Day 29—January 29	Leviticus 8:1—10:20
Day 30—January 30	Leviticus 11:1—14:57
Day 31—January 31	Leviticus 15:1—18:30

January Birthdays

January 4—Melissa Dahmer
 January 5—Doug Deering
 January 7—Amber Glaeser
 January 8—Mike Rose
 January 10—Noreen Frisch
 January 11—Roger Gross
 January 14—Heidi Heer; Jeanne Thurman
 January 17—Andrea Heer
 January 19—Amy Lunsford
 January 21—Ryan Hicks
 January 26—Kayla Duhaime
 January 29—Bohden Paruch
 January 30—Lisa Brownfield



**Robin & Joe Lipuma
 January 1, 2016 (7 years)**

January 2023 Calendar

Sunday, January 1	9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship; 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Youth Group
Monday, January 2	6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 3	<i>2:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 4:00 PM Community Book Club
Wednesday, January 4	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, January 5	9:00 AM Friendship Sewing Group; 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 6	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, January 7	10:00 AM NA Meeting; 5:00 PM NA 1st Saturday
Sunday, January 8	9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship; 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Youth Group/Annual Youth Group Parent Meeting
Monday, January 9	6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 10	<i>2:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 5:30 PM Committee Kick-Off Meeting & Potluck
Wednesday, January 11	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 10:00 AM Cerbat Garden Club 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, January 12	9:00 AM Friendship Sewing Group; 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 13	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, January 14	10:00 AM NA Meeting; 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship
Sunday, January 15	9:00 AM PRAISE & WORSHIP ; 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ; 11:30 AM Youth Group

January 2023 Calendar

Monday, January 16	6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2074; 6:30 PM Bell Choir
Tuesday, January 17	<i>2:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 10:00 AM Coffee with Friends
Wednesday, January 18	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, January 19	9:00 AM Friendship Sewing Group; 9:00 AM Morning Glories 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study; 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 20	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, January 21	10:00 AM NA Meeting
Sunday, January 22	9:00 AM PRAISE & WORSHIP ; 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ; 11:30 AM Youth Group
Monday, January 23	6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 24	<i>2:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i>
Wednesday, January 25	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, January 26	9:00 AM Friendship Sewing Group; 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 27	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'
Saturday, January 28	10:00 AM NA Meeting
Sunday, January 29	9:00 AM PRAISE & WORSHIP ; 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ; 11:30 AM Youth Group
Monday, January 30	6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2074; 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 31	<i>2:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i>

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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
Resident Bishop	Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut

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

Beginning January 15, 2023
9:00 AM ~ Praise & Worship
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

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