

St. John's United Methodist Church



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Reflections from the Rev.

Ah, March. A month that begins to fulfill the promise that Spring and warmer weather will soon arrive. March is also National Reading Month. Boy, does that make my English Lit major heart happy! Reading truly does take us to places of wonder and amazement. One of the wonderful blessings of my seminary journey was the license to read every single day. March 2nd is marked as Read Across America Day. Schools across the country observe this in many ways, typically dedicating the entire day to reading activities with their students.

It's no coincidence that March 2nd is also the birth date of Dr. Seuss. He would have been 123 years old this year. The characters of Dr. Seuss are much loved and are often featured in classrooms on Read Across America Day. I know there's been some recent discussions about whether or not Dr. Seuss was as unbiased as originally thought. I'm all for expanding conversation to help us be better as a society. Time will tell and I look forward to seeing what these discussions reveal. I do believe that context is important in any discussion looking back at things that were written, said, or depicted in art. That's a topic for another day.

Today I want to talk about how we might be able to use these characters to help expand our faith. Take his story *The Sneetches*. This book provides a perfect way to illustrate Galatians 3:28. Paul encourages unity in the church in Galatia with these words. "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (NRSV)

In the story of *The Sneetches*, we find a group of yellow birds called Sneetches. Some of these birds have plain yellow bellies, but some of them have green stars on them. The Sneetches with green stars begin to think quite a bit of themselves. So much so that they start to shun and make fun of the Sneetches with plain yellow bellies. The plain Sneetches come up with an elaborate plan, thanks to an inventor named McMonkey McBean. He creates a Star-On Machine. For the very reasonable price of \$3 dollars a plain belly Sneetch can join the world of the popular. Now that the star bellied Sneetches aren't so popular, they want to figure out how to regain that status. Guess who has a solution? Clever McMonkey McBean creates a Star-Off machine. This time the price is higher. It will cost \$10 to remove those disgusting stars. The original star bellied Sneetches were more than happy to pay the price to become popular again. I'm sure you can see where this goes. All of the Sneetches spend so much time going between the Star-On and Star-Off machine, that eventually no one knows who belongs to which group. In all of this chaos they learn an important lesson. No matter if someone has a star or no star on their belly, they are worthy of friendship. The baptismal vows of Methodism declare that we will resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We may not have had control over what happened in the past, but we do have control over what is happening in our present. We can be part of the present that accepts that all humans are of sacred worth.

This was the point of Paul's message to the Galatians. All are created in the image of God and worthy of love and acceptance. Even if they have a star or a plain belly.

Rev. Amy



A Message from Our Finance Team

Finance Report for January

	Jan. 2026	Jan. 2025 (PY)	\$ Change	% Change
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,164.08	\$11,374.31	(\$210.23)	(1.85%)
Other Income	\$1,408.36	\$3,552.54	(\$2,144.18)	(60.36%)
Total Income	\$12,572.44	\$14,926.85	(\$2,354.41)	(15.77%)
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In Christ,

Tracy Sheehy
Finance Director

A Message from Our Lay Leader

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Changes

I have to do a lot of changes in my life, for right now.

We bought a fixer house and I have not been doing enough fixing. We have a deadline for getting things in shape. For a few months I need to concentrate on getting things in shape at home. I will still do the cleaning job at church. You will still see me in church on Sundays.

I will not be Lay Leader, in Choir, at Bible Study, and at Food Box Distribution.

I would still like to talk to people about Good Vibrations Singing.

David Balk is going to be the new Lay Leader. He has been Lay Leader in his previous church. He is a great guy and will do an excellent job. I have worked with him at the food box distributions and he has a great spiritual attitude and is very good with people. David usually attends the Modern Praise Worship Service.

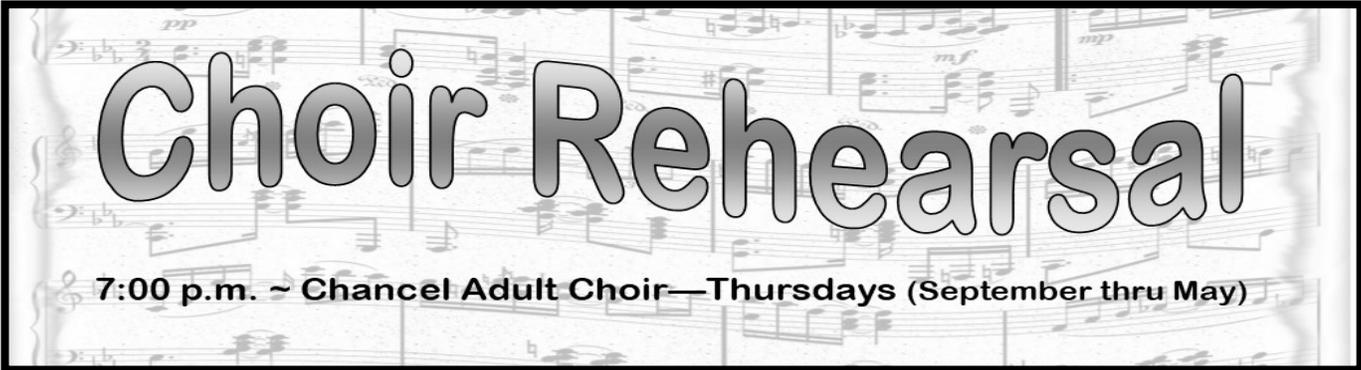
I have great faith in this church and its leaders.

*Sharing with Others to Know
More About Life,*

Terry Crawford
Lay Leader

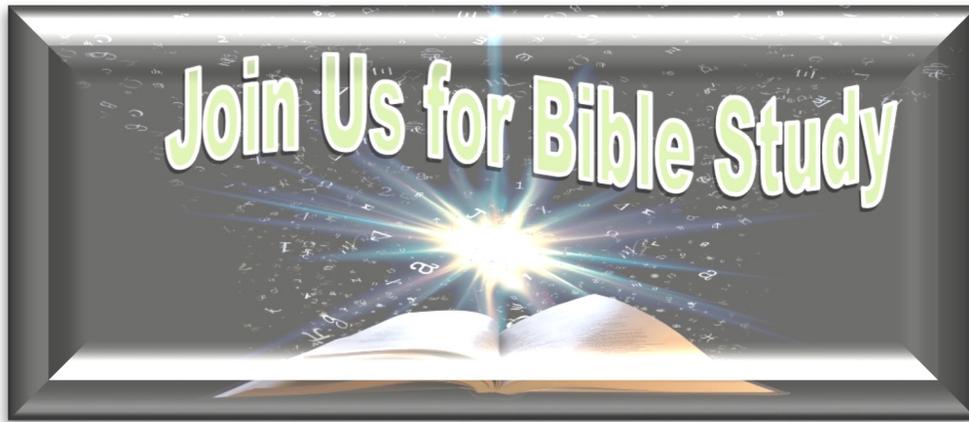
Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m. Modern Praise
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
and
Christian Folk Worship
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

March 1st Lent ~ 2	<i>Pause: Faces</i> Scripture: Psalm 27 CEB
March 8th Lent ~ 3	<i>Pause: Blessing</i> Scripture: Psalm 63 CEB
March 15th Lent ~ 4	<i>Pause: Table</i> Scripture: Psalm 23 CEB
March 22nd Lent ~ 5	<i>Pause: Waiting</i> Scripture: Psalm 130 CEB
March 29th Lent ~6 Palm Sunday	<i>Pause: Thanksgiving</i> Scripture: Psalm 118 CEB



Choir Rehearsal

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



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study

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



Board of Trustees ~ Meets 1st Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.
(January, April, July, October)

Next meeting is: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the Resource Center

Nurture Team ~ Meets 3rd Thursday of Each Quarter at 4:00 p.m.
(January, April, July, October)

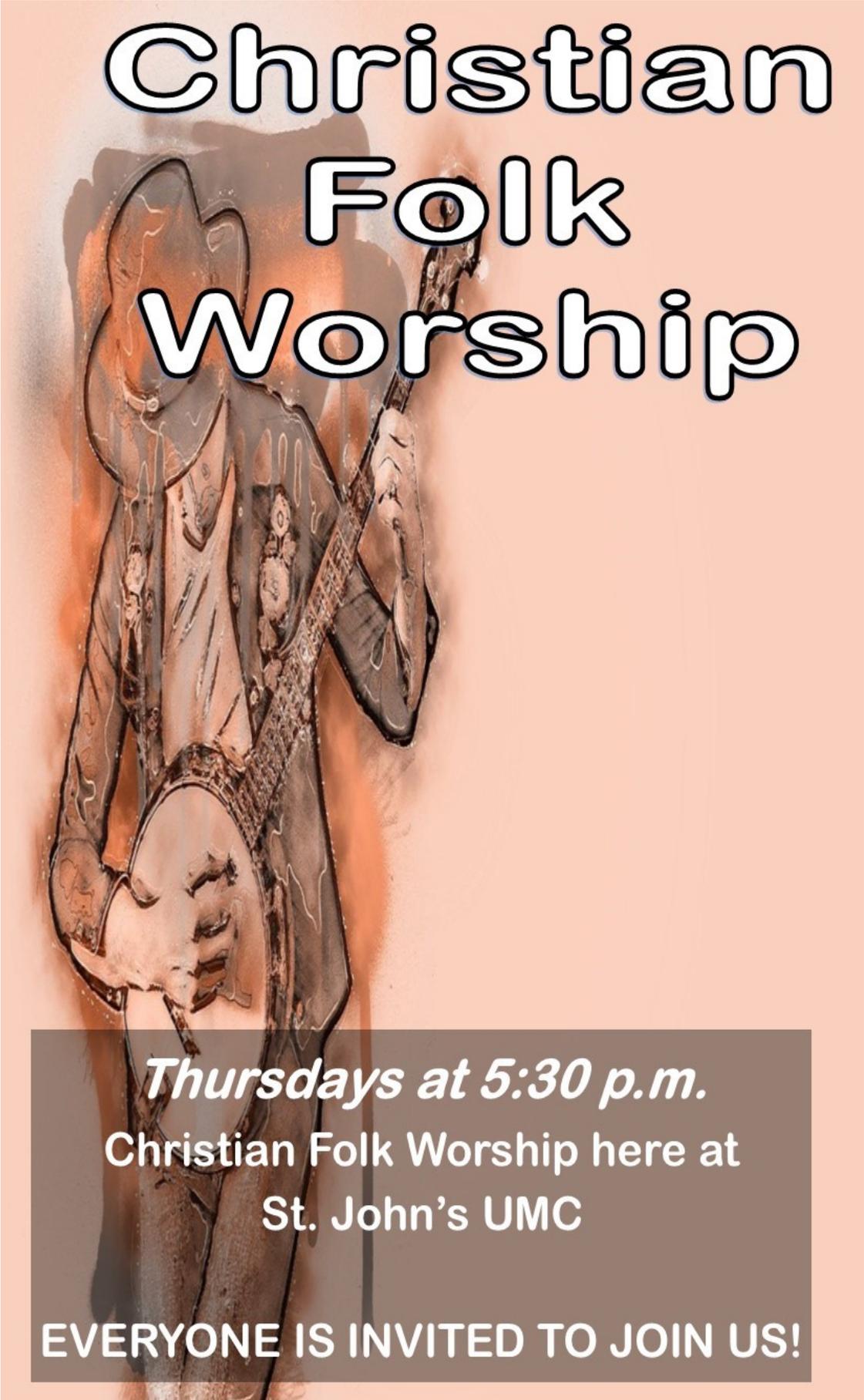
Next Meeting is: Thursday, April 16, 2026 in the Resource Center

Finance Team ~ Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:00 p.m.
(January, April, July, October)

Next meeting is: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 in the Resource Center

Church Council ~ Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.
(January, April, July, October)

Next meeting is: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 in the Resource Center



Christian Folk Worship

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
Christian Folk Worship here at
St. John's UMC

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026



7 a.m. - 9 a.m.	<i>Imposition of Ashes</i> St. John's UMC Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	<i>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</i>

Lenten Lunches are a time once a week for the 6-weeks of Lent for us to come together for a Short Worship followed by Lunch and Fellowship.



Lenten Lunches will begin on Friday, February 20th at 12:30 p.m. and continue every Friday at 12:30 p.m. through Friday, March 27th

February 20	Songs: Change My Heart, O God/Make Me a Servant
February 27	Songs: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Make Me a Servant
March 6	Songs: In His Time/Make Me a Servant
March 13	Songs: Bind Us Together/Make Me a Servant
March 20	Songs: Make Us One/Make Me a Servant
March 27	Songs: Sanctuary/Make Me a Servant

Wednesday Night Potluck & Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a Potluck followed by Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Holy Week

March 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9 a.m. Modern Praise 10:30 a.m. Traditional	
April 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship Service	
April 3	<i>Good Friday</i> Worship Service	

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship

8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Modern Praise Worship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Night Potluck & Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join us!
5:30 p.m. Potluck followed by
Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Men of ALL ages are invited to come and discover the
truths of God's word.
Join us on Wednesday mornings at
8:00 a.m. for Fellowship followed by
Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.
All Men are Welcome!



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship!!!
All Men are invited to join us on:
Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 8 a.m.
For Food, Fellowship, and FUN!!!**



WWF

***Widow & Widowers Fellowship
We will be meeting
Sunday, March 8, 2026 and attending
'The Sound of Love' Concert
At Kingman High School
(4182 N. Bank Street, Kingman)***



Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which postures are performed while seated and/or with the aid of a chair. Chair yoga classes typically target those with physical disabilities or aging men and women who find a typical yoga session too challenging. It is also a great form of yoga for beginners or anyone who wants to focus on a gentle practice.

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

**St. John's UMC
Multi-Purpose Room**

Instructed by: Judy Norris



Saturday, March 21, 2026

12 p.m. ~ 3 p.m.

Bunny Car Hop
(Think Trunk Or Treat with a Spring Theme)

To Register, please go to:
<https://www.stjohnsumc.com/events>
Or use the QR Code Below:



Easter Bunny

Games



Easter Egg Hunt

Food Trucks



FUN!!!



1730 Kino Avenue
Kingman, Arizona



Women Doing Life Together

This group will provide an opportunity for
Women to share with each other.

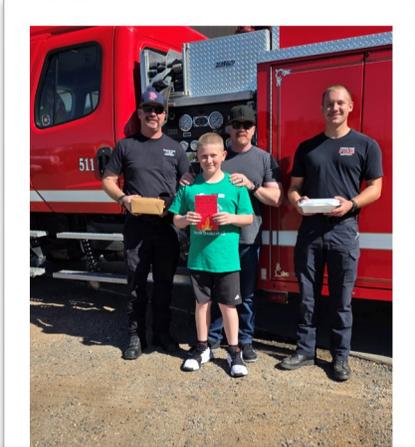
We will gather Every Other Tuesday at
10:00 a.m. at St. John's UMC
(1730 Kino Avenue, Kingman, AZ)

March 2026 Gatherings:
March 3, March 17, March 31

Please contact Barb Parker at:
(928) 530-2156
For More Information or with Questions.

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in our 'First Responders' Cookie Exchange on Saturday, February 14th. We appreciate all the goodies and I'm sure our recipients felt the love and support from our church.





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 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

DONATIONS NEEDED:

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

***During Lent we are having a
Food Drive contest between the
Worship Services,
so please bring your donations on Sundays and/or
Thursdays and place in the buckets upfront for the
Worship Service
that you attend.***

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

- 1) Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, Arizona
- 2) First Henderson UMC, Henderson, Nevada
- 3) First Tongan UMF, Las Vegas, Nevada



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

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.

Family of Roger Anders; Family of Carol Anderson; Lois Baker; Family of Warren Bard; Family of Susan Bethel; Jennifer Casey; Nicole Castro; Dale Conner; Sally Diehl; Debra Eberly; Gary Forde; Steven Frazine; Family of Arno Gates; Patty George; Dana Godfrey; Jeffrey Gordon; Carol Halen; Jean Hardy; Spencer Hess; Paula Hupp; Family of Julie Jensen; Kimberley Jones; Ed Krause; Amy Lunsford; Betty Mixon; Krista Nielson; Paul Payer; Kevin Pratt; Family of Barbara Ricca; Sandra Robison; Patty Roderick; Betty Rowe; Nandhini Sankar; Gert Schacht; Marc Schacht; Debbie Scott; Rodney Shutts; Jennifer Sievert; Martin Sievert; Wade Sievert; Ernestine Stein; Jeremy Thomas; Dr. Tom Thompson; Melissa Van Pelt; 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 12:00 PM.** Bulletins are printed on Tuesday afternoons.

St. John's Connection for church events and happenings are due to the church office no later than **Tuesdays at 12 p.m.**

The Connection Email is sent out on Wednesday mornings.



The **April 2026 Newsletter** deadline is:
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 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

Morning Glories

Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. (September-June)

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. (August-June)

Bible Readings; Birthdays; Anniversaries



March Daily Bible Readings	
March 1	Psalm 78; Mark 6:1-13
March 2	Psalm 81, 82; Mark 6:14-29
March 3	Psalm 85, 86; Mark 6:30-46
March 4	Psalm 91, 92; Mark 6:47-56
March 5	Psalm 87, 90; Mark 7:1-23
March 6	Psalm 66, 67; John 6:27-40
March 7	Psalm 89; Mark 7:24-37
March 8	Psalm 94, 95; Mark 8:1-10
March 9	Psalm 101, 109; Mark 8:11-26
March 10	Psalm 69, 73; Mark 8:27-9:1
March 11	Psalm 107; Mark 9:2-13
March 12	Psalm 102, 108; Mark 9:14-29
March 13	Psalm 118, 145; John 8:46-59
March 14	Psalm 31, 35; Mark 9:30-41
March 15	Psalm 123, 124, 125; Mark 9:42-50
March 16	Psalm 128, 129, 130; Mark 10:1-16
March 17	Psalm 140, 142; Mark 10:17-31
March 18	Psalm 141, 143; Mark 10:32-45
March 19	Psalm 137, 144; Mark 10:46-52
March 20	Psalm 24, 29; Luke 19:41-48
March 21	Psalm 51; Mark 11:12-25
March 22	Psalm 6, 12; Mark 11:27-33
March 23	Psalm 55, 74; Mark 12:1-11
March 24	Psalm 102; Mark 14:12-25
March 25	Psalm 22, 40; John 13:36-38
March 26	Psalm 27, 88, 95
March 27	Psalm 113, 114; John 1:1-18
March 28	Psalm 93, 98; Mark 16:1-8
March 29	Psalm 103, 111; Mark 16:9-20
March 30	Psalm 97, 99; Matthew 28:1-16
March 31	Psalm 148, 149; Matthew 28:17-20

March Birthdays

- March 1—Keri Balk; Emerald Brown:
Rebeka Riesen
- March 2—Peggy Harback
- March 3—Tracy Sheehy
- March 5—Pat Cropper
- March 7—Linda Tucker
- March 9—Jillian Faris
- March 11—Ed Pennington
- March 12—Jayce Graszer;
Wesley Larson
- March 13—Keegan Heer
- March 15—John Ruger
- March 17—Karen Seaborn
- March 22—Robin Lipuma
- March 23—Bob Tuomi
- March 30—Sue Snell



Barb & Dale McDaniel
3/29/1980
(46 years)



March 2026 Calendar

Sunday, March 1	Lent ~ 2 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, March 2	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, March 3	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline 10:00 AM Women Doing Life Together ; 11:30 AM Chair Yoga 4:00 PM Community Book Club
Wednesday, March 4	Cornerstone Pick-Up 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 1:00 PM Garden Club Board Meeting 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, March 5	4:30 PM GriefShare 5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 6	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 12:30 PM Lenten Lunch
Saturday, March 7	9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting; 5:00 PM NA 1st Saturday
Sunday, March 8	Lent ~ 3 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Widow & Widowers Fellowship
Monday, March 9	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, March 10	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline 11:30 AM Chair Yoga
Wednesday, March 11	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 10:00 AM Cerbat Garden Club 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, March 12	4:30 PM GriefShare 5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 13	Cornerstone Pick-Up 8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 12:30 PM Lenten Lunch
Saturday, March 14	9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting; Healthy Families Parent Group
Sunday, March 15	Lent ~ 4 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship



March 2026 Calendar

Monday, March 16	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, March 17	<i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 10:00 AM Women Doing Life Together; 11:30 AM Chair Yoga
Wednesday, March 18	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, March 19	Cornerstone Pick-Up 9:00 AM Morning Glories; 4:30 PM GriefShare 5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 20	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 12:30 PM Lenten Lunch 6:00 PM Young Adults & Singles Group
Saturday, March 21	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship; 9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting 12 PM ~ 3 PM SPRING FLING
Sunday, March 22	Lent ~ 5 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, March 23	Cornerstone Pick-Up 5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, March 24	<i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 11:30 AM Chair Yoga 5:30 PM Leadership Retreat
Wednesday, March 25	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, March 26	4:30 PM GriefShare 5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 27	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes' 12:30 PM Lenten Lunch
Saturday, March 28	9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting
Sunday, March 29	Lent ~ 6: PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, March 30	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, March 31	<i>12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline</i> 10:00 AM Women Doing Life Together; 11:30 AM Chair Yoga





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Kingman, Arizona 86409

Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Amy Kalm
Office Administrator	Heidi Heer
Treasurer	Tracy Sheehy
Modern Praise Music Director	Chris Commisso
Traditional Music Director	Karin Kopecky
Christian Folk Music Director	Mike Mixon
Preschool Director	Mande Padilla

Connection Staff

District Superintendent	Rev. Timote Piukala
Resident Bishop	Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Friday 8 am-2:00 pm
(928) 692-8828/Fax (928) 692-8799

Worship at St. John's UMC

Sundays:
9:00 AM ~ Modern Praise
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

Christian Folk Worship
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Email: st.johns@citlink.net
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