

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



*June 21, 2026  
9:00 a.m. Modern Praise*

*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*

Announcements

\* Music to Praise God

*Rising*

*My Life is in You Lord*

*What Can I Do*

Children's Message

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.*

Gift of Music

God's Holy Word

Luke 15:11-32

NIV

The Message



*Guest Speaker: Gail Padwick-Gates*

*Sermon Song ~ Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*The Faith We Sing # 2171, v. 1, 2, 3*

Offering/\* Modern Doxology



*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*United Methodist Hymnal # 95*

Our Giving To The Work Of The Church

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Music For The Journey

*Finding Who We Are*





**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

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|---|--|
| † Jan Thill   | † Nancy Shepard  |
| † Rick Gagnon   | † Phil McKweon   |
| † Noni Dye –cancer  | † Paul Player  |
| † Cyndy Aden  | † Donna Mauer  |
| † Paul Stahulak   | † Ron Sutliff  |
| † Peggy Connell   | † Judy Venenga (brain cancer)                          |
| † Laurene McKweon   | † Jeannette Henderson<br>(Lisa Brownfield's Mom)       |
| † Jodi Kershner<br>(shoulder surgery)                                       | † Patti Cropper  |
| † Zack Larson (torn MCL)  | † Debbie Lewis   |
| † Larry (stroke)  | † Luke Thatcher  |
| † A.P. (surgery)  | † Peggy Harback's<br>granddaughter Molly               |
| † Lynda Allen   | † Cheri Forsyth's sister Shelley<br>and her nephew Max |
| † Olivia Gebbart  | † Nicole Castro daughter of<br>Michaela Jefferies      |
| † Mac McAfee  | † Lauren & Leeann—<br>health concerns & guidance       |
| † LeAnn Bard  | † Connie Jackson<br>(friend of Lesa Vishon)            |
| † Susyn Klein   | † Hudson<br>(Judy Rose's grandson)                     |
| † John Pool   | † Fred Grigg   |
| † Ron (Tracy's dad)   | † John Rose (kidney cancer)                            |
| † Ginny Patterson   | † Sophia—stroke  |
| † Amanda Castro (lupus)   | † Chuck McKee  |
| † Jean Kowall (leukemia)  | † Cheyanne B.  |
| † Ricardo (surgery)   | † Jane—cancer  |
| † Dale McDaniel (severe pain in<br>right hip)                               | † John Shaorter  |
| † Nola Long (stage 4 cancer)  | † Joy Creelman   |
| † Jax Harvey (4 mo.Old)<br>(heart surgery)                                  | † Karen—bone cancer                                    |
| † Jackie (Jeanne Ferguson's<br>Mother in-Law) - recovering<br>from a stroke | † Sarah Sprague  |
| † Adel Ward (broken collarbone)   | † Bobby L.   |
| † Gert Schacht (Heidi's dad)  | † Beverly Johnson                                      |
| † Deb (friend of Linda Tucker)  | † Marai R.   |
| † Rebecca Faris-3rd round<br>Chemo (Colon Cancer)                           | † Allen W.   |
| † Delilah Alvarado  | † Zoe W.   |
| † Evelyn Dearborn   |  |
| † Brita McDaniel  |  |
| † Kathy Reimund   |  |



### **JOYS AND THANKSGIVING**

- † GREAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

### **PRAYERS FOR SYMPATHY**

- † Family & Friends of Dale McDaniel who passed May 31st
- † Family & Friends of Rev. Don Hegeman who passed away on April 21, 2026. Condolences can be sent to:  
Gretchen Breyller-Hegeman:  
9970 N. Doheny Place, Tucson, AZ 85737
- † Family & Friends of Junior LeMay (Everett Burge's Uncle)

### **PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & OTHER CONCERNS**

- † Prayers for Guidance for Martin Sievert Family
- † Toni (business & personal issues)
- † Prayers for All in the Middle East/Conflict with Iran
- † Ray Salmon
- † Lindy Bowman
- † Brian Higgins
- † Tom & Carolyn L.—health concerns & changes in their lives
- † 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!**



# Women Doing Life Together

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

**We will gather Every Tuesday at  
9:15 a.m. at St. John's UMC**

**Please contact Barb Parker at:  
(928) 530-2156**

**For More Information or with Questions.**

***OPEN TO ALL WOMEN!!!***



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***

**PLEASE NOTE:  
THE CLOTHING CLOSET IS TAKING  
DONATIONS OF ADULT SUMMER  
CLOTHING ONLY!**

**NO OTHER DONATIONS ARE BEING  
ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.**



## ***Dinner and a Show***

**Wednesday, July 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**Church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.  
Please bring a side or a dessert to share.**

**Acts should be family friendly and no longer  
than 4 minutes.  
(don't have to be religious in nature)**

**Acts of all types are welcome:  
Singing; dancing; skits; magic acts!**

**If you have any questions about what would be  
appropriate for an act, please contact:  
Heidi Heer or Pastor Amy at: (928) 692-8828**



**Monday** – Armed with caffeine and sheer will, I arrived at church at 8:00 am. Today was the start of our 2026 Vacation Bible School. The kids were set to arrive at 9:00 am. The first problem was I couldn't find the scripts that Heidi had so painstakingly printed out for me. (Guess what I found today?) Heidi was kind enough to reprint them. We gathered for prayer at 8:30. The kids started filing in. Some were familiar from the last 2 years, except they've GROWN! We had several new faces too. One of them came with his adorable pre-mee baby sister. Take a number to hold that sweet little girl! We only started about 5 minutes late, which is really good for the first day of VBS. AD Heidi and Ollie hammed it up as they led the "challengers" through all of the songs and introduced the story and theme of the day. Today was the story of Esther and how to be brave even when you're afraid. Our Mountain Motto was "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. We would say this every day in multiple ways with the kids. There was also a lift lesson each day. Today's was "I can be brave". The kids went through all of their activities. In science one experiment didn't work so they moved on to the next one which involved...lard. (Gulp) The kids put lard on one hand and nothing on the other and then stuck their hands in cold water. The lard hand didn't feel cold. However...this also led to one of those VBS things. Suddenly saying "The Lard be with you" was a trigger for laughter. Would I dare use this on Sunday? Ollie got really comfortable on the puppet stage. So comfortable that in the last song his dancing collapsed the entire puppet stage. Ollie was exposed. What to do? Roll with it. Ollie went down and hung out with all of the kids. He kind of would become a celebrity by the end of the week. Once the kids were gone, we took some time to set for the next day. Then it was time for me to head home to grab a bit of my weekend.



**Tuesday** – Once again armed with caffeine and sheer will, I arrived at church at 8:00 am. Ms. Chris was warning us about the 2<sup>nd</sup> day chaos that usually happened with VBS. I hope she’s wrong. No puppet stage catastrophes today. Today’s theme was giving it our all. The Bible story of the day was the Widows Mite. The lift lesson for the day was “I can give it my all”. Another round of fun activities. Its so impressive to see how the station leaders provide such awesome experiences for each group each day. The crafts with Vicki Baker were great, the snacks with Rex Layfield, Melissa Dahmer, and Trudy Mixon were awesome, music with Andrea Penn was a hoot, (and she’s a hero because the AC wasn’t working in the music room, it had a sauna vibe going) Story time with Lois, aka Mom brought fun treats each day and good lessons, Scott Larson brought a lot of energy and good conversations with recreation. He’s so good at tying the lessons to the games. Russell Cox led the science station, which is always a kid favorite. Suzanne and Robin kept our cute preschoolers, the Snow Bunnies, busy in their room. At the opening assembly Ollie mentions “Seal-ia” in the script. This would turn into an ongoing saga with the kids and no Heidi and Rev Amy did not perpetuate it. We decided after yesterdays stage debacle we’d just have Ollie come down and hang with the kids during the last song. This led to a whole lot of questions like why is your belly so big (fish), why do you have a whole in the back of you (for when mother nature called), and last but not least, who was Seal-ia. Ollie started telling the kids that he likes Seal-ia and thought she was cute. Then he would ask, “Should I tell her?” The overwhelming response. Yes! This would lead us to day 3. For now it was time to go home and grab a little more weekend time.

**Wednesday** – Another day, another 8:00 am arrival time. I got there even before the men's bible study started gathering. Today's theme was about prayer. The Bible Story was Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The lift lesson of the day was, "I can pray". We got through the opening session. I was silly enough to think I could get actual work done during VBS. I managed to get a bit done with closing out the 2026 security grant. I talked about station leaders for Tuesday. Let's talk about our group leaders. We had 4 groups and here are their leaders. We had the Kindergarten, the Cozy Cubs. This rambunctious group of 9 was led by Meg and Glynn Baker. Next we had our 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade group, the Penguin Pals led by Cindy Anderson. We also had a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade group, the Frosty Friends led by Ms. Chris, and finally we had the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade group, the Arctic Adventurers led by Keri Balk. The Seal-ia saga continued in the final assembly. "Seal-ia" sent Ollie her picture. This was displayed on the puppet stage and in the slides for the assembly. During the last song, Ollie danced with the kids again. This time he had a "Fish Cake Pop" from Sea-bucks. After this I went back and starting putting together the orders of worship for the last Sunday in June. It's earlier than usual, but I won't be in the office next week when I would get them ready. Some of you may have heard whispers about "Toilet paper Wars". This was something that happened a couple of years ago when some of us went to the Leadership Institute in Kansas City. This was a war that took place between Rex and I. Let's just say it ramped up again. I didn't start it. But I did come in to find my coffee cup stuffed with toilet paper. This could not go unanswered. So Heidi and I engaged in a "team building project". We took 12 toilet paper rolls and wrote the names of the disciples on them. They received a toilet paper head and a toilet paper head cover. Then "Jesus" was placed on a cup so he could deliver the Sermon on the Mount. This diorama we placed in the refrigerator where Rex would be getting out the snacks for the next day. Teeheeheehee. Although I was exhausted from VBS, it was strange not to have Bible Study that night. But we actually cooked something for dinner, which was nice.

**Thursday** – Last day of 8:00 am arrivals. Whew! Heidi and I were hanging around the fellowship hall. We wanted to catch the moment Rex opened the refrigerator. Eventually we had to get ready for opening assembly. But we caught the moment, finally when he opened the refrigerator. He looked straight at our diorama. No reaction. NO REACTION? What kind of game was this. Heidi and I waited and waited. Nothing. How long was Rex going to keep this up? We had other things to worry about. The theme for the day was hope. The story was from Acts and told about Peter and John healing the lame man in the temple. The lift lesson was “I can hope!” I helped with the first Recreation period of the day. It was a sort of “shell game” where you hid medals in bowls and switched them around. Then the kids had to guess which bowl had the medal. Immediately seeing that each bowl was different,

I realized it would take no time for them to figure out what each bowl had or didn't have. So we made them turn around. We meaning Cody Balk and I. Cody came in to help me with recreation, since we all know that Rev Amy can't really run like little kids anymore. Anyway, this was a fun activity and even better because the kids thought so too. Scott made it in from his dentist appointment at the end of the first session. I handed rec off to him. One other important duty I had was to help Heidi with the call to move stations. We both had megaphones. But hers had a song, mine only had a siren. (The siren scared the kids!) The song was “Ole, ole, ole, ole”. The kids loved this and were chanting it throughout the day. Might they have been doing that at home too? Hmmmm. So now the final part of the Ollie/Seal-ia saga. Sealia sent Ollie a poem. This was read at the closing assembly. “Coral is red, seashells are blue, Ollie the arctic seal, I have a crush on you.” Both boys and girls loved it and bought into the whole scheme. What will happen next? There might be another segment at Dinner and a Show. After the kids left we were grateful for pizza from Pizza Hut as a celebration. We also spent time debriefing. Everyone left and the quiet settled in. Whew. We had a great Thursday night worship service and then home for leftovers!

**One last thing** – I won't go into the Saturday and Sunday things, given this is as long as it is already. But on Friday 2 important things happened. We submitted an application for another security grant for 2027, more details to come on that. Also, we submitted our close out reporting for the 2026 grant. I sure was proud of all we accomplished.

Big thanks to Bob Parker and the entire security team for the work that went into these projects.

Amy Odyssey will take a break next week because of Annual Conference....

# THANK YOU!!!!

**A HUGE  
THANK YOU!!!!  
To ALL of those that  
Volunteered and Helped  
with  
Vacation Bible School!**

***You ALL Rock!!!***  
**I appreciate ALL of your  
efforts in making VBS a  
Success!!!**

**Blessings,  
Activities Director Heidi**



## 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 11:00 a.m.**

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

**Instructed by: Judy Norris**

***Chair Yoga Schedule:***

***June 16 and June 23***

***No Chair Yoga:***

***June 30 thru July 28***

***Will Resume on:***

***August 4th***

## St. John's UMC Weekly Calendar June 21, 2026 thru June 27, 2026

### *Sunday ~ June 21*

#### **FATHER'S DAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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 ~ June 22*

#### **Cornerstone Pick-Up**

5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study

### *Tuesday ~ June 23*

#### **12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline**

9:15 AM Women Doing Life

11:00 AM Chair Yoga

### *Wednesday ~ June 24*

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Potluck

6:00 PM Bible Study

8:00 PM Trust in the Lord Study

### *Thursday ~ June 25*

#### **5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship**

### *Friday ~ June 26*

8:00 AM TOPS

9:00 AM Missions 'Food Boxes'

12:30 PM Widow & Widowers

6:00 PM Young Adults & Singles

### *Saturday ~ June 27*

9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic

10:00 AM NA Meeting

#### **To the Parents of Our Young Children, may we suggest...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't  
feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

All are Welcome!