St. John's United Methodist Church



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Reflections from the Rev.

Dear Uncle Blakeley,

As the very first pastor of our church, I know you really look forward to these annual family Christmas letters. I mean, who doesn't love a family Christmas letter. It's been another very busy year here at St. Johns.

December, of course, meant Advent and Christmas. Our Advent series involved letters from characters of the Christmas Story. We heard from Herod, Joseph (Eeets de end of ze vorld as ve know eet), Mary, and last but not least Jesus. We were grateful to the Kingman High School National Honor Society for putting up all of our big Christmas trees this year. We again hosted Living Waters Hospice for their annual memorial service. This is a time to celebrate all who passed during the year. We also hosted a Grief Share program called, Surviving the Holidays. So important for families who have suffered a loss. We had fun with the kids at Grace Neal Preschool during their Christmas program on December 17th. Pastor Amy and the kids sang "The Virgin Mary" complete with motions. We celebrated the baptism of Cathy Williams. Of course we had our Blue Christmas service on the 21st and our 2 Christmas Eve services. We were grateful to Sandra Alward for covering the music for this service as Lorena was spending the holidays with her family. After this, the church slumbered til the new year.

The way January started was less that encouraging. First of all, Lorena ended up with a very severe health issue when she was in North Dakota with her parents. We muddled through and thanks to Chris Commisso for covering those first few weekends. January 7th will be a hard day to forget for a while. It was a Tuesday and I received a call from Heidi. I never get a call on a weekend day unless it's an emergency. Heidi shared the heart dropping news. Our beloved Louis Hauck and his mother Dale were found deceased in their home. We later learned the even more heart wrenching news that Louis had taken his own life. This means of death would affect us 2 more times before January was over. Along with all of this sadness, there were some joys. We celebrated the baptism of Roscoe Bevins. We were asked to be the place for the Beale Street Theater to practice for their musical production, Cinderella. For 8 weeks the church would be a buzz with performers who were singing and dancing. There were costumes, and even a carriage. We received tickets in exchange, which allowed our Widow and Widowers to have a nice afternoon event together. We started working on a new idea called Spring Fling. Instead of a trunk or treat, we decided to do Spring Fling. which would include an Easter Bunny car hop. Uncle Buckley, it was so exciting to see how many showed up to help with this. We scheduled it for March 22nd. As the month went on, we learned that Lorena's illness would mean an extended road to recovery. We were blessed to have Sandra Alward step up to fill in for the Traditional Service music until their return to Nova Scotia. The rest of the month was the normal routine of Bible Studies, Ministry Outreaches like Nana's Pantry, and our 3 worship services. We also had our quarterly meetings.

February – This year a Parish Nurse position was added to Church Council. Linda Tucker was kind enough to accept that role. She also committed to writing an article for the newsletter. This month would be the debut of that article. We continued planning of Spring Fling and also started planning for Lent, which started later than last year. (Thank goodness!) On February 23rd we started a confirmation class! Five kids and many mentors showed up to be a part of this 13- week journey. Confirmation is set to take place on Pentecost Sunday in June. March – Easter fell late this year on April 20th. So it was refreshing to have an Ash Wednesday that didn't fall right on the heels of Christmas. Our church hosted Women Making History on the first Sunday of March. I really love hearing all the stories of the women across the many categories. Many St. John's women have been recipients of these awards. The first Wednesday in March marked the beginning of Lent. Once again, we held our Lenten Lunches each Friday during lent. This is such a meaningful gathering where heartfelt messages are shared by the church family and then we enjoy a lunch provided by another member of the church family. Coincidentally, our Lenten Sermon theme also involved dining as we used texts and themes from a book called "Meeting Jesus At The Table. We had a fun food contest between all the services to see who could bring in the most food. I'm sure it won't surprise you to know that this church is still very competitive. This gave the confirmation class a service project. They were responsible each week to count the food collected from each service. We were also busy preparing for Spring Fling. It was held on March 22nd and the weather is always a question mark at this time of year. In fact, to tease us, we woke up that morning to drizzle and a wet ground. This cleared up almost immediately and left us with rain fresh air. All of our plans started coming together. Games were set up, food trucks arrived, cars for the bunny hop arrived. The bounce house peeps scared us by getting there basically at the last minute. And then it was time to start and people also started showing up. And showing up and showing up. The parking lot was filled with laughter and enjoyment. We estimate that at least 400 people showed up to participate. We will definitely do it again next year. We even had \$147 in donations without soliciting it.

April was meeting month AND Holy week. Trustees were working on things like irrigation, bids for the patio, and replacing the kitchen garbage disposal. Also, moving the Stephen Minister room to room 2 because...we were expanding the Clothing Closet to 2 rooms! One room for women and girls, the other for men, boys, and some household items. Holy week began on April 13 with waving Palms. We celebrated the First Communion and footwashing on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday involved our traditional Tenebrae service with readings and snuffing out candles til we were mostly in darkness. Easter Sunday was highly anticipated because it was on 4/20. I must confess Uncle Blakely, we may have snickered and even laugh through some highly suggestive jokes, which included giving out packs of gummy bears with a sticker saying "Jesus, high and lifted up". Our food contest was a big success! We collected a total of 5630 items. The winning service? Modern Praise.

In May we hosted a Mother's Day tea. It was a fun event involving tea sandwiches, petite desserts, and outrageous games. Everyone had a good time. We continued our planning for VBS. What a fun theme...Road Trip! We embraced Route 66 with the decorations. We also continued on with confirmation. This is a good month to talk about the many things that happen on a weekly basis. We continue with our 3 worship services. The contemporary and traditional services are on Sunday, and we have Sunday worship on Thursday evenings. Our men's bible study still meets on Wednesday mornings. We have our potluck and bible study on Wednesday nights. Every Thursday we provide a meal for the veterans at Jerry Ambrose. We continue to offer 3 blood drives every year through Vitalant. Our church is a polling place. Our Widow and Widowers group meets once a month. They are such a rowdy bunch. I always tease about bail money.

June was a very full month. First of all, we decided to make a change to the music format of the Thursday night worship service. Instead of Modern Praise, we changed it to Christian Folk. Think of camp songs. Mike is so good with this type of music and every once in a while he brings in the banjo! We also had our Confirmation Retreat in a house up at Hualapai Resort. It went so well. Our 5 confirmands got turns cooking and cleaning up meals. We went hiking, played games, watched movies, and practiced for the confirmation ceremony. Confirmation was held on Pentecost Sunday. Uncle Blakely, you should have seen the kids. They stood so proud in the confirmation sashes they received and each of them received a Bible. We also started the tradition of giving any 3rd graders a bible from St. Johns. We also started renting out our chapel and conference room to St. Michael's Catholic Church. This is a small independent Catholic church that had been meeting at Grace Lutheran, but the space wasn't working for them. They now pay us \$200 in rent and contribute to all of our missions programs. Next was Annual Conference. This year was going to be special for several reasons. First, we were going to vote to ratify all of the constitutional amendments from General Conference 2020. And, I was going to be commissioned as a Provisional Elder. I was so excited to make it to this step. The experience of the ceremony was so deeply profound and spiritual. I get to be called Reverend now. Our delegates, Heidi Heer and Terry Crawford were great to talk to during our sessions. We also learned how to do the breath of joy! But wait, June isn't over yet. We added a Single Adult Ministry. The Sammers. They will also meet on the 3rd Friday evening of each month. We had a good time eating, playing silly games, and talking about activities they would enjoy doing together. We started a Young Adult Ministry group called YAM. The Yammers are meeting on the 3rd Friday evening of each month. We also had Vacation Bible School! We had 35 kids ages 4-12 participate. It felt like we had that many volunteers too. Trust me, that was a real blessing. The kids were mostly well behaved but there's always those one or two. It was nice to have our parish nurse, Linda Tucker on hand. She helped with the few bumps and bruises we had.

July – This was a meeting month for all the committees and all committees continue to run smoothly! On the 2nd Wednesday in July we hosted another "Dinner and a Show". We had even more acts this year. We had dancing by Ilia, more story telling from Lisa. I would say my act with John Sinclair gets a thumbs up! Sheila the Shark gave a fabulous last act. She has some pretty good dance moves for a shark. We've already set the date for next year. Once again we were a stop over for the youth group from Valley Bible Church in California. Their destination is the Navajo Reservation where they spend a week providing service and services. They are such a respectful and loving group. I'm glad they found their way to us. Another fun things we did was Pastor Swap! The pastor from Grace Lutheran and I had been talking about this for a while and finally decided to do it! I tried hard not to break anything at Grace. Everyone really liked this, so we will probably do it again sometime. It was also time to start planning for our football dinners for the Kingman High School Bulldogs. The season would be starting before we knew it.

August was our "quietest" month. We had a summer women's fellowship gathering which was a lot of fun. We decided to combine the Young Adults and Single Adults for now til we could build up both groups a little more. This month we cooked a taco meal together. Our football dinners started at the end of August.

September is when things start firing up again around the church. This month held special excitement as we hosted our first Filipino Faith Fellowship. We've been working on this for over a year as we began to identify how many Filipino people we were beginning to see in Kingman. We ordered lunch from our local Filipino restaurant, Kusina de Manila. We were grateful to be joined by Rev. Jaycee and his wife Veth. They serve the churches in Bullhead City and Ft. Mohave. We were grateful to Bishop Carlo for sending a welcoming video to show at the meeting. In addition to food, we had a simple devotion with a few songs and questions about what they would want in this fellowship. We will be hosting this regularly on the first Friday of each month. We've been developing an Ecumenical relationship with Grace Lutheran Church and the Nazarene Church. Grace has been providing produce that they get from the food bank but cannot use. The Nazarene church stepped in to take a few of the football team meals. It really helped ease the load. We had the joy of supporting a very special bell concert they held. Some of our leaders attended Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection and came back with some great ideas.

October we decided to do something different for World Communion Sunday. We had a World Communion Sunday "Unpotluck". Instead of having a potluck, we asked everyone to donate what they would have spent to the food pantry. They were also invited to just bring in food. Our church knows how to deliver on these asks. We raised over \$2500 and also collected a lot of food. It was a serious blessing, because our food pantry clientele has really grown. We all know that October means one big thing at St. Johns...Pumpkin patch time. The pumpkins arrived on October 11th. Thanks goes to the Bulldog Football team for helping us unload them. 1630 pumpkins in all. We sold one week less and it was a lot cooler this year. This means we had very few naughty (bad) pumpkins this year. So we did not run out this year but still beat last year's sales by \$200. At 5:30 on Halloween night the farm trucks started lining up. By 5:45 we started letting them in to take pumpkins. We had so many left over that they had to come back the next day. Once again we hosted KEMA for their October meeting.

It's now November. Already we've celebrated All Saints Day and Veterans Day. Today we hold our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. We held our first Spring Fling Kick-Off meeting. We've restarted our youth group. They are meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month. With a few more volunteers we will expand that to 2 meetings a month. By the end of this month we will have hung the greens. We are going to partner with Grace Lutheran on the Blue Christmas service this year with them hosting it.

Uncle Blakeley, you must continue to be very proud of what we are today. We're 137 years old this year! We continue to live out the United Methodist Mission to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. We are fully embracing our purpose statement, which means we are Welcoming, Learning, and Working. We continue to touch lives through our food pantry and clothing closet. We continue to hand out daily bags (sack lunches). At Thanksgiving and Christmas, through a partnership with Aquarius Casino in Laughlin, we give out items to cook a full meal for their holiday dinners. We will get 60 dinners this year! People have a better chance of breaking substance addictions through the groups that meet at our church. People who've lost a loved one learn about healthy ways to navigate grief through our Grief Share program. We continue to be present at Grace Neal through Pastor Chapel services, graduations, and sharing things from the food pantry with the teachers and families where there is abundance. We are creating ecumenical partnership with other churches in the area. Just a week ago, the priest from St. Michael's told me they finally feel like they're home. We never think we're doing enough to be God's hands and feet on this earth. Just look at what you started Uncle Blakeley, just look at what you started.

Love, your St. John's Church Family

WG Blakeley was the first appointed pastor to St. Johns. He served from 1892-1897



A Message from Our Finance Team

Finance Report for October

	October 2025	Oct. 2025 (PY)	\$ Change	% Change
Tithes & Offerings	\$9,744.40	\$10,788.11	(\$1,043.71)	(9.67%)
Other Income	\$9,766.78	\$15,368.72	(\$5,601.94)	(36.45%)
Total Income	\$19,511.18	\$26,156.83	(\$6,645.64)	(25.41%)
Total Expenditure	\$30,275.80	\$40,587.38	(\$10,311.60)	(25.41%)
Net Income	(\$10,764.60)	(\$14,430.55)	\$3,665.93	25.40%

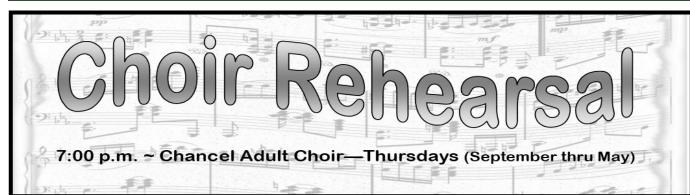
Year-to-Date Finance Report through October 2025

	Jan-Oct. 2025	Jan-Oct. 2024 (PY)	Change	% Change
Tithes & Offerings	\$106,401.98	\$118,675.28	(\$12,273.30)	(10.34%)
Other Income	\$59,705.05	\$41,425.70	\$18,279.35	44.13%
Total Income	\$166,107.03	\$160,100.98	\$6,006.05	3.75%
Total Expenditure	\$261,085.86	\$254,050.31	\$7,035.55	2.77%
Net Income	(\$94,978.83)	(\$93,949.33)	(\$1,029.50)	(1.10%)



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

December 7th	2nd Sunday ~ Advent Light of the World: The Promise of Potential Scripture: Luke 1:46-55 NRSVUE
December 14th	3rd Sunday ~ Advent Light of the World: The Journey of Joy Scripture: Luke 2:1-21 NRSVUE
December 21st	4th Sunday ~ Advent Light of the World: The Gift of the Gentiles Scripture: Matthew 1:18-2:15 NRSVUE
December 21st Blue Christmas	Blue Christmas Worship 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (2101 Harrison Street, Kingman, AZ)
December 24th	Christmas Eve Modern Christmas Eve Worship: 3:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Worship: 7:00 p.m.
December 28th	COMBINED WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M. Christmas Carol Sing



A Message from Our Lay Leader

The Word Christian Should Be a Verb, Not a Noun

Are we waiting for Jesus to return and bring heaven to the earth? Yes we are, but not like at the doctor's office, flipping through an old magazine and mostly just looking at the pictures, or scrolling on our phones. It is more like preparing the way for his coming.

I have met too many people who know nothing about love, who would hide from Jesus rather than rejoice. Do you think the World is ready for goodness and love? I do not! It would be great to live in a paradise, to live in peace. It seems to me like the World is headed in the other direction. Peace and love are regarded as signs of weakness, not strength. The rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. There is much work for us to do. I see us headed to the extreme of alpha male domination and survival of the fittest. We seem to need to see where that extreme will take us.

We need to be busy planting the seeds of peace and love so that they may be seen and believed in when the extreme of our folly of thinking that someone will protect us is proven wrong. We don't need protection, we need cooperation and caring for each other. Each and every one. Legal and illegal, all the colors we come in and all the nations, and religions we come from. There is no us or them. We are all one.

Faith is what allows us to be free of fears, to be thinking about the welfare of others. Faith, that we will be taken care of like the birds of the fields. Like we are loved and only want to help and love others. We are not waiting. We are to be working to show our faith. That loving and caring are the way.

In His Love

Terry Crawford

Lay Leader



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, January 6, 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, January 15, 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, January 27, 2026 in the Resource Center

Church Council ~ Meets the 4th Tuesday of Each Quarter at 5:30 p.m.

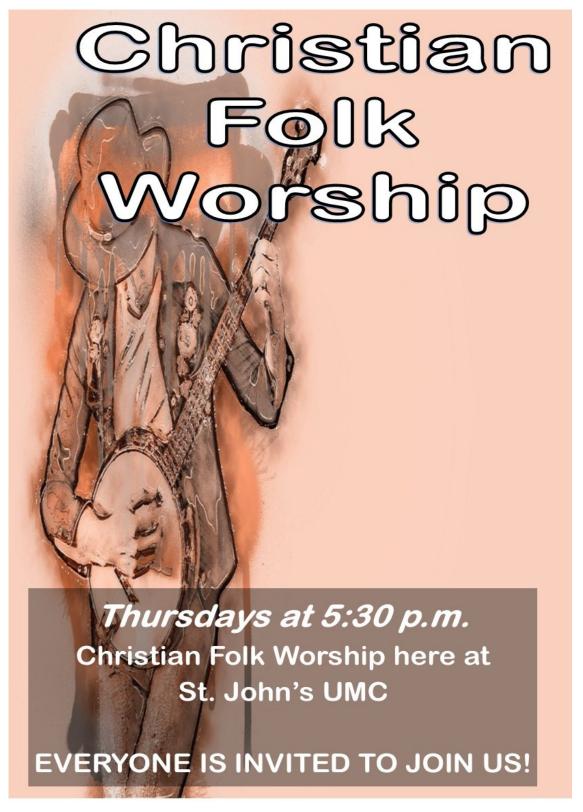
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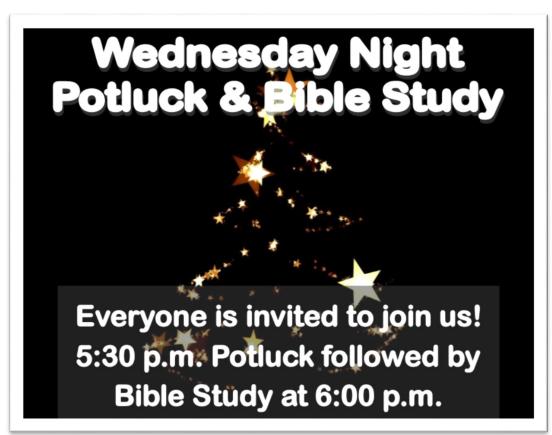
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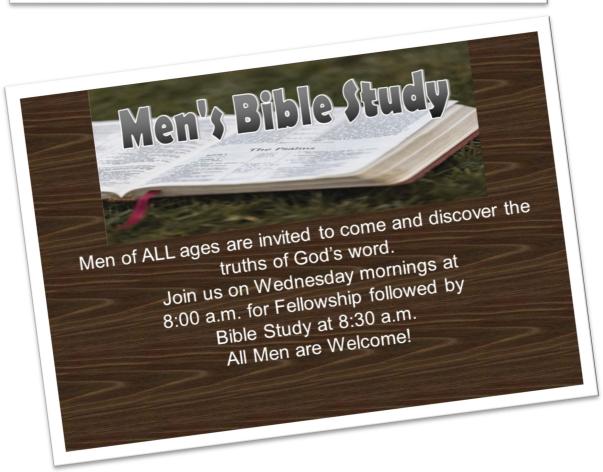
Please Note:

No Christian Folk Worship on the following days: Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026

We will be back Worshipping together on Thursday, January 8, 2026











Widow & Widowers Fellowship
We will be meeting
Saturday, December 20, 2025
We will meet at the church at 12 p.m.
Lunch will be at Vito's (2775 Northern Avenue)
and then attending the
Christmas Choir Concert at 3:00 p.m. at:
College Park Community Center
(1990 Jagerson Avenue)





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 5, December 12, and December 19 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas

at Grace Lutheran Church
(2101 Harrison Street, Kingman, AZ)

December 24th

Modern Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve: 7 p.m.

No Service Christmas Day

All Services include Candlelight Ceremony



Mark Your Calendars!!!
Sunday, December 28th
Combined Worship at:
10:30 a.m.

ALL are invited to join us for a Christmas Carol Sing Worship Experience



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

We are currently accepting donations of Clothes for our Clothing Closet.

Are in need of:

Men's Clothing especially

Jeans, Shirts, Socks, and Shoes

We will also be accepting donations of: Bath Towels; Bedding and Blankets

ALL items MUST be clean and laundered

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

- 1) Zion UMC, North Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2) United Methodist Social Ministry (UMSM), 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, Nathanial 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 Schwartfigure, Sean Schwartfigure, 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; 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

<u>Tuesdays at 12:00 PM.</u> Bulletins are printed on Tuesday afternoons.

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

The Connection Email is sent out on Wednesday mornings.



The **January 2026 Newsletter** deadline is: **Friday, December 12, 2025** 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

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December 1	Psalm 3, 4, 7; Luke 20:1-8	
December 2	Psalm 10, 11; Luke 20:9-18	
December 3	Psalm 119:1-24; Luke 20:19-26	ė
December 4	Psalm 18; Luke 20:27-40	
December 5	Psalm 17, 22; Luke 20:41-21:4	
December 6	Psalm 116, 117; Luke 21:5-19	١
December 7	Psalm 149, 150; Luke 7:28-35	
December 8	Psalm 9, 15, 25; Luke 21:20-28	١
December 9	Psalm 28, 36; Luke 21:29-38	١.
December 10	Psalm 119:25-48; John 7:53-8:11	١
December 11	Psalm 37; Luke 22:1-13	ı
December 12	Psalm 31, 35; Luke 22:14-30	١
December 13	Psalm 32, 42; Luke 22:31-38	١
December 14	Psalm 98, 103; John 3:22-30	
December 15	Psalm 44, 52; Luke 22:39-53	١
December 16	Psalm 47, 48; Luke 22:54-69	۱
December 17	Psalm 119:49-72; Mark 1:1-8	
December 18	Psalm 59, 60; Matthew 3:1-12	
December 19	Psalm 51, 54; Matthew 11:2-15	Ī
December 20	Psalm 138, 139; Luke 3:15-20	
December 21	Psalm 29, 84; John 3:16-21	•
December 22	Psalm 112, 115; John 5:30-47	•
December 23	Psalm 116, 117; Luke 1:5-25	
December 24	Psalm 45, 46; Luke 1:67-80	
December 25	Psalm 85, 110; John 3:31-36	
December 26	Psalm 28, 30; Acts 7:59-8:8	
December 27	Psalm 97, 98; John 13:20-35	
December 28	Psalm 93, 96; Matthew 1:18-25	
December 29	Psalm 18; John 7:37-52	
December 30	Psalm 21, 23; John 7:53-8:11	
December 31	Psalm 46, 48; John 8:12-19	
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December Birthdays

December 4—Annie Fruhwirth Jamie Zorn

December 7—Luc Daniel

December 8—Amy Hirsch

December 14—Suzanne Kalm

December 19—Jan Pennington

December 22—Bob Womack

December 24—Chris Commisso

DECEMBER 25—JESUS

December 29—Roger Miller



Sharon & Lupe Flores 12/22/1973 (52 years)

Ruth & George Cisney 12/24/1959 (66 years)

Cindy & Terry Anderson 12/30/2000 (25 years)

December 2025 Calendar

Monday, December 1	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, December 2	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline
Wednesday, December 3	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, December 4	5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 5	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'; 12:30 PM Advent Lunch Healthy Families Parent Group
Saturday, December 6	9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting; 10:00 AM TOPS Meeting; 5:00 PM NA 1st Saturday
Sunday, December 7	2nd Sunday ~ Advent 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, December 8	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Tuesday, December 9	12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline
Wednesday, December 10	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 10:00 AM Cerbat Garden Club 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program
Thursday, December 11	5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 12	8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'; 12:30 PM Advent Lunch Living Waters Hospice Annual Memorial Service
Saturday, December 13	9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting; Cindy & Terry Anderson's Anniversary Party
Sunday, December 14	3rd Sunday ~ Advent 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Monday, December 15	5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study



The Church Office will be Closed: Thursday, December 25, 2025 thru Friday, January 2, 2026

December 2025 Calendar

12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 5:30 PM Potluck; 6:00 PM Bible Study
9:00 AM Morning Glories 5:30 PM Christian Folk Worship 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 AM TOPS; 9:00 AM Mission 'Food Boxes'; 12:30 PM Advent Lunch TOPS Christmas Luncheon 6:00 PM Young Adult Ministry (YAM) & Singles Group
9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic Church; 10:00 AM NA Meeting 12:00 PM Widow & Widowers
4th Sunday ~ Advent 8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 9:00 AM Modern Praise 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
Cornerstone Pick-Up 5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
12:00 PM Bulletin/Connection Deadline
CHRISTMAS EVE 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 3:30 PM MODERN CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00 PM TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed
Church Office Closed
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COMBINDED WORSHIP 10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship; 10:30 AM COMBINDED WORSHIP
Church Office Closed 5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study
Church Office Closed
Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study



Mark Your Calendars!!! Sunday, December 28th Combined Worship at: 10:30 a.m.

ALL are invited to join us for a Christmas Carol Sing Worship Experience



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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

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