

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

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MESSAGE

A Letter from Paul
"R. E. S. P. E. C. T."

DATE

Communion Sunday
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

NEW HERE?

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; stjohnsumc.org/worship, scan the QR code, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

Children, newborn through 5, are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery staff kindly asks all parents to sign-in each Sunday and leave a cell phone number in case they need to contact you during the service. Also, please clearly label all of your child's important belongings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

During our 10:45 AM Worship Service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child(ren) attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Club House). **Questions?** Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministries; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

**On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to help prep and cook a meal served to our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N) during Children's Sunday School.*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary
PATHWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY | 205

10:45 AM WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual
NURSERY CARE | 103
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Clubhouse

JOIN US ONLINE!

Our Sunday 10:45 Worship Service is live-streamed on our website. stjohnsumc.org/worship

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit mzinitiative.com.

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We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry! Scan the QR code to give online or Text BLESS6900 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 9.6.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Volunteer Needed
Gary Fischer

NEXT WEEK | 9.13.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | TBD

USHERS | Leslie Ferguson
Dan Ferguson

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We are an open communion community. All who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another are welcome to come and receive God's gifts of grace. As we partake of the elements, you are welcome to return to your seat or stop at the communion/prayer rail to kneel and pray. Once you are finished communing please quietly and reverently return to your seat.

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WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION WITH MUSIC BY THREE COMPOSERS WHO IN THEIR LONG CAREERS CONTINUE TO ENHANCE CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP.

PRELUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

BLUE TEXT indicates 10:45 AM Worship Service only.

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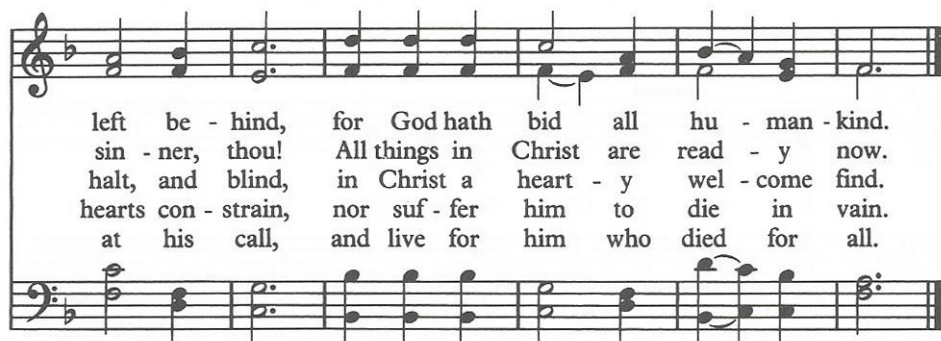
***OPENING HYMN | *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* | UMH 339 (St. 1, 3, 5)**



1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast; let ev - ery
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the in - vi -
3. Come, all ye souls by sin op - pressed, ye rest - less
4. My mes - sage as from God re - ceive; ye all may
5. This is the time, no more de - lay! This is the



soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be
ta - tion is to all. Come, all the world! Come,
wan - derers af - ter rest; ye poor, and maimed, and
come to Christ and live. O let his love your
Lord's ac - cept - ed day. Come thou, this mo - ment,



left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.
sin - ner, thou! All things in Christ are read - y now.
halt, and blind, in Christ a heart - y wel - come find.
hearts con - strain, nor suf - fer him to die in vain.
at his call, and live for him who died for all.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24)

MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774; adapt. from *Metrical Psalter*, 1855

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

People | In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

Leader | In faith, the church continually seeks to understand what tasks God has set before us at the present moment.

People | In faith, we gather now to worship, knowing that as we reach out to God,
God will make us new.

ALL | Give us the faith, O God, to go forward and embrace the newness to which you call us. Amen.

(McClanahan, Peggy. *Flames of the Spirit* (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 65)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *This is the Feast of Victory*² | UMH 638

Antiphon (Unison)

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Revelation 5:12-13; trans. by John W. Arthur, 1970
MUSIC: Richard Hillert, 1975, alt.

FESTIVAL CANTICLE
Irr. with Refrain

Words © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship; music © 1975, 1988 Richard Hillert

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family & Friends of Rev. Doug Franklin | Northwest Clergy | on his death
Jan Etherton | Friend of John Rasmus
Chris Mueller
Tammy Oskvig | Friend of John & Paula Rector
Carolyn Jeter
Dennis Young
Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus
Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones
Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace
Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto
Mark McMillen | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller
Marilyn McMillen | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller
Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller
Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers
Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers
UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia
Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders
Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr
Northwest District Superintendent, Curtis Olsen
Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique
Worldwide Unrest and Persecution
Those who live on the margins of society
Those serving in the Military and all First Responders
Those impacted by natural disasters
Those suffering at the hands of others

Our “**Prayer Joys and Concerns**” list is an important reminder each week of who needs our prayers in the St. John’s faith community and beyond. We are happy to keep your requests on our list for as long as you would like. And, we ask that everyone continue to pray for those that need it. We also ask to be notified of any updates to the status of your requests. Please review our current list of concerns and reach out to the church office with any updates; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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SOLO (8:30) | *Lord of the Troubled Sea*² | music by Ken Medema, 1979
Dr. Tara Curtis, mezzo soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

Please see p. 12 for text and notes for this solo.

ANTHEM (10:45) | *Sacred Ground*² | music by Benjamin Harlan, 2025
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954) is an American composer, arranger, church musician, and educator whose extensive work encompasses choral, keyboard, handbell, and congregational music. A Baylor University graduate with a DMA from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Harlan has enjoyed an international reputation for accessible, expressive sacred music. This anthem invites listeners to recognize God's presence in ordinary experiences—nature, friendship, daily meals, and Communion. Its gentle melody and accessible harmonies reinforce the central message: with eyes opened by faith, the commonplace can become holy ground. **Benjamin Harlan's** elegant setting of **Michael Eller's** profound text asks for eyes to see the Divine in the simple things of life. Whether in nature or in the bread and wine of Communion, "the common things are holy ground."

*To wonder, Lord, awake my sight,
To see that Christ is all around,
So fill my gaze with heavenly light,
'Til common things are sacred ground.*

*You gift us, Lord, the world You own,
To mirror here Your grace above.
A child's embrace, the neighbor known,
In simple signs we see Your love.*

*Come now to us in stranger, in friend;
In daily meals, on table shared;
In simple cup, in common bread,
Renew our vision to see Your care.*

*All earth is filled with heaven's light,
Bid wondering eyes to see all around;
When Christ, diffused in all our sight:
The common things, are sacred ground.*

(words by Michael Eller, 2025)

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SCRIPTURE | Romans 13:8-14 ¹ | NRSVUE

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

¹“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.
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MESSAGE | A Letter from Paul “R.E.S.P.E.C.T” | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles’ Creed² | UMH 7**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the father
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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***GLORIA PATRI | *Glory Be to the Father*² | UMH 71**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION² | UMH 13-14

(Words in **bold** indicate the congregation's unified response.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

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And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: *“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: *“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

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RECEIVING OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

COMMUNION ANTHEM (10:45) | *Communion*² | music by Douglas E. Wagner, 1998
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

Reginald Heber (1783–1826) was an English Anglican bishop, poet, and hymn writer whose texts combined literary elegance with deep Christian devotion. His communion hymn "***Bread of the World***" is a brief but profound meditation on Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper. Rather than focusing on ritual, the hymn emphasizes spiritual nourishment, forgiveness, and the believer's desire to see Christ more clearly. Its simplicity, reverence, and rich Eucharistic imagery have made it a cherished text in many Christian traditions. With warm, lyrical melodies, expressive harmonies, and sensitive accompaniment, **Douglas E. Wagner's** setting captures the quiet reverence of the Lord's Supper, inviting worshipers to meditate on Christ's sacrifice, grace, and abiding presence.

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.*

*Lord, in your service we live forever, that by our deeds, our love is known;
Through caring thought and kind endeavor, Your will is done, your glory shown.*
(words by Reginald Heber, alt., and Charlotte Lee, 1827)

GENEROSITY MOMENT



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OFFERTORY (10:45) | *Lord of the Troubled Sea*² | music by Ken Medema, 1979
Dr. Tara Curtis, mezzo soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

The story of Jesus calming the storm is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The apostles' lack of faith during the storm reminds us that even those who lived and walked with Jesus, saw His miracles, and heard His message still found it difficult to be 100 percent faith-filled all the time. In that way, the disciples were a lot like us. If Jesus was able to rescue the apostles from the storm, He is also able to rescue us from the storms of everyday life: sickness, job loss, marriage problems, and even the sting of death (1 Corinthians 15:55). Faith in Christ is never misplaced. If He can calm the storms of the sea with one word, He can calm the storms of life as well.

For four decades, **Ken Medema** has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled. I had the privilege of hosting him in concert twice in the 1980s. One of the most creative and authentic artists performing today, Ken's vocal and piano artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to 50,000 people in 49 United States and in more than 15 countries on four continents.

*Lord of the troubled sea, when I'm walking through deep water,
You alone can be dry ground beneath my feet.
And Lord of the flame, when I'm walking through the fire,
You alone can shield me from the heat.
And Lord of the desert, when I walk across the burning sand,
My mouth with living water you can fill.
And Lord of the storms, when the wind would tear my mooring,
You alone are my word, "Peace be still."*

*REFRAIN: That's why I say you are my all in all.
You're the air I breathe, the song I sing, the help I call.
And when I know I just can't cope You alone are all my hope,
For your grace is enough for me.*

*Lord of the night, when I'm walking through the darkness,
You're my pillar of fire to lead me on my way.
And Lord of the light, when the burning sand would scorch me,
You're my Jonah's vine to shield me from the day.
And Lord of the body, when I cannot stand the hurting,
You are healing of crippling and of pain.
And Lord of the mind, when legion brings insanity,
You're the word that restores me once again. REFRAIN*

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***DOXOLOGY | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third system.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Now Let Us from This Table Rise*² | UMH 634 (St. 1, 3, 4)**

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise re - newed in
2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace to spread the
3. To fill each hu - man house with love, it is the
4. Then grant us cour - age, Fa - ther God, to choose a -

bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and
word in speech and deed, we fol - low in the
sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -
gain the pil - grim way, and help us to ac -

live a - gain, his self - less love has made us whole.
steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
gan to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.
cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1964

MUSIC: *Grenoble Antiphoner*, 1753, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906;
adapt. by Basil Harwood, 1908

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ**

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 9.6 | Communion Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 9.7 | Labor Day | Happy 16th Anniversary Dale!

PDO/PS Closed
Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 9.8

9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
9:30 AM Mystic Misfits; Contemplative Prayer Group | Brookside Hall
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | Room 205

WEDNESDAY | 9.9

9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library

THURSDAY | 9.10

9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session

FRIDAY | 9.11

9:30 AM Popsicles on the Playground | PDO Meetup
1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 9.12

2:00 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

SUNDAY | 9.13

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susana Wesley Hall & Brookside Hall

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FALL AT ST. JOHN'S

A GOOD OLD FASHIONED FALL FESTIVAL

WE CAN SMELL THE PUMPKIN SPICE JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!

We are planning an afternoon filled with classic games, fall treats, pumpkins, music, and fun for kids, families, friends, and neighbors. Let's slow down, spend time together, and make some sweet fall memories. Are you interested in helping? We are planning it for the weekend of October 24th or 25th. If you are able to serve at this event and help us bring this idea to life sign up in the Rotunda or e-mail Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministry; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org.

INVITATIONS

PATHWAYS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS TODAY. SEPTEMBER 6TH | 9:30 AM | ROOM 205

Our Pathways Adult Sunday School class studies the intersection of the Bible and contemporary issues in Christianity. It is interactive, and members support each other in their faith journeys. We also support mission projects throughout the year.

Our new study is "*What is the Great Spiritual Migration?*" Are we in the migration or standing on the sidelines? Christianity has long been presented as a system of beliefs. But could we migrate from defining our faith by beliefs to expressing it as a loving way of life? Join us as we struggle and discover new ways of seeking a better way to be Christian. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

MYSTIC MISFITS; CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

STARTS SEPTEMBER 8TH | 9:30 AM | BROOKSIDE HALL

The Mystic Misfits meet every other week from September through May with a few weeks off around Christmas/New Year's.

The group begins with a twenty-minute sit beginning at 10:00 am. Centering Prayer is usually followed with a video featuring a prominent leader in the Contemplative movement such as Fr. Richard Rohr, Dr. James Finley, Fr. Thomas Keating, Sr. Ilia Delio, Rob Bell etc., and the remaining time is spent in small group discussion, finishing about noon.

The group is open to all faiths and to anyone who is seeking a deeper meaning to their spiritual life along the Contemplative Path. If you have any questions regarding this group, contact mysticmisfitssc@gmail.com

INVITATIONS

FOUNDATIONS FOR FAITH BIBLE STUDY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 16TH | 8:00 AM | BROOKSIDE HALL

Foundations for Faith is a group based on 4 forms of faith: Believing, Trusting, Faithfulness and Vision. There will be reading, sharing, and praying. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org.

WISE WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH | 6:30 PM | LOCATION TBA

Each month the “Wise Women” of St. John’s gather to discuss topics in a biblical context using “The Wired Word.” Discussions lead to deeper understandings of each other and our lives as Christians in today’s world. All women are invited to join us. Location is determined before each meeting. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 20TH | DURING OUR 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Kids **bring your backpacks** for a blessing and join us for a special Children’s Moment, meet the Sunday School teachers, and other fun opportunities. **Questions?** Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

N2N (Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City)

St. John’s UMC is a long time partner with Neighbor to Neighbor of Kansas City. N2N is a local ministry that serves the homeless and near homeless in the Kansas City area. We are always collecting monetary donations for N2N.



Scan the QR code to donate. Any material donations can be dropped off at St. John’s UMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. **Questions?** Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH | 1:30 PM - 4 PM | TRINITY UMC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH | 6:00 PM - 8 :30 PM | TRINITY UMC

Baby Grace, a Diaper Pantry and Clothes closet, provides necessities to families who are living at or below the poverty level. These items are not available through any government assistance program. In addition, we provide connections for resources, education, and other programs that can give them needed assistance.

HOW TO HELP:

- Please consider donating to help us purchase our diapers and wipes. We are now a Happy Bottoms distributor and can buy more diapers for each family at a savings; but still must fund a portion of the diapers and all of the wipes. Our savings in diapers will be used to provide new added programs. Scan the QR code to donate
- Volunteer to sort and prepare clothing and items for our quarterly Clothes Closets and then help set them up and assist our families shopping
- **Work our monthly distributions on the second Saturday of each month 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM and/or the Thursday following the second Saturday from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.**
- Donate Clothing sizes Newborn through size 6, childcare items, toys & books. Drop off times at St. John's UMC are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays. You may also drop off donations at Trinity UMC during our distribution hours there.



Questions? Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

Every Sunday after our 10:45 AM service, we gather in our Rotunda for fellowship. Cookies make this time a little sweeter. If you are interested in donating cookies scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

Honor a loved one and *donate flowers to beautify our Chapel and Sanctuary (\$100 Donation). Your donation will be mentioned in our weekly publications. If you would like to make a donation scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



*Note: Unclaimed donations will be delivered as needed to KC Hospice House.



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