
St. John United Methodist Church

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Our Mission: *Introducing people to Jesus, growing as disciples together.*

February 2012 News

I Have Been Redeemed!

I looked up the word *redeem* on GOOGLE and found the following;

[Redeem prepaid codes on your Xbox LIVE account](#)

[Redeem iTunes Gift Cards](#)

[Redeem Delta SkyMiles for award travel](#)

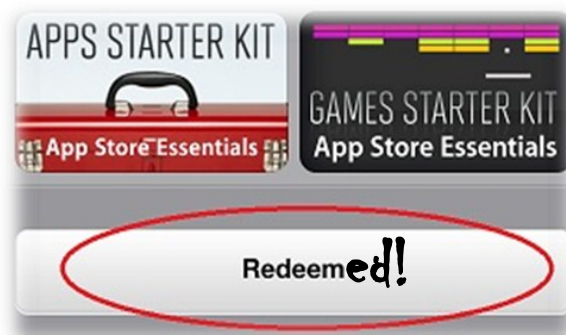
I then remembered that I have an iTunes Gift Card I received for Christmas! Hooray! I can't wait to redeem it for some music, but that is beside the point.

What I want to tell you is that **I have been redeemed**. In the dictionary, redeem is: a) To buy back; b) to free from what distresses or harms; c) to change for the better; d) to free from a lien by payment of an amount secured thereby; e) to atone for, to offset the bad effect of, to make worthwhile.

That's right! I have been redeemed! Let me tell you a story of redemption and maybe you will get what I am trying to say. When I was just out of college, I moved to Jersey City, New Jersey to be a youth minister. Jersey City was so different from my suburban Pennsylvania life that I felt like a fish out of water. One of the boys in my youth group, I will call him Billy, came to church by himself. It was weeks before I met his family. Billy loved church and he hardly ever missed worship or youth group. After I had been there for a while I decided to go visit Billy and his family, just to get to know them. Billy lived in a horrible apartment building. I felt afraid to even go in. Once in the building, I saw poorly lit hallways with pet feces and garbage on the floors. Graffiti covered the walls. Billy's mother was friendly and was glad that Billy was at church, but I found out that her three sons each had different fathers and that there was no father figure in their lives now. I left that day in a mild state of shock. No wonder Billy loved church so much. It was the best part of his life!

He wanted what I already had; faith, family, hope, structure, love. I had those things, my life was redeemed, but I didn't even think about it. Billy taught me to appreciate my own redemption. He helped me understand the purpose for my life; to enjoy my redeemed life and help others find the Redeemer too!

I have been redeemed!



Pastor Martin

GENEROSITY

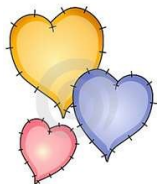


Generosity is in the Spirit of Jesus, who gave his life for the world. Generosity is the fruit of the Spirit of Jesus (Galatians 5:22-23). Generosity is a sign of the Church of Jesus Christ. Take a few moments to reflect on generosity of St. John in this summary of our giving beyond the local church in 2011.



Do you have a sewing machine, some fabric, a bit of time? Would you like to join together with others and create sewn items for charity? Would you like to share your latest sewing/quilting project? Would you enjoy a quilting class? How about a sharing group where conversation, devotional study and prayer are combined with sewing/quilting?

Come and join us on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chester Trail Room. Bring your machine and supplies and we will make pillow case items and decide which mission projects to send our work to. Feel free to bring YOUR ideas for similar mission projects. We will discuss mission projects, preferences for meeting time and frequency. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Fern at dpf125@suddenlink.net or 304-757-7297. Thanks. Let's begin "performing random acts of kindness" with our sewing skills.



Burlington Christmas Child

"We have received your donation towards the sponsorship of children's gifts for the 2011 Christmas holiday. Thank you for communicating love and compassion to these precious children. Many of them have come to our agency with a lot of hurt and pain and something like a gift under the Christmas tree can speak volumes to a child and help heal old wounds. It is because of supporters like you that we are able to prevent harm and provide hope to the hurting children that we serve."

Michael L Price, Sr.
President/CEO



A class on **St. John Church Membership** will be offered on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00p.m.** in the library.

Pre-registration for the class is required. Please call the church office to register or mark your blue pew card.

Council Highlights

Administrative Council December 2011 Meeting Summary

Trustee's Report – Laura McCullough Bats are back. Plumber needed for back dripping faucet. Kirk Boyce to patch and paint the Nursery.

Worship Committee – Joe McCullough Reviewed schedule of upcoming worship services. Hung lights that were received from St. Albans High School.

Minister of Discipleship – (Martin for Helga Hallett) Average worship attendance for 11 months of 336. Average Sunday School attendance for 11 months 118. This represents growth thru November.

Martin Hallett January 8, 2012 – Prayer of dedication for Church Council. Sharon Persinger will be moving leaving vacant the Treasurer position. Martin presented the idea for consideration of a paid Treasurer position for the Church. Christmas Eve offering to be dedicated to UM Mission to Horn of Africa Famine relief. Recommend to host Cairo's ministry team at a cost of less than \$100 for all 6 yrs. 2012 Anniversary Celebration meeting Marty Chapman to tie in with Community Service. Involve Habitat for Humanity project to possibly include a home by SJUMC.

Financial Summary - Dave Bumgarner Distributed Financial Summary for Council review. 2012 Budget approved. Motion to amend salary budget was discussed and approved, details in separate note. Bldg. Committee going back to Architect to request 3rd rendition which is Classrooms w/elevator. Motion was put forth to pay architect \$5,000.00 for work completed to-date. Motion was modified to ask Architect for invoice for that amount. HVAC cost to rollover to 2012. System targeted for mid-January, on-schedule, on budget.

Scouting – Bill Ashworth Scoutmaster change for Troop 17, from Jay Cales to Matt Klug, effective March 1, 2012. Motion approved.

Last Meeting for Barbara Southern as Council Member for Hospitality Coordinator, she will be replaced by Cindy Cramer.

Next meeting date: January 8, 2012.

The Youth will be doing a Lent Study during Youth Bible Study starting in February. The six week long study is the teen version of "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Please join us. Any questions please contact Christie Berty.



CHURCH ONE LINERS

He who angers you—controls you!

Kindness is difficult to give away—because it keeps coming back.

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, called on the phone, or said prayers for my healing. Everything was greatly appreciated. **SHIRLEY**



The **2012 yearly schedules** for Ushers, Greeters, Nursery, etc. have been completed and mailed to those who offered themselves to serve through the ACTS Survey. If you completed an ACTS form and have not received a schedule, please call the church office. If you did not complete a form, but would like to serve, please inform the church office so that your name can be added to a substitute list.



The **United Methodist Men** will meet Sunday, February 19 at 6:00 pm in the Helen Trail Room. All men of St. John are invited to attend. Call Kirk Boyce with questions. See you there!



**Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts**



Scout Sunday at St. John
is February 12.

All Boy/Cub Scouts and scout leaders (regardless of their pack or troop affiliation) are asked to wear their uniforms to both services to show their pride in scouting.

Please contact Rob Reib or Bill Ashworth if you have questions.



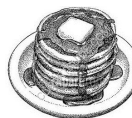
“Operation Goodies”

The **College Ministry Team** would like to thank everyone who donated to the Christmas boxes. We are now getting ready to send out **Valentine’s Day gift cards at the end of January.**

Thank you for your continued support in this wonderful ministry.

Tammy Ward

To all who signed up on the ACT Survey to participate as Communion Stewards and Bread Bakers, Sherry McWatters will be contacting you soon and mailing your schedule for communion set up for calendar year 2012. Thank you for your service to S.J.U.M.C.

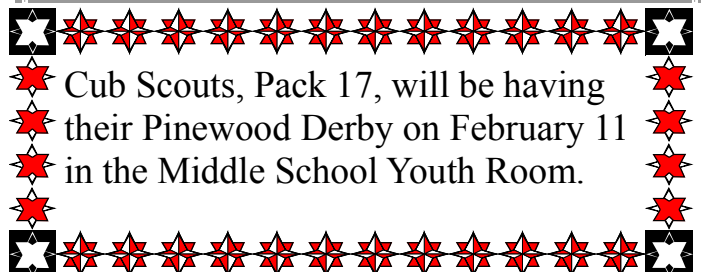


Shrove Tuesday

On February 21 from 5:30—7:00 p.m. the Family Connections Sunday School Class will be sponsoring a **Pancake Dinner** in the Middle School Youth Room (formerly the Fellowship Hall). Pancakes, sausage, milk, O.J. and coffee will be served. The dinner is free. Donations will be accepted. Donations will be used to assist outreach programs in our community.

“Come As You Are”

This small group currently meets on Sundays at 6:00. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Rick or Sandy Wilton at 304-757-6746.



Cub Scouts, Pack 17, will be having their Pinewood Derby on February 11 in the Middle School Youth Room.

Who is... have you ever wondered who a member of the church staff is or who church leaders are? Have you met our new “Minister of Music”? Get to know him a little better with the information below.

Hobbies - making music for the Lord, traveling, cooking, fine dining, reading, gardening, watching old movies and television shows

Pets - cat Dasher, dog Cooper

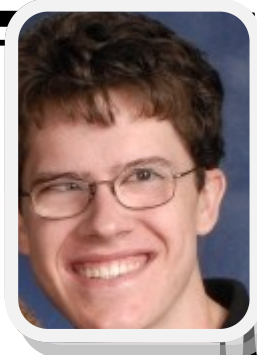
Free time - researching new music, keeping up with the Walt Disney Company, going on excursions in Junior my little red car, spending quality time in/around my beloved home

Interesting fact or something no one knows about you - enormously huge fan/admirer of Walt Disney and Lucille Ball

Anything else - absolutely ADORE my job

High school you attended - Winfield High School

College - Marshall University, Education - Music



Music Notes –



Want to serve musically at St. John? Attend choir practices on Wednesdays at **7:00 PM** in the sanctuary, or see Seth Skiles to utilize your musical skills. Fun, energetic music is planned for the winter months, and special music plans for the Easter/Lenten season is on the horizon. Come be a part of this vital ministry at St. John! Your presence is highly anticipated!

****IMPORTANT** - please return all past music you have acquired to Seth Skiles, even if you are not currently serving musically at St. John. All sheet music and choral books need to be accounted for and filed. Thank you!

Seth Skiles – Minister of Music



It is the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. It is a time to return to the disciplines of worship, prayer, and fasting. **We invite you to begin a holy Lent with Ash Wednesday worship, Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m.** Come for an evening of music, scripture, prayer, with the imposition of ashes. The hour will be appropriate for adults and children.

February Celebrations

14th -Valentine's Day

Anniversary:

8th



Our sympathy to

Please keep this family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW YOUTH COUNCIL

MEMBERS:

High School



Youth - the Youth are planning a mission trip this summer with REACH Work Camp.

Youth will be going to Eleanor, WV on July 22-28. This mission trip is for High School and Middle School youth. The total registration fee is \$399/person. The registration deadline for SJUMC youth is February 26th and a \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due at that time. The deposit will be deducted from the total balance due. The youth are planning monthly fundraisers to help cover some, and prayerfully, if not all, of the camp costs. Thank you St. John for all of your support with this project.



Blessings,
Christie Berty

St. John UMC Donations made to Community Cupboard during 2011:

breakfast foods	80	canned meats	135
canned veggies	132	canned fruit	64
crackers	4	coffee/tea	4
Juice	14	shampoo	193
toilet tissue	12	toothbrush	67
toothpaste	50	deodorant	4
mouthwash	2	soap	88
baby formula	3	beans	77
boxed dinners	179	bread	5
cake mixes	262	cereal	46
condiments	17	corn meal	3
corn muffin mix	14	crackers	15
flour	1540	jello/pudding	28
Jam/jelly	5	mac & cheese	166
muffin mix	11	pasta	132
pasta dinners	37	peanut butter	36
potatoes/rice	61	snack foods	122
soups	230	spaghetti sauce	91
stuffing mix	14	sugar	1596

Fresh fruit and vegetables

Thank You!!



Ms. Alisha invites you to discover the joys of Kindermusik at two special upcoming events:

Kindermusik Playdate:

Friday, January 27, 2011

9:30-10:30 infants/toddlers

11-12 Preschoolers (kids age 3-5) & 1-2 Preschoolers (kids age 3-5)

\$5.00 per Child or \$8.00 per family (includes a Kmusik book)

Kindermusik Playdate:

Friday, February 24, 2011

9:30-10:30 infants/toddlers

11-12 Preschoolers (kids age 3-5) & 1-2 Preschoolers (kids age 3-5)

\$5.00 per Child or \$8.00 per family (includes a Kmusik book)

*Please note that if you have multiple children that vary in age that you are welcome to bring them at the same time. I just recommend choosing the class/age level that you feel you/your children will get the most enjoyment out of. All can participate in some way to most activities, however there are a few Pre-school activities that aren't as easy to adapt to as an infant. J

Please contact Ms. Alisha for more information: (304) 633-2818, mereadditions@gmail.com. Look for us on Facebook "like" Kindermusik with Ms. Alisha.

Kindermusik



Audrey Hickman Circle - If you would like the opportunity to spend time with a wonderful group of women—ages—"young" to "not so young" to share in devotions, prayer concerns, work of the church and an important and growing community outreach—we have just what you are looking for. The Audrey Hickman Circle would love for you to join!!

*Our "Bites for Bitty Ones", a backpack type of program for the children of a local elementary school, provides nutritious snacks for them to take home. Without these snacks, the students may spend their weekends hungry. The congregation has been amazing in supplying these snacks, as well as monetary donations, which allows us to purchase the needed foods. **Thank you so very much!** Please continue to remember these children while at the store. A list of the items needed can be found in the church office and welcome center and the bulletin board in the main hallway.*

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan 26, 7:00 pm in the Perry Rose Room. Please plan on joining us. We see God at work. Thanks to many of you.

All for Him,

Cindy Johnson 304-546-1884



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Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Holy Communion: 1st Sunday, monthly
Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
Church Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm,
Monday - Friday
Phone: 304-757-6343

Visit us on the Web
www.sjumcww.org



St. John UMC is currently looking for a piano/organist accompanist. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Pastor Martin at martinhallet@sjumcww.org or call the office.

KINDERMUSIK TEAMS UP WITH ST. JOHN PRESCHOOL

Once a month the students of St. John Preschool sing and play with Ms. Alisha during special Kindermusik sessions. During the month of December Christmas Carols were the theme. Ms. Alisha enjoyed Jingle Bells with the lively 3 year old singers/bell ringers. While the 4 year olds rocked to Little Drummer Boy using red cups as drums. It was also fun for them to hear the echoes in their voices and feel the vibrations on their fingers when singing into the cups!

Ms. Alisha tries to incorporate found objects into her lessons as much as possible so that many of the lessons can be experienced/reinforced again at home. Kindermusik has a strong emphasis on family and activities that families can do together.

