

## St. John United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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

# January 2012 News

## Do You Feel Like Fifty?

Being personally on the far side of fifty, I can tell you what fifty feels like, but as members of an almost fifty year old Christian congregation, how does fifty feel to you? We are almost there! On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1962 Bishop Fred G. Holloway received 79 members as St. John Church was chartered. Rev. Samuel Sink, pastor of St. Peter's Church in St. Albans along with Mr. Robert Pennington of St. Andrews



1962 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2012

Church gave early leadership to the infant congregation. Now St. John has over 700 members and a growing worship and Sunday School attendance. So how does fifty feel to you? Do you feel like sitting back in some Lazy-Boy<sup>®</sup> church pews and taking it easy? Might be nice, but I don't think that is what the Lord has in mind for His church. I wonder if fifty gives us wisdom for the future. Fifty also gives us strength that we didn't have when we were younger. We will need the strength of our age when the Lord calls us to serve the needy world around us.

I read somewhere that no two people ever join the same church. It's like this, when you joined St. John, your presence and gifts changed the church. When the next person joined it grew and was strengthened a little more; and so it goes. What will St. John look like in the years ahead until Jesus returns?

What does fifty feel like? What is next?

Pastor Martin Hallett

## ***CHURCH ONE LINERS***

*Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.*

*If God is your "co-pilot" - swap seats!*

Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the United Methodist Women's annual **Mile-of-Pennies** collection. The total collection is

All proceeds go to Putnam County's Christian Community Cupboard.



### **Church Membership Class**

Interested in leaning more about St. John Church?

A class on church membership will be offered on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the library

Please call the church office at 304-757-6343 to register, or mark your blue pew card.



A special thank you to those who braved the cold to ring bells for the **Salvation Army** on December 5, at both Kroger's and Kmart. Your efforts were rewarded with a full kettle at the end of the evening, which means many lives will be touched with the donations.



Your giving will bless others.



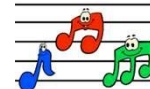
### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS –**

To all participants in the Christmas musical HOPE IS BORN - EMMANUEL . . . singers, instrumentalists, sound/light technicians, dramatists . . . what a joyful and touching process this has been. Much preparation is involved in a musical presentation this large, and we pulled it off on an outstanding level. Thank you so, so much for your volunteerism in presenting the Christmas story through glorious music. HOPE IS BORN truly was a crowning achievement for the music ministry of St. John. *Your efforts are largely appreciated much more than you realize.*

Do you love to sing? Have you loved what you musically hear each Sunday at St. John? Have you greatly enjoyed a past choir experience at St. John or elsewhere? **Come and join our ministry of music!** This is a great time of year to join St. John's musical efforts; come and see what the fun is about!

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Fantastic music is planned for the winter months, the beginnings of the Lenten season, and the numerous worship services of Holy Week. Your presence is highly anticipated. Potential band members are always welcome, too! **Let's sing for the King!**

*Seth Skiles - Minister of Music*



## Confirmation 2012

Confirmation is often referred to as a “class,” and it’s true that the group will meet every Wednesday evening for 2 months. But it is also an experience of growing in discipleship along with a group of friends. Youth in the 6th grade (and any beyond 6th grade who have not experienced confirmation) spend 9 weeks plus one weekend together, growing in their understanding of the Christian faith and the UM Church. The goals of Confirmation are:

- To strengthen the youth’s relationship with Christ
- To learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of St. John
- To learn a systematic way of reading the Bible
- To experience Christian community in a retreat setting
- To record their faith journey in a video or album

Registration for Confirmation 2012 begins January 1 and continues through January 15. Youth 6th grade and older may sign up at the Welcome Desk or by contacting the church office. Orientation for parents and youth is Sunday, January 22 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Confirmation classes begin



### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CUPBOARD JANUARY 2012



On behalf of the Cupboard, we would like to thank everyone at St. John UMC who supported the program in any way in 2011.

The Cupboard began in 1982 under the sponsorship of fourteen churches of the Teays Valley Ministerial Association. With donations of food and money from local citizens, businesses, schools, churches and service organizations the Cupboard is able to provide assistance. Eight months of each year commodities are provided by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. May each of you have a happy, healthy New Year.

Don & Dotty Samples

### MOVIES

The movie “**Christmas Starts with a “C”**”, will be shown on Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 pm in the Chester Trail Room.

All are welcome.

Popcorn and drinks will be served. Contact Wayne Akey with questions.



**YOUTH** January is a busy month for both Middle and High School Youth Groups. Many activities will be combined, while remembering the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them” (NIV). January 8, 2012 the Youth Groups are planning a luncheon after church. There will be an introduction of (and fundraising for) their upcoming work camp in Eleanor, WV July 22-28, 2012. January 8, 2012 at our regular youth meeting our new Youth Council members will be elected to plan for February, March and April. January 13, 2012 is **THE LOCK-IN**. *Whoo-*

*hooo*; up all night, I personally... am so excited 😊. We will end this crazy fun month with an intensive, hands-on and informative study about the plight of the homeless and how we can help; or should we help (hmm, it will be interesting to hear what this generation has to say). Let us all keep 2012 in our prayers; that our Youth Groups may be lead by the Holy Spirit and continue to grow closer to Christ. Blessings, Christie

# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries:  
14th—



Our sympathy to

Please keep this family in your prayers.

## 2012 Flower Dedications

If you wish to dedicate altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Following the date of your flower dedication, Hurricane Floral will bill you for the cost of the arrangement.

Spaces are provided for two matching flower dedications per Sunday. The florist will coordinate flower arrangements with the seasons of the church year. When signing up please write your name, & the type of dedication.



The **Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 pm in the library. The book for January will be "Finding Nouf" by Zoe Ferraris.

**Fast-paced and utterly transporting, *Finding Nouf* is a riveting literary mystery and an unprecedented window into the lives of men and women in Saudi Arabia.** When sixteen-year-old Nouf goes missing, her prominent family calls on Nayir al-Sharqi, a pious desert guide, to lead the search party. Ten days later, just as Nayir is about to give up in frustration, her body is discovered by anonymous desert travelers. But when the coroner's office determines that Nouf died not of dehydration but from drowning, and her family seems suspiciously uninterested in getting at the truth, Nayir takes it upon himself to find out what really happened.



*To the members of St. John's College Ministry Team,*

My name is Erin Fankhanel and I am one of the students you sent the end of semester care package to. I want to thank all of you so very much for the thoughtful package--it really brightened my day the moment I opened it! Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers and I am very blessed to go to church with such thoughtful people. Just wanted to let you all know how much your package meant!

Thank you very much! Erin Fankhanel



**W**ho is... have you ever wondered who a member of the church staff or church leaders are? Have you met our new “Youth High School Council” Get to know them a little better with the information below.



**preaching series  
starting 1.1.12**

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facebook world.

Temporary Address:

Mark & Marisa





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Worship: 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, monthly  
Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm  
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[www.sjumcww.org](http://www.sjumcww.org)

## Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Join us for a *Soup & Sandwich Lunch*  
following the 11:00 service  
Sunday, January 8, in the Middle School Youth Room.

The cost is \$5/adults and \$3/children ages 3 - 10.

The Senior High Youth Group is sponsoring this fundraiser  
to raise money for their upcoming work camp in Eleanor, WV July 22-28, 2012.

*Thanks for supporting our teens in their walk with Christ!*

