
St. John United Methodist Church

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

March 2012 News



Lent is Spring Training for Disciples of Jesus Christ

If you are a baseball fan or if you have played baseball you probably know what spring training means. Spring training is used by baseball teams for conditioning, practice, and exhibition games. In short, baseball players work hard at getting ready to play the game.

For Christian disciples Lent is our time for spring training. It is a time for intensified attention to the Lenten spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, Bible reading and worship. Lent 2012 begins on February 22 and continues for the next 40 days. Why 40 days? The number 40 is significant because it is meant to resemble the time Jesus spent in the wilderness as he prepared to begin his ministry to the world. Sundays are excluded from the count of 40 because they are to be days of rest and celebration

If baseball players skipped spring training and showed up for the first game of the season ready to play ball, they would be sorely disappointed in their performance. And so it is with Christian disciples. If we show up at Easter ready to celebrate the resurrection without having focused on our spiritual life, we miss the real joy of the resurrection. Are you ready for training?

This year Christian disciples at St. John are called to commit themselves to Spring Training by daily observing the spiritual disciplines for the season of Lent. The traditional disciplines are:

Read the Bible daily – chose a plan that works for you.

Worship weekly – yes, every week for six weeks. Find a church if you are traveling.

Fast - from any activity that controls you, such as candy, television, texting, gossiping, etc.

Pray Daily – when each day can you plan to be with the Lord?

Give Alms – make voluntary contributions to aid the poor.

Remember to do all through the grace of Jesus Christ. We can't earn God's grace, but we enjoy grace through disciplined living. Look for a folder about "Spring Training for Disciples" at the welcome desk at church for more information.

Have a blessed and joyful Lent,

Pastors Martin and Helga Hallett

Confirmation 2012

Confirmation 2012 is off to a great start with 8 confirmands. Participating in the class this year are:

The purpose of the confirmation process is to lead young persons to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and to make a commitment to walk as his disciples. Church membership is a separate, but related issue. At the time of their decision, the student will be asked two questions, one pertaining to their desire to be confirmed in the Christian faith and a second pertaining to their desire to become a member of St. John UMC. Confirmation classes began on January 25 and continue until March 21. Confirmation Sunday is March 25.



St. John Preschool

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old child? Are you looking for a preschool for this fall? Your look is over. St. John has a preschool for you. We are beginning our 19th year of a loving, learning preschool environment. Space is limited. If you would like to reserve a place for your child for next year, call 304-757-6343 or stop by any weekday morning for a visit.

Joy Spratt, Preschool Director



Sew Love - Prepare sewing projects for missions; fellowship; learn sewing skills! We meet 7:00 pm—8:30 pm in the Chester Trail Room.

Next meetings:

February 28
March 13

March 27

April 10

April 24

What we are doing:

Pillowcase Dresses
Pillow cases & guest teacher to demonstrate "French" seams
Technique lesson – subject/guest teacher to be decided
Pillowcase dresses & cases
Technique lesson – subject/guest teacher to be decided

Let's set the goal for pillowcase dresses at 50 to be completed by the end of April. We will supply pattern(s) and we have some fabrics. Participants can bring their own pattern and supplies.

For more information: contact Cindy Wandling or Fern Forsythe.



The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the library!! Everyone is invited. The next book that will be discussed is, "Lay That Trumpet In Our Hands", by Susan Carol McCarthy.



Basing her first novel on real events in central Florida in 1951, McCarthy offers an evocative if overly familiar picture of the racist South at the start of the civil rights movement. She tells her story through the eyes of 12-year-old Reesa McMahan, whose transplanted Yankee parents are relative newcomers in the small community of Mayflower. The local Opalakee Klan terrorizes and murders young black citrus picker Marvin Cully, who works for the McMahons' growing and shipping company. Aware that the local police are corrupt Klan members, Reesa's father decides to contact the FBI. Soon, NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall is called in to the case, and barely escapes with his life when the Klan attempts to abduct him.

Questions: contact Alice Maxwell 304-757-6422 or Peggy Kuhl 304-757-9035





Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, Indeed!

Holy Week at St. John United Methodist Church April 1-8, 2012

So far, winter has proved to be blessedly tame. But spring IS coming on. And the warmth of the sun brings the love of the Son and soon we will take time to remember *His* Passion and Resurrection.

The Holiest of all weeks begins with *Palm Sunday, April 1*. Special music, the procession of the children with palm branches, the rising "Hosannas" of the congregation, all greet the memory of our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem at both **8:30** and **11:00 am**.



Just as Christ shared a final meal with His disciples, we will gather for the Lord's Supper and acknowledge the sacrifice Jesus was preparing to make for us. *Maundy-Thursday* service will be held at **7:00 pm** on *April 5*.

At **7:00 pm** on *Good Friday, April 6*, special drama and remembrance of Christ's final words from the cross will help prepare us for the dark time of Jesus in the tomb.

The sun's rising will help us celebrate the Rising of the Son as we gather to rejoice and honor the One who died for our sins! Sunrise service will be held on the back parking lot (weather permitting) of the church at **6:45 am**, *Easter Sunday morning, April 8*. Dress for the temperature and come share in the joy!

Services at **8:30** and **11:00 am** Easter morning will commemorate in music and the Word the joy we know because of our Savior's willing sacrifice.

Join with us in this wonderful and holy time for the Church.

Joe McCullough
Minister of Worship



One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year, United Methodists come together to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) ministries through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS.) The UMCOR serves millions of people around the world. One



Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes real the love of Christ for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disasters, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

This offering will be on March 4, 2012.

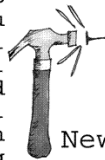


St. John UMC is currently looking for a piano/organist accompanist. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Pastor Martin at martinhallet@sjumcwv.org or call the office.



Building Committee News

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The building committee is moving quickly based on the priorities set by the Administrative Council in late 2011. The plans now call for Phase I to be new classrooms, offices, and an elevator. Phase II will be the multipurpose facility. The architect is now working on this updated plan. We expect several reviews of the plans followed by more detailed cost estimates. Please look for an increase in information over the next few months. As always, please pray over this effort, so that we follow God's plan for St. John.

Kevin



CHURCH ONE LINERS

**Prayer: Don't give God instructions—
just report for duty!**

**Don't wait for 6 strong men to take
you to church!**

The United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, March 18 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!



Who is... have you ever wondered who a member of the church staff is or who church leaders are? One of our charter members, Jane Day, was kind enough to give us some background history on St. John in honor of our upcoming 50th anniversary.

“St. John has always made a difference in my life. The people have always helped me in so many ways”



Hobbies: playing organ at church, reading, playing bridge and traveling

Pets: Bob, the big cat (he is currently down to 16 pounds)

Free time: Planting Christmas poinsettias around her Florida home. They grow to 3 feet tall. She has been planting white/pink/red poinsettias with white geraniums.


Interesting fact: She is planning a trip to Norway, Scotland and Ireland in August!

Children: Terri—she lives 3 doors down from Jane

Jane played the piano from 6-16 years old. Jane graduated from Moundsville High School at the age of 17. She married Harry the next month. They traveled everywhere with their trailer and finally settled down in 1962 on Teays Valley Road. (At that time the only ‘neighborhoods’ in the area were Beechwood, Maplewood and Oakwood.) They moved in right before the first St. John meeting at Scott Teays Elementary. Each week, they had different people coming in to preach and play the piano. “My husband, Harry, let ‘the cat out of the bag’, when he told them that I could play piano, but he did not tell them I had not played for over 10 years!” “Bob Pennington brought me over a book of preludes to learn and I used different neighbor’s pianos to practice.”

“On September 25, 1963, we had the first Board meeting at our Teays Valley Road house. At that time, it was decided that on October 6, 1963 that the church would have its groundbreaking.” On May 10, 1964, Mother’s Day, the church held their first worship service at the first building of St. John UMC. (the current Middle School Youth Room/Fellowship Hall)

She and Harry ultimately moved into a newly built home in Maplewood Estates. Jane has since moved from her beloved home in Maplewood and is now down south in sunny Florida. She said it was 80 degrees and just a little too warm for her. She is enjoying her independence and just recently celebrated another birthday.

 Musical happenings at St. John - - Spring is quickly approaching! St. John's Ministry of Music is preparing fantastic music for the Lenten season and Holy Week. Come participate in making music for the Lord!!! Choir practice is 7 PM Wednesdays in the sanctuary, band practice is 6 PM. Your presence is anticipated!



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

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www.sjumcww.org

April 2012 Schedule

1st—Palm Sunday

5th—Maundy Thursday—communion 7pm

6th—Good Friday 7pm

Office closed

8th—Sunrise Easter Service—6:45 am—Communion

15th—Church Council

16th—Wesleyan Circle

22nd—Native American Special Offering

Salad & Wraps luncheon—Youth fundraiser

