



Youth Mission Team

ST. JOHN UMC - AUGUST 2019

Renewing Our Commitment

“As The Deer”

“As a deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.” (Psalm 42:1)

This song captures the essence of a disciple. Followers of Christ draw their hope, strength, courage, perseverance, and life from God alone. As the song suggests, our soul can only be truly satisfied through our drawing close to God. One part of the mission statement at St. John is our commitment to “grow as disciples, together”. If we hope to grow as a disciple of Christ, then we must become intentional about it. In other words, we must make certain spiritual practice

is a priority in our lives if we ever hope to grow in our relationship with God. Of course, worship is essential to our growing but equally important is the discipline of prayer and the discipline of learning through the study of scripture.

With this said, St. John will commence a renewed focus on “growing as disciples, together”, this fall. With this renewed focus, we hope to “rev up” our existing ministries like Sunday School, Disciple Bible Study, Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth, and Jam. And, it will include a new ministry on Sunday evenings called “Connections”.

The best part of this renewed focus is the “growing” part of our mission statement. “Growing” assumes that we have been learning

what to do. And, it affirms that we all enter study at different places in our spiritual lives. So, it matters not what you know or don’t know about the Bible, what matters most is that you are willing to learn more!

My prayer is that we all will renew our commitment to “Grow as a Disciple, Together”. As the fall approaches, let us renew our commitment to make God alone our heart’s desire!

Blessings,

Michael

Pastor Mike



Thank you, Katie, for transporting everyone from job-site to job-site; and for all the work you did, as well, during YOUTH MISSION WEEK.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES

Please Note: In order to participate in Disciples II, III and IV, you must have completed Disciple I.

It's that time of year again to begin the Disciple Bible Studies. We certainly hope you will be able to adjust your schedule so that you might have the opportunity to participate in one of these studies.

DISCIPLE 1 is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 5th at 6 pm. There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, September 1, at 4 pm in the Library. Please contact Karen Kinder, facilitator, at 304-549-1905.

DISCIPLE II Bible Study is to begin Sunday, September 1st, at 9:45 am in Room 100. Part 1 will finalize sometime in December before Christmas. For additional information, please contact Cindy Wandling, facilitator, at 304-951-8380.

DISCIPLE III will be facilitated by Phyllis Duvall and is scheduled for Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Phyllis at 304-552-8583.

DISCIPLE IV Bible Study will take place on Sunday evenings from 4 pm - 6 pm. For more information about this study, please contact Kathy Rittenhouse at 304-546-3418.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR EACH STUDY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME DESK



Brother and sister volunteering in St. John Vacation Bible School.

What a wonderful week it was for EVERYONE! Both the children and the adults had an awesome time exploring the scriptures and being reminded that God is with us wherever we go - He will never leave us, nor forsake us.



A couple of St. John children enjoying VBS week!

Bring a friend to Sunday School!

Please don't miss out on hearing and learning the Word of God with your church family.

Sunday School DOES make a huge impact on each of us! And - *we miss you!*

Be sure to plan ahead so you can attend Sunday School!

- All classes are preparing new curriculum for the Fall season.
- KOINONIA class is starting a new study this Sunday, August 4th - we're certain you will enjoy participating in this study.
- The AGAPE Class will be getting together real soon!! We have a special teacher for this class - it's going to be very exciting!

There's a class for everyone!! Call the church office if you need more information.

St. John United Methodist Church

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OF THE
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OUR MISSION

Introducing people to Jesus,
Growing as disciples together

OFFICE HOURS

10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday thru Thursday

4536 TEAYS VALLEY ROAD
SCOTT DEPOT, WV 25560

304-757-6343

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am and 11:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 am



WEEKLY REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS

- ACTIVE for LIFE 10:00 AM
- BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS 6:30 PM

TUESDAYS

- WALKING 6:30 AM & 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

- ACTIVE for LIFE 9:30 AM
- GIRL SCOUTS 6:30 PM
- BAND REHEARAL 6:15 PM
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM
- YOUTH HANGOUT 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

- WALKING 6:45 AM & 4:00 PM
- ACTIVE for LIFE 10:00 AM

FRIDAYS

- NA MEETING 7:00 PM
- AA MEETING 8:00 PM
- AL ANON MEETING 8:00 PM



Youth
Mission
Work Team
digging a
French Drain
for a local
company in
our area.

CONNECTIONS

CONNECTING with GOD
CONNECTING with ONE ANOTHER

By Kyle Smith,
Director of Youth Ministries

Imagine pulling up to the church on a Sunday evening with the parking lot full. Families walk into the sanctuary, we sing a few songs, we hear God's word, and then we pray. Afterwards, the children go one way and the adults go another. Then, an hour or so, everyone reconvenes after having spent the night in fellowship and study. That is the dream that I/we have for St. John.

This fall, we will be offering something for people of every age on Sunday evenings. There will be nursery, children's ministry, youth group, and adult classes all offered at the same time. It would be a one-stop shop for the whole family. This will be happening the first Sunday of the month starting October 6th.

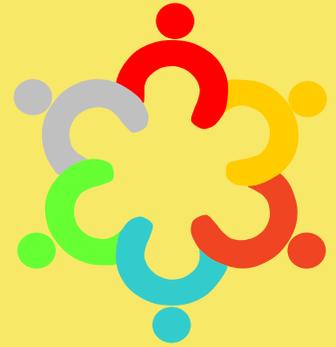
The youth group has grown over the last couple years and the main reason for that is because students invite their friends to come with them. This has led to several families joining the church this past year. I think the same thing can happen for all age groups. It is more likely that friends, family, classmates, neighbors and whoever else that are not connected with a church will come on a Sunday evening than get up and come on a Sunday morning.

We will need volunteers to make this work. We'll need people to work the nursery, lead the children's ministry, people to teach or lead classes, and the youth could always use more leaders. While

that may seem like a lot, we believe it is very doable.

Connections has the potential to connect people within the church, provide avenues of spiritual growth, and bring new people into the church; or to put it another way, we'll introduce people to Jesus and grow as disciples together.

We will have an information and interest meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 12:30 pm in room 250. We want to hear any ideas that the congregation would have about how to make *Connections* a meaningful and impactful time for all. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.



Intergenerational work team connecting with - and helping out a neighbor in our local area during Youth Mission Week.



I wonder 'Who' this could be?
Oh, yes, it's one of St. John's awesome teens, catching a bite to eat between working hard all day out in the heat - and then participating in the week of VBS!!
Thank you, P ❤️

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

There are still some dates that need volunteers for the Community Cupboard. Please consider offering your time and assistance. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center to sign up.

CHANGE of COLLECTION NEEDS: Canned fruit, Spaghetti Sauce and Shampoo are now needed. Thank You!

If you have questions or need more information, contact Kathy Moore 304-993-3027.

BITES FOR BITTY ONES

Thank each of you who continually support our ministry for Lakeside Elementary. We will be starting our collection of foods and snacks sometime in September. Please look for more information to come in your church bulletins.

Thank you so much and God Bless you for all that you do for these children!

For more information, please feel free to contact Kay Angle or contact the church office at 304-757-6343.

New "Texting System"

St. John has implemented a new 'Texting System' as a means of reminding you of your commitment to serve God and the church through the Hospitality Ministry. As of now, these messages will come to you as a group text, encompassing those serving at either the 8:30 or the 11:00 services for a particular date.

After you have responded to the text, if you don't wish to receive reply's from everyone, you are welcome to 'leave the group', 'delete the message' or change your settings to 'Hide Alerts'. If you don't have any of these options, we do apologize for any annoyances.

We are finding this system to be very beneficial in eliminating many hours of phone-time. And, the response-time we're receiving is quite amazing.

Thank you - *each of you* - for honoring your commitment. You, truly make a difference each week as you meet and greet others and make new-comers feel so welcomed!



Children and VBS leaders gathering in the sanctuary for music and worship, directed by Joe and Jamie.

August Birthdays

Tom Sawyer	08/02
Curry Taylor	08/02
Kennedy Kirk	08/02
Stacy ILderton	08/03
Landen Bach	08/03
Ivy Ware	08/06
Tom Wagoner	08/08
James 'Marty' Martin	08/08
Haley Goode Hendren	08/10
Kay Angle	08/11
Tess Jackson	08/11
Addison Dyer	08/11
Karen Cottrill	08/13
Lucas Hall	08/13
Grey Miller	08/16
Tish Wallace	08/18
Ray Hunter	08/18
Marie Beaver	08/19
Rita Henchey	08/19
Elaina Atkinson	08/21
Debbie Gibson	08/22
Cole Stover	08/23
Kristen Hill	08/23
Kendall Hill	08/23
Brynlee Wallace	08/23
John Caponiti	08/25
Rose Mitchell	08/25
Kevin Samples	08/26
Richard Duvall	08/27

August Anniversaries

Rick & Tish Wallace	08/08
Brad & Lisa Henry	08/08
James 'Marty' & Alicia Martin	08/14
Kirk Boyce & Sherry McWatters	08/14
Stanley & Barb Jackson	08/15
David & Cindy Wandling	08/16
Tom & Sheila Owens	08/17
David & Belinda Weddington	08/29

Kathy Rittenhouse - Thank you for your leadership in this year's VBS - AND ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED! It was WONDERFUL!!



(Above) Joe and Jamie leading the children in VBS songs and worship.

(Left) VBS Bible Story Time. Cindy had the children's total attention (most of the time).

Bible Story Time was very interesting.

Thank you, Cindy.

Upcoming Events!

- GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE - 08/03 AM CHURCH FRONT PARKING LOT
- KINDERMUSIK - 08/05 9:00 AM (ROOM 100)
- ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MTG - 08/08 6:30 PM (LIBRARY)
- UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MTG - 08/10 11:00 AM (ROOM 250)
- YOUTH-PARENT'S MTG - 08/11 6:00 PM (YOUTH ROOM)
- CHOIR REHEARSAL - 08/14 7:00 PM (CHOIR ROOM)
- GYM COMMITTEE/COACHES MTG - 08/19 7:00 PM (LIBRARY)
- YOUTH FALL KICKOFF - 08/25 6:00 PM (YOUTH ROOM)

SEPTEMBER

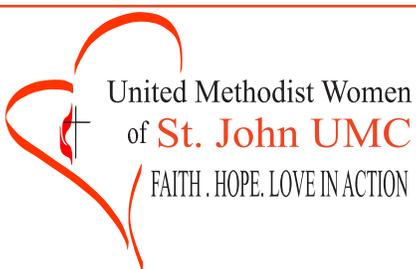
- DISCIPLE CLASSES ORIENTATION 09/01 4:00 PM (LIBRARY)
- LABOR DAY - 09/02 - OFFICE IS CLOSED
- PRESCHOOL - AFTER LABOR DAY
- CONNECTIONS INTEREST MTG - 09/08 - 12:30 PM (ROOM 250)
- UMW CANDY-MAKING - 09/10 Time to be announced (KITCHEN)
- CHURCH PICNIC - 09/15 4-8 PM VALLEY PARK
- BOOK CLUB - 09/17 1:00 PM (ROOM 210)
- UMM MEETING - 09/17 7:00 PM (ROOM 200)



These sweet, beautiful & handsome people put the icing on the cake (or the cookies) for everyone at VBS!!

Each evening they prepared and served snacks and food to the children and the leaders with their sweet spirit and a smile!

Thank you, thank you!



Please join the **UMW** for our next meeting on Saturday, August 10th at 11:00 am, in Room 250.

Our Guest speaker will be Jared Davis, Director of Camp

Appalachia, formerly, Camp Happy Valley of the Salvation Army. Camp Appalachia is an awesome place for children in our local area and provides a great sense of community for them.

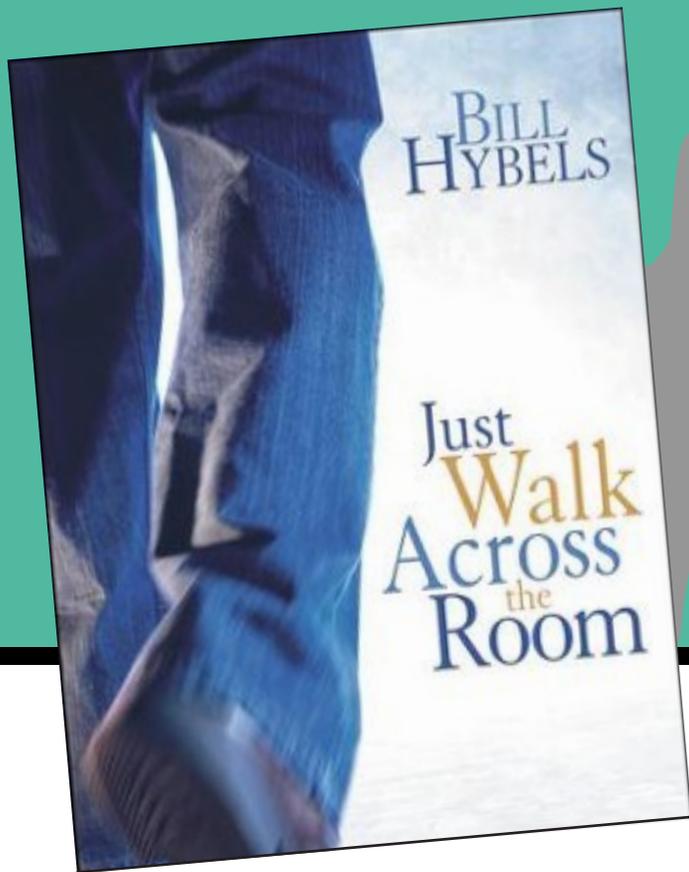
We hope you plan to attend and show your support to Camp Appalachia. Invite a friend!

For more information, please contact Peggy Kuhl at 304-638-3659 or Cindy Wandling at 304-951-8380.



Some of St. John Youth who participated in VBS Story Time with Cindy. Thank you, guys - you did an awesome job!

Learning to Walk Changes Your Life:
Learning to Walk Across the Room Can Change Eternity.



Join us for Sunday School

9:45 am
Room 250

4-Week Study beginning
August 4th

KOINONIA CLASS

Laura McCullough
Teacher

Just a few steps and a friendly hello may be all it takes to change someone's life - and their eternity! And the good news is, it has more to do with taking a genuine interest in another person and listening to their story than it does with

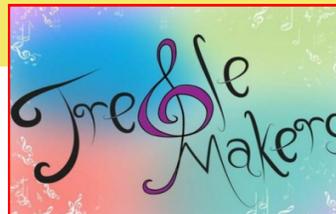
learning evangelism tactics and techniques. Thousands of churches are already implementing the simple, personal approach described in Bill Hybels' award-winning book, *Just Walk Across the Room*. Now is *your* church's opportunity. Learn how to equip your members to walk in a totally new way of evangelism. The concepts aren't hard, just effective.

Take the first step today - and watch your church shape more tomorrows than you ever dreamed possible.



St. John Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. YOU are welcome and encouraged to join with us as we learn, rejoice and lift God's word in song. We would love *hearing* you there!

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Jamie Miller, Music Minister, at 304-881-8504.



St. John is now the 'new home' for the WV Treble Makers Choir.

They will be rehearsing each Wednesday evening in preparation for all of their performances. We are honored to offer our facility to this amazing group of young students. If your child loves music and might be interested in becoming a part of this group, please contact Christi Miller, who is not only St. John's accompanist, but also the accompanist for the Treble Makers.