

# HARVEST BLESSINGS

ST. JOHN UMC / OCT 2019

## CONNECTIONS

By Kyle Smith, Director of Youth Ministries

### Connections Update

When the staff first started discussing *Connections*, we came up with what we thought was a good idea of how the new ministry would look. However, we didn't want to force anything on the congregation. We were much more interested in hearing what the people of St. John wanted. After receiving dozens of surveys, we came to a realization; our vision for *Connections* wasn't what the congregation desired. So we went back to the drawing board.



Ultimately, there is only one goal for *Connections* and that is to connect with God while connecting with each other. It turns out that there are a lot of people interested in doing that but there are also a lot of different ideas of how to do that. This is what was discussed at the *Connections* interest meeting that was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

In that meeting, we brainstormed how we could create a new ministry that was by the people and for the people. The staff expressed our desire for this to

become a St. John thing. There was a myriad of suggestions made of what we could do. We discussed everything from a prayer meeting to white water rafting, a family game night to local mission work, working with Camp Appalachia to a volleyball tournament, and everything in between. What we quickly realized is that it would be best for *Connections* to not become any one thing but to be dynamic and changing.

The current plan is for us to have a *Connection* Sunday once a month and to do something different each month. That way everyone can find something that will appeal to them. We don't have a current start date for *Connections* because we don't want to rush something out the door and do it poorly. We want to take the time and build this the right way. The *Connections* team is set to meet at the end of October with the idea of putting together a schedule that will connect us with God, connect us as a church, and connect us with those outside the walls of St. John.





## WEEKLY REGULARY-SCHEDULED EVENTS

### SUNDAYS

- WORSHIP - 8:30 & 11:00 AM
- DISCIPLE III - 9:30 AM ROOM 180
- SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM
- JESUS AND ME - 11:00 AM (Except 1st Sunday)
- MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH - 5:30 PM
- SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - 7:15 PM

### MONDAYS

- PRESCHOOL - 9:00 AM (4 YR OLD)
- PRESCHOOL - 9:30 AM (3 YR OLD)
- ACTIVE for LIFE - 10:00 AM
- BOY/CUB SCOUTS 6:30 PM
- DISCIPLE IV - 6:00 PM (ROOM 250)
- DISCIPLE II - 7:00 PM LIBRARY

### TUESDAYS

- PRESCHOOL - 9:00 AM (4 YR OLD)
- PRESCHOOL - 9:30 AM (3 YR OLD)
- WALKING - 3:30 PM
- KINDERMUSIK - 4:30 PM ROOM 100
- DISCIPLE I - 6:30 PM (ROOM 250)

### WEDNESDAYS

- PRESCHOOL 9:00 AM (4 YR OLD)
- PRESCHOOL 9:30 AM (3 YR OLD)
- ACTIVE for LIFE 10:00 AM
- WALKING - 3:30 PM
- TREBLE MAKERS REHEARSAL - 4:30 pm
- GIRL SCOUTS 6:00 PM
- BAND REHEARSAL 6:15 PM
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 PM LIBRARY
- SJUMC YOUTH HANGOUT 7:00-9:00 PM

### THURSDAYS

- PRESCHOOL 9:00 AM (4 YR OLD)
- KINDERMUSIK - 9:00 & 11:00 AM, ROOM 100
- PRESCHOOL 9:30 AM (3 YR OLD)
- ACTIVE for LIFE 10:00 AM
- WALKING - 3:30 PM

### FRIDAYS

- NA MEETING 7:00 PM, LIBRARY
- AA MEETING 8:00 PM, ROOM 250-A
- AL ANON MEETING 8:00 PM, ROOM 200

## St. John United Methodist Church WV ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### SENIOR PASTOR

*Rev. Michael Q. Atkinson*

### WORSHIP MINISTER

*Joe McCullough*

### MUSIC MINISTER

*Jamie Miller*

### DIRECTOR of YOUTH MINISTERIES

*Kyle Smith*

### CHORAL ACCOMPANIST

*Christi Miller*

### DIRECTOR of PRESCHOOL

*Joy Spratt*

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*Rev. Robert 'Bob' Hill*

### DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH

*Jennifer Beam*

### DIRECTOR OF STEPHEN MINISTRIES

*Karen Kinder*

### OFFICE MANAGER

*Kaye Morton*

### 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

[WWW.SJUMCWV.ORG](http://WWW.SJUMCWV.ORG)







Our Monthly United Methodist Men's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm in Room 200. Please join us as we gather for Christian fellowship and Bible Study.

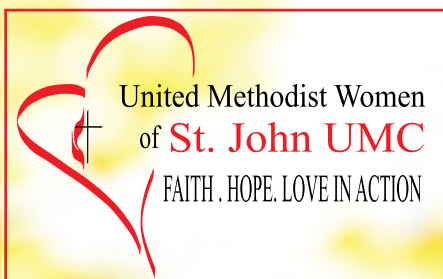


## Community Cupboard Needs YOU!

St. John UMC, along with other local churches, provides assistance to many families through the **Community Cupboard** located in Hurricane by Forrest Burdette UMC. **Don't** Forget to contribute to Community Cupboard to help our neighbors.

We ALL can help!! Over 900 families have been served this past quarter.

Please contact the Kathy Moore at for more information or for questions you might have.



St. John United Methodist Women will be meeting October 12th at 11am in Room 250. Watch for more information in your weekly church Bulletin concerning items for this meeting. Our last meeting was very informative and we've received many positive responses and comments regarding the direction of our ministry. Thank you for your continued support to the UMW. Our desire is to assist women throughout our church and our community. Contact Cindy Wandling if you have any questions.

## Community Book Club

Tuesday, October 15th, in Room 210 at 1:00 pm.

The book for discussion is "**Educated**", by Tara Westover, which gives an account of the struggle for self-invention. It is a tale of fierce family loyalty, and of the grief that comes from severing one's closest ties.

*We would love for you to join us for a blessed time of fellowship!*

Contact Peggy Kuhl at  
304-638-3659 for more information.



# NOFLU4U!

**PROTECT  
YOURSELF.  
PROTECT  
YOUR FAMILY.**

**FLU and PNEUMONIA SHOTS** will be available on Sunday, October 6th, before 8:30 service, between services and shortly after the 11:00 service, in the small area behind the Coffee/Juice Bar. PEIA and Medicare offer FREE shots. Please check with your Insurance Provider to see if there might be a charge for your shot. Also, please contact Joel Fisher at 304-586-3393 for more details and questions you might have.



If you enjoy singing, please come to Choir Rehearsal each Wednesday at 7 pm.

Being a Christian is like being a **pumpkin**. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes off all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. last, He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!





## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Eric Ford	10/05	Kelly Young	10/19
Gregory Atkinson	10/06	Karen Bishop	10/20
Katie Hunter-Bowles	10/06	Jacob Ford	10/20
Amber Ware	10/08	Nathan Kirk II	10/23
Betty Carpenter	10/09	Mitch McGrew	10/23
Jake Bowles	10/09	Jordyn Arey	10/23
Matt Angle	10/11	Judy Birchfield	10/24
Tricia Dunham	10/11	Reagan Justice	10/28
Reese Arey	10/13	Sue Persinger	10/28
Tyler Rittenhouse	10/14	Megan Samples	10/28
Brent Zutaut	10/14	April Dawson	10/29
Amanda Dye	10/16	Chris Reese	10/29
Dot Samples	10/17	Lois Beavers	10/30
Becky Bostic	10/17	George Schneider	10/30
Brian Clark	10/17	Colleen Samples	10/30
Kendra Ragle-White	10/17	Allison Cramer	10/30
Abby Scarberry	10/17	Olivia Bloomfield	10/30
Jackie Raines	10/18	Sharon Adkison	10/31
David Trotter	10/18		
Cindy Cramer	10/19		

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Josh & Stacy Ilderton	10/01	14
Joe & Laura McCullough	10/05	28
Rick & Carol Pendleberry	10/13	50
Scott & Cindy Skiles-Mann	10/14	6
Rex & Beth Chambers	10/20	35
Dave & Cindy Cramer	10/21	25
Jake and Katie Bowles	10/22	3
Greg & Beth Robinson	10/24	32
Jerry & Becky Bostic	10/28	30
Joshua & Jill Bach	10/20	18

## CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you would like to help in the organization, planning and creation of a new Church Pictorial Directory, please sign up at the Welcome Desk to become a member of the Pictorial Directory Committee.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to working with you. God Bless. Please feel free to contact the church office for additional information at 304-757-6343.



If your child loves music and might be interested in becoming a part of the Treble Makers Choir, please join us each Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the church sanctuary. For more information, please contact Christi Miller to find out how your child can participate.





# Trunk *or* Treat



Show up with your candy! Decorate your trunk -  
fill it with goodies & hand them out!

October 27, 4:00 - 6:00  
Church Parking Lot



## Preschool at St. John

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to the wonderful Director and staff of our Preschool. Thank you, Ms. Joy, Director, and staff, Ms. Mechelle, Ms. Pam and Ms. Julie.

For twenty-six years, St. John has been providing a high-quality, affordable preschool for 3 and 4 year old children. We have 38 children attending Preschool this school-year. Take a moment to tell them how much they are appreciated. Be sure to visit us anytime Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, or contact Joy Spratt at 304-757-6343.



# Helping Kids at Lakeside Elementary

## BITES for BITTY ONES

Thank you, thank you for your donations and assistance with Bites for Bitty Ones.

Our next packing will be Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 pm.

We could still use donations of Pudding, Gummies, Chip's and Pop-Tarts. You may also donate money and designate Bites for Bitty One's on your check memo.

Thank you, again, for helping support this worthwhile project for **Lakeside Elementary School**. We hope to see you on the 15th.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND BY KEEPING THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS, SENDING A CARD, GIVING THEM A PHONE CALL OR TAKING A MEAL TO THEIR HOME. A LITTLE GIFT OFTEN HELPS TO RAISE THEIR SPIRITS.**



**LITTLE THINGS MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT LONGER AS ACTIVE AS THEY ONCE WERE.**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PEGGY KUHLE AT 304-638-3659.**

**HOMEBOUND**

**THE APOSTLE PAUL TELLS US THAT WHEN OPPORTUNITY COMES, WE SHOULD "DO GOOD UNTO ALL - AND ESPECIALLY UNTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH". GALATIANS 6:2**

## PRAYER CHAIN

**IF YOU HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR PRAYER, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT PHYLLIS DUVALL AT 304-552-8583.**



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST CAN BE FOUND AT THE WELCOME DESK.**

**INFORMATION ON THIS LIST IS DERIVED FROM REQUESTS WRITTEN ON YELLOW CARDS EACH SUNDAY.**





**T**his coming Sunday (Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>) is one of my favorite days of the year. It's Youth Sunday! The day that the St. John Youth Group takes over the morning wor-

ship services. We have a fun, exciting, and impactful service planned for the congregation. I take special pride in Youth Sunday because it allows people to see the vibrant, talented, and faithful students in action. I get to see how wonderful our youth are everyday but I'm always excited for them to display it to the whole church.

The Youth will celebrate what I'm sure will be another incredible Youth Sunday by turning the church into a laser tag arena that evening. It has become a yearly tradition for the youth to play laser tag and they've been looking forward to it for weeks.

We will have our normal youth group for the following three weeks and then we will head down to Huntington City Mission on October 27<sup>th</sup> to help serve men, women, and children in need. We've been busy the last month with the start of the school year and youth. We are already off to a fast and fun start; and we can't wait to see what God is going to do with us for the rest of the year!



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