

# PREVUES

THE MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - BELLEVUE KY

July 2016



The news of the mass shooting in Orlando was devastating as we gathered for worship on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John United Church of Christ in Bellevue Kentucky. We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC). We pledge to welcome all races, ages, abilities, ethnicities, socio-economic levels, sexual orientation and gender identities within the world and within the church itself.

This act of violence and hate goes against the very message of Jesus and against the values upon which our nation is founded.

As a people of prayer, peace and justice we respond first and foremost with love and concern for all who have lost loved ones. We offer our prayers for comfort to everyone in Orlando, the LGBTQ community around the world, and all who grieve. We stand with our 20th UCC General Synod and advocate for sensible, responsible policies to end gun violence. And we will strive together with all people of faith to create a more peaceful and affirming world for all of God's children everywhere.

The Reverend Keith M Haithcock,  
Pastor and Teacher  
St. John United Church of Christ  
Bellevue Kentucky

Items for *The e-Weekly* are due electronically on Mondays.

Items for the *Prevues*, monthly e-newsletter, are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Email items for *The e-Weekly* and *Prevues* to [Prevues@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Prevues@StJohnChurch.net).

Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. Email to [PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net).

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## ***Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.***

Pre-service Preparation Music begins at 10:20 a.m.

### **July Sermons**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Dean Griffith "ROBERT ALLEN ZIMMERMAN" – Isaiah 40.17, 28-31; Matthew 5.13-16

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock, "PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT" – Genesis 1.26-31; Proverbs 3.19-26

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock, "CARE FOR THE POOR" – Matthew 25.31-40; James 2.1-8

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock, "FORGIVE OFTEN" - Matthew 18.15-22; Ephesians 4.25-32

**July 31<sup>st</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock, "REJECT RACISM" – Ephesians 2.14-22, 3.5-6; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

- **Read** the lesson for the day.
- **Invite** a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.
- **Pray** for all who will attend, the pastor, and other leaders of worship.
- **Enhance** your experience, sit toward the front and invite someone to sit with you.

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## **WEEKLY BIBLE ENCOUNTER**



There will be no Weekly Bible Encounter (WBE) class during July or August. Please refer to the Bible readings listed on the front page of the newsletter for each Sunday worship service to read, study and meditate on each week in preparation for worship and the Sunday sermons. Weekly Bible Encounter for youth and adults will return on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,  
The WBE Teaching Team

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Keith will be on vacation from June 21<sup>st</sup> thru July 5<sup>th</sup> (including 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday). If there is a pastoral need, hospitalization, or death, *please leave a voice mail at 859.261.2066 extension 202 with full details*, including phone numbers. Voice mail will be checked several times a day. The Pastor-On-Call will be contacted as soon as possible. If there is a critical emergency or death, Pastor Keith will be contacted.

## St. John Office Hours in July

Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant, will be in the office 8:00a to 4:00p on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

## Memorial Gifts Received in June:

*In Memory of Jane Greene* from:

Melissa Artopoulos  
Pat & Charles Giglia



## Thank you St. John Church...

for the donation of gently used clothing and kitchen items. These donated supplies are bringing hope and relieving the suffering of those caught in the grips of poverty, disease, and natural disasters.

Rev. Wendell E. Mettey, President & Founder Matthew 25 Ministries



## Blessings to those who are celebrating this month!

July

- 1 Cathy Howes
- 8 Tyler Poirier
- 18 David Foust
- 21 Roland Peaslack
- 22 Linda Nesbitt
- 27 Jamie Schubert
- 31 Debbie Reker



July

- 7 Dean Clevenger & Freeman Durham
- 30 Sandy & Bill Kerlin



**July 10<sup>th</sup> deadline** for blurbs for the August "Prevues" newsletter.

Please submit to: [Prevues@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Prevues@StJohnChurch.net)

## How Can You Help Flood Recovery in WV?

West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (WV VOAD) is currently communicating with state/local emergency management and officials to coordinate resources through its network of disaster relief agencies to West Virginians devastated by June flood events.

WV VOAD asks individuals seeking ways to help disaster survivors to make a donation to the WV VOAD Disaster Relief Fund or register as a volunteer.

Volunteers wishing to help with flood response and recovery can register online at [www.volunteerwv.org](http://www.volunteerwv.org). At this time, volunteers are asked not to self-deploy and to stay at home for their own safety.

Volunteer West Virginia, the State's Commission for National and Community Service has partnered with WV VOAD to match volunteers with organizations statewide to assist with response and recovery. When road hazards are clear and needs are identified, a volunteer coordinator will contact registered volunteers to schedule a volunteer shift or overnight deployment.

Financial donations are the best way to support the effort at this time. West Virginia has a statewide disaster relief fund managed in cooperation with WV VOAD and the United Methodist Church. Donations will be used to support the disaster related needs of families through a network of voluntary agencies. West Virginia Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster is a network of agencies which ensures services coordinated, communications are clear, and families with unmet disaster caused needs are served. Financial donations are accepted and more information can be found at: <https://wvvoad.communityos.org/> West Virginia VOAD is a humanitarian association of independent organizations that may be active in all phases of disaster.

Its mission is to identify unmet needs and facilitate efficient streamlined service delivery to those imperiled or impacted by disaster while eliminating duplication of effort through cooperation, coordination, communication, collaboration in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.

West Virginia is a state chapter of the National VOAD.

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## OPEN TABLE – Communion on the Street

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Front sidewalk Fairfield Avenue  
Offering Holy Communion to those on the street during Bellevue's first Fridays. If you would like to be part of the team of this outreach ministry contact Pastor Keith Haithcock at 859.261.2066, ext. 202 or [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net)

### You can be part of this ministry too.

Contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.2066, ext. 202 or [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net).  
Visit <http://www.shopbellevueky.com/calendar.php> for upcoming events.



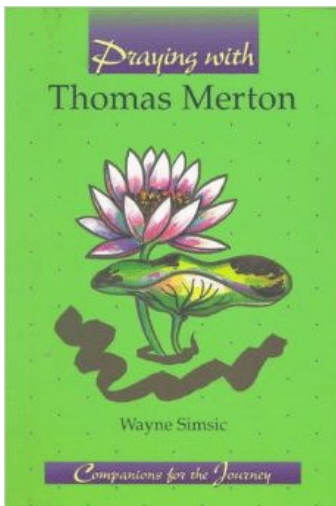
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## St. John Financial & Attendance for June

Offering Total: \$12,768

Worship Attendance Average: 62

Year-to-date Worship Attendance Average: 72



## Happy Prayer Group...

invites you to join us on the third Friday (July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Bill Machuga & Marvin Snodgrass' 402 Breezewood Ct. Ludlow, KY). This is one of a number of St. John Church prayer groups. Our typical evening goes like this: we gather at 6:00 p.m., enjoy some refreshments and conversation, and then engage in prayer. For the next several months we are using the book, "Praying with Thomas Merton" by Wayne Simsic. The book simply provides a point of conversation and reflection about prayer. Currently we meet in three different homes on a rotation basis. If you would like to participate please send an email to Keith Haithcock at [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net) and he will inform you of our next location. All are welcome to this informal gathering of fun, relaxation, conversation, support, reflection, and prayer.

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## CELEBRATE the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Friendship Center! July 6<sup>th</sup> with cake, snacks and activities



The Friendship Center meets in the Fellowship Hall (lower level), every Wednesday from 2 - 5 p.m. Adults and seniors from around the community are quickly finding this to be a great place to be. Activities include games, crafts, social time, basic computer skills, discussions, music, guest speakers, etc.

*We encourage everyone to participate and share your talents and expertise with the group.*

For more information, please see any Outreach Missions Group (OMG) member: Bruce Horn, Steve Phillips, Willie Tackett, Eileen Thornton or Carol Griffith. Or call 859.261.2066, ext. 206, and leave your message.

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## An Easy Way to Serve at St. John

Volunteers are needed to prepare refreshments (simple food and drink) and host the after worship social on Sunday mornings in the back of the Sanctuary. A variety of refreshments may be offered: cheese and crackers, ham cubes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. You decide what to prepare and serve. Share your culinary abilities with your Church family. Something light and simple is best.

Refreshments are served on the table behind the last pew on the east side of the Sanctuary. Clean table cloths, cups, forks, napkins, tooth pics, etc. are provided in a storage bin under the table.

Simply sign up at the Welcome Table (also in the back of the Sanctuary) for the Sunday you are available to serve. Set up, clean up and taking out the trash are part of this ministry. If you have any questions about schedule, supplies, how you may be reimbursed (up to \$25) etc. contact Bruce Horn at: [bbobbyh55@gmail.com](mailto:bbobbyh55@gmail.com) or 513.608.5331.



## Free Senior Meal & Social

The last Saturday of each month St. John United Church of Christ provides a nutritious meal for Senior Adults. But, more importantly we provide social time, fellowship and fun for the community. We talk, we laugh, and we play games (with more talking and laughing). We celebrate life with others and become a "family" of strangers. Some are in need of a free meal, but most are just there to socialize. Many people who come are from the Church but we also have those from the community who are friends and classmates of Church members. Invite someone to come with you or fill a whole table.



What's keeping you from having a good time?

See you on the last Saturday of each month. You'll be surprised how much fun you can have. You don't even have to bring a smile – we will provide that for you. (We will at least try.)

Reservations are not required but they sure are helpful. Please call 859.261.2066, **ext. 206** and leave a voice mail with your name and the number of people in your reservation.

## July Calendar

### Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30p Open Table Communion, front sidewalk

### Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:30a Worship with Communion & sign interpretation, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

7:47a Morning Prayer – Sanctuary  
2:00p Friendship Center – LL100S  
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministry Middle & Sr. High – dinner served First Christian Church 1031 Alexandria Pk, Ft. Thomas

### Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas  
4:00p Outreach Missions Group – Rm 102

### Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

10:30a Worship - Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101

### Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S  
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries Sr. High, dinner served – First Christian Church 1031 Alexandria Pk, Ft. Thomas

### Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas  
3:00p Riverside Prayer Group, Rm 102  
5:14p Youth Advisory Board – Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave. Ft. Thomas

### Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00p Happy Prayer Group, Bill Machuga & Marvin Snodgrass' 402 Breezewood Ct. Ludlow

### Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101

## July Calendar Continued

### **Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
- 5:30p Illumination Youth Ministry "Meet Up" St. High only, First Christian Church 1031 Alexandria Pk, Ft. Thomas

### **Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

### **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101

### **Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S

### **Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group - Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

### **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:30a Free Senior Meal, LL100S

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## **Coming in August:**

Pastor Keith will continue his summer sermon series titled "BE THE CHURCH". This series will draw from the teachings of the Scriptures and the themes on the new United Church of Christ banner (see below) that lists many aspects of progressive Christianity which we value.

Pastor Keith and Rev. Ken Weidinger (former student minister at St. John Church) Designated Pastor at Faith United Church of Christ have collaborated on this series. On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Ken and Keith will do a pulpit exchange and on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Faith Church and St. John Church will have a joint picnic at the city park behind Faith Church in Anderson Township (just 15 minutes from St. John Church). Details will be forthcoming. Plan to come together on Sundays in August and "BE THE CHURCH!"



## *Save the Date*

### **Covenant Membership Class**

Saturday, September 17 | 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Room 102 (Lunch at a restaurant on the Avenue)  
If you have been attending for some time we invite you to participate in our upcoming class. Please register by contacting Debbie Cummings at [office@stjohnchurch.net](mailto:office@stjohnchurch.net) or 859.261.2066 ext. 202. Attending this class does not obligate you to join.