PREVUES

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

December 2016

Neighbors, Members, Regular Attendees, Friends and All

You are Invited to the

St. John United Church of Christ

Advent & Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas Shoppe

Friday, December 2nd at 5p to 8p
Saturday, December 3rd at 9a to 1 (Lower Level – Fellowship Hall)

Bellevue Nativity Dedication | Community Carol Sing

Friday, December 2nd at 8p
Hosted by St. John Church Musicians (Sanctuary)

Sunday Advent Worship at 10:30a

Pre-service Music begins at 10:20a – Pastor Keith M. Haithcock preaching
Second Sunday of Advent, December 4th – "VISION OF PEACE" – Isaiah 11.1-10
Third Sunday of Advent, December 11th – "HEARTBEAT OF JUSTICE" – Luke 1.39-55
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th – All-Music Worship – Matthew 1.18-25
Featuring Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Soloist, Drum, Piano, Organ, Congregational Singing

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th at 9p

Pre-service Music begins at 8:45p

A traditional Christmas Eve service in the beauty of the St. John sanctuary. Invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you for a service full of carol singing, Chancel Choir, soloists and instrumentalists. The sermon by Pastor Keith and a heartwarming candlelight celebration with Holy Communion. **A nursery provided for infants through five years.**

Celebrate Christmas on Christmas Day! Sunday, December 25th at 10:30a

Pastor Keith M. Haithcock preaching: "A GREAT LIGHT" –Isaiah 9.2-7
An informal service of Music and Message - Bell Choir, special music, carols and Homily

From the Corner:
A Great Light – Envision the Possibilities

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock
Pastor and Teacher

You "have seen a great light…" These are not new words for us. We have heard these words for most, if not all, of our lives. Some of us have studied these words, pondered on them and taken them to action. Some of us have heard them read on Christmas Eve and understood them to be about Jesus' birth. Most of our society has heard or seen these words on Christmas cards, TV shows, and billboards. These words are a part of our lives.

This prophecy is from the book of Isaiah in the Hebrew Scriptures. Traditionally the book of Isaiah was seen as one work by one man who lived in the eighth and early seventh centuries BCE. However, for more than two hundred years scholars tell us that Isaiah has three divisions and more than one author and was written over a very long period of time.[1]

The author of our Advent study this year, Walter Brueggemann, says,

> "The oracle of Isaiah 9:2-7 is well known among us because of Handel's *Messiah*. The oracle did not *anticipate* or *predict* Jesus." "While the oracle might have been utilized to announce and celebrate the birth of a new royal prince in Jerusalem, namely Hezekiah, it is more probable that it pertained to the coronation of the new king. The coronation of the new king in Jerusalem was an occasion for anticipation of a new wave of well-being, peace, and prosperity."[2]

I don't know anyone who doesn't want a new wave of well-being, peace and prosperity? We often lose sight of the reason of Christmas with Santa Claus and commercialism. The purpose of Christmas is not the tinsel, it is that we have seen the light in Jesus and that light is God's new way for us. As with the coming king in Isaiah, Judah - the people who walked in darkness - anticipated a new regime of "endless peace" with "justice and with righteousness" forever (v. 7), and to be released from "the constant threat of Assyrian domination"[3] and oppression. In the same way, under the oppressive Roman Empire, the followers of Jesus understood his coming as a great light and a new regime of peace and prosperity for the common good. So the reason the church celebrates Christmas is to continue to share this great light, this good news of God's new way of love, hope, peace and joy.

So in the midst of ***our*** darkness – poverty, community upheaval, gun violence, economic insecurity, war, racial injustice, white privilege, violence against women and more – *we* too have seen a great light; a light of hope, justice and equity through the child of Bethlehem and the Christ who lives in our hearts today; "a light that the darkness has never overtaken,"[4] a new regime – the realm of God – that transforms oppression into liberation, darkness into illumination, and actions of justice into peace. How will you, how will we, shine the Light of Christmas – God's new way – for all to know?

You have seen a great light! Envision now the possibilities. ***Merry Christmas!***

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[1] https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/asbury-bible-commentary/Structure-Authorship-Date; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Isaiah; http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/resources/introductions-to-the-books-of-the-bible/isaiah/

[2] Walter Brueggemann, *Names For The Messiah An Advent Study,* Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. p. 1-2

[3] Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Ronald J. Allen, and Dale P. Andrews, Editors, *Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year A,* Westminster John Knox Press, 2013. p. 31.

[4] John 1.5b (The Inclusive Bible)

WEEKLY BIBLE ENCOUNTER

An encounter for Adults and Youth
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Room 102

The purpose of the Weekly Bible Encounter is:
To encounter the Bible through prayer, reading, study, scholarship and inquisitive community.

Led by a team of clergy on a rotating schedule. **No Bible Class December 18th or 25th.**
Invite a friend to come with you! Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required.

World AIDS Day

Thursday, December 1st

Truth & Destiny United Church of Christ
2645 West North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH

6:00p HIV testing & Information Fair
7:00p Program featuring music by All God's Children Choir; Trinity Episcopal Church – Covington, KY Handbell Choir; Spoken Word Artist: Prophet?poet Jessie Jumanji, Speaker: Rev. Derek Terry.

Christmas Shoppe and Winter Rummage Sale!

Friday December 2nd from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (with Bellevue First Friday promotions)
Saturday December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Church basement fellowship hall.

This year's Christmas Shoppe will be expanded to also include a section for a traditional rummage sale. In response to increased community demand, we are expanding the holiday and winter rummage sale experience. At least half of the sale will focus on quality Christmas decorations and gift ideas, whereas the other half will be our traditional seek and find of cheap treasures you didn't know you needed.

Recent Memorial Fund Gift

In Memory of Lois Ann Slone from Pat & Charles Giglia

Could You or Someone You Know Help?

We are looking for a Nursery Worker, 18 years old or older, three brief written references (email is fine), and able to work on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2016 in the St. John United Church of Christ nursery in Bellevue, KY. The pay is $20, arrival time is 9:30p, dismissal no later than 11:30p. If no children come you will still be paid $20.
A background check is required.
Contact Keith Haithcock at Pastor@StJohnChurch.net by Sunday, December 11th.

Advent / Christmas Poinsettia Plants and Greenery

Your donation of $15 (or more) in ***honor or memory of someone*** will make it possible for the Church to be decorated with ***poinsettia plants and other greenery*** for the Advent and Christmas season. Order forms are available on the Welcome Table in the back of church. Checks should be payable to St. John UCC and write "Christmas Greens" in the notation section of the check. Make sure your check (or cash) is attached to an order form and place both in the offering plate, or mail to the church. Please include your name, phone number and full address. Also, state the name of the person your donation is in honor or in memory of.

The last day to make your order is December 11th. Payment must be made at the time of order.

Please Join us for a Special Senior
Holiday Meal and Social
December 17th at 11:30 a.m.

For more information see Outreach Mission Group members:
Bob Epton, Carol Griffith, Bruce Horn, Steve Phillips, Willie Tackett or Eileen Thornton.
For reservations call: 859.261.2066 x 206
Meal is Free – Donations Accepted
St. John United Church of Christ 520 Fairfield Ave, Bellevue
Note: There will be no Senior Meal on December 31st.

December 10th deadline for blurbs for the **January** "Prevues" newsletter.
Please submit to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net

Items for the *Prevues*, monthly e-newsletter, are due on the 10th of the prior month.
All repeat items should be revised monthly.
Email items for *Prevues* to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net.
Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. **Email to** PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.

For 115 years, the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and Emergency Fund has been an expression of God's love. This year theme is "God Love Colors Everything" with a goal $1,000 here at St. John. Christmas fund offering is one of four special Mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. The offering gives UCC Congregations the opportunity to reach out in loving compassion, providing assistance to those who have so faithfully served our Church and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. This enables the Pension Boards' Ministerial Assistance program to provide Church Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to individuals and families in need. Clergy and lay employees with their families whose lives were touched by your support offer their sincere thank you for your generosity.

Please pray and consider to support this year's appeal and spread the word so that others will also join in this vital ministry. This year's offering will be taken on December 18th.

Global Mission Coordinators
Melissa Artopoeus
Pastor Keith Haithcock,

For prayers, visits, cards, thoughts and support during this time of surgery and recovery. Thinking of you all.
Ed Ulsas

We Need Your Help

Acolyte

If you are in fifth grade or older (including adults) and would like to serve as an Acolyte for worship services contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.2066, ext. 202 or Pastor@StJohnChurch.net. Training will be provided.

Ushers & Greeters

We need Ushers/Greeters for the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month. If you are interested in being part of this ministry of hospitality please contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.2066 ext. 202 or Pastor@StJohnChurch.net as soon as possible.

The Strategic Leadership Council Wishes You the Season's Best – Really!

As John and I sat watching TV together and I noticed the holiday commercials are starting to gear up, I sighed a heavy sigh and said "The holidays are so much pressure…" It's sad to me that I feel burdened to perform a certain way or do certain things because our culture has infused this season with expectations for happiness, abundance, glitz and consumption. It's impossible to escape.

And it's exhausting. You might be in agreement with me, but are we really ready and willing to reject the social pressure? Can any of us say to our family, "No presents because we all already have everything we need." Do we dare not send the Christmas cards? Do we have the courage to share Christmas Day dinner with the poor and lonely at the City Gospel Mission?

One thing I know beyond a shadow of a doubt (whether or not I live by the principle): ***helping others feels good***. In his book Altruism, Matthieu Ricard concludes that the only way to truly benefit ourselves is to benefit others.

Therefore, I would like to challenge you, St. John congregation, to exchange the pressure of our culture to consume for the pressure to perform generous acts instead.

For example, make a promise within your family to only exchange homemade gifts. Or make a donation toward clean water in underserved communities in your relatives' honor. Make a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund – or better yet – volunteer to help Pastor Keith distribute food, clothing and gifts to families that ask for assistance. The possibilities are endless!

Finally, share your "alternative" Christmas idea with the St. John community. Email me (melissasuestephens@gmail.com) with your alternative holiday celebration story and I'll compile the list to share in next month's Prevues. If you don't email, write it down and give it to me at church.

This will be fun! I can already feel the joy, fullness, radiance and blessing that this season promises in the birth of Jesus.

Most sincerely hoping for peace and joy this season, Melissa Stephens

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Sunday – Christmas Day
December 25th
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

An informal service of *Music and Message*
Bell Choir, special music, carols and Communion.

Celebrate Christmas on Christmas Day!

Neighbors, Members, Regular Attendees, Friends and All

ARE INVITED TO

Kids Konnection

Sundays at 10:30a (grades 1st thru 5th)

Kids Konnection is a multi-age-level interactive class that meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. Classes help kids learn about God's love and the Bible lessons about Jesus.

A criminal background check for leaders is required and two adults are always present in class.
Contact Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or call 859.261.2066.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 9:00 p.m.

Pre-service Music begins at 8:45p

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Blessings to those who are celebrating this month!

December

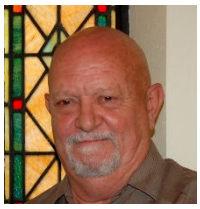
6 Jennifer Loerich
9 Sandy Kerlin
11 Daniel Hoffman
12 Esther Ries
15 Melissa Artopoeus
19 Stephanie Dalsfoist
20 Richard Robbins
21 Dean Griffith

December

5 Jennifer & David Loerich
9 Doreen & Ron Johnson
20 Katherine Casteel & Chelsea Clemons

St. John Financial & Attendance for November

Offering Total: $13,546
Worship Attendance Average: 83
Year-to-date Worship Attendance Average: 71



Lay Delegate Report

Fall Gathering of SONKA (Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association) 11/4/16
By Lonnie Fields

I serve on the Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) as a member at large. It is our intent to improve communication efforts at St. John Church this year through articles in the newsletter and other reports and information opportunities. I would encourage you all to consider serving on SLC, or another committee at some point, to learn what all goes in to doing what our Church does. SLC meets every month and then for special and other needed meetings. It has opened my eyes on the importance of turning in our financial commitment cards, so we know how to effectively administer our church's budget and financial affairs. Not that the church is always asking for more, but so we know where to allocate our efforts, etc.

I volunteered to serve as our Lay Delegate for the Fall Gathering of the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association of the United Church of Christ – otherwise known as SONKA. At the Association level congregations covenant together to support one another in various ways and to work together for God's mission beyond the local church and throughout denomination.

Pastor Keith and I, along with representatives from Christ Church in Fort Thomas and Faith Church in Anderson Township car pooled to West Milton, Ohio (approximately 30 minutes north of Dayton). There were approximately 175 in attendance.

The morning session was focused on an extensive review of SONKA's budget and operating expenses. Various options were presented on how to continue SONKA'S day to day business operations efficiently. Just as your SLC is doing for St. John Church, SONKA is challenged to remain viable and sustainable in the era of stagnant and sometimes declining financial and people support. A motion was approved to reduce the office staff operation in Centerville, Ohio from 5 days to 4 days a week. An additional major change was to NOT continue to send on OCWM (Our Churches Wider Mission) dollar percentage on to the OHIO Conference as has been the practice in the past for SONKA and all settings of the denomination. SONKA will not only pay the dollar amount needed to cover its expense for services the Conference provides SONKA. This equates to a reduction of financial support to our covenant partner, the Ohio Conference, by approximately $27,000. SONKA will offer a straight 10% of OCWM dollars that come in to national setting of the denomination.

Two resulting measures were stressed for future SONKA practices: 1) More immediate communication to local churches regarding SONKA's financial status; 2) More urgent discussion recreating a new structure from which SONKA, the other four Associations and the Ohio Conference may conceivably streamline operations, reduce duplication of services, and provide meaningful and sustainable ministries within the Ohio Conference boundaries of the United Church of Christ. This conversation has already begun.

SONKA recognized congregations who were covenant Keepers, those who support the UCC on all levels. St. John UCC Bellevue was one of only 5 congregations to be recognized as a congregation that is "FIVE for FIVE", meaning we support the four denominational mission offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and The Christmas Fund. We are also within the Top 10 congregations of giving to OCWM, and in Per Capita Giving, and we have increased our OCWM giving since 2015. We were presented a Certificate of Appreciation, now hanging by Pastor Keith's office door.

December Calendar

Thursday, December 1st
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
3:00p Outreach Missions Group – Rm 102
6:00p **World AIDS Day**
HIV testing & Info. tables
Truth & Destiny United Church of Christ
2645 W. North Bend Rd., Cinti.
7:00p Worship Service
Truth & Destiny

Friday, December 2nd
5:00p Christmas Shoppe & Winter Rummage Sale, LL100
8:00p Nativity Dedication & Carol Sing, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 3rd
5:00p Christmas Shoppe & Winter Rummage Sale, LL100

Sunday, December 4th
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Worship with Communion & sign interpretation, Sanctuary
Sermon: "VISION OF PEACE"
Isaiah 11.1-10

Tuesday, December 6th
2:00p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202

Wednesday, December 7th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
12:00p Advent Study Group, Room 102
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries Sr. High & Middle School dinner served- Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.

Thursday, December 8th
8:15a Staff Meeting, Rm 101
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
3:00p Riverside Prayer Group, Rm 102
5:15p Youth Advisory Board, Christ Church, 15 St. Ft. Thomas Ave. Ft. Thomas KY
6:30p Cincinnati Men's Chorus Music Advisory, Rom 102

Friday, December 16th
6:30p Happy Prayer Group, Donna Hoffman's 539 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.

Saturday, December 10th
DEADLINE for January Prevues items

Sunday, December 11th
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Sermon: "HEARTBEAT OF JUSTICE"
Luke 1.39-55
10:40a Kids Konnection, Rm 202

Tuesday, December 13th
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
4:30p Pastor-President meeting Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202

Wednesday, December 14th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
12:00p Advent Study Group, Room 102
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries Sr. High & Middle School dinner served- Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.

Thursday, December 15th
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
5:00p Strategic Leadership Council – Rm 102

Saturday, December 17th
9:00a Choir special rehearsal
11:30a Holiday Senior Meal, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 18th
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
NO Bible Encounter
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Choir Christmas
10:40a Kids Konnection, Rm 202

Tuesday, December 20th
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202
Wednesday, December 21st
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
12:00p Advent Study Group, Room 102
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
Thursday, December 22nd
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
Saturday, December 24th
9:00p Christmas Eve Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25th
9:30a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
NO Bible Encounter
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Sermon: "A GREAT LIGHT" –Isaiah 9.2-7
Tuesday, December 27th
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202
Wednesday, December 28th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
Thursday, December 29th
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

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OPEN AND AFFIRMING COALITION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 2016

Dear St. John United Church of Christ

On behalf of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ, I'm writing to personally thank you for your generous support of $150.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to meet new challenges at a time when, more than ever, we need a strong voice for inclusion and justice in Chirst's church. We're proud that more than 1,375 congregations have adopted Open and Affirming covenants, but we're also acutely aware that nearly 3,700 UCC congregations (nearly three-fourths of our churches) have not yet taken this journey. Most LGBTQ and questioning youth in the UCC are growing up in these congregations. The Coalition's plan to grow the ONA movement-by reaching every UCC church-is our moral responsibility to those youth, and to every LGBTQ person who is looking for a spiritual home.

The United Church of Christ is today a very different place because of the Coalition and because of the faithful leaders like you. But we're not at the end of our journey. The years to come will present us with new opportunities to proclaim in word and action the Gospel of God's gracious and all-embracing love for hu,anity, for each of us. Thank you for helping us move confidently into that future. With supporters like you, the future of LGBTQ ministry and advocacy in this church is bright.

Yours in Christ,
Andrew G. Lang
Executive Director

Bell Ringers wanted!

The handbell choir is looking for a few new ringers. No experience necessary. We can teach you anything you need to know. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 6:30, and we play during service on the 3rd Sunday off the month. For more information contact Stephanie Dalsfoist, sdalsfoist@gmail.com or 513-708-0246.

Sunday after Church Social

Immediately after worship

On select Sundays we offer a simple variety of refreshments. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve refreshments.

Table Setting Supplies are provided.

Be part of the team

Share your culinary abilities with your Church, something light and simple is best.
A reimbursement for food of up to $25 is offered if needed.

Sign Up Today

If you are interested in volunteering contact Bruce Horn at bbobbyh55@gmail.com or 513.608.5331 or sign up at the Welcome Table in the back of the worship space.

Friendship Center!

Open every Wednesday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (lower level) at St. John United Church of Christ
Enter through the accessible door off the parking lot.

For adults and seniors Games, crafts, conversation, social time, basic computer training, music, guest speakers, etc. *Share your talents and expertise.* **For more information** Call 859.261.2066, ext. 206, and leave a message, or email OMG@StJohnChurch.net

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Free Senior Meal & Social

The last Saturday of each month from 11:30a to 2:00p
Fellowship Hall (lower level) at St. John United Church of Christ
Enter through the accessible door off the parking lot.
Nutritious meals for senior adults.
Meet new friends, enjoy fun, laughter, games and more.
Serving seniors from all communities.
Invite a friend to come with you.
Reservations
Not required but helpful. Call 859.261.2066, ext. 206. Leave your name, phone, and size of your party.

From the Community

Journey to Bethlehem

Advent Retreat

at Washington UCC

Saturday, December 3
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lunch provided

Experience:
Forms of meditation
Chinese qigong
Journaling
Mandalas

Led by: Rev. Mel Humes, Linda Neumaier, Judy DiMuzio

RSVP by December 1st to Mel Humes, 513-277-1452 or mhumes@zoomtown.com
Limited to 15 adults

Washington UCC is at 2950 Sidney Ave.
just off the Hopple Street exit off I-75

LifeCenter
Saving lives through organ and tissue donation

Life Center of Cincinnati encourages members of congregations, like ours, to become organ donors. If you have not become an organ donor go to www.lifepassiton.org and sign up today.

St. John United Church of Christ is proud to provide outreach to the following organizations:

Illumination Youth Group

BRIGHTON CENTER
A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Washington
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Cincinnati, Ohio

Our Church's Wider Mission
God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Durban, South Africa

Rubate Hospital - Kenya Africa

For more information contact us directly:

St. John United Church of Christ

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MINISTERS

The whole congregation

PASTOR

Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher

(Typical Office Hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

– Always available by appointment – Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; phone extension 202

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Luis Hernandez, House Keeper

(Cleaning Hours: Fridays 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

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OUTREACH MISSIONS GROUP (OMG)

email: OMG@StJohnChurch.net

Our Vision

We are a source of **hope** and opportunity for people who need us.
The community **understands** us the way we understand ourselves.
Our ministry is open, accessible, and **inviting** in ways that encourage all members of the community to use their gifts in ministry.

Our Mission

Our caring congregation feeds the spiritual and physical needs of the community.