

# PREVUES

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

May 2017



## Two Cents About Finances

### Free Workshop

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 6:00p to 8:00p

Sponsored by and held at

St. John United Church of Christ 520 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY.

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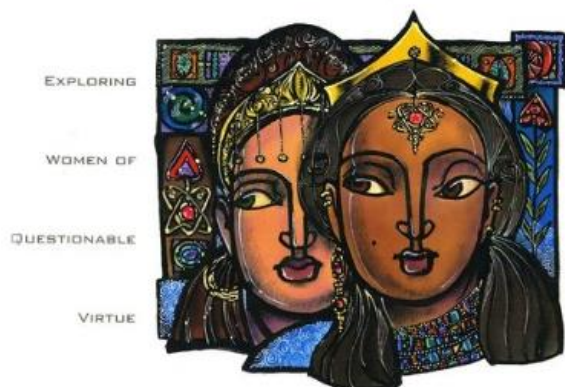
## *Bad Girls of the Bible*

### Spring Pastor's Book Club

*Bad Girls of the Bible* By Barbara J. Essex

Discussion/study times will be set between  
May 21 & June 30 by those who order a book.

**Guest Facilitator:** Rev Michelle L. Torigian, pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ (UCC)-Cincinnati. Michelle's writings can be found in *There's A Woman in the Pulpit* (Skylight Paths Pub. 2015) and *Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy* (Noesis Press, 2016), Huffington Post Religion page, RevGalBlogPals, the UCC's Daily Devotional and *New Sacred* and her blog [michelleorigian.com](http://michelleorigian.com).



Order book and register by May 7 online at <https://stjohnchurch.net/pastors-book-club>, or by email: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net), or at the Welcome Table.

## From the Corner – *Mission*

Most organizations and corporations have a mission statement of some sort. Some are very short, most are way too long. The purpose of a mission statement should be to state what and why you are doing what you do.

The mission statement of Anderson University (where I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Church Music) is, “To educate for a life of faith and service in the church and society.”

The current mission statement of St. John United Church of Christ is, “Our caring congregation feeds the spiritual and physical needs of the community.” One of my favorite mission statements is from

Harvard University, one of the oldest education institutions in the country. Harvard’s mission statement is simply, “To educate the Nation.”

I’ve always thought a good mission statement for a Church would be, “Following in the ways of Jesus the Christ, our mission is to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.” The thing I like about this statement is that it applies a simple, yet challenging standard to every aspect of our living, all that we do and all that we are. And, I’ve often been thankful that Jesus did not say that we needed to “like” our neighbor, but rather to love our neighbor – and that does not mean in that attitude of “God-love-‘em” kind of love, but rather a down-in-our-heart-and-soul kind of love for our local and global neighbors with whom we share this life.

These powerful words of Jesus found in the New Testament (Matthew 19.19, Mark 12.31, Luke 10.27) and grounded in the faith of our Hebrew sisters and brothers of the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6.5, Leviticus 19.9-18), are certainly words to live by. If we read under the ink on the page and seek to understanding the context of these words we will find a deep purpose and mission for our lives.

Too often society is caught up in individualism, seeking only what will benefit ourselves. Some may call it selfishness, others personal progress. If our mission only benefits ourselves we miss a very important aspect of life – being good neighbors, sharing what we have, caring for those in need, loving the alien as well as we love ourselves (Leviticus 19.34), working and living for the common good and not just our own gain. These are the characteristics and values of a child of God.

## What will your mission be?



*From the Corner* is written by the Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher of St. John United Church of Christ on the corner of Fairfield and Ward Avenues., Bellevue, KY

## **SUNDAYS @ ST. JOHN**



### **WEEKLY BIBLE ENCOUNTER** for Adults and Youth on 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.  
Invite a friend to come with you! Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required.

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

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

#### **Sermons:**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock preaching, "Powerful Witness" -Acts 2.42-47

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock preaching, "Enduring Witness" -Acts 7.55-60

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock preaching, "Witness of Love" -John 14.15-21

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Keith M. Haithcock preaching, "Spirit of Witness" -Acts 1.6-14

- 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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Invite your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors and all to...

## **Kids Connection**

**Sundays at 10:30a** (grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>)

A multi-age-level interactive class that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net) or call 859.261.2066.

**Prevues** is published monthly. Submissions are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. (June items due May 10<sup>th</sup>)

All repeat submissions should be revised each month.

Please email your submissions 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).

Editor: Keith M. Haithcock; Publication Assistant: Debbie Cummings

## Recent Memorial Fund Gift

In Memory of Charlie Monroe Clark, Sr. from Melissa Artopoeus: Pat & Charles Giglia



### Help a Cub Scout Pack!

This is a call for anyone who is interested in helping with the Cub Scout leadership – men and women. Adam Clinkenbeard, who is the organizer for the St. John Cub Scout Pack, will be holding a meeting for all interested leaders from the congregation on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p in room 102 (Lounge). If you are interested please show up to this meeting. Enter through the accessible door off the parking lot. If you have questions you would like to ask before attending email Adam at [aclinkenbeard@hcfm.com](mailto:aclinkenbeard@hcfm.com).



### An Easy Way to Support St. John

Staples Office Supply has an ink and toner recycling program. For each cartridge we recycle St. John receive \$2.00. If you have empty ink or toner cartridges please bring them to Church and put them in the box located in the hallway behind the pulpit. Thanks for going green and for supporting your Church!



### What's Your Name?

This is a question that sometimes is hard to ask, especially when you have asked it several times to the same person because you just can't remember their name. Names are important and to be called by our name is empowering and welcoming.

That is why we offer name tags at St. John Church. If you have a name tag please wear it. If you want one please tell us on your Sunday Information Card or contact Debbie Cummings by email [office@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:office@StJohnChurch.net) or call 859.261.2066, ext. 201. At the end of each worship service you may return your name tag to the banner in the rear of the Church.

But, if you do forget someone's name, and they don't wear a name tag, do not let that keep you from asking them again – What's your name? This is what friendships are made of.



### Illumination Youth Ministries schedule through June:

Wed. May 3 | 5:30-7:00p | Youth Group | Christ Church Ft. Thomas

Tues. May 16 | 5:30-7:00p | Youth Group Activity TBD | Christ Church Ft. Thomas

June 4 -10, Montreat Youth Conference

### Opportunity to Share a Helping Hand – Meals for Jennifer

Meal preparation for Jennifer Summer, Debbie Reker's daughter, while going through chemo and radiation treatments for stage four breast cancer. Click on this link

<http://www.takethameal.com/meals.php?t=PLBH3793> and follow instructions. If you have questions contact Sandy Kerlin at [sandyleek@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyleek@hotmail.com) or 859.491.3515.



## Covenant Membership Class – Register by May 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, May 6th | 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Room 102 (Lounge)

enter the accessible door off the parking lot.

Lunch ordered in from a local restaurant.

**Teacher:** Pastor Keith Haithcock and others

### Topics include:

Introduction to St. John United Church of Christ, Statement of Faith, Spirituality, Baptism, Holy Communion, the Bible, What we believe, What does it mean to be a disciple, the six marks of discipleship, and more.



Becoming a member of the church is more than adding your name to a list. It is a matter of faith and promise (covenant) with a local faith community and the universal church. Attending class does not mean you must join. The class may help you see if you are ready for this step in your faith journey.

**Extended registration deadline: Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Register by** using your Sunday Information Card, calling 859.261.2066 or email:

[Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net).

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## Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | 8:00a – 1:00p | Fellowship Hall

We invite all members, friends, and supporters to donate goods for the sale. Bring donations to church between Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. We accept and need all types of household and kitchen items, baby items, clean clothing, shoes, collectibles, knick knacks, bed and bath linens, small and medium sized furniture, lamps, toys, crafts, books, yard and garden items, antiques, jewelry, etc. We DO NOT ACCEPT large appliances like stoves, refrigerators, or washer/dryers, NO old style box TVs, old Computers/monitors or cable/electrical parts, and no used or opened personal hygiene items. For questions or assistance with donations please contact STEVE PHILLIPS at 859.803.3830 or email [stephen.phillips2014@icloud.com](mailto:stephen.phillips2014@icloud.com).

We also need volunteer workers between Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> for sorting, organizing, and pricing. The actual days, evenings, and time schedules for prep work will be coordinated among those who volunteer. To volunteer for the prep work contact DALE CLARK at 513.673.4260 or email [dale@dsp.org](mailto:dale@dsp.org).

On sale day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we need worker on the shopping floor and customer assistance help. Most of these volunteers need to be able to walk stairs, lift up to 20 pounds, and have the ability to do minor cleaning and organizing updates as the sale progresses. All sale helpers are needed after the sale closes to pack left over goods for donation or pick up by a charity which we hope will be Matthew 25 Ministries. A team coordinator is still needed for the pack up and arrangements with Matthew 25. Contact Dale or Steve (above) to volunteer for this position.

And.....don't forget to come shop for treasures and support your church on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00a – 1:00p. Thanks in advance!

## Memorial Day in Bellevue – May 29<sup>th</sup>

**8a set-up, 9a Stand opens, 10a Parade begins**

Outreach Missions Group (OMG) will once again have a hot dog stand for the Bellevue/Dayton Memorial Day parade. We need people to help set up, cook and sell hot dogs, chips, and beverages, and take down. As the community comes together let us remember those whom we have lost in service, show our respects, and gain strength in



being together as the parade passes by. Let's feed the spiritual and physical needs of our community.

Contact Willie Tackett [WillTackett@gmail.com](mailto:WillTackett@gmail.com) or Bruce Horn [bbobbyh55@gmail.com](mailto:bbobbyh55@gmail.com).

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## Message from Washington UCC – Our Mission Church

***Everyone who comes to Washington Church is fed.***

Rev. Pam DeFusco, Washington United Church of Christ, Cincinnati

Food is the most basic human necessity, and part of our shared Christian mission is to make sure all our neighbors have enough to eat.



That is why Washington United Church of Christ:

- Welcomes our community to a free lunch four days a week and Sunday breakfast
- Provides meals to children at after-school tutoring and during Summer Youth Program
- Gives food to families and adults through our Camp Cupboard

Much of the food comes from the FreeStore/FoodBank, where we can get some items free and most at half the cost we would pay in a grocery store. But even “half the cost” still means money. We hope you can help Washington UCC feed our needy neighbors.

Washington UCC is participating in the Freestore Foodbank's annual Walk Against Hunger on Memorial Day, May 29. Every \$1 we raise in walker sponsors is \$1 in credit that we can spend at the Freestore to buy food for people who depend on us for help. Please sponsor our walkers. Thank you!

Need more information? Want to walk with us? Call Pastor Pam at 513-541-7757 ext. 6, or go online to donate or register: [www.cincinnatihungerwalk.org](http://www.cincinnatihungerwalk.org), click Teams at the top of page, then scroll down to Washington UCC.

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**I will sponsor Washington UCC in the Hunger Walk.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Washington UCC. This is a tax-deductible donation. Mail to Washington UCC, 2950 Sidney, Cincinnati, OH 45225*



## Northern Kentucky Pride Interfaith Service

Thursday, June 9, 2017 at 7:00p  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
14 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Covington, KY  
Guest Preacher, Paula Stone Williams  
<https://paulastonewilliams.com/>



Music will be presented by a community choir and our own musician, Steve Milloy.

## Mini Mission Trip for YOUTH and ADULTS

June 10, 9:00a – 5:00 p | 12372 Riggs Rd, Independence KY  
(rain date June 24)

1 – Day Mini Mission Trip for FCC youth  
(exiting 6<sup>th</sup> grade – exiting 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and adults

Youth and Adults will work together to perform chores such as painting fences, pulling weeds, replacing boards, fixing fence post, and other basic farm maintenance chores needed at Milestones.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will also be a demonstration from some of the Milestones trainers and riders, who will then join us for lunch.

Sponsored by Illumination Youth Ministries, Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and Christian men’s Fellowship.

*Milestones Inc. is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic horsemanship for individuals with disabilities.*



## Blessings to those who are celebrating this month!

### May Birthdays

- 2 Mark Behnken
- 3 Anne Marie Jansen
- 8 Lonnie Fields
- 12 Alan Imberg
- 13 Carol Stitt
- 18 Janet Scanlon
- 24 Keith Coultas  
Randy Share
- 25 John Wilson
- 28 Valerie Johnson

### May Anniversaries

- 14 Stephanie & Alex Dalsfoist
- 28 Ken Rose & Mikhail Heaven

## St. John Financial & Attendance for April

Offering Total: \$15,372 (thru April 23)

Worship Attendance Average: 81 (thru April 23)

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Keith will be on vacation from May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru May 30<sup>th</sup> including the Memorial Day 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.

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## May Calendar

### Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

→ **DEADLINE** Covenant Membership Class registration  
Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100

### Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100  
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101  
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

### Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100  
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S  
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries TBD, Christ Church Ft. Thomas

### Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100  
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas  
2:00p Outreach Missions Group, Rm 102  
5:30p Strategic Leadership Council, Rm 102

### Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100

### Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100  
9:00a Covenant Membership Class, Rm 102

### Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

→ **DEADLINE** Spring Pastor's Book Club registration  
Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100  
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203  
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class  
10:30a Worship with Communion & sign interpretation, Sanctuary  
Sermon: "Powerful Witness"

Acts 2.42-47

1:00p Our Whole Lives (OWL) Workshop  
Contemporary Issues  
First United Church of Christ  
5808 Glenview Ave, Cincinnati  
(College Hill)

### Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Rummage Sale donations accepted LL100

### Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101  
4:30p Pastor/President Meeting, Rm 101  
6:15p Youth Advisory Board, Rm 102  
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

### Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

#### → **DEADLINE for June *Prevues* items**

7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S  
6:30p Cub Scout Leadership meeting, Rm 102

### Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas  
3:00p Riverside Prayer Group, Rm 102

### Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00a Spring Rummage Sale, LL100  
1:00p Our Whole Lives (OWL) Workshop  
"Responsible Sexual Behavior" and  
"Sexually Transmitted Infections,  
Pregnancy and Parenting"  
First United Church of Christ  
5808 Glenview Ave, Cincinnati  
(College Hill)

### Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203



5808 Glenview Ave, Cincinnati  
(College Hill)

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101  
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm  
203

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

11:30a Senior Meal, LL100

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203  
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102  
10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary  
Sermon: "Spirit of Witness"  
Acts 1.6-14  
10:40a Kids Connection, Rm 202

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00a Hot dog stand set-up  
9:00a Hot dog stand opens  
10:00a Memorial Day Parade

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class

10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary  
Sermon: "Enduring Witness"  
Acts 7.55-60

10:40a Kids Connection, Rm 202

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101  
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries TBD,  
Christ Church Ft. Thomas  
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S  
6:00p Two Cents About Finances Free  
Workshop, Rm 102 or LL100

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:15a Staff Meeting, Rm 101  
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor,  
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203  
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102  
10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary  
Sermon: "Witness of Love"  
John 14.15-21  
10:40a Kids Connection, Rm 202  
11:30a 2017 Annual Meeting, Sanctuary  
1:00p Our Whole Lives (OWL) Workshop  
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The whole congregation

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**OUTREACH MISSIONS GROUP (OMG)**

Email: [OMG@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:OMG@StJohnChurch.net)

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



Illumination Youth Group



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