

July 2019

PREVUES

The Monthly e-newsletter of St. John United Church of Christ
Bellevue, Kentucky



Sunday Worship in July @ 10:30a

Pre-service music begins at 10:20a

Sermons and Reading:

July 7: "Peace Be to This House" – Galatians 6.1-6; Luke 10.1-9

July 14: "Caring Neighbors" – Luke 10.25-37

July 21: "Word and Work" – Luke 10.38-42

July 28: "Shaped by Prayer" – Luke 11.1-13

Prepare for Sunday Worship by:

Reading the lesson for the day; **Inviting** a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you; **Praying** for all who will attend, the pastor, and other leaders of worship; and **Enhancing** your experience by sitting toward the front and inviting someone to sit with you.



Weekly Bible Encounter **A Bible Study for Youth and Adults** **Sundays @ 9a - Room 102**

The purpose of the Weekly Bible Encounter (WBE) is to encounter the Bible through prayer, reading, study, scholarship and inquisitive community. No registration, no sign up, no commitment, no fee, no frills! Attend when you are able. Let's face it, most of us would not read the Bible at all if we didn't have a plan. Well, here is your plan! WBE is led by a team of preachers, teachers, saints and sinners. Invite a friend to come with you! Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required. Bibles are available. Everyone: members, guests, friends, family, and neighbors are always welcome.

Weekly Bible Encounter will be on hiatus starting

Sunday, Aug 4 thru Sunday, Sept 1 and will start up again on Sunday, Sept 8.

From the Corner - Food

By no means am I an expert when it comes to food. But, I do like to cook, and I'm told my presentation and table setting are pretty good. But when it comes to calories, nutrition and a balanced diet I lack in many ways. And my body reflects this deficiency.

Recently I learned that standing 1 *additional* hour every day has the same health advantages as running 3 marathons a year. I questioned this, but sure enough it's true. Google it! You don't have to stand an hour all at once; 10 minutes here 5 minutes there burns calories and creates an agile body. When you sit and watch TV, consider standing up during the commercials. It's a start!

Recently I attended a weeklong conference for pastors. It focused on four major areas for wholeness and health: vocation, financial, physical and psychological, and spiritual. At first, I was overwhelmed with the information and the need for self-awareness, evaluation, and honesty. But, it changed me. I don't mean I came home 50 pounds lighter. It gave me tools for how to take care of myself one step at a time.

During the conference we had some of the best food I have ever eaten. The dining hall included a professional chef. The food was tasty, appealing, and well portioned. Truth be told, as I reflect over the past 20 years I have most often eaten my meals in a hurry giving little thought, if any, to my health.

Typically, I purchased my meals at a drive thru window. Stop laughing! 😊 I allowed my job to determine my diet and health habits, including my schedule, self-care, purposeful time with family, friends, and congregants, etc. I epitomized the typical rushed American.

At one of our meals we entered the room slowly with no talking and quiet music. The facilitator guided us through a "meditation" to look at the food on our plates, notice the fragrance and variety of food, breathe and give thanks for the nutrition and calories provided for our wellbeing, energy, and life. After 2 minutes I just wanted to dig in. I was "starved" and breathing deeply wasn't helping. After being challenged to eat as a spiritual practice, I was hooked. I realized my approach to food was out of control. I also realized having a chef prepare food is a lot easier than me shopping and preparing it when I get home.

Of all the needs in the world hungry children break my heart. The average American household spent \$4,015 on food in 2018. Yet, we throw out \$640 of food each year. That's 16% of food we buy – that's not a number to be proud of. Americans, collectively, waste \$160 billion, which is 30 to 40 percent of the entire US food supply. Like many things, we approach food as an entitlement rather than a blessing from God. Our patience level, even at a "fast food" window, is notably low. If we were more intentional with food, think of how healthy our vocation, financial, physical and psychological, and spiritual lives would be.

I'm not where I want to be with food, but I'm working on it and hope to become healthier, run 3 marathons, and help hungry people in the world. Perhaps you will join me and stand up.



Pastor Keith is always available by appointment.

Phone: 859.261.2066, ext. 202;

Email: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net

Typical office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9a to 4p

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life..." -Jesus (John 6.27a)

The generosity of our congregation was showing during the Strengthen the Church offering taken in June which totaled \$698, exceeding our goal of \$600! Well done and thank you to everyone. This offering will help plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life of our youth and young adults.

Melissa Artopoeus
Rev. Keith Haithcock
Mission Offering Coordinators

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Keith will be on vacation Thursday, June 27th thru and including Thursday, July 4th (Independence 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. A member of the Congregational Care Team and/or the Pastor-On-Call will be contacted as needed. If there is a critical emergency or death, Pastor Keith will be contacted.

United Church of Christ General Synod 32 Resolutions

Pastor Keith attended the General Synod from June 21-25, 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Check the bulletin board in the accessible foyer for all the resolutions which were presented to the General Synod. To read and review the resolutions on-line go to:
<https://www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Resolutions>

To read news about the General Synod go to: https://www.ucc.org/general_synod_news

The 33rd General Synod will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 16-20, 2021.

Ink Cartridge Recycling – An Easy Way to Support St. John

Staples Office Supply has an ink and toner recycling program. For each cartridge we 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!



Recent Memorial Fund Gifts

In Memory of Marc Bruin from: Dale Clark, Pat & Charles Giglia, Joann Wieghaus



Donations Needed for Blessing Bags

Thank you to everyone for the socks and gloves donated for the Blessing Bags during the winter!



During this spring and summer useful items for the Blessing Bags are: Chapstick and tiny bottles of sunscreen and hand sanitizer. Please consider donating these items for Blessing Bags thru the month of August.



Blessing Bags are provided by the Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund (PDAF) thru your generous donations. You may put your donations of Chapstick and tiny bottles of sunscreen and hand sanitizer in the big box in the Accessible Lobby. If you would like to give cash, yellow PDAF envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Make checks payable to St. John United Church of Christ with PDAF on the Memo line. You may mail your PDAF donation to St. John United Church of Christ, 520 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY 41073 or place your yellow envelope in the offering plate.

Your Skills and Talents at Work

God the creator provides everything for each of us. We thankfully give back with time, talent and treasure in many ways.

Thank you to **Joe Cox** for faithfully and diligently cutting the church lawn.

Thank you to **Jan Hoeweler** for her time spent keeping track of memorial gifts to St. John.

Thank you to **Pat and Charles Giglia** for keeping the candles supplied with fuel.

Thank you to **Cherie and Jeff Draper** for coordinating the Around the Table luncheon in June.

Thank you to anyone who turned in an ink or toner cartridge to be recycled.

Thank you to **Dale Sexton** and **Theo Baldwin** for coordinating the booth at the Cincinnati Pride Festival.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Strengthen the Church mission offering in June.

Thank you to **David Hiser** for serving as the treasurer for the past two years.

Thank you to **Alan Imberg** for serving as the president for the past two years.

Thank you to **Melissa Stephens** for accepting the position of treasurer for the next two years.

Thank you to Penny **Poirier** for coordinating the Little Library.

Thank you to **Sandy Ruck, Katherine Casteel** and **Chelsea Clemons** for shopping for and assembling monthly blessing bags.

Thank you to **Doug Baldrige** for his sanctuary decorating skills.

Thank you to **Diane Cunningham** for helping in the office each week to prepare the bulletins.

Thank you to **Dale Sexton** for his building maintenance skills.

Suggest other thank you mentions by sending an email to office@StJohnChurch.net

Click [HERE](#) to find an opportunity to use your skills and talents!



Liturgist (we currently need more women)

If you are interested in being a liturgist (reader-worship leader) for Sunday and other worship services, contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.0266, ext. 202 or Pastor@StJohnChurch.net. Training is provided.



Rides to Worship - *New Ministry*

We are seeking to begin a new ministry at St. John Church for congregants who need rides to and from worship services. If you are willing to use your vehicle and assist those who need a ride safely to and from worship services or if you have administrative, communication, and management skills and would like to help coordinate such rides, please contact Pastor Keith: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 202.

Help St. John Church Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards program



57 households have linked their Kroger Plus card to St. John UCC which means that a percentage of the total spent is gifted to St. John each quarter. This is free money for our congregation. Please use your Kroger Plus card each time you shop.

Card not linked to St. John? Have questions?

Contact the Church office for assistance 859.261.2066 or office@stjohnchurch.net



Did You Know?

St. John Church owns a wheel chair and walker for use by anyone who may have a temporary need. To check these resources out please contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.2066, ext. 202 or Pastor@StJohnChurch.net

Illumination Youth Ministries Summer Schedule

****HOLD the DATE**** **Wednesday, July 3--8:15 AM-12:30 PM** at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): Turner Farm is learning and teaching farm in Indian Hill. TENTATIVELY we're going to volunteer and help with day-to-day chores (weeding, planting, harvesting).

Wednesday, July 17--9:00 AM-1:00 PM at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): Hiking at Big Bone Lick! Pack a lunch and your sunblock.

Wednesday, August 7--5:30 PM-7:30 PM at St. John UCC (520 Fairfield Ave, Bellevue): Eat dinner at home because tonight we'll have a scavenger hunt leading to a variety of desserts around the church.

Wednesday, August 21--5:30 PM-7:30 PM at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): Bowling and pizza to start the new school year. Please bring \$5 to help offset costs.

For schedule information contact Illumination Director: Melanie Sorrell
Call or text: (859)468-8076 Email: melaniemcb@gmail.com



BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

ST. JOHN CHURCH GROUPS

We anticipate the church building being used more often by community organizations outside of the church groups and programs. Thus, it is critical that **ALL** in-house church groups be diligent about scheduling meetings and programs through Linda Schuster in the Church office (859.261.2066, ext. 201 or Office@StJohnChurch.net). For the Master Calendar [Click Here](#).

Please include the following information with your request for space: Name of church group, chair person's name and email address, name of event, date of event, what time you need to enter the building, time the event begins, time the event ends, time you will leave the building, room/s (name/s or number/s) you are requesting. Please be flexible as some rooms may not be available and depending on the nature of your meeting/event your group may be moved to accommodate maximum usage of space available or for noise considerations.



Weddings, funerals, baptisms and services of worship are scheduled through the Pastor's office.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

St. John United Church of Christ in Bellevue, KY has space for use by non-profit organizations such as educational, musical, theatrical, dance, banquets, training workshops, yoga, 12-step groups, exercise groups, and more. If you are looking for economic space in a positive and inclusive environment consider St. John United Church of Christ in Bellevue, KY. Go to www.StJohnChurch.net then click on "Contact Us", then click on Building Use for the Building Use: Application Policy Agreement and room list.

Contact: BuildingUse@StJohnChurch.net



Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund

-Helping those in need-

June Update (thru 6-26-19)

The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

8 Kroger Cards for food were distributed.

40 Blessing Bags (individual-meals) were distributed.

8 households were served by PDAF.

Your over-and-above gift will go to those in our congregation and community who need food, housing, utilities and amenities.

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

14 Dean Clevenger & Freeman Durham

30 Sandy & Bill Kerlin



Birthdays

1	Cathy Howes
8	Tyler Poirier
16	Cherie Draper
21	Roland Peaslack
22	Linda Nesbitt
23	Jeff Draper
27	Jamie Schubert
31	Debbie Reker





Financials & Attendance Thru June 23, 2019

Offering Total: \$9,998

Average Attendance for June: 66

Average Attendance for 2019: 75



At St. John Church

A simple way to give and support your Church.

Click: <https://StJohnChurch.net/donate-online-2>

Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

Reports To: Pastor

Status: Part Time, up to 24 hours/week, Tue-Wed-Thur (no holiday pay, vacation, sick time, health, disability, or retirement benefits are offered)

Compensation: Depending on skills and experience up to \$18 an hour

Saint John United Church of Christ in Bellevue, KY is looking for an administrative assistant to help with all office functions of an inclusive, progressive, open and affirming church.

For complete job description click [Here](#) or go to:

<https://stjohnchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Administrative-Assistant-to-the-Pastor-Job-Posting-2019.docx>

St. John United Church of Christ covenant members are ineligible for this position.

To apply email or US mail cover letter, resume, and 3 references to:

Pastor@StJohnChurch.net

The Reverend Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher

St. John United Church of Christ

520 Fairfield Avenue, Bellevue, KY 41073

St. John United Church of Christ is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence through diversity. Employment offers are made on the basis of qualifications, and without regard to race, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, age, veteran status, or sexual orientation or gender identity.

Prevues is published monthly. **AUGUST ITEMS DUE JULY 10TH**

Email your submissions to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net.

All repeat submissions should be revised.

Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. Email to PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.

Editor: Keith M. Haithcock; Publication Assistant: Linda Schuster

July 2019 Calendar

Wednesday, July 3

- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 8:15a Illumination Youth Ministry, First Christian Church Ft. Thomas
TENTATIVE Volunteer @ Turner Farm
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, July 4 - Happy Independence Day

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

Sunday, July 7

- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship with Holy Communion & Sign Interpretation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 9

- 1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101

Wednesday, July 10

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- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 1:30p A2A meeting, Rm 102
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 14

- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 16

- 1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101

Wednesday, July 17

- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 9:00a Illumination Youth Ministries,
Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas - Big
Bone Lick hike, pack a lunch
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, July 18

- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group
Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
- 4:30p Youth Advisory Board, Christ Church Ft. Thomas
- 6:00p Strategic Leadership Council, Rm 102

Sunday, July 21

- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 23

- 1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101

Wednesday, July 24

- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 27

- 11:30a Free Senior Meal, LL100

Sunday, July 28

- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 30

- 1:30p Staff meeting, Rm 101

Wednesday, July 31

- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Save these Dates!

September 15, 2019 – Around the Table Luncheon following Sunday worship

October 6, 2019 – All local UCC Churches Picnic, location to be announced

October 19, 2019 – 2019 St. John Variety Show

November 24, 2019 – Thanksgiving Dinner following Sunday worship

December 6-7, 2019 - Christmas Shoppe and Rummage Sale

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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
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Cincinnati, Ohio



SONKA

Southwest Ohio
Northern Kentucky
Association

Our Church's Wider Mission

God is still speaking,

UNITED CHURCH
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Cub Scouts

Pack 17 – Bellevue, KY
St. John United Church of Christ