St. John United Church of Christ

The e-Weekly

Week of April 12, 2020

From the Pastor - Church Schedule Update

Dear Church,
As I sat down to write to you today, a Scripture kept coming to me so I wanted to share it with you.

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;
God's the one who will keep you on track." -Proverbs 3.5-6 *The Message*

This is a very strange time and it is easy to have mood swings from anger to hurt, frustration to agreement, relaxation to anxiety, boredom to depression, and the list goes on. For those of you who are at home with someone else, irritation and impatience can set in. And for those of us who live alone, I've experienced these and other feelings and moods on my own.

Know that you are not alone in your mood swings and concerns. Know that God is with us. Pray for one another, listen to one another, and perhaps journal and work through your moods and emotions. Be easy with yourself and trust God in this strange and scary time.

Journey well, be safe, and keep washing your hands*!*

Happy Easter!
Pastor Keith

Highly Recommended:
The Stations of the Cross

This virtual experience will take up to an hour in one sitting. In this season of uncertainty and unsettledness, it is well worth the time to enter deeply into the power, depth, and love of this Holy Week as we move from Palm Sunday to Easter. Grace and Peace be with you.
Click Here: **bit.ly/LentStations**

Picture painted by Connie Mahaney.

At-Home Maundy Thursday Worship

We offer you this at-home Maundy Thursday worship service. **Click here** for the bulletin, with notes in red. May God bless you as you journey through Holy Week. I pray this resource is helpful to you. -Pastor Keith

Gather Virtually to Celebrate Easter Sunday Worship at 10:30a with Holy Communion

Be sure to have bread and wine or juice prepared at home.

Phone-in (audio only) at 10:30a on Sundays by dialing either: 1 929 205 6099 or 1 312 626 6799 and then follow the prompts. The meeting ID is: 952 499 133 The participant ID is: #

Online Login & bulletin: **Click here** and look for Easter Sunday April 12.

Pastoral Care and Vital Assistance

If you need prayer, spiritual direction, or assistance with essential needs contact the pastor. All contacts are by phone, text, or email.

The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher

Email: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; Office: 859.261.2066, ext.202; Cell/Text: 859.466.7572

Virtual Zoom Bible Study

Starting Thursday, April 26th - *Psalms of Lament*

Thursdays at 7:00p to 8:00p

Sign up here: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net

Wednesday Morning Prayer via FaceTime

The Wednesday Morning Prayer group has gone FaceTime! If you would like to pray together (35 minutes) with others from St. John Church contact Pastor Keith (Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.466.7572) and he will get you connected.

Some Ways to Stay Connected:

- Call a friend and share what you are experiencing.
- Have a conversation that does not include talking about Covid19.
- Write a note to someone without email and let them know you're thinking of them.
- Join the virtual Zoom Bible Study that's forming. Sign up here: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net
- FaceTime 8a Wednesday Morning Prayer. Sign up here: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net
- Share a prayer concern for the Prayer List: PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net

Continue to Support St. John Church

Click here to donate on-line or mail a check payable to St. John United Church of Christ, 520 -Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY 41073. Your continued support is vital to the mission.

Information - Pass It On

If you know of someone who does not have electronic connection, please let the office know and we will US Mail a copy to them on Wednesday morning. Thank you for your help in this effort.

All in-person gatherings are suspended through the month of May.

Jeff Draper, Strategic Leadership Council President
Cell/Text: 425.905.0827

Let's flatten the curve*!*

- Wash your hands.
- Cover your cough/sneeze into elbow bend or Kleenex.
- Stay 6 feet away from each other.
- Sanitize surfaces (counter tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc.)

Recent Memorial Fund Gifts

In Memory of Thomas Vossmeyer from Fran & Keith Limbach
In Memory of Jennifer Summer from The Ulsas Family

Coronavirus Information

Church leaders urge education click here.
How cancelled events save lives click here.

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CLICK HERE FOR:

Worship Login

Worship Bulletins

Donate to St. John online

St. John Website

April 2020 Calendar - Printable

Master Calendar - Online

Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund

-Helping those in need- **March Update**

- 14 Kroger Cards for food were distributed
- 40 Blessing Bags (individual-meals) were distributed
- 10 households were served by the PDAF
- 4 Community Agency provided with assistance: Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky ($300), Henry Hosea House ($300), Brighton Center ($300), and Lighthouse Youth and Family Services ($300)

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

Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund at work
Henry Hosea House

March 31, 2020

Your donation of $300.00 enables us to continue our ministry to help those less fortunate living in our community to live a life worth living.
Thank you and God bless!
Bruce Stelzer, Executive Director

Brighton Center

April 1, 2020

Thank you for all your support! It's a big help right now. Your gift of $300.00 enables us to continue to work with families to help break down barriers and help them identify achievable goals leading to a better future.
Tammy Weidinger, President & CEO

Pandemic Prayer

Great God,
you are an ever-present help in times of trouble,
and that's why we're praying now.
We are troubled and we're worried things
are going to get more troubling.
This virus is spreading around the world:
so many are seriously ill
or will be seriously ill,
so many health care systems are stretched
or will be stretched.
Be with front line medical workers,
give them courage to do their work
and keep them safe.
Be with public health officials
as they make decisions for the common good,

and politicians as they roll those decisions out.
Help us to be kind to one another,
because anxiety can make us snappy.
Help our communities to be resilient
and expansive as we reach out to help
all who are isolated and afraid.
In these times of shutdowns and slowdowns,
when travel is restricted or banned,
as routines are disrupted and we spend
less time together or more time together,
help us zero in on what is essential.
Thank you that love is also contagious
and stronger than any virus.
You will be with us,
and we will be with each other
in sickness and in health.
Amen.

March 11, 2020 by Carol Penner
https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2020/03/pandemic-prayer.html

Rummage Sale to be Re-Scheduled

The annual rummage sale will be re-scheduled for a later date when we can safely return to the building. Save your donations as we look forward to a new date. Contact Dale Clark by phone (513) 673-4260 if needed.

Tentative 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars now!
Sunday, May 31, 2020 following worship

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The e-Weekly Deadline reminder

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