



THE REMINDER

April 26, 2024

WELCOME LUNCH

APRIL 28, 12PM

Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Sunday, April 28, is our next Welcome Lunch. If you are a newcomer to St. John's, please have lunch with us on the 28th at noon in Fellowship Hall, immediately after second service.

This is an opportunity for you to meet St. John's staff and to learn more about our small groups, missions, etc. and for us to get to know each other. You are not making any kind of commitment by attending. Come, eat, visit, and enjoy.

The church nursery will be available for little ones after they have eaten. We should be finished by 1:30 p.m. It isn't required, but we would appreciate knowing if you are coming, so we will know how much food to prepare. Please contact Sylvia Frank sylviafrank22@icloud.com or by phone or text at 618-304-3562.



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SERMON NOTES

- I. God is always purifying the people and places that are supposed to represent Him.
- II. Jesus is still able to do powerful things through imperfect people and places.
- III. Jesus is always inviting the church to be a people of healing, hope, service, love, and encouragement.

FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

- Share one of your least-favorite medical memories from when you were a child. What made it a bad experience?
- Imagine you were experiencing Jesus cleansing the temple as a first-hand witness. What would you be thinking about Jesus and His actions? How would you feel about your experience of the event?
- Name some reasons why the religious authorities got mad at Jesus when He was healing people and receiving acclaim there in the Temple. How did it trouble them?
- What are some of the challenges associated with gathering with other believers? What are some ways Christ's followers can come together for the purpose of healing, hope, service, love and encouragement?
- Do you have a place in your life that needs healing, but you've been hesitant to address the hurt because of the pain you associate with it? What is one thing you can do this week to take a step towards God's healing work?
- What is God saying to you through today's scripture?





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Scripture of the Week **Matthew 21:12-16**

Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David." But the leaders were indignant. They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" "Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'"



Book Group, April 28



Lois Green will lead the discussion of *The Guncle* by Rowley, a novel about a single gay uncle who has been given temporary custody of his niece and nephew while their Dad is trying to put his life back together after the death of his wife. While this book does show handling grief can take many forms, there are many delightful events as the former TV star tries to find ways to navigate the new way of life with a six and nine year old. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome at 6:30PM at Jeri Lampman's

house. Participants read the book before the meeting, but that is not a requirement for anyone wanting to come and enjoy the company of the group.

United Methodist General Conference Updates

Delegates from around the world representing the United Methodist Church will come together for the gathering known as General Conference that typically occurs once every four years. This General Conference is taking place in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23 to May 3. This group of delegates will reflect on the theology, governance and practices of the United Methodist Church in ways that will impact United Methodist people all around the globe. Please pray for this gathering and the future of the denomination of which St. John's is a part. If you would like more information about General Conference, please visit: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>



United Women in Faith Upcoming Tea Saturday, May 4, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

An afternoon tea is the format for our May meeting. We will welcome local author, Vickie Rodgers, as our speaker. Her children's book – Ms. Ruby and the Gigi Squad – won the 2022 BIBA (Best Independent Book Award). To quote an online description... "Ms. Ruby and The Gigi Squad is a meaningful and heartwarming look at the power of intergenerational friendships. The book defies stereotypes of age, ability, and capacity and shows how a friendship between Ms. Ruby (an elderly care center resident) and the Gigi Squad (four young children) benefits everyone." Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite book from childhood or perhaps another vintage item for our display table.



The menu for this intergenerational themed event is assorted tea sandwiches and desserts. While there is no cost to attend, we do **request RSVPs by this Sunday, April 28**, to help with our planning. **Please contact Donna Gardner at (dmgardner@sbcglobal.net, (H)618-656-4425) with your reservation.**

Youth Sunday

SAVE THE DATE!

May 5,
2024



YOUTH GROUP @ 6:30 P.M.

Youth Group meets every Sunday evening for all students in sixth through 12th grades and focuses on growing each student's faith through community and discipleship activities.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S UMC TEAM!



**PART TIME DIRECTOR OF
CONNECTION AND
DISCIPLESHIP:**

Responsible for facilitating healthy and helpful first steps into the life of the church, following up with guests and visitors, and promoting discipleship through internal and invitational communication. View full job description and apply: [Director of Connections and Discipleship](#)

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Day Camp

June 10th-14th, 2024



HeartlandCamps.org/St-Johns-UMC



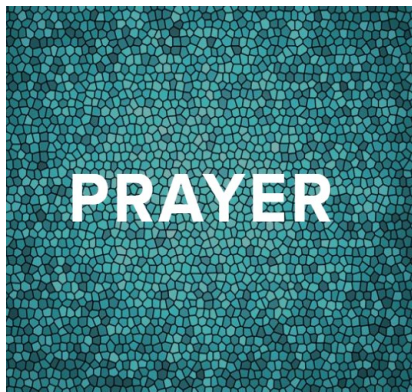
Prayer & Care

How can we pray for you? Submit a request at thenewstjohns.com/prayer

Prayers and Praises:

- All unspoken prayers and praises of our congregation.

Call (618) 792-0171 for Pastoral Care.



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONNECT with us:

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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St. John's United Methodist Church

WORSHIP WITH US!

9:00 a.m. Traditional | 11:00 a.m. Contemporary

in-person & online at thenewstjohns.com/worship

Our Vision

to be a beacon of faith and service, focusing our passions and gifts to reflect Christ's love to the world.

Our Purpose

to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Values

knowing,
loving and
serving God.