



St. John Journal

Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2012

CONCENTRATE ON FAITHFUL DISCIPLESHIP

Well, it is February and though it is a shorter month, it still is jammed packed with ministry opportunities. This year February is one day longer with it being Leap Year. I want folks to concentrate on two practices of faithful discipleship as we celebrate the month that the world often equates with romantic love.

The first practice of faithful discipleship is hospitality. Let us be intentional in our welcoming of guests and visitors. I hope that we will be intentional in inviting un-churched friends, family, and acquaintances. The task of the pastors, staff, musicians, choir, greeters, ushers, and other volunteers is to help set a table. A feast if you will, that anyone may come be fed spiritually. We attempt to do this each week and we hope that we do attract new followers of Christ as well as strengthen existing followers. Most un-churched people do not wake up on a Sunday morning and suddenly decide to go and check out a church. But, if people are invited by loving, gracious people to a place that is welcoming and filled with God's love, than there is a chance that they will respond to God's love as we live it out in this world. In a month when people will fixate on love, candied hearts, and Valentines cards, let's be God's Valentine to the world. So invite someone to Church.



The second practice of faithful discipleship is stewardship. I want to thank you all for your faithfulness to God in 2011. Some very amazing things happened in the closing days of 2011, every bill was paid and the deficits that we were running were wiped out, praise God! It is my hope that we will continue to stay faithful in our giving during 2012. I hope that we do not have any deficits, because they cause

us to have to slow down in programming expenditures. This means that ministry is sometimes hampered. So let us be intentional in our giving. It has also come to our attention that we may have some other ways of helping to fund the ministry of St. John. Some companies have foundations that will match the charitable donations of an employee or retiree. If you work for or are retired from a company that does this, we would be most appreciative if you would consider applying for the matching funds for St. John United Methodist Church. There is so much that we want to do in ministry in this community and we can only do it with your support.

SUNDAY MORNING
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

FEBRUARY 5
Communion
"Searching For Jesus!"
Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 12
"Daring to Touch"
Mark 1:40-45
Pastor Shiela

FEBRUARY 19
"Mountain Top Faith"
Mark 9:2-9

FEBRUARY 22
Ash Wednesday



FEBRUARY 26
"Temptation: Power"
Mark 1:12-13

All we have has come from God's hand and all that we will ever do that will last will be that which we do for God. Let's make a huge impact on other's lives this year by sharing and living out the Gospel.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.
Senior Pastor

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Theresa Hubert
- 1 Shirley Myers
- 2 Kathryn Myers
- 7 Thomas Lenihan
- 7 Rob VanValkenburg
- 8 Joyce Bachtell
- 8 Kenny Serrano
- 11 Barbara Blechinger
- 11 Laurel Marsh
- 12 Alex Hornick
- 13 Richard Morwick
- 13 Art Dudley
- 13 Tom Jones
- 13 Ardis Archer
- 15 Marilyn Vance
- 17 James Buchanan
- 17 Forrest Rowles
- 18 Barbara Carr
- 19 Vivian Gardner
- 20 George Kline
- 20 Beverly White
- 22 Vada Thomas
- 23 Patty Stange
- 24 Joe Pratt
- 25 Kent Henrich
- 26 Martha Welling
- 27 Brittany Inch
- 28 Morton Blair



- 2 Ron and Barb Dingess
- 3 Scott and Cindy Maxon
- 12 Bernie and E. J. Thomas
- 14 Robert and Patricia Coto
- 28 Dave and Kim Houser

ANNIVERSARIES



Many thanks to all at St. John who made the Christmas season so special this past year:

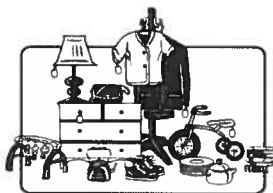
To the congregation for their generous love offering. To the bell and choir members for the thoughtful gift certificate and their commitment to music. To Karen and Walter Wolfe for their many *extra* music endeavors during the season. To David De Genaro, Lynne Josselyn, and Larry Conrad for their instrumental contributions. Also to Lynne and Larry for hosting the festive choir practice and party at their house. And to the staff who makes St. John such a pleasant place to work...I am truly blessed!

Valerie Nicolls, Director of Music

ST. JOHN 101

If you are interested in learning about or joining the St. John family as a full member, associate member, or an affiliate member, we have an opportunity for you. Come and learn the history of the Methodist Church and the history of St. John, Tuesday, **February 21, at 6:30 p.m.** Ask your questions about faith, baptism, communion, and more. We will serve dessert and coffee. Please call the office 863-382-1736 to register your attendance.

SPRING TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

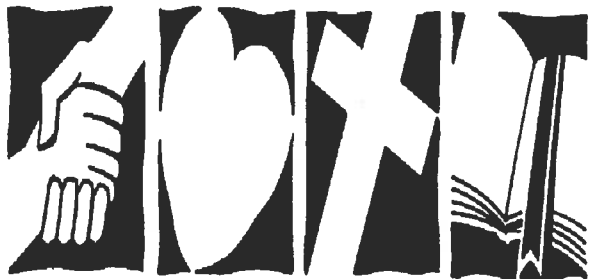


The Spring Trash and Treasure Sale at St. John will be March 9 and 10. The hours on Friday will be 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and on Saturday 8:00 -12:00 noon. We will be using the Fellowship Hall for most items. **ALSO**, this year we will be selling the clothing, shoes, purses, etc. from the large room in the Educational Building. Please bring your good, usable items to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or Thursday, March 8 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Set-up will begin on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. following the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. If you are able to sort and mark or need a pick up from your home, please contact Jim/Rosie Witten at 465-5403 or Tom/Mary Duncan at 385-2676. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Lunch will be available for everyone at a moderate price on Friday. Coffee and donuts, hot dogs, sloppy Joes, pie, lemonade and soda. Please save both large and plastic grocery bags for our sale. We need lots! Thanks for your help!

Jim and Rosie-Tom and Mary

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming...a day of darkness and gloom...a great and powerful army comes (locusts). This is the bad news from Joel 2 selected words from verses 1-2. However, this disaster can be avoided if we...Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Joel 2:13b

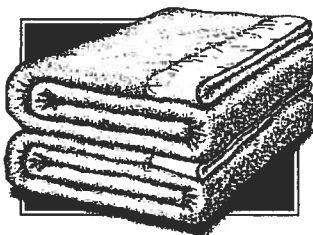
Ash Wednesday is the most uncomfortable day of the year. When ashes are imposed, whether brazenly on our forehead or on the back of our hand, we are confronted in a very real and disturbing way with the fact that we shall all die. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" in the liturgy reminds us of the words of committal at the burial of the dead: "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Ash Wednesday rubs our faces in the reality of our mortality. This reminder is more than a biological issue. It is also a spiritual issue. The ashes remind us that we have moved away from God because of our sin. In the Lenten season, ashes force us to look at ourselves realistically.

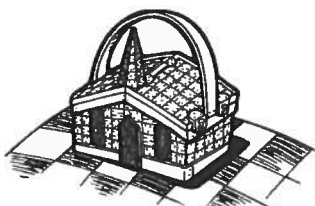
Ash Wednesday calls us to turn our backs to sin, to refocus our vision on God as the giver of life. We are called to walk away from our self-centered existence and to accept the new life God offers us in Jesus Christ. On this special day God reminds us that we are God's own people, bought with the life of God's Son.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Shiela

BLANKET SUNDAY



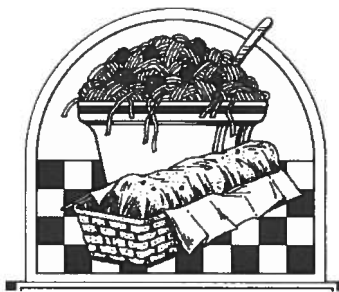
On February 19, we will celebrate Blanket Sunday. This is an initiative of the UMW, with the cooperation of the whole congregation. We ask each one of you to give to Church World Service, a Christian multi denominational organization that has provided for many years to people in areas where disasters occur anywhere in the world. A blanket plus tools, seeds, materials, clean water and much more are necessary after a disaster strikes. Be generous once more and be a blessing to many in need. Thank You!



ST. JOHN CHURCH PICNIC

St. John will have a combined Church Wide Picnic and Wedding Shower on **March 18, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at Highlands Hammock State Park. The Church will provide Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish/ dessert to share. For more information please call **Sharon Pearson** at 414-3939.

ST. JOHN SPAGHETTI DINNER



Tickets will be available beginning February 5.

You may reserve your ticket for the 4, 5, 6 p.m. seating with the church office 382-1736. A limited number of Walk-In tickets will be sold at the door.

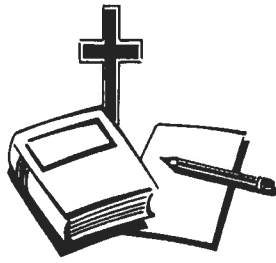
OUR OFFERINGS

January 1	\$10,623.00
January 8	\$ 9,258.00
January 15	\$17,183.00
January 22	\$ 8,450.00

Received To Date \$45,404.00
Mortgage Balance \$314,458.00



CHRISTIAN



EDUCATION

Dear Church Family,

February finds us beginning the season of the Christian year known as Lent. During Lent, we follow the suffering Christ from his trials in the desert to his death on the cross. Yet, even amidst these trials, there is always a sign of hope, a sign of deliverance. We exclaim "Hosanna in the highest!", and Jesus comes to us. It is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

I hope you will find time this Lent to take your own journey to the cross; to find yourself following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. Of course, Lent is only one season in the liturgical calendar of the church. In chronological order, the seasons of the church's liturgical calendar are the following: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, and Kingdomtide. The first three comprise a half of the Christian year known as the "Cycle of Light". The second three comprise a half of the year known as the "Cycle of Light". In the most ancient sense of the word, liturgy – of which the liturgical calendar is a component is the "work of the people" -- the community of faith in action; the community of faith in the act of worship. However, in the modern sense, the mystery of the church's worship, of its liturgy, can be lost. The mystery can become the mundane replication of rites and rituals without living the meaning of the story. Year after year, we replicate the Nativity or the Passion through plays or musicals. How often do we live the story? Lenten fasting and prayer does not have to be just another rite, ritual, or tradition.

Spiritual disciplines like fasting help us enter into the experience of Jesus' 40 days in the desert or the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. We experience temptation. We confront our devils and demons. As a result, our stories are grafted into the Gospel story. As we walk the Way of the Cross during the symbolic 40 days of Lent (excluding six Sundays), we first find ourselves dying to self. Then, we find ourselves on Easter morning rising with Christ. We find, like the Apostle Paul, that it is no longer we that live, but Christ that lives in us (Gal. 2:20).

For us, as a part of the Western Christian tradition, our Lenten journey starts this year on February 22 with a day known as Ash Wednesday. Let me explain some of the symbols and meaning of Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season as a whole can be traced back to Hellenistic and Jewish customs. I think of Ash Wednesday as a religious Groundhog Day. It is the crossroads of winter and spring, the start of celebrating the Passion of Jesus Christ for 40 days, through re-enactment, prayer and personal sacrifice.

Lent culminates in Easter, the holiest day of the year for us as Christians, because it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus -- the seminal event in Christianity.

The themes of Ash Wednesday are repentance and mortality. Repentance in the Christian sense is described by the Greek word "metanoia", which means "a change of heart."

Psalms 51, which is read during the traditional liturgy for the holiday, defines the act of repentance in these terms:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." The theme of mortality evident in Ash Wednesday is best described by the medieval and Renaissance idea of "memento mori", which means that we must "remember that we are mortal." Genesis 3:19 sums it up: "For dust you are and to dust you will return."

BARNABAS BUDDIES A Travel Ministry of St. John United Methodist Church



BARNABAS BUDDIES

Join us on February 2 for an Everglades Adventure to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum followed by lunch at the Safari Cafe. Cost \$10.00 **Call Sharon Pearson 414-3939 for reservations.**

On February 8, join Barnabas Buddies for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be followed by a program: "Belarus, Eastern Europe's Hidden Gem", with David Averill as the guest speaker.

The primary symbol of Ash Wednesday is a cross of ashes, which is placed on the forehead by a priest or minister during the service. The ashes signify ownership, marking the believer as belonging to Christ.

At the center of Ash Wednesday, as with the entire Lenten season, are two inseparable images -- an empty tomb and a risen Christ. It is an empty tomb for an empty vessel and broken body; an empty and cold tomb for an empty and cold winter. It is a risen Christ for the hope of humankind in the face of the bleakest circumstances; a risen Christ for the new life that spring brings.

In the Name of the Crucified, Risen, and Returning Christ,

David Averill
Director of Christian Education,

U. M. WOMEN

The organization, United Methodist Women, is actually organized for mission. We support our mission projects all over the world, including the United States. Each year we have one event to help us raise money for these projects.

On Saturday, February 11, we will hold



our "Taster's Luncheon". I hope you can attend. You will have a great time - and will be supporting some very meaningful work.

UMW at St. John is composed of a General Unit and

Hope and Sunshine Circles. Members of the circles are members of UMW. Normally there are monthly circle meetings and monthly unit or general meetings. In 2012, the unit will hold only four general meetings.

We will still have Taster's Luncheon, the Mother Daughter Luncheon and the Christmas Tea. And we will serve lunches after funerals, if requested. So you see, we will stay busy! We hope to see you (women and men) at our Taster's Luncheon on February 11. The theme is "A Day At The Beach". It should be fun!!

Faith, Hope, Love in action,
Mary Lee Kragt
St. John UMW President

UMW FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Hope Circle

Thursday, February 9

9:00 a.m.

Sunshine Circle

Wednesday, February 15

1:00 p.m.

NO General Meeting in February

HOPE CIRCLE

Our February meeting will be Thursday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Betty Fowler and Barbara Dingess will serve as hostesses and Ruth Harrison will give devotions.

Bonnie Larkin was able to secure Eileen Sala of Little Lambs, Inc. as our speaker. She will bring us information about Grace Place, as well as Little Lambs.



Please join us. Please call **Mary Howell (386-4699)** or **Barbara Moore (471-3446)** for more information.

BARNABAS BUDDIES GOES INTERNATIONAL

Join us on a trip to Italy, Turkey, and Greece following the travels of Paul. We will fly to Rome from Orlando on **November 4, 2012** and board the Celebrity Equinox cruise ship for twelve days.

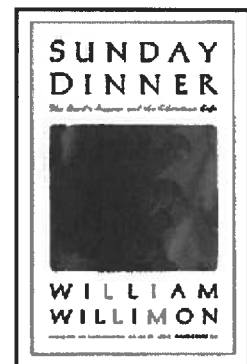
Trip cost is \$3,594 which is all inclusive. Call **Sharon Pearson** 414-3939 for registration forms.

WOMEN'S STUDY WITH PASTOR SHIELA

We will be studying *Sunday Dinner* by Will Willimon. Reading this book may change your views about the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion).

It seeks to demonstrate that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the normal food for Christians. It arises out of the Biblical affirmation that the Lord's Supper is the normal Sunday dinner of the family of God which we call the church.

Our group will be limited to twelve women. We will meet for eight weeks beginning, Monday February 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the large room of the educa-



tion building.



SCOUTING AT ST. JOHN CHURCH



Our Boy Scout troop has recently welcomed two new Scouts into the troop. The pack has added four Cubs, one of whom will cross over into the troop in February.

Our summer plans are set. We will be attending summer camp at Camp Ho Non Wah in Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, June 17-23. We will leave early on the morning of the 15th and go to Wesley Memorial UMC in Hollywood, SC, where we will spend Friday and Saturday night. Saturday morning we go to the USS York Town where one of my former Scouts, CPO Lee

Sperry, will talk to the Scouts about life in the Navy and what it's like living on a ship. Sunday we will attend church and then head for camp.

We have two fundraisers planned, a pancake breakfast at St. John on March 24 and a stroganoff dinner at the Church of the Brethren on February 25. Our breakfast on January 14 netted the troop \$330.40

Talon Bullard's Eagle project is going well. The troop will be camping March 2-4 at Tomoka State Park just north of Ormond Beach. The morning of the third some of us will drive to Jacksonville to deliver the packages to the USO for distribution. He stills needs items to pack and addresses.

Congratulations to Austin Del Grosso who was elected to be our next Senior Patrol Leader. Scoutmaster Brett Bullard has been trained and has his NRA rifle certification and will be returning for shotgun certification along with Assistant Scoutmaster Dean Hollenberg who will certify in rifle.

Tom Lenihan and I presented BALOO training (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) at St. John on January 6-7. This is for adults in Cub Scouts. Anytime Cubs camp they must have a BALOO trained adult along as well as parents. There were eleven in attendance.

On January 6, Troop 847 sold hot dogs and nachos at the Sebring Centennial Celebration on the Circle. The Troop cleared \$472.75. All of our fund-raisers between now and June go toward our summer trip.

On February 26, St. John will celebrate Scouting Sunday in recognition of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

HOW ABOUT A VEGETABLE AND FLOWER GARDEN ON OUR CHURCH PROPERTY?

We have an enclosed lot on the Church property that could become a beautiful garden of vegetables and flowers for sharing with our members and the community. It needs to have the full support of the congregation, as there will be much work to be done to plan, construct and manage it. We need to know who might be interested in helping us. Please call the church office (382-1736) with your name and telephone number and your particular interest – either planning, constructing, weeding, distributing, etc. As soon as we have a number of people interested, we will notify you of our organizational meeting.

OUR HOME BOUND

Kenilworth
Margaret Troutner

Highlands Village
Elaine Dreessen

The Palms
Gilbert and Gloria
Andrick
Olga Davis
Maxine Dotson
Pauline Eyer

Fairway Pines
Joanna Hatheway
Virginia Luciano
Alice Warobiew
Martha Welling

The Oaks
Dorothy Mount
Fay Burgess



OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to the families of BARBARA MARTIN

Whose Cousin
Charles Hohly, Jr.
Passed away
December 2011

And
**LINDEN
MCILVAINE**
Whose Son Went To
Be With The Lord
January 2, 2012

BILL DECATOR
Passed away
January 20, 2012



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

During the early part of November, Lifetouch began our first set of photo sessions. There were over 100 photo sessions and more than 176 people participated! If you were not here during the No-

vember session, we have one more session coming in February. The dates are as follows:

- February 7, 2012 2:00 pm—8:30 p.m.
- February 8, 2012 10:00 am - 4:30 p.m.
- February 9, 2012 10:00 am - 4:30 p.m.
- February 10, 2012 10:00 am - 4:30 p.m.

ONLINE: For those of you that sign-up online, you will receive a coupon towards your photo purchase and reminders of your portrait session. You may sign up online by visiting the church website at www.stjohsebring.org, from there find the News column, and select the link for Pictorial Directory; click on the Lifetouch graphic and you will be transferred to the Lifetouch website for registration.

IN PERSON: If you are unable to register online, registrations will be available during Sunday mornings between services on January 29 and February 5. The registration table will be in the foyer. Once again we will be collecting canned goods for our food drive "Feed the Need." If you bring in a canned goods donation, you will receive an additional \$5 credit on your photos.

Please sign up early for your appointment; there are only another 125 photo sessions in February! If you are unable to make this session, please let us make alternative arrangements. If you have questions, please contact the church office!

Thank you.
The Pictorial Directory Team
Sue Carter, Gwen Clark, Bruce Harris and Amy Texley

2012 COUPLE'S RETREAT



The Couple's Retreat, "Living by Faith", will held at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, March 23-25, 2012. Take some time away from the hustle and bustle pressures that you deal with everyday and enjoy the peaceful environment of the beautiful surroundings of the Life Enrichment Center on Lake Griffin.

An excellent Leadership Team, Roger Watts, Charley Reeb and Ross Kimura, will be conducting the workshops and worship. In your free time you can enjoy the path of silence, a walk or bike ride around the grounds, or some time together on a swing under the oaks by the lake.

Please contact **Danny Thomas** (863-452-4788) for more information, or to make your reservation for this wonderful event.

CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

A basic italic calligraphy (beautiful handwriting) class will be held six Thursdays from 2 to 3 pm starting February 9, 2012. The Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall. \$10 starting fee for supplies to be provided by **Aaron Perkins**. Class will be limited to 10. For registration call Aaron at 471-9985.



CHURCH COUNCIL
Year 2012

Term Expires

Office	2011 Officer	2012	2013	2014
Chairperson	Walter Wolfe		x	
Vice Chairperson	Mark Baker		x	
Lay Leader	Mark Baker		x	
Lay Member of Ann. Conf.	Jack Warner		x	
Alternate Lay Delegate	Jack Forrest		x	
SPRC Chair	Richard Farmer		x	
Financial Secretary	Linda Morwick		x	
Finance Chair				
Treasurer	Myrna Spencer			x
Trustee Chair	Bob Coto	x		
Health & Welfare Repr	Theresa Houser	x		
Communications Coord	Vada Thomas		x	
Youth Coord				
Adult/Family Coord				
Young Adult Coord				
Church Historian	Vada Thomas	x		
Hospitality Coord	Betty Fowler			x
Library Coord	Barbara Ogden	x	x	
Disaster Relief Coord	Neil Muir			x
UMW Pres-elected by membership	Mary Lee Kragt			
UMM Pres-elected by membership	Danny Thomas			
Education Chair	Mark Baker	x		
Mission/Outreach /Nurture Chair	Jack & Flora Warner	x		
Worship Chair	Debbie Martens			x
Endowment Chair	Bram Thorne		x	
Long Term Planning Chair	Walter Wolfe			
Recording Secretary	Carole Muir	x		
Corp Docs Custodian	Tom Lenihan			
Evangelism	Lee & Sharon Pearson			x
Intrepreter/Connectional Giving	Barbara Moore			x
Boy Scout Coordinator	D.R. Walker			x
Pastor	Ronald De Genaro Jr			
Assistant Pastor	xx Shiela Swanger			
Director of Music	xx Valerie Nicolls			
Director of Education	xxDavid Averill			
Choral Accompanist				
Audio/Visual Committee	Rob VanValkenburg			
*elected by organization/committee				
xx Program Staff				

AT LARGE MEMBERS

2012	2013	2014
Ellen Thorne	Dottie Pratt	Barbara Setchell
Bram Thorne	Joe Pratt	Wynona Clark
Winona Garrett	Gwen Clark	Tom Duncan
Dick White	Pete Harrison	Mary Duncan
Karen White	Kent Henrich	Ruth Harrison
Rob Van Valkenburg	Louise Henrich	Bob Bell
Barbara Guthrie	Amy Texley	Lois Bel
Linda Morwick	Tim Texley	Pablo Cruz
	Debbie Martens	Sonia Cruz
	Bruce Martens	
	End of Church Membership	
	COMMITTEES	
	Staff Pastor Relations Comm	
	(Including Lay Leader, Mark Baker and Lay Delagate Jack Warner)	
2012	2013	2014
Richard Farmer, Chair	Tara Hornick	Karen Serrano
Mary Duncan	Kent Henrich	Bruce Martens
Steve Handley	Jim Witten	Ron Howell
Trustees	(Including Lay Leader, Mark Baker & Rev. Ronald De Genaro, Jr.)	
Rob Van Valkenburg	Bob Coto, Chair	Ruth Harrison
Walter Wolfe	Evelyn Tack	Tootie Marschke
Alice Oldham	Stan Hoover	Lee Pearson
	Lay Leadership	
	(Pastor is the Chair and Lay Leader is member)	
Barbara Setchell	Tom Duncan	Bev Butler
Joe Pratt	Chuck Thomas	Cathie Bates
Ellen Thorne	Flora Warner	Jack Forrest
	Finance Committee	
	(Terms Expire as Position Terms Expire)	
Chr	Jack Warner, Lay Delegate	Chr Council, Walter Wolfe
Mark Baker, Lay Leader	Richard Farmer, Chr SPRC	Linda Morwick, Finance Secy
Niel Muir, Disaster	Myrna Spencer, Treasurer	Chr Trustees, Bob Coto
Flora Warner, Missions	Pastor Ron De Genaro	
	Worship Committee	
Deb Martens, Chair	Linda Morwick	Bev. Butler
Roberta Young	Valerie Nicolls	Pastor Ron De Genaro
Ruth Harrison	Gwen Clark	
1 Representative of Creative Worship Sub-committee		
	Endowment Committee	
Joe Pratt	Bram Thorne, Chair	Karen Wolfe
Myrna Spencer	Alice Oldham	Linden Mcllvaine
Evelyn Tack	Tim Texley	
	Long Term Planning	
Walter Wolfe, Chair	Tim Texley	Debbie Martens
Mark Baker	Danny Thomas	Stewart Hayner
Bob Coto	James Witten	Karen Wolfe

2012 Approved by Council 12-27-2011

Category	2011 Budget	2012 Approved	% '11 to '12 Change
Mission & Benevolence			
Clergy Support	\$ 3,505.00	\$ 3,809.00	8.67%
World Service	\$ 5,157.00	\$ 5,535.00	7.33%
Conference Benevolence	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 7,679.00	19.52%
Conference Service & Administration	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 2,086.00	16.41%
District New Church Starts	\$ 2,591.00	\$ 2,833.00	9.34%
General Administration	\$ 563.00	\$ 632.00	12.26%
Episcopal Fund	\$ 1,447.00	\$ 1,686.00	16.52%
Interdenomination Cooperative Fund	\$ 136.00	\$ 145.00	6.62%
Ministerial Education	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 1,836.00	5.40%
Black College Fund	\$ 695.00	\$ 732.00	5.32%
Africa University	\$ 156.00	\$ 164.00	5.13%
Jurisdictional Administration	\$ 343.00	\$ 381.00	11.08%
District Work Fund	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,320.00	0.00%
Conference New Church Starts	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 1,619.00	10.89%
Total	\$ 30,332.00	\$ 33,457.00	10.30%
Salaries			
Pastor	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	0.00%
Pastor Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	0.00%
Assistant Pastor #1	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	0.00%
Mileage Reimbursement Staff	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	0.00%
Choral Accompanist	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,600.00	10.77%
Director of Music/Organist	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	0.00%
Secretary/Office Manager	\$ 19,220.00	\$ 19,220.00	0.00%
Bookkeeper	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800.00	0.00%
Custodian	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	0.00%
Director of Education (& Children in '09)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	0.00%
Nursery Attendant	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	0.00%
Pulpit Supply	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	0.00%
Maintenance/Odd Job Person	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	0.00%
Employee Social Security & Medicare	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 165,570.00	\$ 165,920.00	0.21%
Benefits			
Clergy Pension (Evanston)	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00	0.00%
Health Insurance Pastor	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 11,100.00	8.82%
Continuing Education Pastor	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	40.00%
Continuing Education Staff	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Worker Comp. Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 23,500.00	4.91%

2012 Approved by Council 12-27-2011

Category	2011 Budget	2012 Approved	% '11 to '12 Change
Property & Maintenance			
Church Utilities ('09 include Corvette)	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	4.55%
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,400.00	8.00%
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	15.38%
Insurance (Property, Contents, Liabil.)	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	0.00%
Kitchen Expenses/Hospitality	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,100.00	3.33%
Lawn Care/Grounds	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00	0.00%
Equipment Acquisition	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,300.00	53.33%
Miscellaneous	\$ 800.00	\$ 200.00	-75.00%
Fire Assessment (Sebring & WSVFD)	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,000.00	166.67%
Total	\$ 71,875.00	\$ 76,200.00	6.02%
Ministry & Programs			
Education	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,500.00	-3.85%
Adult Education \$4,200.00			
Children (David) \$3,300.00			
Mission	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	0.00%
Worship	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	0.00%
Child & Youth Ministries (Dave Houser)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	100.00%
Vacation Bible School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Finance & Stewardship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Planned Giving/Endowment	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	60.00%
Music	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,000.00	-9.09%
Upper Room	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	0.00%
Historian	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	0.00%
Health/Welfare	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	0.00%
Evangelism	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 30,750.00	\$ 33,350.00	8.46%
Total General Budget	\$ 340,377.00	\$ 352,747.00	3.63%
Capital Improvement Budget	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Building (Mortgage)	\$ 61,912.00	\$ 61,912.00	0.00%
GENERAL TOTAL	\$ 412,289.00	\$ 424,659.00	3.00%

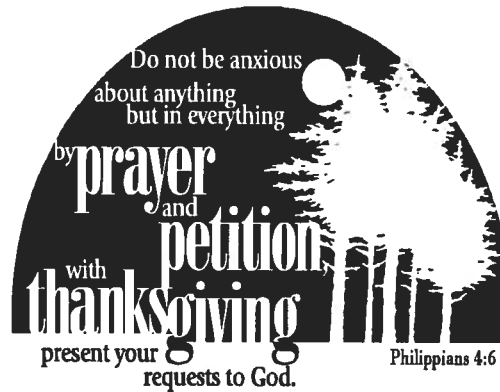
PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

Linda Allman
Betty Ankele
Denise Bayler
Al and Elaine Benedict
Donald Bowman
Beverly Butler
Wilma Carson
Debra Donahue
Maxine Dotson
Margaret Dunsizer
Bill Fleming
Lois Galyean
Rev. Len and Joanne Gamber
Dick Gruber
Pete Harrison
Judy Hess
Nelson and Thelma Hill
Bonnie Hoover
Jean Hough
Joyce Houska
Arnold Hubert
Betty Janisch
Bill Jarrett
Roxie Lawson
John and Mary Leatherman
Helen McIntyre
Jack and Phyllis Meece
Thelma Miller
Nancy Newell
Edith Patterson
Phyllis Peach
Richard Rice
Connie Rowles
Betty Smith
Virginia Sommer
Larry Stange
Jean Stevenson
Donny Stevenson
Bernard Thomas
Ann Thomas
Marilyn Vance
Joanne Webber
Mary Wilson
Veneta Windler
John Wright
Jim and Roberta Young

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN

Oliver Dufault
Denise Feagin's mother
Peggy Goodreau
Amy Swanson
Deborah Wingenroth
Marshall Wolfenbarger
Rev. William Yesse



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Mike Alexander
Friend of Margo Holliday
Mary Ann Aguerrevere
Relative of Bill Fleming
Sharon Anderson
Cousin of Barbara Martin
Deatty Andrews
Friend of Donna Downey
John Babson USCG
Grandson of Setchell and Ebbert
Patty Bowden
Relative of Bobbie Gumbert and Easter Stoddard
Matthew Brode
Nephew of John and Winona Garrett
Donnie Craig
Brother of Beverly White
Jack Davis
Friend of Bram and Ellen Thorne
Austin DelGrosso
Friend of D. R. Walker
Velma Diaz
Friend of D. R. Walker
Rick Disbrow
Son of Len and Joanne Gamber
Linda Gerardot
Sister of Margo Holliday
Alanna Haley
Niece of Betty Haley
Isabella Hernandez
Granddaughter of Susan Maddox
Jonathan Hooper
Grandson of Forrest and Connie Rowles
Valerie Hubert
Daughter-In-Law of Arnold and Theresa Hubert
Monica Icho
Godchild of Barbara Martin
Virginia Kelley
Cousin of Barbara Martin
John Kline
Son of Carol and George Kline
Mark Koonce
Son of Nancy Kendall
Lya Korda
Friend of Hugh Donahue
Mark Kruger
Son of Niel and Carole Muir
Ryan Kruger
Grandson of Niel and Carole Muir
Colin Livasy
Son of Veneta Windler

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Celene McCaule
Sister of Connie Rowles
Ruth Marschke
Sister of Jack Marschke
Matt Marshall
Nephew of Margo Holliday
David Martin
Son of Shelby and Barbara Martin
Sharon McCanns
Friend of D. R. Walker
Jan McMellon
Friend of Margo Holliday
Sarah McNeil
Niece of Betty Fowler
Bill and Sparky Moredock
Friends of John Cecil
Dan Morris
Father of Amy McCoy
Doug Ogilbee
Grandson of Judy Howell
Glen and Charley Osborne
Relative of Veneta Windler
Dwight Posey
Friend of Danny, Thomas and Sallie Luciani, Vera, Dick and Rick Sampsel
Kris Ratliff
Daughter of George and Carole Kline
Sarah RedFern
Friend of D. R. Walker
Alan Shaffer
Nephew of Edith Patterson
Ray Smoot
Friend of John and Sandy Cecil
Tom Spears
Brother of Liz Cole
Cody Spiegel
Friend of Barbara and Shelby Martin
Jeff and Nikki Summersett
Cousin of Bonnie Hoover
Richard Swanger
Family of Pastor Shiela & Jim Swanger
Kevin and Brandy Szmania
Nephew of Barbara Martin
Teelynnne
Niece of Betty Fowler
Jon Parke Thomas
Grandson of Chet and Velma Thomas
Carol Thaman
Daughter of Robert and Lois Bell
Margaret Trombley
Mother of Lucinda Smith
Arthur Van Dyke
Brother of Bobbie Gumbert and Esther Stoddard
Camlin Vespaziani
Niece of Linda Morwick
Melissa Walker
Daughter-In-Law of D. R. Walker
Barbara Winsman
Friend of Barbara Guthrie
Matt Youngblood
Son of Patty Huffman

OUT OF TOWN

Rosalie Wengerd, Jacksonville, FL
Georgia Tidd, Ft. Collins, CO
Chester and Laurel Marsh, Auburn, GA
Shirley Apple, Plymouth, IN

OUR GOAL is to maintain a current list of those who request ongoing prayer. Contact the church office if you know a friend or relative whose needs have been met or someone you want to be added.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Library Open 10:00 Doll Club 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 2:00 p.m. Pine Needle Basketry Barnabas Buddies Trip-Everglades	3	4
5 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	6 10:00 a.m. Small Steps 4 Health 1:00 p.m. Stamp Club 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	7 9:00 a.m. AARP 9:30 a.m. Mary Martha 10:00 a.m. Lighthouse Lifetouch 12:00 p.m. HALLO 2:00 p.m. Bible Study	8 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Library Open 10:00 a.m. Lifetouch 11:30 Lunch Bunch 3:00 p.m. Bell Ringers 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Choir	9 9:00 a.m. Hope Circle 10:00 a.m. Lifetouch 2:00 p.m. Calligraphy Class	10 10:00 a.m. Lifetouch	11 7:00 a.m. Men's Group- Panera Bread 12:00 p.m. Taster's Luncheon
12 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. The Kline's-Concert	13 10:00 a.m. Small Steps 4 Health 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	14 9:30 a.m. Mary Martha 10:00 a.m. Lighthouse 4:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Library Open 1:00 p.m. Sunshine Circle 3:00 p.m. Bell Ringers 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Choir	16 12:00 p.m. HALLO 2:00 p.m. Calligraphy Class	17 8:00 a.m. Pit Crew	18 8:00 a.m. UMM Sweetheart Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Pit Crew
19 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	20 10:00 a.m. Small Steps 4 Health 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	21 9:30 a.m. Mary Martha 10:00 a.m. Lighthouse 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. St. John 101	22 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Library Open 3:00 p.m. Bell Ringers 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:00 Choir	23 2:00 p.m. Calligraphy Class	24	25 7:00 a.m. Men's Group- Panera Bread HALLO Health Fair
26 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	27 10:00 a.m. Small Steps 4 Health 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	28 9:30 a.m. Mary Martha 10:00 a.m. Lighthouse 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Church Council	29 7:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Library Open 3:00 p.m. Bell Ringers 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:00 Choir	ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3214 Grand Prix Drive Sebring, FL 33872		

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Monday, Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.—Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School
(Classes for all ages)

Worship Service
8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE


January 1	424
January 8	555
January 15	524
January 22	583

The **MARCH** newsletter **DEADLINE** is
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
*All Sunday bulletin items must be in the
Church Office by Wednesday of each week.*



This
MONTH
At Our
Church

TASTER LUNCHEON
12:00 noon February 11
SPAGHETTI DINNER
4:00 p.m. February 14
**SWEETHEART
BREAKFAST**
8:00 a.m. February 18



PASTOR
Rev. Ronald De Genaro, Jr.
MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Rev. Shiela Swanger
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