

St. John's United Methodist Church  
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St. John's United Methodist Church

November



**Poinsettia's**

The Poinsettia flowers will be \$13.00 for a 6" pot size. Last year the pot size was 4.5" which was a smaller flower than normal. Orders for the Poinsettia are from **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** through **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** as the Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary, on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Choice of colors is marble and red. Please fill out the order form and mail in your order or drop your order in the offering plate. Please indicate on your check under the "memo section" - Poinsettia.

GIVER: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



*Making Homes Warmer, Safer and Drier  
Transforming Lives*

Your 2011 ASP Teams returned home safely in July, from a week of service in Mingo County, West Virginia. Working as part of Appalachia Service Project (ASP), a Johnson City, Tennessee-based home repair ministry, the groups helped to provide urgently needed home repairs to families in that area.

We will share a slide show and stories with our church family on **Sunday, November 13th** during the worship service, which will highlight the accomplishments of our 21 volunteers and their experiences while bonding with our ASP families.

Two of our teams, the Transformers and Mingo T's, worked together on one job site. Work was done on the outside of a trailer home where soffit and fascia were installed on the trim and T-111 to the gable. There were also drywall repairs made to the inside of the trailer.

St. John's Servants and the Mingo Maniac repaired and replaced windows & screens and painted the outside of a home purple with white trim.

Our teams were the last volunteers at this seven week center, which was something different for us. This presented a challenge of added responsibility since it is essential that the jobs that have been worked on for the six weeks prior to our arrival, must be finished by the end of our week. A really gratifying aspect of being the last week of volunteers is being present when the work projects are completed and seeing the part we played in improving the quality of life for our ASP families. We were able to experience the joy that is shared by the staff, volunteers, and families alike, knowing that ASP, with God's help, has been instrumental in making a positive difference in so many lives.

Along with finishing our home projects we also were needed to help do the final clean up and close the school where the volunteers and staff were housed during the summer. It is extremely important that everyone help out with these extra chores since it has a direct impact on whether ASP will be invited back to the same facility the following years. Securing facilities as summer centers can be a real challenge for ASP and so much depends on the last group of volunteers to do our part in enhancing ASP's positive reputation and influence within the community.

We thank St. John's, once again, for supporting, encouraging, assisting and praying for all of the volunteers. Your positive influence enables us to continue to serve more families every year.

We have already started planning our next mission trip the week of **July 23-28, 2012**. Stayed tuned for more information.



# A Note from Our Pastor

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## THANKSGIVING:

When we pause to think about the true meaning of Thanksgiving we first give thanks to God for his only Son, Jesus Christ, but what about the many additional blessings for which to be thankful?

The first group of people for which I am thankful is that of friends. A number of years ago we had a birthday party for a man who was celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. We placed a crown on his head, gave him a staff and proclaimed him "King For A Day." We then asked him if he had anything to say. He first said, "No, if I haven't said it in 99 years, I don't guess I'll start now." He then said, "Wait a minute. There is something I want to say. If you don't have friends, you ain't got nothing." I have thought about those words of wisdom over the years and often recall the friends that have been there during the darkest valleys of life as well as the highest mountains. There are times these friends have truly challenged me to do that which I would not have done if they had not challenged me to go beyond my comfort zone.

Other persons for whom I am thankful are the many Christian workers and educators. I recall my Sunday School teacher, Ardentale Fischer, and his dedication to communicating the presence of Christ to a group of rowdy eight year olds. I remember the choir director and the youth leaders, as-well-as the people who encouraged and took a young person under their wing to share some spiritual knowledge that can only be shared because of their maturity.

I am thankful for my parents, who always had time to be an example of what it means to always endeavor to do the right thing. Parents who live as a witness to Christ influence more than a single generation. I thank God for them.

There are many other persons for whom I am thankful and I would be remiss if I failed to thank the men and women of the United States Military. Many, in fact, most of these men and women, I have never met and shall never meet, but I express my resounding thanks for they know the real cost of freedom.

These are but a few of the people who have made a tangible difference in my life and for whom I am thankful.

My prayer is that this Thanksgiving is a time of true thankfulness for you and those you love and may the grace and peace of our Lord abound in your life.

I am thankful for you and as always, I daily thank God for your faithfulness. *Pastor Bill*



# A "Note" about Music Ministry



## Thanksgiving

In this beautiful harvest season, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all members of St. John's Music Ministry Team. I am very fortunate to have many faithful and devoted choir members, many supportive parents, and countless talented young instrumentalists at St. John's. I am also blessed to have Bryan Strong as our excellent accompanist and Pam Eggerton as St. John's Children's Choir teacher. St. John's is also grateful to have Hazel Marshall to lead a special handchime choir. Thank you all for the hard work you have done throughout the year. The teamwork of St. John's Music Ministry cannot function without your presence. As I sing the phrase "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices" I give thanks to God for your support.

## Children's Choir

On Sunday, October 23 five boys and girls represented St. John's Children's Choir sang "All Things Bright and Beautiful" as the prelude of Consecration Sunday worship service. Our next performance will be on **Sunday, November 20**. Ms. Pam Eggerton also works on Christmas songs with the children.

## Come to the Harp Concert and Raise Fund for Youth Choir Trip

In early October, Youth Choir did a Baked Chicken Sale as part one of the fundraising event for spring 2012 choir trip to Gatlinburg, TN. St. John's congregation generously donated \$800. We sincerely thank the support from St. John's congregation.

Fundraising part two will be the Harp Ensemble Concert on **Saturday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.** David Crookston Harp Studio will present its fall concert. There are fourteen performers. Each performer will bring his/her own harp. Program includes the song "Greensleeves" performed by all performers playing four different parts. The concert is open free to the public. The love offering will support St. John's Youth Choir Trip.

## Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra Holiday Concert

Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra is Washington, DC area's first self-conducted orchestra. Members include many faculty members from Levine School of Music. On **Saturday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m.** Ars Nova and St. John's organist Kitty Yang will present a holiday concert featuring Arcangelo Correlli's Christmas Concerto, Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 and music of organ and brass. The concert is open free to the public. A love offering will be received to support the performers.

## St. John's 2011 Christmas Concert

St. John's 2011 Christmas concert "Nine Lessons and Carols" will be on **Sunday, December 18** in the worship service. The prelude will start at 10:10 a.m. with music presented by the Annandale Strings, directed by Ruth Erbe. St. John's choirs: Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Bells of Praise, Golden Chimers, Senior Saints, Sanctuary Choir will all present special music. There will be a reception in Donaldson Hall after the concert.

## Time Change

It is that time of year again to roll your clocks **back 1 hour before** you go to bed on **Saturday night November 6.**



## GIVE A GIFT TO HELP SAVE A LIFE



INOVA Blood Donor Services will be at St. John's on **Sunday, December 4** from **8:00 AM to 12:00 noon** to receive our blood donations. We think of

December as a time for gift giving. What could be a more wonderful gift than to give a unit of blood that could help save three lives?

Watch for more information in the church bulletin about the appointment sign-up poster that will be in Donaldson Hall or you can call the church office at 703-256-6655.

## It's coming! 2012 A Year in Mission

### 12 Months of Serving God through Serving Others

What is it? Hands-on service projects for people of all ages and abilities.

Watch the Chimes and bulletins for more information.

## Operation Christmas Child November 14 - 20



OCC has started off to a great start this year. A big thank you goes out to the Youth Group for helping assemble 100 of the green and red shoeboxes for people to use this year. A sign up board will be up Oct. 30th for volunteers to sign-up for shifts during National Collection Week which is **Nov. 14-21.** We had a huge turn out last year with over 1700 shoeboxes being collected at St. John's and we are looking to beat that this year with over 1900 collected. We have the schedule set up for the following dates and times:

**Mon. 11/14 - 10:00 to 12:00 pm**

**Tue. 11/15 - 10:00 to 12:00 pm**

**Wed. 11/16 - 10:00 to 12:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Thu. 11/17 - 10:00 to 12:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Fri. 11/18 - 10:00 to 12:00 pm**

**Sat. 11/19 - 9:00 to 12:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Sun. 11/20 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm**

We already had people volunteer to help out with the transportation of the cartons to Calvary Baptist for Sat. and Sun. Looking forward to working with everyone again this year and having another great turn out. Michael Parker.

## Prayer Ministry

Nov. Focus: The 2011 Stewardship campaign "Funding Our Faith"

Nov. Question: Will you support the church with your time, talent, prayers, and gifts?

# Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Remembrances

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## November Birthdays



- 1 Pam Jennings, Ann Langley, Dean Stapleton
- 2 Karen Blaine, Ryan Blaine, Judith Giannini
- 3 Emily Eike, Tony Forcier
- 4 Brain Lahr
- 5 Shayna Dubler
- 6 Macel Thompson
- 7 Andy Hetzer, Shelley Hollowell, Karen Kurland
- 8 James Paseur, Gavin Kunstel
- 9 David Brassard, Don Patrick
- 11 Justina Gray
- 12 Connor Antoun, Michelle Jarvis, Patti Parker, Ann Stegall
- 13 Bridget Herget, Kathy Kinzer, Erin Kraft, Bob Winstead
- 15 Lillie Fairchild
- 16 Kathy LaViolette
- 17 Hadley Bardoni, Tom Gray
- 18 Dori Kauffman
- 19 John Jenkins
- 22 Michael Parker, James Stalp
- 23 Dave Hollowell, Cathy Klineburger
- 24 Ginny Sheehan
- 25 Raymond Rivera, Thomas Rivera
- 26 Emily Greer, Ann Lahr
- 27 Robert Bracey, Ron King
- 28 Gary Cribbs, Carla Minard
- 29 Gregory O'Neill
- 30 Emilee Anderson

## November Anniversaries



- 1 Eddy & Serena Mullet
- 2 Christopher & Sherry Minear, Dick & Wilda Getman
- 3 Suzanne Dorick & Jim Hickey
- 5 Gary & Stephanie Reynolds
- 6 Kevin & Tricia Armentrout
- 8 Nick & Judy Bennett
- 11 Kyle & Beth Kunstel
- 13 Charles & Freda Robertson, Mark & Nancy Kraft
- 14 Andy & Kathleen Hetzer
- 21 David & Susan Chadwick
- 22 Leo & Lorrie Wilmes
- 23 Ron & Shirley Wagner
- 25 Bill & Brenda Romenius

## In Our Prayers

**Members:** Lois Augustad, Betty Ayscue, Marquerite Bickers, Luke Anthony Catania IV, Louise Claytor, Vicki Collins, Leonard Etheridge, Justina Gray, Tiny Hartzell, Linda Hitchcock, Ed Jones, Helen Jones, Margaret Marsh, Barbara Murray, Randy Pratt, Anne Stegall, and Macel Thompson.

**Extended Family:** Tiffany Carter, Nellie Davis, Nancy Gonzales, Becky Jackson, Ken Jackson, Henry and Kay Lind, Jack McNeil, Joy Sadoti, Bill and Betty Smith, and Bert Wood Jr.

*Please pray for other members and friends not named here but in need of our prayers.*

*Please call the church office if your name should be added or removed from above list.*

## Family Members Serving Overseas

Chris Shepherd, nephew of Fran & Harlin Matkins (deployed to Afghanistan)

If you have a family member serving on active duty we would like to include their name on this prayer list. Let the office know.



# United Methodist Women



On October 1, St. John's UMW received the highest awards given by United Methodist Women for its being a *Gold-Star Mission Today Unit*, as well as a *Six-Star Unit* by contributing to all six channels of Mission Giving. Jean Summers, president of St John's UMW, and Becky Gehl, UMW member, attended the "District Day" event at Sydenstricker UMC and accepted these noteworthy awards on behalf of St. John's UMW.

The Mission Today form is a guideline of suggested activities and programs for UMW units to follow as they strive to support the many mission focus areas ministered to marginalized people in society, particularly women and children. The activities range from "meeting Pledge to Mission" to "supporting hands-on mission activities" to "reading books from the UMW Reading Program." The 26 items listed on the Mission Today form are not new - they are mission activities the UMW and its foremothers have been doing for more than a century!

St. John's UMW members continue to fulfill their PURPOSE as UMW members through our continued support of mission programs. In recent months, several circles have cooked lunch meals for the homeless community served at Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. The UMW has provided backpacks and school supplies to elementary school children. They have kept up with timely readings offered by the UMW Reading Program on topics of leadership, missions, and spirituality. St. John's UMW made school and health kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which in turn delivered them to distressed areas in the US and around the world. UMW members attended seminars and workshops on society concerns such as immigration, and human trafficking. In addition to mission support, St. John's UMW has also held fundraisers to provide tuition scholarships for adult women 17 years or older.

St. John's UMW is a community of women that offers creative, supportive *fellowship* to all women who want "to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ." "Circles" made up of small groups of UMW members meet regularly for fun and fellowship. Some, like the Friends Circle, do not have monthly meetings, but stay connected through e-mail. Information on the St. John's Circles follows at the end of this article.

St. John's UMW is a place for women who want to experience "Faith, Hope and Love in Action"! It offers fellowship and fun, while supporting missions that reach marginalized members of society, locally and abroad. It gives a woman or girl freedom to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. We hope you will want to be a part of this exciting legacy! Interested persons can call Jean at 703-569-4857.

**Following are upcoming UMW-supported events - we hope to see you there!**

**November 4, 10-11 AM, Church Women United, "World Community Day" @ St John's UMC.** A light reception following the program will be held. St. John's UMW members are asked to help with this program. Contact Maryann @ 703-425-5625.

**November 12, 9 am - Noon - Training for 2012 Alexandria/Arlington District UMW Officers @ St. Matthews UMC, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA.** All UMW officers serving in 2012 should attend this training program.

**December 6, 6:30 PM. St. John's UMW Christmas Program.** Invitation is extended to all women. Program details to be announced.



# United Methodist Women

## CIRCLES

All women at St. John's are invited to join the United Methodist Women. This is a wonderful way to make new friends, to have fellowship time and to support various outreach and mission projects. The UMW is comprised of five circles which meet monthly and the Friends Circle which does not have monthly meetings. To join a circle or get more info, call Church Office, 703-256-6655.

Jackson Circle meets 1st Tuesday 10:30am

Friends Circle UMW members at large. Communication conducted by email

Joy Circle meets 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

Lowery Circle meets 2nd Tuesday 10:00am

Reed/Wohlford Circle meets 2nd Monday 10:00am

Sunshine Circle contact circle for members in need.

Women in Action meets in the church library meets 2nd Tuesday at 7pm

Kaleidoscope, for teens and young women

## CIRCLE RESPONSIBILITIES

	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>KITCHEN/CARDS</b>	<b>WOMEN in ACTION</b>	<b>REED/WOHLFORD</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>FRIENDS</b>

## UMW Pledges

St. John's UMW supports many world, national and local mission projects including Appalachian Service Project, Camp Highroad Scholarship, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Rising Hope Church, St. Andrews Food Aid Program, and St. John's CECE Scholarship Fund. We also provide funding for the annual St. John's children's Easter Party, childcare during UMW Meetings, program resources and guest speakers, and new books for the UMW library.

We would like to encourage all UMW Members to make a monetary pledge in 2012. Pledges constitute the largest portion of our annual income and provide funding for all UMW programs. Pledges are voluntary and may be amended at any time.

Attached is a 2012 UMW Pledge Form. We ask that you will prayerfully consider making a pledge and return this form to your Circle Treasurer or Vicki Holcombe.

2011 pledge payments may be made through December 31, 2011. 2012 pledge payments may be made now through December 31, 2012. Please indicate in the memo portion of your check which year it is to be applied to.

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As a member of the United Methodist Women, I assume a part in supporting the local, national, and global ministries of the church. **Pledges are voluntary and may be amended at any time.**

I pledge \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_ or \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the 2012 budget of the St. John's UMW.

I will pay \_\_\_\_\_ yearly; \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly; \_\_\_\_\_ monthly

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Pledge amount does not include extra gifts, such as World Thank Offering, the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial donations, Candle Burning and other gifts made throughout the year.

Please return this form at the Harvest Banquet or give to your circle treasurer or the UMW Treasurer (Vicki Holcombe).

If you would like a copy of this form for your records please check here \_\_\_\_\_



# A Note from the CELT

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WW - John Wesley- D?

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*

It has been said "Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion; it is a daily process whereby you grow to more and more like Christ." As followers of Christ, we strive to become more like Him through the way we live our lives each day.

How exciting to be assured that Jesus Christ knows us and wants to identify us as His disciples! Yet we know that being a disciple of Jesus is not an honorary title or designation. It represents a divine calling and carries with it a heavy responsibility. We are to abide in His Word, study His word, be set free by the truth of Jesus Christ, and do the work he calls us to do.

John Wesley was born in England in 1703 and was well-known as an itinerant Anglican minister, theologian, and the leader of Methodism. He made his decision to follow Jesus early and lived out his faith until his death at age 87. He placed love for God as the most important priority in his life and continually strived for perfection in serving Him, later in his life bringing about revival in England.

Wesley's "methodist" process involved the creation of small groups of people who came together regularly to study the Bible and share fellowship with each other in their faith walk. The small groups became the cornerstones for the Methodist societies that Wesley founded. "Sunday Schools" were eventually established to continue these small group teachings of Christ and Christian principles, as well as to sustain the fellowship that is so critical to nurturing the faith community. (Excerpt from *New Every Morning - A Devotional Journey* by Mel Cheatham, MD, pgs. 71-72, 2008 Summerside Press, Bloomington, MN.)

St. John's continues the tradition of John Wesley and the United Methodist Church in its Sunday School and Adult Bible Study programs. There are a variety of programs of interest for you to choose from for discernment and fellowship. Perhaps you may want to lead a study, or suggest a topic? We hope that you will join us!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & MUSIC FOR CHILDREN @ ST. JOHN'S UMC

**9:00 - 10:15 AM**

Infants to 3 years of age

Nursery

4 years - 1st Grade

Room F8

Leaders: Brenda Romenius, Sandy Listopad,  
Kitty Yang, Pam Eggerton

2nd - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room F10

Leaders: Vicki Holcombe, Judy Dubler  
Kitty Yang, Pam Eggerton

### ADULT STUDIES

**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

Old and New Testament

S-9

Leader: Rusty Grimsley

Old and New Testament (Intergenerational)

Parlor

Leader: Bob Winstead

Life Applications

S-2

Leader: Suzanne Dorick

Parents of Faithweavers

Resource Rm (Fellowship Building)

Leader: Rae Winstead

Young Adults

Times & Locations TBD

Leader: Debbie Ashby

THURSDAYS w/ June Aylor

Library

Bible Study, 10:30 AM - Noon

Currently studying the "Seven Deadly Sins"

### TEENS

**11:45 AM - 1:00 PM (includes lunch)**

Donaldson Hall/Rally Room

Leaders: JR Stratton, Mike Jennings, Linda Guglielmo  
Kitty Yang

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

St. John's will continue to offer a Children's program during Worship for ages 4 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (10:30 - 11:30 AM). Volunteer leaders for this fun program are needed. The class is fun, requires little to no preparation and is very easy to do! A sign-up sheet for volunteer teachers for this class is located in Donaldson Hall. Please contact Brenda 703-538-4731 or Vicki 703-256-2246 if you are interested in the children's worship program.

# St. John's United Methodist Church

## November 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		November 1	2	3	4	5
		10:30am Jackson Circle (Library) 7:00pm UMW Board (Library)	10:30am Sr Saints-Reh 11:00am Hand Chimes (Library) 6:30pm Bells of Praise	10:30am Bible Study (Library) 10:30am Sr Saints (Aarondale) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)	9:00am Church Women United (DH)	
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9:00am Sunday School Classes 10:30am Worship Service	NO School 7:30pm Scouts 980 (D.H.)	Election Day No School 10:00am Lowery Circle 12:00pm Tuesday Players (Bob Evans) 7:00pm YIBARTD (Parlor)	11:00am Hand Chimes (Library) 6:30pm Bells of Praise	10:00am Bible Study (Library) 10:00am Sr Saints (Arden Ct) 6:00pm ANCO-Reh (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)		3:00pm Harp Concert (Sanctuary)
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ASP Sunday 9:00am Sunday School Classes 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Trustees Mtg (Parlor) 3:00pm Carol Ann Piano Ret	10:00am OCC (DH) 7:30pm Scouts 980 (D.H.)	10:00am OCC (DH) 7:15pm Church Council (Library) 7:30pm Order of Arrow (DH)	10:00am OCC (DH) 11:00am Hand Chimes (Library) 6:00pm OCC (DH) 6:30pm Bells of Praise 7:30pm Joy Circle	10:00am OCC (DH) 10:30am Bible Study (Library) 10:30am SR Saints (Hermitage) 6:00pm OCC (DH) 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)	10:00am OCC (DH)	8:00am Prayer Ministry (Library) 9:00am OCC (DH) 1:00pm OCC (DH)
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9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Blood Pressure 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Youth Choir 12:00pm OCC DH 3:00pm Vietnamese Concert (S)	7:30pm Scouts 980 (D.H.)	12:00pm YAH (Magills) 7:00pm Scouts (DH)		Happy Thanksgiving	Office Closed	6:00pm Private Event (DH)
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