

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wonderful Wednesday:

**The Greatest Commandment:** Introducing a 6-week series beginning Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Brown bag dinner from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Child care and youth programming provided.



### Family Skate Night:

Calling all families, youth, and children! Children's Ministries is hosting a Family Skate Night tonight, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Roll Arena, located at 7340 19th St. We will provide pizza; families are asked to bring drinks and desserts. \$5 per person covers cost to skate and pizza.

**Change:** Dr. Frank Goode will lead this new Sunday School class in a review and study of biblical principals of change and the UMC Book of Discipline, and what it says about change and governance. This 6-8 week class is open to any age group and will meet in the Fellowship Classroom. More details to come.

**Benevolence:** You may not know how much St. John's does to help our neighbors who are in need. Tuesday, August 21 was a pretty typical Tuesday for our weekly food voucher program. We provided 69 South Plains Food Bank vouchers to applicants who met the income guidelines. St. John's pays \$6 in shared distribution costs and the voucher can be exchanged for three large boxes of food.

We also provide hygiene items. On that day, we had about 4 applicants who declined the hygiene items to allow someone else who might need them more to benefit. We distributed 92 rolls of toilet paper (2 per person), 19 bottles of shampoo, and 13 tubes of toothpaste. Other items supplied in smaller numbers include bath soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, pads or tampons, razors, and laundry detergent. Cost of hygiene items averages \$2 per person.

If you can make a donation, either in hygiene items or funds to purchase vouchers and hygiene items, our neighbors will be most grateful. Indicate that the donation is for "Benevolence."

**UMW:** We will meet Wednesday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room for our spiritual growth study: "Living in Covenantal Communities," led by Mary Vines. Jane Haynes is hostess. Please join us!

**LID:** Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 13, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in the conference room. LID attendee, Doug Hinchcliff, will present on the topic: "The Right to Die; Who Should Decide?" Lubbock Interfaith Dialogue has been meeting monthly for more than 30 years, with the goal of promoting understanding and mutual respect among persons of all faith perspectives. LID meetings are open to all interested persons in the Lubbock community. For further information, contact Mary Vines at (806) 281-6482 or mvines11@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to direct fans where to park and to take payment on TTU game days. Sign up for a slot by visiting <https://goo.gl/4ASP8m>. Contact Jay Sedberry at [jsedberry@ropesid.us](mailto:jsedberry@ropesid.us) for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15 - 9:15 Communion Worship Sanctuary	6:00 - 7:30 Literacy Lubbock ESL Class 111	9:00 - 10:00 Staff Meeting Conference Room	9:30 - 11:30 UMW general meeting Conference Room	9:30 - 12:00 Quilters 114	10:00 - 11:00 Organ Practice Sanctuary	8:00 - 12:00 Matador Singers Retreat Garden Room, Sanctuary, Choir Hall
9:15 - 10:15 Sunday School Hour	7:30 - 9:00 Boy Scouts Scout basement	9:30 - 10:30 Organ Practice Sanctuary	12:00 - 1:30 Organ Practice Sanctuary	12:00 - 1:00 Interfaith Dialogue Conference Room	4:00 - 10:00 Matador Singers Retreat Garden Room, Sanctuary, Choir Hall	
10:30 - 11:30 Worship Service Sanctuary		12:45 - 1:30 Sanctuary time for Food Voucher clients Sanctuary	6:00 - 8:00 Chrismon Beaders Conference Room	6:30 - 8:00 Haven Group 212		
11:30 - 12:30 University Weekly Gathering 212		1:30 - 2:30 Tuesday Food Voucher program Garden Room	6:15 - 8:15 Theology Group 111	6:30 - 8:00 Literacy Lubbock ESL Class 111		
5:00 - 6:00 Sunday Group 111		5:00 - 6:00 Voice Class Sanctuary	6:15 - 7:15 Prayer Shawl Ministry 116			
5:00 - 6:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal Children's Choir Room		5:30 - 7:00 AFSP Survivors Group 219	7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Hall			
5:30 - 7:30 United Methodist Youth 212		5:30 - 6:30 Trustees Meeting Library				
7:15 - 8:15 Handbell Rehearsal Bell Choir Room		5:30 - 7:00 Legal Clinic Garden Room				
		7:00 - 9:00 PFLAG Gender Spectrum Support Group Conference Room				

### Please hold the following people in prayer:

#### Members:

St. John's Homebound

#### Friends and Family:

Oflia Salazar  
Susan Spence

Family of Sydney Oesterich  
David Pedroza

Family of Jo Flynn  
Food Voucher Clients



# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church.

If you are a first-time attendee or a long-time member; if you are black, brown, white or anything in between; if you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender; if you are a Native American or an immigrant friend; if you are lay or clergy, male or female, gender neutral or non-binary, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor; no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you count on, or what you question, **you are not only welcome here, you are celebrated here!**

In this space we acknowledge that you are a gift of the Creator, and an individual wonder of God's creation. Together, we are family of God, because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.

Thank you for being here. Please make yourself at home. We are so happy to share this time of worship with you.

St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity, and we welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.



## The Worship of God - 10:30 a.m. Service

### ENTRANCE

Gathering Rev. Daniel Echols

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Allemande* Francois Couperin (1688-1733)

\*Morning Invocation Lay leader

Let us pray:  
**Holy One, as we gather this morning for worship, may we be immersed in that which is true, so that our time together may give grace to all who are here. May the words that we speak in prayer be words of faith, so that our prayers may give grace to all who are here. May we sing with pure joy and with understanding, so that our music may give grace to all who are here. May we begin this time together with open minds and receptive hearts, so that your presence in and with us might give grace to all who are here. Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn, No. 147 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Prayers of the Church Rev. Daniel Echols

*Following each petition:*

Lord in your *graciousness/mercy*,  
**Here our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Daniel Echols

\*The Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

Act of Praise Handbell Quartet  
*Holy Manna* arr. Susan T. Nelson  
Ringers: Benjamin Finlayson, Andrea Beaudin,  
Meredith Abbe, Coleen Sedberry

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination with Choral Amen Lay leader  
**Spirit of God, speak to us today through the words of holy scripture. Make them be for us truth, and light, and hope, and assurance, so that we might serve in your name and be agents of your great love.**

*(Choir only.)* Amen.

\*Gospel lesson Lay leader  
Mark 7:24-37 N.T. pp. 42-43  
The good news of God for all children of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A Time for Young Disciples  
Hymn, No. 2233  
*Where Children Belong*

(Sung as the children gather, and then again, as they depart.)

*This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.*

Sermon Rev. Ann Akin

Just Think, You Could Look Like US!

\*Hymn of Response, 2175 *The Faith We Sing*  
*Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

### THANKSGIVING

Offering Rev. Daniel Echols

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Daniel Echols

Offertory Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Ubi Caritas* John Purifoy

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.  
(Where charity and love are, God is there.)*

*Christ's love has gathered us all into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.  
Let us now love the living God,  
As we love each other with a true, sincere heart.*

*Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.  
(Where charity and love are, God is there.)*

*We are one body and knit into one.  
Let us now have the same mind in Christ,  
And with all the saints, see Thy face in glory,  
Joy immense and good throughout the ages.  
Amen.*

*Ubi caritas, God is there.*

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts  
Hymn, No. 94 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Haleigh Bounds  
*The Faith We Sing*  
RITCHIE

### SENDING FORTH

\*Acts of Faith Rev. Ann Akin

\*Hymn of Faith, No. 438 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* DUKE STREET  
Please come forward as we sing the Hymn of Faith:  
to renew baptismal vows (please make prior arrangements with the pastor), or to join St. John's by profession of faith, transfer of vows, or by association or affiliation (please fill out beige card and give to pastor), or to receive a parting blessing.

Reception of New Members  
**We rejoice to welcome you as members of Christ's holy Church, and we bid you welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

\*Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Daniel Echols  
Now let us go from this place to walk with God, who does not wait to be found, but comes searching for us and calling us into a new way. Let us go with faith in Christ who gives us power to become, both in creed and deed, children of the loving God. Let us be moved by God's spirit, by whom Jesus still lives among us, leading us to humble service and filling us with grace.  
Go in peace.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Postlude*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*For the Fruit of All Creation* Francis Jackson (b. 1917)