



Reconciling Month

Friday, October 19

Come dance to celebrate diversity!

On Friday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, and in celebration of St. John's 20th anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation, the TTU Vernacular Music Center presents "A Rainbow Balfolk Dance Party," an all-inclusive, LGBTQ-friendly evening of friendly participatory Euro-French folk dancing to live music, hosted by dance teacher Anne Wharton, with musicians (fiddle, accordion, bagpipes, hurdy-gurdy, bass guitar) from the VMC and "that lil' ol' drone band from Texas," RattleSkull!

A "Bal" is an evening of participatory and non-binary Euro-French folk dances to live music. Balfolk TTU musicians and dancers provide a friendly, open-access introduction to the accessible Euro-French dances and music of "Balfolk": Chapelloise, Cercle Circassien, polka, mazurka, schottische, bourrée à deux et trois. The event will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a quick 30-minute "jump-start" introduction for those to whom the dances are new.

The St. John's Rainbow Bal is free (donations accepted!) and open to the public and all are welcome.

Venez à notre Bal!

Sunday, October 21

Join St. John's in celebrating 20 years as a Reconciling Congregation!

On Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m. St. John's will host Reconciling Sunday, with guest pastor, David Meredith.

Rev. Meredith began ministry as pastor of the Clifton United Methodist Church in 2012. A 1984 graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, Rev. Meredith served a variety of ministry settings prior to going to Clifton UMC.

Meredith offers leadership on the Board of Directors of the Reconciling Ministry Network in Evanston, Illinois, which is working deliberately to bring full-inclusion for LGBTQ persons in the United Methodist denomination. Similarly, Rev. Meredith's experience as Urban Ministry Director of the Ohio River Valley District will expand his congregation's involvement in its outreach and work for social justice with persons and communities facing the struggles of poverty and race in Cincinnati. Ministry with young adults and college students will continue to grow at the church as Meredith brings his experiences at Miami University, Capital University, and Ohio State University to the congregation's current ministry with the University of Cincinnati and Wesley House. As a former music educator, Meredith is also really excited when engaged in excellent music and arts endeavors.

There will be no 8:15 a.m. service on Reconciling Sunday. Following service, there will be a potluck to celebrate our anniversary, as well as to honor our pastors for pastor appreciation month. SPRC will provide brisket and asks the congregation to bring sides, rolls, and desserts.



Member Update

Rev. Kate Floyd grew up in St. John's and is a pastor because of her relationship with the church and that of parents, Daisy and Tim Floyd, who was chair of the Reconciling Committee when we voted to be a reconciling congregation. Kate is married to Kyle Tau, who serves as an Ecumenical Staff Officer with the Council of Bishops. They have two children. Kate's brother, Will, also grew up in the church.



About two years ago, Kate was commissioned to start a new church in Arlington, VA, and now it has come to fruition! What a great joy this is, and so St. John's love and message are surely being spread. Kate has asked many times for prayers.

We personally feel so proud. Please share her message and let this joy be known to St. John's Congregation. Thanks.

-Marilyn & Bobby McMillan

St. John's is so proud of Kate and thankful to help her on her journey. Kate says St. John's has been instrumental in who she is and in their first worship service on September 23, she told the story of St. John's becoming reconciling. See the photos below of the church's first service. To learn more about Kate's new church, visit arlingtoncommons.org or email Kate support directly at Floyd.kate@gmail.com. Please keep Kate and her congregation in your prayers as they begin to grow.



Wonderful Wednesday: Join us for the third meeting in a 6-week series
Wednesday, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Brown bag dinner from
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Child care and youth programming provided.



Senior Funday!

Are you retired and looking for a way to socialize? Join St. John's for Funday!

Funday is the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00-12:30 p.m. The group has a devotional, plays games, and enjoys lunch and fellowship together. If you're interested in attending the next Funday, call the church office at 762-0123.



American Foundation *for* Suicide Prevention

Suicide Survivor's Group

St. John's is happy to be the venue for a new group. Hosted by the soon-to-be local chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the suicide survivor's group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in room 219.

This group is open to anyone who has been affected by a suicide. Please contact Ann Casiraghi at Ann.M.Casiraghi@ttu.edu for more information.

September Birthdays!

10/4 Marilyn McMillan

10/5 Tom Bohache

10/6 Dwayne Millman

10/8 Pat Cantrell

10/9 Ann Akin

10/14 Deborah Randolph Bratcher

10/16 Rick Sawyer

10/18 Lily Pierce

10/19 Scott Gunter

10/25 Emily Johnson

10/27 Bill Warren

10/28 Erica Hille

10/31 Jan Davis & Sarah Nuckolls

If you would like to be included in the birthday list, please email the church office (openminds@stjohnslubbock.org) your date of birth.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
in the St. John's parking lot.

FREE to the public.
ALL are welcome!

Volunteers Needed

Get your spirit on while helping your church by working game day parking! St. John's sells every parking spot we own each home game as a fundraiser.

We are ALWAYS looking for more helpers. Volunteers are needed to direct fans where to park and to take payment. Sign up for a slot by visiting

<https://goo.gl/4ASP8m>.

Contact Jay Sedberry at
jsedberry@ropesisd.us for more
information.

**Average Attendance in
September 2018:**

152

**Average Attendance in
September 2017:**

158

**Please hold the following
people in prayer:**

Members:

Rubio Family
St. John's Homebound

Friends and Family:

Jo Edler
Food Voucher Clients

Meet Kyle



St. John's would like to introduce Kyle Collins, who has taken over as Receptionist/Director of Communications after Bailey Skinner accepted a position at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in August. Kyle will be overseeing livestreaming and sound volunteers, social media posts, and church graphics and marketing, on top of answering the phone, greeting visitors, and helping members in the office.

A West Texas native, Kyle grew up in Baird, TX, and spent most of his life in the neighboring city of Abilene. Kyle is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he received his B.F.A. in Photography. When not at St. John's, he also works at Painting With A Twist in Lubbock as an artist. Outside of work, his hobbies include reading, nature photo shoots, and working out at the gym. Come by and say hello to Kyle when you're in the church!

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St. John's Skating!

Children's Ministries hosted a
skate night September 9.



POTLUCK

Reconciling/
Pastor
Appreciation
Potluck

October 21
11:30 a.m.

Bring your
favorite side or
dessert to share!

Reconciling Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our 20th reconciling anniversary on Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m.!

children's **Sunday**
November 11
10:30 a.m.

11/11 Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Night

All are welcome to join Children's Ministry as they watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* while sharing a Thanksgiving-themed potluck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Sunday

November 4
10:30 a.m.

October 6
TTU at TCU

October 20
TTU vs. Kansas

World Communion Processional

World Communion Day will be Sunday, October 7. If you'd like to participate in a special procession, please let Betty Dotts know by contacting her at 281-6413.

RAINBOW BALFOLK DANCE PARTY

Friday, October 19
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Save the date!

Trunk-or-Treat

October 28