



St. John's United Church of Christ
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

September 12, 2021

[* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." ~ Colossians 3:23

Thought to Ponder: "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it." ~Nelson Mandela."

Organ Prelude: "A Trumpet Minuet" — Alfred Hollins

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship

L: Where are the teachers in our midst who will guide us as we learn?

P: We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

L: Where are Jesus' disciples, who thirst to know God's ways?

P: We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

L: Our church school is this sacred space; our classroom is the world.

P: We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

L: Thanks be to God for new beginnings,
for new opportunities to learn together!

P: We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

**A: On this Rally Sunday, let us recommit to teaching, to learning,
and to growing together as the Body of Christ.**

For it is Kingdom work. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

*Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #68

*Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, we come to learn from you. We seek your Spirit and presence. Speak to us this day. Shower us by your grace. We ask your blessing upon our teachers and students, upon those who lead and learn in our Christian education programs. But we also ask that you give all of us your Spirit. For each one of us, by our words, our actions, and how we live, helps one another on our journey of discipleship. Empower us as we strive to empower one another. For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #734

Mission Moment: St. John's Membership Services

Especially for Children

The Song: **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading Proverbs 1:20-33
Mark 8:27-38

Sermon “Taught What?”

Hymn: “Renew Your Church” #462

Renewing the Covenant of Christian Education

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “Aria di Elogio” — Logan

Doxology: #34

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn: “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” #711

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “You Shall Go Out With Joy” — Douglas Wagner

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:

September 5 Centerstone Uspiritus (Brooklawn)
September 12 St. John’s Membership Services
September 19 Boy Scouts of America, Troop #634
September 26 St. John’s Pastors Fund

St. John’s Prayer List – September, 2021

Those Bereaved (*these names remain on for one year*): Earl L. Wilhelm (brother to John and Cindy Wilhelm); Jessica Wiedeman (friend of Charrel Raver & Cindy Wilhelm); Steve Gookins (brother-in-law to Myron & Linda Kanning); Jim Brutsche (Kristina Frye & family); Zane Koester (cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb Foster); Scott Vonderheide (father to Keevan Vonderheide, cousin to Mike & Gayla Vonderheide); Howard Wessel; Carol Pinckney (friend of Elizabeth Hall); Lois Strand (mother to Dawn Buettner); Edgar Schebler (brother to Randy Schebler); Mildred (Darringer) Frye; Dick Sitterding; Vicki Wilhelm; Karen Simmons (cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb & Joe Foster); Phyllis (Thie) Miller, Mike Koester.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray: Doris Lamping; Dave Amberger; Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus (cancer); Nathan Cross (health issues, son-in-law to Ron & Linda Meyer); Gerald Huffmeyer (recovering from back surgery); Kent Meyers (son of Taaron & Roger, please pray for full return of his vision); Jennifer Huffmeyer (recovering from surgery); Elizabeth Hall (ongoing health issues); Chyntia Buczak (stage 3 Cervical Cancer, friend to Dan Hall); Bob Wilhelm; Elton Linville on his recovery; John Thie (recovering from surgery, brother to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Dawn Buettner (battling breast cancer); Diane Hill (recovering from back surgery, mother of Kimberly Hill); Shannon Sarringhaus (recovering from surgery); Bea Wessel (recovering in rehab); Bonnie Johnston; Dr. Ashton Akridge (daughter of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Roger Schutte (ongoing health issues); Danny McDonough (health issues, father to Sarah Feldmann); Marian Koester; Ella Meyer (health issues, sister-in-law to Ron Meyer); Melvin Krieger (health issues).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces: Aaron Gordon, Chris Williams, Kris Freeman, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller (Mac & Gail's son), Curtis Davidson (Scott & Sharon's son); Brantley Springmeyer (grandson of Ron & Jenell Schroeder).

Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes: (For Peace)
St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Willis Rouse; Ruth Thie
Chateau of Batesville: Margaret Meyers

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

September 13: Sunday School Board Meeting @ 6pm
September 14: Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 19: Harvest Home Sunday
 Congregational Meeting: Vote on Elevator @ 10:15am
September 22: Chancel Choir Practice @ 7pm; Quilt Makers @ 9:30am
September 26: Chancel Choir Performance

LITURGIST:

September 12: John Kuhlman
September 19: Jane Link

HARVEST HOME will be celebrated on Sunday, September 19th this year. The date was changed from October to September because it seemed that there wasn't much garden produce, mums, etc. available in October. We will give thanks for the blessings of all the vegetables and fruit grown and gathered and pray for our farmers that they have a bountiful harvest of their crops. We would appreciate any produce, fruit, mums, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, etc. that could be used to decorate the sanctuary. We will only be using these things for Harvest Home Sunday, so you can take your contributions home with you after service. Since the church is closed on Fridays, we will have the Columbus Avenue door open on Friday, September 17 so you can drop off your items. Please put them on the tables in the Parish Hall. We would like to have everything delivered on Friday because we plan on decorating early Saturday morning. Thank you very much!

~ Sheryl Voss, Cindy Feller, and Cindy Wilhelm

RUMMAGE SALE HELP NEEDED: This event takes a lot of hours to prepare for and we need your help on Thursday evenings putting out items on tables 6-8pm, or anytime within those hours. Donations accepted at the School house on the following dates:

Saturdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2 from 9-11am
Sundays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3 from 10:15-11:00am

~Any questions, please call Jenell Schroeder: 812-663-7422

CROP WALK: The 34th Annual Ripley County Crop Walk will take place this year on Saturday October 9th @ 9:30am with registration beginning at 9am at St. John's UCC Penntown. Ripley County's Crop Walk supports local food pantries in Batesville, Delaware, Milan and Sunman. We ask that you consider being part of the even either by praying for those walking, financially supporting the event or walking yourself. Online registrations and donations at crophungerwalk.org type in Ripley County in the search box then click donate.

Scriptures



Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."



Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sunday School Perfect Attendance Recognition August 2020 - August 2021

1st Year

Willow Davis
Vicky Wintz

3rd Year

Gwen Dobson
Sarah Dobson
Anna Mauer

7th Year

Brooklyn Robbins

23rd Year

Dale Narwold

2nd Year

Rhett Davis
Bailey Feldmann
Carter Feldmann
Serenity Feldmann

4th Year

Quinten Sarringhaus

12th Year

Pam Gutzwiller

31st Year

Christian Robbins

6th Year

Payten Sarringhaus

20th Year

Daren Sarringhaus

32nd Year

Melinda Carter

22nd Year

Anita Narwold

38th Year

Floyd Wirth
Janet Wirth



Hymns

Come Though Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Renew Your Church

Renew your church, our ministries restore:
both to serve and adore.

Make us again as salt throughout the land,
and as light from a stand.

'Mid somber shadows of the night,
where greed and hatreds spread their blight,
O send us forth with power endued,
help us, Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine,
on our path let it shine;
tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace,
from each page show your face.
As you have loved us, sent your Son,
and our salvation now is won,
O let our hearts with love be stirred,
help us, Lord, know your Word.

Teach us to pray, for you are ever near,
your still voice let us hear.
Our souls are restless till they rest in you,
this the goal we pursue.

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Before your presence keep us still
that we may find for us your will,
and seek your guidance every day,
teach us, Lord, how to pray.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,
each and all, humankind;
break down old walls of prejudice and hate,
leave us not to our fate.

As you have loved and given your life
to end hostility and strife,
O share your grace from heaven above,
teach us, Lord, how to love.

Glory Be To the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn all our darkness to your perfect light;
then, while we sleep, our hope and strength renew,
for dark and light are both alike to you.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life:
comfort in sorrow, courage in the strife;
then, when your voice shall make our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.