

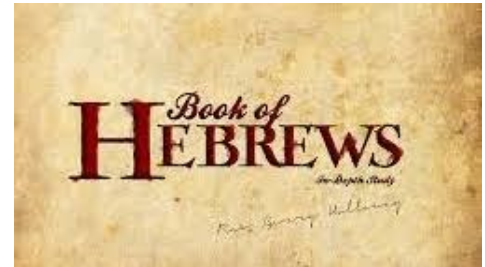


## Join Us Live On Facebook

Dear Church Family,

August in Central Florida is usually a very warm (HOT) time of the year, but it is also the time when school starts for our local students. This year school is supposed to start on Monday, August 10, 2020, but with the uncertainty of Covid-19 that may change. To help families in our area that are perhaps struggling with sending their children to school with backpacks and supplies, we at St. John will be hosting our fifth "Back to School Bash" on Saturday, August 8 from 10 am to whenever the backpacks are gone. This will be a drive through only ministry this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are encouraging the congregation to support the purchasing of the school supplies through monetary donations. We cannot in good conscience encourage you to risk your health to purchase supplies. We have already received the backpacks and are ordering prepackaged supplies. We will be also ordering some things in bulk locally.

August 4, 2020 at 2:00 PM we will begin a new study in the book of Hebrews on zoom and Facebook Live. If you have not tried Zoom or Facebook Live Bible study, I invite you to try it out. To participate in Zoom you would need to send an email to [pastorron@stjohnsebring.org](mailto:pastorron@stjohnsebring.org), you need a camera and microphone to interact on Zoom. To follow on Facebook Live go to the St. John United Methodist Church of Sebring Facebook page.



We have been working on improvements to the online worship service. As with all technologies there are often difficulties. Human error, equipment failure and the strain of the internet use often frustrate us in our attempts to bring the Gospel. We are sorry for the inconveniences that we have caused with human error. We pray for the equipment and the strain for the internet.

We never could have imagined that 2020 would be like this. The Covid-19 pandemic, financial strain caused by shutting down the world's economy, racial and civil unrest have all made for a difficult time in our world history. So much of our society has splintered and some would argue that it has always been. We were just either not paying attention or were oblivious to the plight of some around us. I am not sure what on earth can repair our brokenness, but I believe in the God who in the words of the prophet Isaiah says "...to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory." Isaiah 61:3

Please stay safe and continue to interact with our services online. The Worship Task Force is meeting weekly to determine when we can safely start in person worship services. God bless you all.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.  
Senior Pastor

**Preaching Schedule  
August 1, 2020- August 31, 2020**

8-2-20  
"Is Your Hunger Satisfied?"  
Matthew 14:13-21

8-9-20  
"Have You Ever Walked on Water?"  
Matthew 14:22-33

8-16-20  
"A Unified People!"  
Psalm 133

8-23-20  
"Who Do You Say Jesus Is?"  
Matthew 16:13-20

8-30-20  
"God's Deliverer: Moses"  
Exodus 3:1-15

**UPPER ROOMS-JULY & AUGUST**



The Upper Rooms for July-August are now available in the Church Office! \$1.00 per Upper Room.

**FACE MASKS**

We still have face masks available in the church office. If you would like to have one, please stop by between the 10:00 a.m. and 11:30



**UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST**

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 and can be removed, or someone you want to be added.

**ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Exciting News! United Methodist Women will be hosting 2 ZOOM events, one sponsored by the Florida Conference and one with South West District. This Mission Study is in correlation with a wonderful book, "Finding Peace In An Anxious World" available through the United Methodist Reading Program. Registration is required and information is available through these websites: [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org) or [www.southwestdistrictumw.com](http://www.southwestdistrictumw.com). If you have any questions, please contact me at: [ruth.hollandsworth.umw@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.hollandsworth.umw@gmail.com) or call my cell at 863-414-6530. This will be a very exciting study you won't want to miss!



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Ruth Hollandsworth, Unit President

**GONE NORTH?**

We know that some members have left to go back North and others are still staying in Florida. If you have gone north and have not contacted us to change your address to you northern address, please contact the church office at 863-382-1736, or email us at [stjohnsbring@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnsbring@centurylink.net) and we will gladly make the address change.

**GOOD MORNING GOD**

You are ushering in another day. Untouched and freshly new, so here I come to ask you God if you'll renew me too?

Forgive the many errors, that I made yesterday, and let me try again dear God, to walk closer in They way.

But Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own, so take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

Amen

# AUGUST Birthdays

Dick Martin  
 2 Dorothy Rice  
 3 Frank Bean  
 3 Bruce Martens  
 4 Bill Rogers  
 5 Janet Gilpin  
 5 Connie Sell  
 9 Patty Johnson  
 9 Rick Stackhouse  
 10 Ruth Bauman  
 10 Dave Carmolli  
 10 Marian Nielson  
 11 Bob Grandsard  
 12 Leo Gabriel  
 13 Linda Morwick  
 14 Bob Alvord  
 14 Phyllis Haas  
 15 Eric Hurst  
 17 Alberta Kiss  
 18 Jack Bachtell  
 18 Bonnie Miller  
 18 Adam Oatman  
 18 William Reed  
 18 Mary Watson  
 19 Bram Thorne  
 19 Sharon Stickler  
 20 John & Ruby Beckman  
 20 Larry Howell  
 21 Chuck Imboden  
 21 Sandy Radawiec  
 22 Sharon Fisher  
 22 Bill Kelsey  
 23 Ron Howell  
 25 Opal Hickman-Stebbins  
 25 Daniel Franklin  
 26 Bonnie Hoover



# AUGUST Birthdays

27 Kay Ann Rice  
 27 Dale Brockway  
 27 Dr. Henry Carr  
 27 Nicholas Piccione  
 28 Debra Donahue  
 28 Harold Hooker  
 28 Anna Piccione  
 30 Kathy Clark  
 30 Lee Klauk  
 30 Vincent O'Neill  
 30 Joanne Parks  
 31 Fran Palmer

## AUGUST Anniversaries

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Ron & Carol Wortelboer  
 2 James & Mely Buchanan  
 5 Art & Nancy Dudley  
 5 Bill & Geri Dreger  
 6 Drew & Myrna Spencer  
 10 Tim & Phyllis Haas  
 11 Bernard & Cheryl John  
 12 Dick & Betty Martin  
 13 Gary & Pat Dobereiner  
 14 Dick & Shirley Myers  
 14 James & Rosalyn Witten  
 16 Ron & June Hiltner  
 16 Ron & Mary Howell  
 16 Ed & Pam Vickers Jr.  
 18 Dave & Cathie Johnson  
 20 John & Ruby Beckman  
 20 Louis & Barbara King  
 22 Brad & Donna Young  
 23 Don & Barbara Sanborn  
 24 Myron & Boots Brundage  
 24 Mike & Jane Johnson  
 24 Chuck & Vada Thomas  
 27 David & Mary Beth Grey  
 28 Cliff & Cecile Wood



**HOMEBOUND**



**The Palms**  
Bev Butler

Claire Crenshaw  
Myra Green  
Ruth Harrison  
Joyce Houska

**Fellowship Home  
at the Fairway**

Maureen Murphy  
Vince & Sidney O'Neill  
Opal Hickman-Stebbins  
Neal Winters

**The Manor**

Mary Lee Kragt

**At Home**

Neil Muir  
Ellen Thorne  
Joyce Tucker

**MEMBERS AND  
CONSTITUENTS**

Denise Bayler  
Debra Donahue  
Lois Galyean  
Joanne Gamber  
Kent & Louise Henrich  
Stan & Bonnie Hoover  
Arline Hunter  
Bill Jarrett  
Roxie Lawson  
Ron Morris  
Dick Rice  
Martha Dora Ramos  
Marilyn Stafford  
Evelyn Tack

**RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

**John Babson USCG**  
Grandson of Setchell &  
Ebbert

**Reese Bell**  
Friend of John Cook  
**Isabella Hernandez**  
Granddaughter of Susan  
Maddux

**Toni LAReau**  
Sister-In-Law of Patti  
LAReau

**Reta**  
Niece of Elaine Hammel

**Beverly Schlegel**  
Friend of Paula, Betty, Dale  
Fowler

**Kim Wills**  
Daughter of Ray and Bev  
White

**Sympathy**

To the families of:



Rev. Jim Langham  
Rev. Jim's Mother  
passed away 7-2020

Marian Stobaugh  
Passed away 7-24-20

Cathie Bates  
Bob Bates passed away 7-30-20

Susie & Rob VanValkenburg  
Susie's brother passed away  
7-2020

Bob Alvord  
His son passed away 8-2-20

Bruce Marten  
His sister passed away 8-2-20

Attendance

July 5: 5  
Online: 932  
  
July 12: 6  
Online: 1,380  
  
July 19: 5  
Online: 1,278  
  
July 26: 5  
Online: 810

Offering

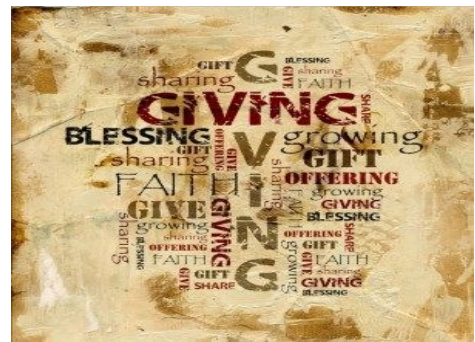
July 5: \$11,506.00  
July 12: \$6,918.00  
July 19: \$19,734.00  
July 26: \$3,415.00

Total Received to 7-26-20:

\$316,424.68

Mortgage Balance as of 7-1-20:

\$328,259.94



**JUST A REMINDER!**

If you are sending mail to the Church  
office. Please use our current address:



St. John United Methodist Church  
33631 Grand Prix Drive  
Sebring, FL 33872

Our old address number 3214 is no longer valid

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**Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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*Sunday Morning Worship Service Online*  
*9:30 a.m.*

*&*

*The Daily Word*  
*2:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday*

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[stjohnsebring.org](http://stjohnsebring.org)



**Our Staff**

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.

*Pastor*

Kathryn Kipp

*Director of Music*

Kathy McClain

*Choral Accompanist*

Emily Hayner

*Organist*

Sue Cornelius

*Pianist*

Teresa Perry

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*Administrative Secretary*

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*Video Technician*

Lupe Reyes

*Custodian*