



CHARGE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 20. 7:00 P.M.

Dear Church Family,

As October begins, we are all a little frazzled as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect our community of faith, community, state, nation, and world. Last month we began in-person worship in addition to our streaming worship and we have been filling nearly all our reservations. **On October 11, 2020 we will offer two (2) in-person worship services.** We will continue our 9:30 live and streamed service and add the 7:45 worship service.

You will also need to make reservations, but for the service that you will be attending. Should we fill each of these we will as quickly as possible add the 11:00 A.M. service, but that time will be moved to 11:15 A.M. to prepare the Sanctuary for use. Your safety is our utmost priority. The restrictions will be the same until there are better therapeutics and/or a vaccine.

Please be in prayer for the St. John leadership team as they discern God's call for our leaders for the coming year. Charge Conference will be a virtual event on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 P.M.

We are working on new ways of doing ministry in the "new normal." I very much want to thank our church staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to lead and minister during these most difficult of times. May God's grace be with us all.

In God's Grace,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr

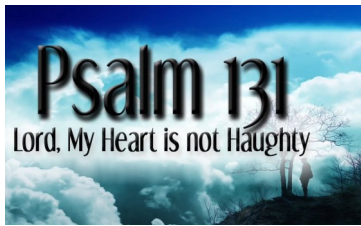
Senior Pastor

Preaching Schedule

- October 4, 2020
"The Essential Church: Fruitful"
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 11, 2020
"The Essential Church: Inviting"
Matthew 22:1-14
- October 18, 2020
"The Essential Church: Devoted"
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 25, 2020
"The Essential Church: Loving"
Matthew 22:34-46

LAY LEADERSHIP

We have many concerns;
Effects of Coronavirus Pandemic
Free Elections interference
Effects of Climate Change
Lack of Church involvement



But Psalm 131 is our hope!
My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.
Israel & America, put your hope in the LORD, both now
and forevermore.

See you in Church,
Fred Schilffarth

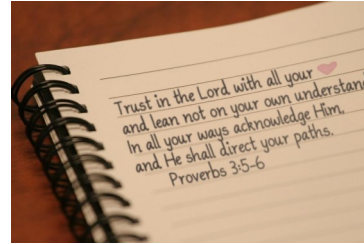
NEW MEMBERS



Al & Nancy Foley-Profession of Faith
Jerry Stowell-Profession of Faith

ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The South West District hosted a Zoom meeting for the book "Finding Peace in an Anxious World." The key words were, Serenity, Acceptance Courage and Wisdom. Over forty ladies logged in



to create an environment for discovery and kindness. A wonderful self-reflection study, I gained some new "tools" to cope with what is going on in

our world today. "Peace is a gift from Christ given to those who most need it and it is a gift that is meant to be shared UMW widely by those who receive it" is a comment that is so important to all. I highly recommend this study based on Proverbs and other scripture! The book is available from unitedmethodistwomen.org to purchase. Our Annual Meeting is on October 24, 2020 as a Zoom Meeting. If you are interested contact me for more information.

Ruth Hollandsworth, President, St John UMW

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight" Proverbs 3:5

Prayer Time at St. John

The Sanctuary will be open from 10:00-11:00 A.M. on Tuesdays for prayer beginning September 8. Sue Cornelius will be playing piano in the background. Please wear a mask.

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group will be forming later in the month on September. If you are interested in participating, please let the Church Office know of your interest. No time or date is set as yet.

OCTOBER Birthdays



- 1 Bev Bowling
- 1 Mary Todd Donelan
- 1 Bonnie Casady
- 1 Janet Harbaugh
- 1 Kathleen Alvord
- 1 Mary Harold
- 2 Ruth Deacon
- 2 Ashley White
- 3 Mary Hammond
- 3 Janet McGill
- 3 Bill Roy
- 5 Steve Hollandsworth
- 5 Dee Evans
- 5 Barbara King
- 6 Mary L. Wilson
- 7 Lea Ann Curry
- 9 Samantha Donovan
- 10 Pat Barthuly
- 14 Eunice Pettibone
- 15 Marion Nodder
- 16 Gwen Clark
- 16 Dave Johnson
- 17 Naomi Born
- 18 Jan Crowle
- 18 Julie Schwartz
- 19 Mary Duncan
- 19 Earl Beauchamp
- 19 Pat Peters
- 20 Bill Bowling
- 21 John Neal
- 21 Francyne Wilson
- 22 Sue Carter
- 22 Katie Oatman
- 22 Lois Schroeder
- 25 Marilyn Beebe
- 25 Claire Crenshaw
- 25 Shirley McLaughlin
- 25 Carol Mascari
- 26 Mary Bonner
- 26 Barbara Setchell
- 27 Margie Slotnick
- 28 Dale Benfield
- 31 Gloria Andrick
- 31 Pat Farmer
- 31 Trudy Klauk

OCTOBER Anniversaries



- 2 Harvey & Ethel Donald
- 8 Fred & Linda Schilffarth
- 8 Jim & Donna Serwas
- 14 Dan & Denise Stegall
- 17 Russ & Joyce Hammell
- 20 Bill & Karen Duncan
- 21 Barry & Sandy Radawiec
- 22 John & Bonnie Myrto
- 19 Floyd & Mary Watson
- 24 Lloyd & Margie Hart
- 27 Vincent & Sidney O'Neill

ST. JOHN CRAFTERS

After much discussion Judy, Carolyn and I have decided to cancel St John's Christmas Bazaar scheduled for this December and reschedule it for December 2021.

Hopefully, next year we will have a vaccine and good effective treatments for the covid virus and we will all feel safe to gather together and restart our group.



If you have any projects to do at home, keep at it! With a two-year preparation hopefully, we will have a bigger bazaar. If you would like a project, we could put up some simple kits

for you to do. Just contact us.

We miss you all. Stay safe. Carolyn Ross, Judy Perkins and Linda Morwick



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

At Home

Neil Muir
Ellen Thorne
Joyce Tucker
Ed Vickers

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

**MEMBERS AND
CONSTITUENTS**

Denise Bayler
Debra Donahue
Joanne Gamber
Stan & Bonnie Hoover
Arline Hunter
Bill Jarrett
Roxie Lawson
Dick Rice
Martha Dora Ramos
Marilyn Stafford
Evelyn Tack
Margaret Runnalls

Sympathy

To the family of:

Mary Lee Kragt
9-5-20



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.

UPPER ROOMS-September-October

The Upper Rooms for September-October are still available in the Church Office! \$1.00 per Upper Room.



Attendance

August 30: 6
Online: 835

September 6: 0
Online: 774

September 13: 77
Online: 806

September 20: 71
Online: 722

Offering

August 30: \$7,925.15
September 6: \$8,647.00
September 13: \$6,537.00
September 20: \$10,073.00

Total Received to 9-20-20:
\$377,545.29

Mortgage Balance as of 9-1-20:
\$320,969.71

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 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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Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.

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Kathryn Kipp

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Kathy McClain

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Emily Hayner

Organist

Sue Cornelius

Pianist

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