

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

Modern Beatitudes
“Combat Evil with Forgiveness”

DATE

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12th, 2026
Liturgical Color - White

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31

WORSHIP GUIDE

NEW HERE?

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; stjohnsumc.org/worship, scan the QR code, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

Children, newborn through 5, are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery staff kindly asks all parents to sign-in each Sunday and leave a cell phone number in case they need to contact you during the service. Also, please clearly label all of your child’s important belongings.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid’s Club House

During our 10:45 AM Worship Service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child(ren) attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid’s Club House). **On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to participate in our service during Sunday School. Our children and youth will help cook and provide a meal for our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N).*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary
PATHWAYS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | 205

10:45 AM WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual
NURSERY CARE | 103
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid’s Clubhouse

JOIN US ONLINE!

Our Sunday 10:45 Worship Service is live-streamed on our website. stjohnsumc.org/worship/live-worship-replay

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference’s Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit mzinitiative.com.

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We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry! Scan the QR code to give online or Text BLESS6900 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 4.12.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Ginny Miller

USHERS | Emma Weber
Vance Weber

NEXT WEEK | 4.19.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Barb Mueller

USHERS | Annette Young
Dennis Young

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PRELUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

INTROIT (10:45) | *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* | music by Joan J. Pinkston, 2013
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, piano

Joan Pinkston's "*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*" radiates joy and triumphant faith, capturing the essence of the Resurrection with vivid color and uplifting composition. Her work often blends traditional Christian symbolism with a contemporary, expressive style, making sacred themes feel immediate and alive. In this piece, light and movement convey victory over death, while the celebratory tone invites listeners into a shared sense of hope and renewal. Pinkston's artistic voice emphasizes not just the event of Easter, but its emotional impact—exuberance, reassurance, and spiritual awakening—offering a hymn that echoes the enduring promise of resurrection.

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our exalted King!
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Joyful praises let us sing!*

*How our grateful hearts adore Him who has bourn our grief and tears.
We bow down with joy before Him, as our Lord once more appears.
Angel hosts on Him attending, death and hell before Him bending,
Christ, our King, is Victor over all!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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*Christ is risen! All the sadness of His earthly life is o'er.
Through the open gates of gladness He has come to life once more!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us sing!
Joyful praises let us sing!*

(John S. B. Monsell, alt., 1863)

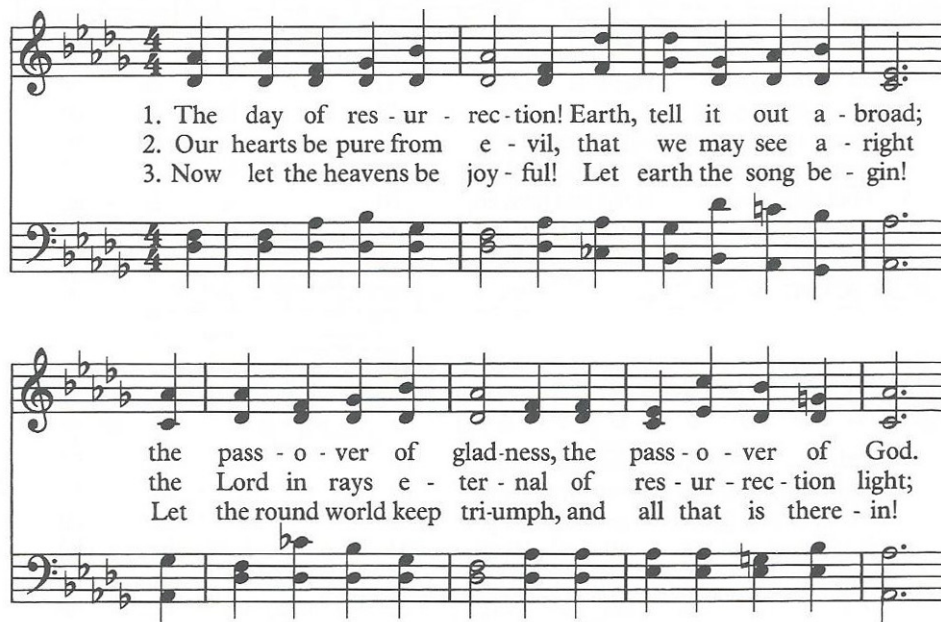
WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

BLUE TEXT indicates 10:45 AM Worship Service only.

*OPENING HYMN | *The Day of Resurrection* | UMH 303

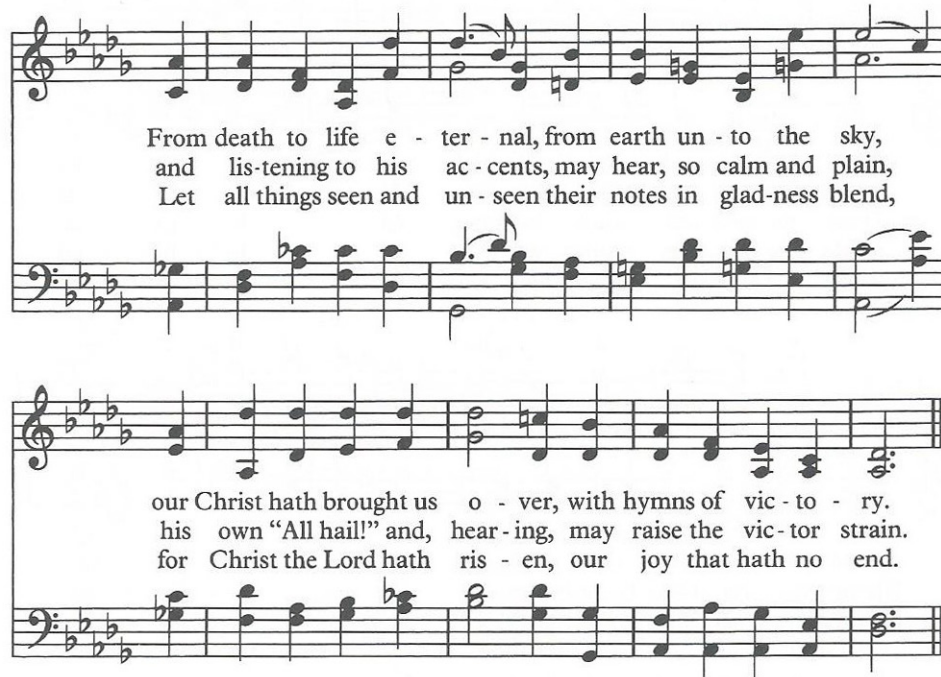


1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in!

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From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1862
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;

People | Give ear to my voice when I call to you.

Leader | Let my prayer be counted as incense before you

People | And the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Leader | Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;

People | Watch the door of my lips.

Leader | Do not turn my heart to evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity;

People | Do not let me eat of their delicacies.

ALL | Amen.

(Adapted from Psalm 141:1-4, NRSVUE)

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*HYMN OF PRAISE | *Up from the Grave He Arose* | UMH 322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,
2. Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;
3. Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord!
vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord!
he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he a - rose, (he a - rose) with a

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he a -

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE
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rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he
lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -
rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
(he a - rose) (he a - rose)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & +DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:45)

+Sue Young - The Road to Emmaus

PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Julie Salmon** for donating cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 am service.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family & Friends of Gale Robinson | Brother of Rita Davis | on his death
Gerry Ellerbrake | Mother of Barb Henson
Penelope Doehring | Daughter of Kate and Tyler Doehring
Jesse | Friend of Virginia Stanzel

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Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

Madison Price

Dianna Hackler | Mother of Mason Hackler

Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace

Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto

Mark McMillen | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller

Marilyn McMillen | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller

Chris Mueller

Lazarus | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire

Crystal Vines

Shirley Thorn

Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter

Luke Karel | Friend of Cindy & Barry Mayhew

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli

Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers

Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers

UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia

Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders

Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr

Northwest District Superintendent, Curtis Olsen (effective 7/1/2026)

Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique

Worldwide Unrest and Persecution

Those who live on the margins of society

Those serving in the Military and all First Responders

Those impacted by natural disasters

Those suffering at the hands of others

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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**SOLO | *Come, People of the Risen King* | hymn arranged by Lloyd Larson, 2018
Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano**

“***Come, People of the Risen King***” is a modern Christian worship song that calls believers to gather in joyful praise. Written by **Keith** and **Kristyn Getty** with **Stuart Townend**, it emphasizes unity, gratitude, and celebration of Christ’s resurrection. The song invites people from all walks of life—those rejoicing, those mourning, and those seeking hope—to come together and worship. Its upbeat melody and rhythmic energy reflect the joy of salvation, while its lyrics focus on God’s grace, redemption, and enduring love. The phrase “our God is strong to save” reinforces a central message of faith and assurance. Widely sung in churches around the world, the hymn blends traditional theological depth with contemporary musical style. It encourages communal worship and reminds listeners that praise is both a response to God’s goodness and a source of strength and encouragement in everyday life. In this setting by **Lloyd Larson**, a verse of the Charles Wesley hymn “*Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*” is seamlessly woven into the fabric and heightens the impact of this celebration of Christ our Lord and King.

*Come, people of the risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.
REFRAIN Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace. REFRAIN*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Come, young and old from every land, Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age; ‘Our God is all in all’. REFRAIN
(words and tune by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, 2007)*

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SCRIPTURE | Luke 6:27-36¹ | NRSVUE

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *Glory to the Risen Lamb!* | traditional American melody, 1878; arr. Jean Anne Shafferman, 2017 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

We commemorate Christ's sacrifice with this joyous adaptation of the well-loved American folk hymn tune HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL. With alternating unison and antiphonal passages and an accompaniment in the style of the great American composer Aaron Copland, this celebratory Easter anthem shares the good news of Easter in the musical language of early Americans. **Jean Anne Shafferman** is Director of Music at College Hill Presbyterian Church in Easton PA, and has authored over 70 choral works, 20 children's musicals and Christian elementary song collections, five anthem collections and two Christmas cantatas.

*Hear the gospel news resounding: "Christ has suffered on the tree;
Streams of mercy are abounding; grace for all is rich and free."
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the risen Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!*

*Grace is flowing like a river from the Savior's wounded side.
Still it flows as fresh as ever; all may live, for Christ has died.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the risen Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!*

*On the cross for our redemption, see Him all His lifeblood pour!
There He wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the risen Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!*

(text by William Sandberg and Hugh Bourne, 1821; Job Hupton, 1895; F. R. Warren, 1878)

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***DOXOLOGY | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95**

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "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. Amen." The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Christ is Risen, Earth Rejoices
(written for this morning's service)

(Text: Dale Morehouse, 2026; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824)

Verse 1

*Christ is risen, earth rejoices,
Alleluia! Heaven sings;
Lift your hearts and raise your voices,
Tell the news the Savior brings.
Death is conquered, night is ended,
Light has shattered every chain;
Christ, once slain, is now ascended—
Life and love forever reign!*

Verse 2

*From the tomb the Lord has spoken,
“Fear no more, I live again!”
Sin and sorrow now are broken,
Hope has triumphed over pain.
All creation joins the story,
Fields and skies and oceans raise
Songs of everlasting glory,
Endless alleluias praise.*

Verse 3

*Risen Christ, you walk beside us,
Set our hearts and spirits free;
Gathered as your Easter people,
Send us forth in charity.
Ever singing, ever praising,
May we share your endless joy;
Till your new creation, blazing,
All our powers and songs employ.*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ**

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April 13th to April 18th

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Luke 6:27-36, 23:34; Matthew 6:12, 14-15 (cf. Luke 11:4); Matthew 18:21-35 (cf. Luke 17:4)

Friends, here is a bit of news for you. I am a human being capable of making mistakes, which I often do. I know – shocking but it is true. And because I make a lot of mistakes, I find myself apologizing a lot. It has become second nature to me.

I tease young couples during premarital counseling that one of them will adopt two sayings that they will repeat the rest of their lives. The first is “Yes, Dear” and the second is “I’m sorry Dear.” I will let you decide where you fall or did fall in this dynamic.

In our world, our very human and fractured world, this is the way things work – a person does something wrong, makes a mistake. That mistake is discovered and brought to light requiring the offender to face accountability such as recognition of their mistake, ownership of it, followed by an apology and/or restitution. After that forgiveness can be extended. That is the proper order for a civil society governed by the rule of law. I assume that most of us agree with this order of accountability and forgiveness however, I have concluded that this is not how God deals with us or desires for us to deal with each other. Give me a chance to share my conclusion with you.

According to the Gospel records, Jesus said quite a bit about forgiveness. He made the case that it was to be inexhaustible as a reflection of God’s inexhaustible forgiveness of us. This was apparent in the healing stories where Jesus forgave people of their sins (because the assumption was that it was sin that caused their ailment.) When asked by Peter how many times he must forgive someone, Jesus said seventy times which was unimaginable to the disciples. One other translation raised the bar even more telling us that Jesus’ response was “seventy times seven.” “Inconceivable” as the Great Vizzini would say. But maybe the starkest, most blatant, and world changing example comes from the cross. It happens when Jesus says, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” His executioners did not ask for forgiveness. The soldiers dividing his clothes did not seek his pardon. The people mocking him while he hung their dying did not ask for exoneration. Jesus offered something they did not even seek – restitution through the grace that only God could give. Evil was confronted first with forgiveness.

From these living examples of Jesus, I envision a modern beatitude that we should strive to live by. We should strive to combat evil and resist injustice in this world through forgiveness. What I propose is that we use forgiveness as the tool that brings accountability. Why? Because forgiveness extended has greater power to restore or make right what is broken. Accountability, while needed, does not naturally foster embrace of one another. One of the effects of forgiveness is that it bridges the divide. Now I realize that this goes against our nature, and it may even seem “inconceivable” for us to practice, but I encourage you to try it once. Try

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starting with forgiveness to see how it will change the dynamic of a broken situation.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Attempt to begin with forgiveness as the first and only act of accountability. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Monday** | Do you hold grudges against those who have wronged you and for how long?
- **Tuesday** | How often are you completely satisfied with a person's apology?
- **Wednesday** | How many times do you have to apologize for a mistake before you are forgiven?
- **Thursday** | How far-fetched do you think it is to practice forgiveness in the quantity that Jesus prescribed?
- **Friday** | When have you forgiven someone who did not ask for forgiveness?
- **Saturday** | If God has already forgiven us our sins, how can we hold someone else's mistakes against them?

Actions for the Week:

- **Head** | When in conflict, consider the act of forgiveness before the demand for accountability.
- **Heart** | Reflect on God's abundant grace that has already forgiven us of our sins.
- **Hand** | When in conflict, extend forgiveness first.

Prayer | God of grace and mercy, we praise you for your generous act of forgiveness made real in the life, death, and resurrection of your beloved son, Jesus. We struggle to understand the depth of such love and the cost of our pardon. We fail to comprehend the power this can have in our lives if only we would learn to live and react differently. You demand that our forgiveness be a symbol of yours. You tell us that our forgiveness is predicated on how forgiving we are. Yet, we stubbornly follow the pattern of this world. Open our minds and our hearts to a different way of being – a new beatitude that instructs us to use forgiveness as our weapon against evil and injustice in this world. May we learn to follow Jesus in this way. Amen.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 4.12

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel Service
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 4.13

- 9:00 AM PDO Spring Session
- 9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- 12:15 PM Staff Birthday Lunch
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205
- 2:15 PM Tippi Toes | Susana Wesley Hall

TUESDAY | 4.14

- 9:00 AM PDO Spring Session
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205
- 9:30 AM Mystic Misfits; Contemplative Prayer | Brookside Hall
- 11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City Rehearsal | Brookside Hall

WEDNESDAY | 4.15

- 8:00 AM Foundations for Faith | Brookside Hall
- 9:00 AM PDO Spring Session
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:30 PM Wise Women | Location TBD

THURSDAY | 4.16

- 9:00 AM PDO Spring Session
- 2:15 PM Happy Feet | Susana Wesley Hall
- 6:00 PM Neighbor2Neighbor Board Meeting | Library
- 6:30 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

FRIDAY | 4.17

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 4.18

- 1:00 PM Mo-Kan Heart Quilt Guild | Susana Wesley Hall

SUNDAY | 4.19

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel Service
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Kids/Youth Cook for N2N | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 12:00 PM Youth Donut Sale | Rotunda

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE - JULY 20TH - JULY 23RD

Spring is just around the corner, but don't put away those winter clothes yet! St. John's UMC is hosting another year of Vacation Bible School, Monday, July 20th - Thursday, July 23rd from 9AM - 4PM. We will also celebrate VBS Sunday, on Sunday, July 26th at the 10:45 AM worship service.



We also need **YOU** to volunteer to guide our children through 4 days of activities, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, missions, and FUN! Take the Challenge with us!

Questions? Marilyn Senter; 913.221.7733 or marilynsenter@gmail.com



REGISTRATION LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/2026SJUMCVBS>



VOLUNTEER LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/2026VBSVOLUNTEER>

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH FLOWERS

Honor a loved one and donate flowers to beautify our Chapel and Sanctuary (\$100 Donation). Your donation will be mentioned in our weekly publications. If you would like to make a donation scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda.

Questions? Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

Every Sunday after our 10:45 AM service, we gather in our Rotunda for fellowship. Cookies make this time a little sweeter. If you are interested in donating cookies scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?**

Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



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COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

It's time to encourage our college students as they prepare for finals. Sign-up to provide snacks and supplies to brighten the day for these 11 young adults. Donations can be placed in the bin in the rotunda or given to Julie Salmon.

Donations are needed by Sunday, April 26th. Questions? Contact Julie at julie.r.salmon@gmail.com or 816.547.6906. Scan the QR code or visit this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/2026CollegeCare>



CHURCH OFFICE MANAGER FOR A DAY!

Your church office manager will be on vacation **April 27 - 30th** and **May 26-28th** and **June 1st**. She is looking for help in the office any or all of these days.

Why you should sign up:

- You can finish that book or craft project you have been trying to finish
- You can bring your pup
- You get to spend the day with Pastor Jim and Jill Gardner!
- We have a Kuerig
- It's nostalgic - You get to answer phones (just like in the old days!)
- I (and Pastor Jim) would be grateful.



Let us know your availability by using the QR code or visit: tinyurl.com/OfficeManagerForADay

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH/KIDS



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

During our 10:45 AM Worship ServiceS, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher.

INVITATIONS

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE - DONORS NEEDED!

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND | 2:30 - 6:30 PM | BROOKSIDE HALL

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

St. John's UMC has become a regular donor location and supporter of the Red Cross and offers a simple way to help our community. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **SJUMC** to schedule an appointment.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS!

We have two events coming up for young adults in April and June. Watch your mailbox for a personal invitation! To receive a text message update on these, please include your current phone number on the attendance pad. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

Baby Grace, a Diaper Pantry and Clothes closet, provides necessities to families who are living at or below the poverty level. These items are not available through any government assistance program. In addition, we provide connections for resources, education, and other programs that can give them needed assistance.

HOW TO HELP:

- Please consider donating to help us purchase our diapers and wipes. We are now a Happy Bottoms distributor and can buy more diapers for each family at a savings; but still must fund a portion of the diapers and all of the wipes. Our savings in diapers will be used to provide new added programs.
- Volunteer to sort and prepare clothing and items for our quarterly Clothes Closets and then help set them up and assist our families shopping
- Work our monthly distributions on the second Saturday of each month 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM and/or the Thursday following the second Saturday from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.
- Donate Clothing sizes Newborn through size 6, childcare items, toys & books. Drop off times at St. John's UMC are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays. You may also drop off donations at Trinity UMC during our Distribution hours there.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARENTS DAY OUT | PRESCHOOL

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