

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

Fantastic Stories & Where to Find Them
“Pharaoh and the Frogs”

DATE

Happy Father's Day
4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 21st, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

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). **Questions?** Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

**On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to help prep and cook a meal served to our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N) during Children’s Sunday School.*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary

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

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.

GIVE

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).



LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY!

SUNDAY | 7.5

250th Anniversary Celebration & Picnic (RSVP on Attendance Pads)

10:45 AM - Worship Service (no 8:30 AM Service)

Noon - Picnic lunch in Brookside Hall

THURSDAY | 7.9

7 PM - St. John's Book Club in the Library

MONDAY | 7.13

2:30 to 6:30 PM - St. John's UMC Blood Drive in Brookside Hall

MONDAY, 7.20 - THURSDAY, 7.23

9 AM to Noon - St. John's VBS Week! (Monday - Thursday)

SUNDAY | 7.26

10:45 AM - VBS Sunday (no 8:30 AM service)

SERVING

THIS WEEK | 6.21.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Dennis Young

USHERS | Margaret Smith
Gary Whitmer

NEXT WEEK | 6.28.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Jill Gardner

USHERS | Stephanie Toigo
Bethany Trogstad

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This week's music focuses on God's gift of abundant grace, freely given for each of us.

PRELUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

INTROIT (10:45) | *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*² | words and music by Gordon Young, 1956 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Gordon Young (1919-1998) was born in McPherson, KS. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield, KS, and was a scholarship pupil at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In 1964, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Music from Southwestern for his service to church music. His works number over 800, and a number of his church anthems, such as "**Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing**," have become standard repertoire. These are Young's words which speak the praise of God within all our hearts expressed as "Alleluia", an early Christian expression of thanksgiving, joy, and victory.

*Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!*

*All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.*

*So let us all praise God and Sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!*

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.

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*OPENING HYMN | *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* | UMH 363 (1, 3, 5)

1. And can it be that I should gain an
2. 'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - terest in the Sav - ior's blood! Died he for
can ex - plore his strange de - sign? In vain the
free, so in - fi - nite his grace!), emp - tied him -
bound in sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif -
sus, and all in him, is mine; a - live in

me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke, the dun - geon
him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous -

death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was
ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739 (Acts 16:26)
MUSIC: Thomas Campbell, 1835

SAGINA
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be that thou, my God, shouldst die for
dore; let an - gel minds in - quire no
free, for O my God, it found out
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed
throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my

me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be
more. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore;
me! 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free,
thee. My chains fell off, my heart was free,
own. Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne,

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A - maz - ing love! | How can it be |
| 2. 'Tis mer - cy all! | Let earth a - dore; |
| 3. 'Tis mer - cy all, | im - mense and free, |
| 4. My chains fell off, | my heart was free, |
| 5. Bold I ap - proach | th'e - ter - nal throne, |

that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
for O my God, it found out me!
I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

that thou, my God,
let an - gel minds
for O my God,
I rose, went forth,
and claim the crown,

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | Incline your ear and hear my words and apply your mind to my teaching.

People | **It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.**

Leader | So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

People | **The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.**

ALL | Let us worship the Lord. Amen.

(Kirk, James G. When We Gather, pg. 225)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *Freely, Freely* | UMH 389

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain
He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

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free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -
cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live.”

WORDS: Carol Owens, 1972 (Mt. 10:8; 28:18-20)
MUSIC: Carol Owens, 1972

FREELY, FREELY
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Grace Mott, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER JOY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in memory of **Homer Evans**. Given with love by his wife, **Peggy Evans**.

Thank you **Margaret Smith** for donating cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 AM worship service.

Congratulations to **Carina & Austin Bain** and **Steve & Beth Cusumano** on the birth of their newest family member **Westly Juan Bain**. Both families thank you for your prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family & Friends of Murray Blackwelder | on his death

Katie Perryman

Dennis Young

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

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli

Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers

Those in Hospice Care, their families, and 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 | Redeeming Grace² | music by Victor C. Johnson, 2014
Grace Mott, soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

Two Texas church musicians created the beautiful solo “**Redeeming Grace**.” **Bodie Gilbert**, openly gay pastor at Houston’s Westbury Methodist Church, wrote the words. As a post-modern Evangelical, Bodie’s witness of faith is one that sees beyond the walls to a vision of red-letter Christianity, to a faith where science isn’t the bad guy, and to a place where everyone is welcomed. Inspired by Gilbert’s powerful text about God’s redeeming grace, **Victor Johnson**, joined him in creating a song of devotion and sincerity. Victor is a native of Dallas and is a teacher at the Ft. Worth Academy of Fine Arts and director of the Children’s Choir of Texas. He published his first anthem as a sophomore in high school and now has over 300 choral works in print.

*Strength to those who bow from weakness, power to the powerless;
Humble strength to bear the broken, hope in fear and joy in pain:
This is God’s love, sovereign and blessed, love to cover, heal, forgive,
Never failing, always giving, a gift to all,
Redeeming grace.*

*Comfort to the weary wanderer, help to those without a friend;
Patience in the midst of trial, wisdom showing us the way:
This is God’s love, sovereign and blessed, love to cover, heal, forgive,
Never failing, always giving, a gift to all,
Redeeming grace.*

*Age to age, through time and distance, promise ever pure and true;
Source divine ‘mid joy and struggle, Christ with us: our faith, our song!
This is God’s love, sovereign and blessed, love to cover, heal, forgive,
Never failing, always giving, a gift to all,
Redeeming grace.*

(Bodie Gilbert, 2014)

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 8:1-II’ | NRSVUE

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: Let my people go, so that they may serve me. If you refuse to let them go, I will plague your whole country with frogs. The Nile shall swarm with frogs; they shall come up into your palace, into your bedchamber and your bed, into the houses of your officials and of your people, and into your ovens and your kneading bowls. The frogs shall come up on you and on your people and on all your officials.’ ” And the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, the canals, and the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of

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Egypt.’ ” So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and brought frogs up on the land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Pray to the Lord to take away the frogs from me and my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.” Moses said to Pharaoh, “Kindly tell me when I am to pray for you and for your officials and for your people, that the frogs may be removed from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile.” And he said, “Tomorrow.” Moses said, “As you say! So that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God, the frogs shall leave you and your houses and your officials and your people; they shall be left only in the Nile.”

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | **Thanks be to God**

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MESSAGE | **Pharaoh & The Frogs** | **Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *Grace*² | **Traditional Celtic melody arranged by Mark Hayes, 1992** | **Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor**

This beloved text expresses gratitude for redemption, mercy, and spiritual transformation, reflecting on being lost, then found, blind, and then able to see through divine grace. Its simple language conveys humility, hope, forgiveness, and faith. The hymn remains enduring because it speaks to universal experiences of renewal and inner peace. Kansas Citian **Mark Hayes** sets it here to a familiar traditional Celtic melody.

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch, a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

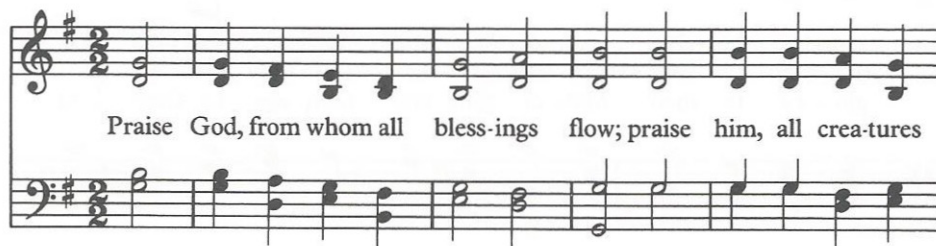
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*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed.*

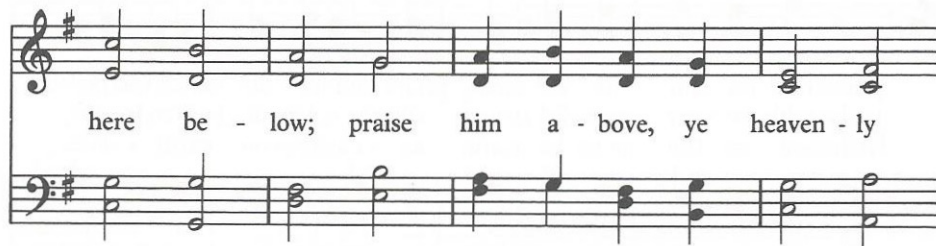
*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already safely come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, that glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than since the day we first begun.*
(words adapted from John Newton, 1779)

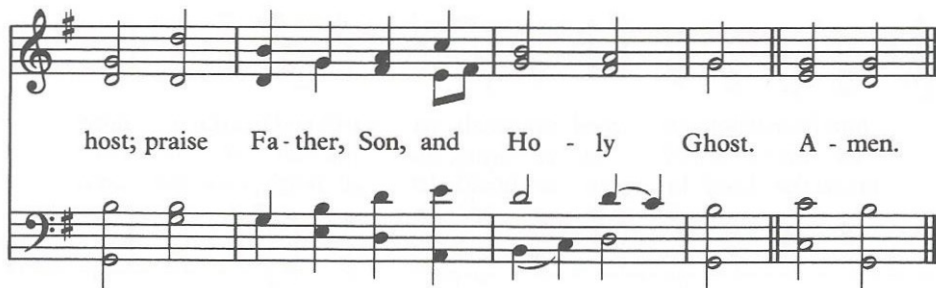
*DOXOLOGY | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95



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.

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

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Grace Greater Than Sin* | UMH 365 (1, 2, 4)

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.
4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!
threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

You - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,
You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.
bright - er than snow you may be to - day.
will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Rom. 5:20)
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

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Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and
cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is great - er than all our sin!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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June 22nd to June 27th

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Exodus 8:1-11; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Joshua 24:1-28; Joel 2:28-29 (cf. Acts 2:16-21); Acts 2:37-42

When I was in the sixth-grade, two of my classmates got into trouble and it was significant enough they were going to be paddled for their offense. I was sent to my former fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Garafano, to retrieve her instrument of correction. When I informed her why I was there, she asked if it was for me. I told her it was for someone else, she gave me the paddle, and returned to hallway outside of my class. I stood and watched our rotund gym teacher administer punishment and then returned the paddle to Mrs. Garafano. That was one of my earliest experiences of the dynamic of power and its use.

Power has been defined by psychologists as something that has a social dynamic to it and in collective form, can be beneficial for society. Power can also be used for personal pursuit and purposes, often to the detriment of someone else. Personally, I am wary of people who actively seek power, even colleagues. I have two colleagues who are actively pursuing being a bishop in the United Methodist Church. They have openly stated that they want to run for election. When I heard this, my radar went up and suspicion built up within me. My question is “what is your motivation?” My first assumption is that they have a vision for the United Methodist Church and what it should be and they want to have the power to enact their vision. Which leads me to wonder, where is the Holy Spirit in this?

Pharaoh and his people found themselves up to their eyeballs in frogs – literally. It was so bad that he summoned Moses and asked Moses to pray to God to take the frogs away. If God did, Pharaoh would let the people go to the desert to worship God. Moses asked a follow-up question, “When would you like for me to pray?” And Pharaoh replied, “Tomorrow.” The interpretation of this is that Pharaoh was making a bargain with no intention of keeping his end of it. He simply wanted to use God’s power to fix the problem without having to live into the vow he had made.

I wonder how many of us want God’s power in our lives but mainly for the purpose of blessing us and rescuing us but not really to transform us. We want God to ensure that we have the “good life” of comfort and security. We want God to be there when we encounter trouble expecting God rescue us. However, we don’t want God to be an active influence in our hearts and lives transforming us into a new creation. Unfortunately, this is poor theology because this has never been the relationship God desires with any of God’ creation. It has always been about covenant – a relationship of mutual love flowing out in service to a broken world. God has always and will continue to desire each of us be a little more transformed each day into the likeness of God’s Son, Jesus.

There is a vision that the church is rooted in that cannot be brought about by personal power.

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The vision is a transformed world brought about by the collective power of people who are being transformed by the Holy Spirit. It is a vision of a world where evil is being actively resisted and denied, where people are being embraced and welcomed, and where injustice and oppression are defied with Christ-centered love and compassion. It is a vision that draws us to pool our power to make a difference for others, not ourselves.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Consider what it means to have God's power in your life for the purpose of pooling it with others to reshape this world. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

Monday | What is your first memory of the use of human power and how did it shape you?

Tuesday | How are you using personal power for your own benefit?

Wednesday | How are you participating in social power attempting to influence the world?

Thursday | How are you resisting or embracing God's transforming power?

Friday | Where do you see God's transforming power at work in the world?

Saturday | How are you participating in the powerful work of God in our community?

Actions for the Week:

Head | Discern your understanding of power and its purpose.

Heart | Mine through the ways in which power influences your decisions and actions.

Hand | Pray that God's Spirit reshape your understanding of power and draw you to lend yours to causes for collective good.

Prayer | Lord of mercy and grace. We live in a world run by the dynamics and facets of power. We are groomed in a culture of use of power for our own purposes and gain. Yet, sometimes, we see the value of using our power for the benefit of others. This can be a glimpse of what it means to live a transformed life. Help us to seek more glimpses. Actually, we ask that your Holy Spirit might stir within us and break free of our self-imposed constraints. May your Spirit be active in shaping us to understand that the true purpose of our power is to use it for the benefit of others. What we pray for today is true transformation that will bring about your kingdom here. Lead us we pray. Amen.

If you have thoughts, comments, or questions about today's service or this week's devotional, please e-mail them to jimh@stjohnsumc.org.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 6.21

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel Service
- 9:30 AM Pathways Sunday School Cooking for N2N | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 6.22

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 6.23

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room

WEDNESDAY | 6.24

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp

THURSDAY | 6.25

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 6:00 PM N2N Board Meeting | Library
- 5:30 PM Sips & Dips | Gail Wien's Home

FRIDAY | 6.26

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 6.27

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY | 6.28

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

The church office is looking for someone to help finish up the build of our new website. It has already been started and it is VERY easy to navigate. We are using **Snap Pages** (an intuitive, drag-and-drop website builder). The vision already exists and you would receive help from the church office and from a marketing resource that has helped us with graphics and built our previous website. **Can you help?** Contact Jessica; jessicag@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

INVITATIONS

ST. JOHN'S "TABLE 'N TOWN" (TNT) SIGN-UPS

LAST NOTICE

Update from your Social Committee's new program to get us around a table for dinner or a night on the town!

This is the last notice for this slate of activities. If one appeals to you, please call, text or e-mail me (Gary Whitmer; (816) 501-8671 or gtwhitmer@gmail.com) and I'll put you on the list. Or sign up in the Rotunda Sunday morning.

ROOM FOR 2 MORE! DINNER AT SUE YOUNG'S – Sunday, July 12, 5:30 PM: Hosted dinner at Sue's home – great food and conversation! Main dish and wine provided. Guests bring an appetizer, side or dessert. Suggested head count: 8-10. 7900 W. 118TH Place, Overland Park.

ROOM FOR 5 MORE! MINI-GOLF & DINNER IN OVERLAND PARK (Aaron & Loretta Lund, hosts) Thurs., July 16th, 6:00 PM: Tap Ins at the Greenhouse, 9571 Metcalf, Overland Park. Suggested head count: 8-10. <https://tapins.golf/>

(FULL) HAPPY HOUR & JAZZ AT CAFÉ TRIO (Gary Whitmer & Margaret Smith, hosts) Thurs., July 16, 5:00 PM: Happy Hour apps (our treat) and drinks (dutch treat) in the bar and option to stay for dinner. Tim Whitmer on the piano till 8:00 PM. www.cafetriokc.com THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PIZZA & JAZZ IN EAST CROSSROADS, DUE MUSIC SCHEDULE CHANGE.

(FULL) WINE-TASTING AT THE SENTERS (Jamie & Marilyn Senter, hosts) Fri., July 31st, 6:30 PM. Each couple/single brings a bottle of wine to share. Senters will provide snacks/hors d'oeuvres/sweets. Suggested head count: 8-10. 4707 W. 80th Street, Prairie Village.

We hope to schedule 3-4 slates of activities per year, subject to interest/enthusiasm. Thanks!

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MURRAY BLACKWELDER

THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH | 10 AM VISITATION / 11 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friends are invited to join family for Murray Blackwelder's memorial service. The memorial service will be followed by a reception in Brookside Hall. All are welcome.

250TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

Everyone is invited to join us on July 5th for a worship service with music celebrating our country's anniversary. After the 10:45 AM service we will be having lunch (fried chicken and the fixin's) in Brookside Hall. Please R.S.V.P. on your attendance pad or with the church office.

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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Loving God,

We give thanks for the men of
virtue who have touched our lives.

Those who have shown us
kindness, courage, generosity,
truth, compassion, faith, and love.

Bless all sons and brothers and
fathers and grandfathers who reveal
a glimpse of your loving presence
on earth.

Amen.

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