

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE

The Principles of Giving
“Start With Giving Back”

DATE

Stewardship Sunday
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11th, 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's & 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
PATHWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY | 205

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

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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.

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SERVING

THIS WEEK | 10.11.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | David Soxman

USHERS | Margaret Smith
Gary Whitmer

NEXT WEEK | 10.18.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | Jay Curtright
John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Julia Soxman

USHERS | Stephanie Toigo
Bethany Trogstad

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WE TURN TO MUSIC OF GREAT COMPOSERS AND A SETTING OF WHAT MAY BE THE WORLD'S FAVORITE SPIRITUAL AS WE FOCUS ON GIVING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE.

**PRELUDE | *Prelude in G Major* | music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1837
Dale Morehouse, organ**

INTROIT (10:45) | *How Lovely are the Messengers, from ST. PAUL* | music by Felix Mendelssohn, 1836 | Chancel Choir; Aaron Bunnell and Sam Enriquez, soloists; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, *ST. PAUL*, had its English-text premiere in Liverpool in 1836, and "***How Lovely Are the Messengers***" is one of its well-loved moments. At this point of the oratorio, disciples of Christ are going out into the world to preach the Gospel. Paul has been converted, and the Holy Spirit sends him and Barnabas out to preach the good word. The two disciples sing a duet as they go forth. This leads directly to this famous chorus. It begins with a choral duet between two sections of the choir, in keeping with the two particular disciples who have just departed. At the words "*To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words*" the music breaks out into glorious four-part harmony.

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*And Paul came to the congregation,
and preached freely the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Then spake the Holy Ghost:
“Set ye apart Barnabas and Paul, for the work I have called them.”
And when they had fasted and prayed,
And laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

*Paul and Barnabas
Now we are Ambassadors in the name of Christ,
And God beseeches you by us.*

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sounds of their words,
throughout the lands their glad tidings.*

(Romans 10: 15, 18)

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 | Holy, Holy, Holy | UMH 64**

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader | In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God.

People | **Let us praise the Holy One who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies,
the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.**

Leader | Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people,

People | **And declared, without hesitation, "It is good."**

ALL | **Come let us worship God. Amen.**

(Gast, Mary Sue. *Flames of the Spirit* (Ruth C. Duck, ed.) pg. 62)

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*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* | UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Grace Mott, Coordinator of Family & Children's Ministry

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER JOY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **Peggy Evan's 95th birthday**. Given with love by her daughter-in-law, Karla Van Drunen Littooy

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family and Friends of Claire Ridgway | Daughter of Louis & Leah Ridgway | on her death

Dr. Bruce Whisler | Friend of Dale Morehouse

Jan Etherton | Friend of John Rasmus

Chris Mueller

Tammy Oskvig | Friend of John & Paula Rector

Carolyn Jeter

Dennis Young

Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

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

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

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

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

Our "**Prayer Joys and Concerns**" list is an important reminder each week of who needs our prayers in the St. John's faith community and beyond. We are happy to keep your requests on our list for as long as you would like. And, we ask that everyone continue to pray for those that need it. We also ask to be notified of any updates to the status of your requests. Please review our current list of concerns and reach out to the church office with any updates; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

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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.

SOLO | *Pilgrim's Psalm*, from *THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*² | music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1951 | Sam Enriquez, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano

The great British composer **Ralph Vaughan Williams's *THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*** is a deeply personal operatic meditation on faith, doubt, suffering, and spiritual redemption. Completed in 1951, it draws on John Bunyan's allegory while incorporating biblical texts and Vaughan Williams's distinctive English musical voice. Rather than conventional dramatic action, the work emphasizes Christian's inward spiritual journey toward salvation. "*Pilgrim's Psalm*" sets words from Bunyan, reflecting Christian's journey toward the Celestial City. Written with characteristic simplicity and dignity, the music combines a flowing, prayerful vocal line with luminous harmonies. It evokes perseverance, faith, and the quiet assurance of God's presence throughout life's journey.

*I will put on the whole armour of light
That I may be able to stand in the evil day:
The shield of faith, the helmet of salvation,
The breastplate of righteousness, the sword of the spirit.
God girdeth me with strength of war and maketh my way perfect.
Yea, I will smite mine enemies, they shall not be able to stand
But fall under my feet.*

*Blest be the Lord my strength that teacheth my hands
To war and my fingers to fight,
My hope and my fortress, my castle and my deliverer,
My defence in whom I trust.*

*I will not be afraid of the terror by night
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day.
For thou, Lord art my hope.
Thou hast set my house of defence very high.*

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*I will go forward valiant in fight
And put to flight the armies of evil.
He that overcometh shall inherit all things.*

(words from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, 1678)

SCRIPTURE | Deuteronomy 26:1-15' | NRSVUE

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year (which is the year of the tithe), giving it to the Levites, the aliens, the orphans, and the widows, so that they may eat their fill within your towns, then you shall say before the Lord your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to the Levites, the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows, in accordance with your entire commandment that you commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor forgotten any of your commandments: I have not eaten of it while in mourning; I have not removed any of it while I was unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God, doing just as you commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

¹"Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.
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Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

GENEROSITY MOMENT | Dena Mezger, Member of St. John’s since 2023

OFFERTORY (10:45) | *He’s Got the Whole World²* | setting by Mary McDonald, 2020
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

I truly hope that nearly all of us learned “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” when we were children. Here’s a beautiful and thoughtful arrangement of that beloved spiritual. Mary McDonald’s fresh approach to the words and music brings new meaning to what is an ultimately profound text. Singing and playing Mary’s music is always a privilege, and we hope that listening to it will inspire you, too. Those of us involved in choir on March 23, 2020 ruefully remember singing this with the knowledge it would be the last time for several years that we would all be allowed to worship together in person due to the spread of the Covid virus.

He’s got the whole world in His hands, (4x)

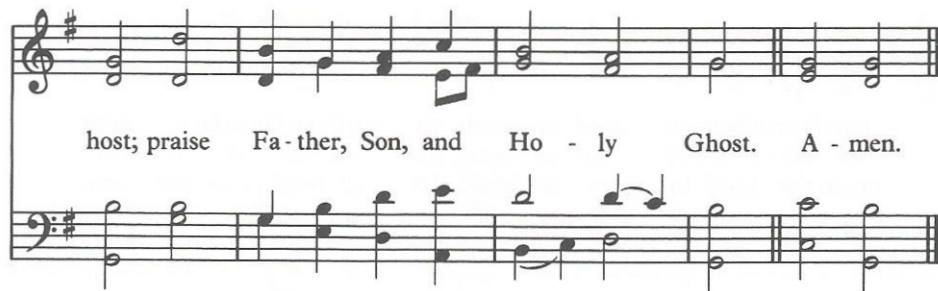
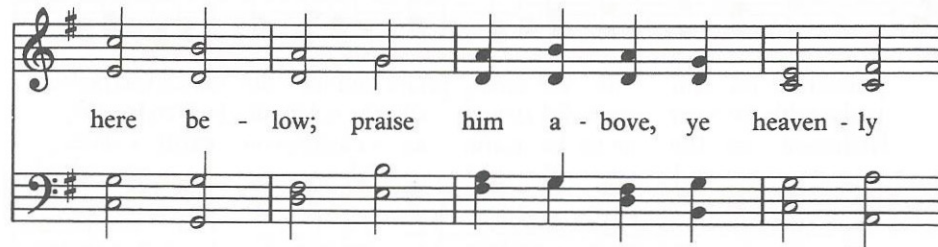
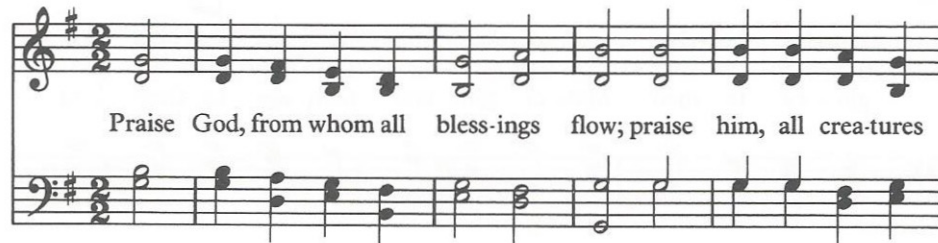
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands, (3x)
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands, (3x)
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, mother, in His hands,
Got my brother, sister, wind and the rain, tiny baby in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.
My Lord’s got everybody in His hands, (3x)
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

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



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

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Here I Am, Lord*² | UMH 593

Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will tend the poor and lame,
till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1.
All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.
I will speak my word to them.
They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.
I will give my life to them.
My hand will save.

2.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

Refrain (Harmony)

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, piano**

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October 12th to October 17th

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Exodus 23:16-19 (cf. 24:22-26); Leviticus 23:9-14; Nehemiah 10:35-39; Proverbs 3:9-10

A week ago, Saturday, Margaret and I picked Charlotte up and took her with us to run a couple of errands. It was close enough to lunch time that we stopped at IHOP. Not International House of Prayer; we went to the International House of Pancakes by Overland Park Mall. We got her and her backpack out of the car and started walking across the parking lot. A young couple was just ahead of us, and they were kind enough to open the door and hold it for the old timers with a toddler. It was a gesture of kindness that deserved a response – we said, “thank you.”

Have you ever met an ungrateful person? I am guessing that many of us have and it wasn't a pleasant experience. I remember one occasion where I was approaching a door and a well-dressed young woman was coming up behind me. I opened the door, held it open, and waited for her to enter ahead of me. I could not tell through her sunglasses if she looked at me, but she did not say anything or even acknowledge that I was holding the door for her. I stopped for a moment, looked at my clothes, felt the top of my head and was reminded that I had not dressed up as a doorman that day. I did not hold the door open for her because I expected to be thanked. However, that moment did make me wonder if there is a death of decency happening in the world. It is not hard to say, “thank you” and it costs you nothing.

This reminds me of another incident that is along these lines. For years, my in-laws have given each of us money for our Christmas gift. This past Christmas wasn't any different. However, my father-in-law's short-term memory isn't what it used to be. A few days after we had gathered, Margaret and I visited him, and he started complaining that some of the kids did not say, “thank you.” We assured him that they had personally thanked him because we saw them do it. Gratitude – it goes a long way even if the other person doesn't remember you expressing it.

I cannot fathom going from slavery to independence, starvation to ample food supplies, or chastised to blessed. That was, though, the dramatic change of circumstances for the descendants of Jacob. A liberated people experiencing the great abundance of a fruitful land. Because God had never left them, abandoned them, ignored them in their hardship, or withheld blessing, God commanded the people to generosity. God commanded them to start with giving back and then learn to live on what was left. Generosity and sacrifice to God was their first duty; learning to live within the means of what was left was secondary. All of this was open, public, and in the context of worship. They all saw one another's tithes and offerings.

Notes from John Wesley's journal tells us that he lived on a fixed income of 28 British pounds annually. For several years, his income was between 30 pounds to as much as 120 pounds a

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year. Eventually it would rise into the thousands. Yet, he continued to live off 28 pounds per year, never keeping more than 10 pounds of cash in his pocket. He once said that if he died with more than 10 pounds in his pocket, people could call him a robber. The excess income he gave away to fund health care, education, and prisoner care among other needs in the community. His priority was the duty of giving first to God while maintaining a simple lifestyle as a means of Christian piety.

Outside of the walls of our church community, this way of life is strange. We are all steeped in the culture of individuality. It takes a lot to fund this – our lifestyle, travel, trends, and avarice consume us. There are the trends that we must stay up on, vacations that we must take, home remodeling innovations to increase our property value, the right car, handbag, sunglasses, body look . . . I think you got the picture. In other words, our priority is our own comfort and desires and if we have anything left over, then we might give it to charity or the church. We do not have a giving problem – we have a priorities problem which could lead to God having to forgive us of being robbers.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Contemplate the practice of giving of your first fruits to God and living off the rest. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Monday:** When you get paid, what is the first thing you do?
- **Tuesday:** Who do you pay first? Mortgage company, car loan, credit card, utilities, God?
- **Wednesday:** What material thing are you pursuing? If you get it, will you really be happy?
- **Thursday:** How has God blessed you with abundance?
- **Friday:** If you have not, what will it take for you to re-prioritize and make giving to God your first offering?
- **Saturday:** What would you have to give up to achieve simplicity in your lifestyle?

Actions for the Week:

- **Head:** Consider who or what your first thought is when you wake each day.
- **Heart:** Explore the depths of your heart and what it is seeking.
- **Hand:** Adopt practices of prioritizing offering the first fruits of your abundance as an act of worship.

Prayer: Gracious Lord. We acknowledge the abundant gift of your grace and mercy that flows freely to each of us. We hear the call to respond by giving you the first fruits of our lives as an act of worship. Where we heed this call, continue to bless and sustain us in this practice. Where we fall short of being appropriately grateful, lead us back to a place of humility and a practice that honors you. We pray this in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 10.11 | Stewardship Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Stewardship & Pastor Appreciation Lunch | Brookside Hall
- 5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall

MONDAY | 10.12

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall 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
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 10.13

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205
- 7:00 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City | Brookside Hall

WEDNESDAY | 10.14

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study | 205
- 7:30 PM "Working" The Musical | Spencer Theater



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THURSDAY | 10.15

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 6:30 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC
- 7:30 PM "Working" The Musical | Spencer Theater

FRIDAY | 10.16

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal | Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM "TNT" Dinner and a Musical Event | Whitmers Home / Spencer Theater

SATURDAY | 10.17

- 3:30 PM Wedding | Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM "Working" The Musical | Spencer Theater

SUNDAY | 10.18

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Kids/Youth Service Sunday | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 12:00 PM Youth Donut Sale | Rotunda
- 5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall

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2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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"From a practical standpoint, pledges add predictability to the resources necessary for our church to fulfill its mission, to operate our facility, support our staff and extend our outreach programs. From a personal standpoint, it strengthens our church family, which is important to us, and is a key element in our promise to support St. John's through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service."
- Cathy and Steve Doyal



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Did you know that you can make your pledge to St. John's using your Required Minimum Distributions? Directing a portion of your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) directly to through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) lets you meet your mandatory withdrawal requirement and lowers your taxable income at the same time. It's a simple, tax-efficient way to turn a mandatory withdrawal into meaningful support for your church. Contact your financial advisor to find out how this can benefit you.

INVITATIONS

STEWARDSHIP & PASTOR APPRECIATION COMMUNITY LUNCH TODAY | 12:00 PM | BROOKSIDE HALL

To wrap up our Stewardship Campaign we would like to invite you to lunch! It's just one thing we can do to thank you for your continued generosity.

The month of October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. We will celebrate our Pastor, **Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**. Join us to thank him for all the ways he goes above and beyond for his faith community. **Please RSVP on your attendance pads or through the church office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org**

TABLE IN TOWN EVENT

DALE MOREHOUSE, ST. JOHN'S MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST IN "WORKING" AT THE SPENCER THEATER | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

We have a few spots left for Drinks/Apps at Smith/Whitmers followed by performance of "Working" – musical at UMKC Conservatory featuring Dale Morehouse. Fri. Oct. 16th. Dale will be featured playing the cameo role of Joe who is dealing with retirement after a life of working. This will be his final stage performance at UMKC, as he is retiring from full-time university teaching in Spring '27 after 36 years as a full-time university professor and 49 years as university instructor. (No worries – he will NOT be retiring from St. John's!) **Drinks/apps at 5:00 PM and show at 7:30 PM.** Tickets for the show are \$25 for the General Public, \$10 for Senior Citizens. (Limit at Smith/Whitmers – 20.) <https://umkcconservatory.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1654>

ST. JOHN'S KIDS & YOUTH

KIDS/YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | DURING OUR 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE BROOKSIDE HALL KITCHEN

St. John's Youth and Children will be dismissed from worship to prepare & assemble meals for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N). N2N provides meals and meets other daily needs to homeless and near-homeless persons in the Kansas City area. If you have kids that would like to help please contact Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org. Or just show up!

ST. JOHN'S KIDS & YOUTH

YOUTH DONUT SALE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH | AFTER THE 10:45 AM SERVICE | ROTUNDA

Help support St.. John's Youth by purchasing a donut after worship. Proceeds from the sale will go towards meals prepared by the kids of St.. John's UMC to benefit N2N. If you would like to donate donuts contact Grace Mott, grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org.

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH | 6:00 PM - 8 :30 PM | TRINITY UMC

Consider serving at 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. We also take monetary donations. Donate online by visiting: stjohnsumc.org/give or scan the QR code.



Questions? Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.

FALL FESTIVAL - HARVESTER'S COLLECTION

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED BY OCTOBER 23RD

Along with celebrating the fall holidays, we want to make sure we are remembering the true meaning of the season which is giving back. We need these following items to create a "holiday box" for harvesters. Please drop off to Grace by 10.23. A box will be in the rotunda to drop off as well. Let's give the kids the opportunity to learn about missions!

Each Holiday box should include the following items:

2 – 14.5 oz. Cans of Green Beans

1 – 15.25 oz. Can of Corn

1 – 14 oz. Can of Cranberry Sauce

1 – 15 oz. Can of Sweet Potatoes

1 – 10.5 oz. Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 – 8.5 oz. Box of Corn Muffin/Bread Mix

1 – 6 oz. Box of Stuffing Mix

1 – 6.6 oz. Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes

1 – .87 oz. Packet of Gravy Mix



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BE OUR GUEST



Network Home: [SJUMCWireless_Guest](#)

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COMING UP SOON!!

You Are Invited To St. John's
UMC

*Fall
Festival*

Join us for a fun and fall filled
afternoon with nostalgic games,
music and food! ALL are welcome to
attend.

Fall Fun- Food- Fellowship

OCTOBER

SUNDAY **25** 3:00-5:00

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We need donations! Sign
up in the Rotunda, scan
the QR code, or e-mail
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