

Pastor's Note

When I was a child, I went to summer camp in the mountains of North Carolina. Each day we would swim in a large pool they had there. Beneath the diving board, a pipe, two inches wide, extended over the deep end. Occasionally, mountain spring water from deep below would come spewing out, with the inevitable result that we kids would dare each other as to how long we could hold on to the pool's edge just beneath the pipe and withstand the onslaught of cold.

It was wonderful. It felt like the universe had turned to ice; like the clear liquid shock had washed our souls clean out of us, and we would wander, wide-eyed and disembodied in the shallow end.

Baptism is like this. Thoroughly different from the ambient temperature of our world, it washes us back into who God made us to be. During Lent, we remember Baptism, God's great turning of us toward life. We do this by praying more or dieting, quitting smoking or going to AA. We may volunteer at a helping organization or write letters to our congress people. Whatever our Lenten discipline, we do it to honor God, who pours the water of life, fresh and glorious, over us and into our world.

God's Blessing,
Pastor Andy

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 Soup Supper. Wednesdays, February 21st through March 21st. Dinner will be served until 7:15. Come before choir and join us for choir practice at 6:30, or come later and visit until 7:30. Please sign up to make your favorite soup or breads!

7:30 Lenten Worship. This year we will use a form of worship called Taizé. This is a contemplative, quiet kind of singing that helps us relax, set aside the stresses of our daily lives, and open ourselves to God. Holy Communion will be offered at this service as well as a brief homily.

7:30-8:30 Ash Wednesday. We will share the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Please come for this ancient reminder of our mortality and dependence on God.

Evangelism Magazines to Hospital

Many thanks to all of those who bring magazines for the Evangelism Committee to label and take to Baptist Hospital for use in waiting areas.

We are grateful especially for Rosie Wiebusch's diligence in seeing that this task is taken care of regularly.

We do remind you that we cannot use magazines with the address labels cut out of the covers as they appear shabby and overly used. Our donation labels do cover any personal information.

Prayer During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will have a wooden cross on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. In front of that cross, we will set up a bowl of sand with candles beside. Everyone who wishes to lift up a special prayer for a person or concern may light a candle as they pray that prayer, and set the candle upright in the sand. This is a way of praying with our hands and light.

If you wish, you can also fill out a card provided in the pew and place it in the bowl beside the cross as you light your candle. We will mention the prayers listed on the cards in the next week's bulletin so that others can pray for them too.

On Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, from 8:00am to 8:00pm, we will hold a prayer vigil for people, peace and poverty. The community is invited to participate in this prayer vigil. We wish to have someone in the Sanctuary throughout that time, praying for various people who need prayer, for peace and the well-being of all persons, and for the good jobs and healthy communities that spell an end to poverty. Beginning Ash Wednesday, a sign-up sheet will be available at church. Please sign up to pray on Holy Saturday.

What Are the Youth Up To?

January

Last month, we kicked off the New Year by holding an All Youth Meeting on January 7th. During this time, we discussed the current state of the Youth program and our plans for 2018.

On Friday January 19th, we hosted a lock-in for the youth in our Conference, with

Broomball beforehand. We had 21 youth for Broomball and 13 youth for the lock-in. A good time was had by all!

February

Coming up this month, we have Bishop's Day taking place on Saturday, February 10th in Indianapolis. This event is aimed at 8th through 12th grade students, and will include worship, games, a service project, lunch and workshops. Please let Whitney know if you would like to join - it's not too late!

On Friday, February 16th, - Sunday, February 18th, the annual YouthQuake event will take place in Cincinnati. This weekend-long event will include group worship, games, music and workshops.

On Saturday, February 24th, we will be hosting our annual Trivia Night fundraiser! A table costs \$120 and can accommodate up to 8 players. We will also have a table decorating contest and raffle prizes. All proceeds will benefit our Conference youth and their trip to Houston! Please let Whitney know if you would like to reserve a table!

As a reminder, we will forego February's contemporary service in light of all the out-of-town commitments our youth will have this month. Contemporary service will resume in March.

March

On Sunday March 11th, St. John will host the next Conference-wide youth meeting at 2pm. During this time, we will further our preparation for the National Youth Gathering this summer.

Contemporary service will resume in March after skipping February. March's service will be Saturday the 17th at 5:30pm.

Women of St. John

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the luncheons for the families of Ed Meyers and Rose Mary Sample. It was an honor to serve these families.

Again, thanks to all who came out to make Valentines and attend the quarterly meeting. These cards will bring cheer to those who receive them, knowing that someone was thinking of them.

All women at St. John are invited to all our events. If you are interested in a small group just let us know. We would love to have you.

Check out our yearlong calendar of events posted on the board across from the Sacristy.

President - Diane Kushman
Vice President - Margi Hahn
Secretary - Marlene Klingeman
Treasurer - Patti McNellis

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The word stewardship comes from the Greek word *oikenomous*, meaning someone who manages a household. Stewards did not own the households, they were entrusted with the management of them. As God's trusted stewards, what kind of managers will we be for our Creator?

Book Club

We continue to meet the *second Tuesday* of each month at 6:30pm at Homemade Pie and Ice Cream Kitchen on Lexington Road.

We welcome all readers, even those who just want to hear about the books.

Our 2018 books:

Feb. 13th – *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman

Mar. 13th – *The House on the Lagoon* by Rosario Ferret

Apr. 10th – *Victoria and Abdul* by Shrbani Basu

May 8th – *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Calahan

June 12th – *Boone* by Robert Morgan

July 10th – *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande

Aug. 14th – *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

Sept. 11th – *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life* by Mary C. Neal

Oct. 9th – *Endurance* by Scott Kelly

Nov. 13th – *Martin Luther* by Eric Metazis

A fun filled year of reading!

February Birthdays

Morgan Hines	2/2
Jakob Njos	2/2
J. Herman Mahaffey	2/3
William Mattingly	2/5
Christi Elbert	2/6
Teresa Florence	2/6
Kim Hahn	2/7
Matthew Pulford	2/8
Lori Heslin	2/10
James Hines	2/11
Roger Caswell	2/12
Annabelle Krupp	2/13
Julie Nehring	2/13
Marla Newton	2/13
Noah Brown	2/15
Mitchell Swett	2/15
Kaleigh Coleman	2/16
Don Parson	2/17
Russell Perry	2/17
Richy Hann	2/18
Doug Kottke	2/18
Lucy Offutt	2/20
Betty Shumate	2/23
Nancy Hanson	2/24
Bob Goodin	2/25
John Nordstrom	2/26
Mary Lou Finley	2/27

February Anniversaries

Jim & Diane Kushman	2/13
James & Sharon Heck	2/14
Donald & Alice Fugate	2/17
Charles & Janet Heitmiller	2/24
Chuck & Brenda Lind	2/25

Thank you!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends at St. John for the many wonderful tributes and kindnesses in memory of Warner. We are so thankful for the outpouring of love in so many warm and considerate thoughts. Each was a comfort in itself and we appreciate very much the gracious concern in every one. We are so grateful, too, to Pastor Andy for the uplifting service, his time, his caring devotion, and his many very special prayers.

Our warmest thanks to everyone.

~The Wicke Family

There are no words to adequately express my heartfelt appreciation in all your kindnesses, support and love shown to Ed and me over the last few months. From the time of Ed's diagnosis in late July and then the breaking of my leg in October and the passing of Ed on January 11, you have overwhelmed us with your love.

To Pastor Andy, you have been with us every step of the way ~ you and Thyne are indeed a blessing from God to us and to St. John. To the Women of St. John and, especially Margi Hahn, for coordinating all the food during the time of my convalescing and for setting and cleaning up and providing the desserts for luncheon after the funeral ~ thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To the people of St. John, for all the cards, prayers, visits, phone calls, love and support ~ thank you each and every one. Our family and friends cannot stop talking about your love and support. Love you all!

~Betty Meyers

FEBRUARY 2017 WORSHIP TEAM

2/4

2/11

2/18

2/25

Assisting Minister

8:45	Rebecca D	Jen S	Mrs. Shawn H	Diane K
11:00	Mr. Shawn H	Patti M	Mark L	Mr. Shawn H

Crucifer/Communion Asst

11:00	Holly P	Ally L	Amber L	David J
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Lector

8:45	Shawn H	Dinah H	Jen S	Diane K
11:00	Lois D	Marco H	Denise P	Mary S

Ushers

8:45	Dinah & Paul H	Christi & Larry E	Lisa Y Linda H	Nancy & Barry F
11:00	Terri and Jake M, John B & Debbie U	Terri & Brian P Bill & Gail W	Ann H, Rosie W John B & Debbie U	Chet L, Maryjo S Marty & Lisa D

Acolytes at 11:00am

Amber and Madelyn	Nicholas and Xander	Holly and Destiny	Haley and Lauren
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Altar Guild

Month of February – Dee L

Communion Prep

8:45	<i>Month of February – Jane B</i>
11:00	<i>Month of February – Sharon H and Brenda L</i>

**Send a cheerful note to
our members who are
“under the weather”
and/or can’t make it to
church services or church
events**

**If you would like a copy of the
addresses, please let Rebecca
know and she can email or
mail the list to you.**

Joy LaRue
Barbara Huber
Vivian Lenberger
Sylvia Grass

J. Herman Mahaffey
Lorraine Beyer
Ott & Dot Pollei
Nancy Robinson

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Worship at St. John

Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Worship on Wednesday

at 7:30 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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