



# NEWLIFE @ ST. JOHN'S

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## CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR CARING & SHARING

Here are a couple of ways that we can reach out to families in the area who need a special touch of Jesus during this blessed time of year.

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING SIGN UP

DECEMBER 5TH - 11TH, 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

It's THAT TIME of the year. We have an opportunity to serve our community through The SALVATION ARMY KETTLE COLLECTION. Location: PUBLIX MARKET at Centergate Village, 5804 Bee Ridge Rd. Sign up in the Lobby today. Invite a friend or family member to join you. It's more fun with more "ringers". Contact Betty or Vince with any questions 941.922.7142.

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### SHOEBOX MINISTRY

WOW, it's that time of year! We are partnering with Crossroads United Methodist Church by providing them with the shoeboxes to be given out in their community. We need shoeboxes (preferably wrapped), items listed below, and volunteers to wrap and/or fill shoeboxes:

**December 8, 10:00 AM**, Community Room, Fill boxes.

#### ITEMS NEEDED!

##### Child-Girl (Infant to Teenager)

Dolls, hair clips, yo-yo, jump rope, coloring book/crayons, small stuffed animal, card game, slinky, comb/brush, toothbrush/toothpaste, socks

##### Child-Boy (Infant to Teenager)

Small car, ball, yo-yo, coloring book/crayons, small stuffed animal, card game, slinky, comb/brush, toothbrush/toothpaste, socks

Contact the church office (925.2661) or Barbara (377.0947) for details.

### JIM RUSSO PRISON MINISTRIES

#### MAMA MIA LOVE TRAIN IS EMPTY!

Please help fill the train with toys. Respond by giving a brand new, unwrapped toy for an often forgotten child of a prisoner. Please help us share God's love and miracles by giving a toy (not more than \$8). Bring toys to the Lobby by Sunday, December 4. Contact Mary Murray @ 926.4416 or email: [kidz4christ@stjohns-sarasota.com](mailto:kidz4christ@stjohns-sarasota.com)

### GIVING TREE

Located to the left of the Sanctuary doors as you enter the Lobby. Paper ornaments are on the tree with a specific need. Take one or more ornaments, purchase and wrap your gifts, attach the paper ornament to the gift & place under the tree today. Thank you for giving to this MinisTREE!

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Birthday Dinner/ Children's Christmas Program
- ◆ Hispanic Festival
- ◆ Holiday Schedule
- ◆ Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
- ◆ Children & Youth Ministries
- ◆ Singles & Seniors Ministries



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## PREACHER FEATURE

BY PASTOR TOM FULLER

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**"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20**

When a new baby is on the way, parents, and sometimes grandparents and other family members, normally spend a lot of time and energy considering a name. We know that Mary and Joseph never had to go through that experience because God himself delivered a name to them by way of the angel Gabriel. His name was to be called Jesus. It's probably a good thing that God never left his son's name to chance. Some parents aren't all that good at naming, and maybe that's why about 50,000 people a year go to court to have their names changed.

The name of Jesus is special indeed. We pray in his name. The Bible says that his name is above all other names. We choose to use his name carefully, and not to take it in vain. Some day, at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is King of kings and Lord of lords.

The name Jesus means, "God's salvation is with us." He also told us that wherever two or more are gathered together in his name, there he will be. The Bible tells us that God resides in the praises of his people. So when we gather in the name of Jesus to worship, there is available to us a very special presence and power.

This Advent season, I invite you to take every opportunity to worship with us and experience the love and closeness of God. Each Sunday, we will be sharing thoughts on the names given to Jesus through the prophet Isaiah. We will be praising God at two Christmas Eve services. And on Christmas Day, we will all come together at one service (10am) to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I pray that during this Christmas season, the promise of his presence as we gather in his name will be real and meaningful for each of you. God bless you, and Merry Christmas! -PT



## CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY DINNER & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*Sunday, December 4, 5:00 PM*

**Theme** – Christmas.

**Food** – Pot Luck with meat and beverages provided.

**Activities** – Twelve birthday cakes will be placed on twelve tables, one for each month. Members will be invited to sit at the table of their birthday month.

*Children's Christmas Program, "The Birth of Jesus" in the Sanctuary following dinner.*

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

**December 24**, 6:00 PM-Contemporary

Childcare available at this service only!

10:00 PM-Traditional-Masterworks joined by guest artists, cellist  
Sasha Van Dassow and harpist, Bonnie Caplan.

**December 25**, 9:00 AM-Breakfast provided.

10:00 AM-One Service

The Church Office will be closed Monday through Friday, December 26-30 for the holidays. It will reopen Monday, January 2, 2012. Contact Pastor Tom @ 941-225-5381 if there is an emergency. May you all have a very blessed and safe Christmas and New Years. Thank you, St. John's Staff.

## YEAR-END GIFTS HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN'S UMC

As the end of another year approaches, please consider a tax friendly year-end gift to St. John's. Charitable gifting options include gifts of cash, stock, IRA funds, real estate, and life income gifts. Here are a few of the options:

- Cash - a gift of cash is the easiest and most direct way to contribute. For your convenience, you are now able to donate using PayPal directly through our website. Go to [www.stjohns-sarasota.com](http://www.stjohns-sarasota.com) and click on the Donate page.
- Stock - appreciated stock can be given in kind through transfer to St. John's investment account. Your deduction is completed the day the transfer is made and St. John's handles the sale of the securities.
- IRA funds - an IRA owner who is 70½ or older may have a distribution made payable to St. John's without the distribution being included in taxable income.
- Life income gifts - a charitable gift made now entitles the donor to continue to receive the income from the gift with the remainder passing to St. John's at the donor's death. A current income tax deduction is available to the donor.

These extra gifts will help us balance our budget for 2011 and assist in the planning of St. John's missions, programs and outreach for 2012. Information about these gifting ideas and others can be obtained by calling the church office.

## HISPANIC MINISTRY



### "POWER OF GOD"

Contact Ed LaCosta at 356.6406 or email [maintenance@stjohns-sarasota.com](mailto:maintenance@stjohns-sarasota.com) for more information. Let your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful and exciting new ministry at St. John's!

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday nights, 7:30 PM, Community Room

### WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 10:45 AM, Community Room

## HISPANIC FESTIVAL ON THE MOVE

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 AM

The "Power of God" Hispanic Ministry is taking their festival to Orange Avenue, downtown Sarasota and we need your help.

The following needs are:

- Volunteers
- Hispanic Food (found in your local grocery store)
- sweat shirts (all ages)
- sweat pants (all ages)
- socks (all ages)
- toiletry items

Place these items in the box located in the Lobby.

There will also be fun activities, free food and the bounce house.

Contact Ed LaCosta @ 356.6406 or [maintenance@stjohns-sarasota.com](mailto:maintenance@stjohns-sarasota.com)

### The People of The United Methodist Church

- Help people in their community
- Accept you for who you are
- Offer a place to belong
- Care for and support each other
- Show respect for other religions
- Support people facing difficulty
- Welcome diverse opinions and beliefs
- Guide others to find deeper meaning

## ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

### FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Our food drive provides a direct connection between *our church* and the people in *our community* who are hungry. Local food pantries are struggling to keep food on their shelves. You can help by bringing in non-perishable food items and placing them in the bins located in front of the Nursery. Let's fill those bins beyond capacity! Let your giving and generous hearts be touched by our neighbors in need in our community. The food is currently given to Harvest Tabernacle Ministries for their food pantry. Thank you for your continuous generosity in providing for our community.



### PRAYER, HEALING AND COMMUNION SERVICE

***"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers, ask God for whatever you need, asking with a thankful heart, and His peace . . . will fill your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."***  
**Philippians 4:6,7**

*"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." - 1 John 5:14-15*

You are invited to join the Prayer, Healing & Communion Service held every Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. You may submit your prayer requests and concerns to the church office at (941) 925-2661.

### BASIC CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

**This plaque is in someone's home and reads:**

"Our family is a circle of strength and love.  
 With every birth and every union, the circle grows.  
 Every joy shared adds more love.  
 Every crisis faced together makes the circle stronger."  
 And we're thankful to be part of such a family.

You have been attending St. John's for several weeks or perhaps months. We would like to invite you to join St. John's family. We are glad you are here and want to extend an invitation to you to officially belong to our family; to become a part of the circle. Just like when someone becomes a member of a family through marriage or adoption, we want you to know that you are special to us, and we want you to belong.

If you are interested in making a profession of faith and joining St. John's, contact Pastor Tom. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information, contact Pastor Tom [pastortom@stjohns-sarasota.com](mailto:pastortom@stjohns-sarasota.com)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Children's Schedule

#### **Wednesday Evenings** –Jubilation Station

6:30—7:30 PM Room # 102

Join us for Games, Drama, Projects & of course Fun!

Kindergarten—6th Grade

Our last Wednesday evening of the year will be December 7th

We will resume January 4th

#### **Sunday Mornings Children's Church**—9:15 AM

PreK –K Room # 301– Lil' K—Wow - The Greatest Gift

1st—6th Grade Room # 102—Kidz Blitz, Big City Studio

#### **Nursery 0—3yrs**

Wednesday evenings from 6:30— 7:30 PM

Sunday mornings during the 9:15 & 10:45 AM service times

PreK-K has been collecting money to purchase a goat for a family thru the Heifer project—How exciting! Stay tuned and we will let you know when our goal has been reached.

What a great year we have had! 2012 is going to be a wonderful year in Children's Ministry here at St. John's. Contact me if you would like to be involved

If you have not filled out a Children Ministry registration form in the last 6 months please do so. They can be found in all the children's classrooms as well as the children's information station.

How awesome was it that Mr. & Mrs. Claus came to visit us on our very own tree lot here at St. John's. We had new visitors to the lot just to greet them!

The children & volunteers have been working very hard & enjoying every minute of it rehearsing for their Christmas Program. Please join us & bring a friend or two!

### THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WILL PRESENT "THE BIRTH OF JESUS"

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
OUR CHURCH WIDE BIRTHDAY DINNER**



#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on any of these events or questions in general about the Children's Ministry at St. John's, contact Mary Murray Children's Minister.

Website

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Email

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

#### MONDAYS

6:30—8:30 PM  
Small Groups, Games, Worship Band & Teaching  
9th—12th Grades

#### WEDNESDAYS

6:00—7:30 PM  
Games, Small Groups & Teaching  
7th—8th Grades

#### 10:45 AM, Sunday School, 7th—12th Grades

Get deeper with us in Bible study and small groups.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on any of these events or questions in general about the Youth Ministry at St. John's, contact Krista Mulhollen, Youth Minister.

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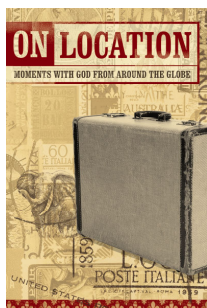
## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Campout, Sunday, December 18th time and location to be announced. Cost \$10

Carol-Grams will be on sale for \$5 through December 18 in the lobby. Give some Christmas cheer to someone with Christmas carols from the youth group, a plate of cookies and a Christmas card.

Winter Retreat, Friday, January 13th & Saturday, January 14th: Planet Wisdom & Winter Jam \$70, \$25 deposits due December 5th.

## ON LOCATION: MOMENTS WITH GOD FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



The youth group will be traveling to places like the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty and the Great Barrier Reef for the next several weeks. We will be learning eternal truths about following Christ by using famous places throughout the world. Join us!

## MUSIC/ADULT MINISTRY

It's the most wonderful time of the year!" I love that song! It describes how I feel about the month of December. And, here at St. John's an air of festivity prevails and music resounds throughout the church.

The hand bell choir will join the chancel choir for Christmas Eve's traditional service at 10 PM. Good friends, Bonnie (on harp) and Sasha (on cello) will be with us to usher the Christ Child into our hearts as we sing and tell the Nativity story **THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS** by Thompson.

The hand bell choir will also "ring" their bells on Friday, December 9th at the Publix on Cattlemen. It is always fun to play for the hungry shoppers and spread the cheer from St. John's.

Women's Friday morning Bible study will conclude their study, **FINDING BALANCE**, on December 9th with a MUFFIN AND MOVIE morning at 10 PM.

Then there are the children of Christmas! You will be amazed at the children's play THE BIRTH OF JESUS. I will have the honor of doing one of my favorite things: telling the story of the Infant King.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday season. And remember that "angels fly because they take themselves lightly" (Chesterton). Spread some cheer! Sing a Christmas carol!

## CARE TEAM MINISTRY

The Care Team Ministry provides compassionate and confidential care for congregation members who are facing the difficulties of life. We strive to respond to real-life needs in practical ways while respecting the individuals involved. If you are interested in joining the Care Team, all it takes is the desire to serve those in need by giving love, prayers, and a little of your time.

<b>CARE TEAM MONTHLY MEETING</b> <i>Thursday, December 1, 10:00 AM in Parlor</i>	<b>PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY</b> <i>Thursday, December 1, 1:00 PM in Parlor</i>
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<b>CARE TEAM CARD MINISTRY</b> <i>Monday, December 12, 1:00 PM in Community Room</i>
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## ADULT SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

The following classes will start this new study today:

**THE JOURNEY**, Walking the Road to Bethlehem...A simple girl, an ordinary man, an unforgettable destination. Adam Hamilton uses historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections as he illuminates this most amazing moment in history. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ.

### FAMILY TIES & LIFE ISSUES

*COMMUNITY ROOM, 9:15 AM*  
**Facilitators:** Lorraine Murphy, Darrell Stevens

**THE JOURNEY**,  
*COMMUNITY ROOM, 10:45 AM*  
**Facilitator:** Randy Powell

**ASBURY CLASS, ROOM 103 9:15 AM**

Studying Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon & Matthew

**Facilitators:** Don Bessey, Forrest Orebaugh, Jim Jager

**HISPANIC CLASS, 106/108, 10:45 AM**

**Facilitator:** Ed LaCosta

**DIGGING DEEPER CLASS, ROOM 105, 10:45 AM**

"IN THE DUST OF THE RABBI" by Ray VanderLaan

**Facilitator:** Vince Masciovecchio

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on any of these events or questions in general about the Music/Adult Ministry at St. John's, contact Lorraine Murphy, Traditional Music/Adult Ministry Leader.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MONTHLY UNIT MEETING

Tuesday, December 6 in Community room, 11:00 AM

Christmas Luncheon-Bring diapers & wipes for SPARCC. Bring a dish to share.

Contact Shirley Adams @ 378.9596

### WOMEN'S EVENING CIRCLE

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 PM

Christmas Party at Vesta Snell's home

Contact Vesta Snell at 650.8961 or email: [vesta@innndesigninc.com](mailto:vesta@innndesigninc.com)

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 12, 7:00 PM in Parlor

"The Wishing Tree" by John Shors

Discussion-Lois Wertheim & Wendy Stearns, please bring a snack.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sisters Bible Study

Sisters is a Bible-based video study designed for women's groups on topics such as knowing God, growing closer to Christ, finding balance, learning from the Proverbs, and walking with Old Testament women.

Weekly video segments serve as a catalyst for your group discussion, illuminates individual study and connects Scripture to women's daily lives. Contact Jodi, [jla24@comcast.net](mailto:jla24@comcast.net) or Lorraine @ [programs@stjohns-sarasota.com](mailto:programs@stjohns-sarasota.com)

May the Peace of Christ  
be yours this Christmas!

KRISTA

Ed

David

Merry Christmas

Marjie

Tom

Debbie

Mary

Lorraine

Mike



St. John's United Methodist Church

Dec 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>Christmas Tree &amp; Wreath Sale @ St. John's UMC, 6511 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241</p>						
<p>RiverView Renaissance Festival @ St. John's UMC, 6511 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241. GYM/Community Room/Sanctuary/Lobby/Youth Rooms/301/303</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Christmas Tree &amp; Wreath Sale @ St. John's UMC, 6511 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241</p>						
<p>Bell Ringing-salvation Army @ Publix, Corner of Bee Ridge &amp; Cattlement Rd, Sarasota, FL</p>						
8am - Traditional	6:30pm - Youth	11am - Unit	6am - Men's Prayer	10am - Shoebox	10am - Bible Study-	8am - Al-Anon
9:15am - Contempor	7pm - Boy Scouts 23	3:30pm - SSAS	11am - Prayer	5pm - Senior		9:30am - Singles-
10:45am - Tradition	7pm - Men's Quartet	7pm - Cub Scouts 23	5:30pm - Hand Bell			10am - Hispanic
5pm - Birthday	7pm - Tuscana	7pm - Foxtire	6pm - 7th & 8th			
		7pm - Praise Team	6:30pm - Adult Bible			
		7pm - Trustesse @	6:30pm - Chancel			
		7:30pm - Bible	6:30pm - Children's			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Christmas Tree &amp; Wreath Sale @ St. John's UMC, 6511 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34241</p>						
<p>Bell Ringing-salvation Army @ Publix, Corner of Bee Ridge &amp; Cattlement Rd, Sarasota, FL</p>						
1pm - Card Ministry-	10:30am - Deborah	6am - Men's Prayer	11am - Prayer	Newsletter Articles		8am - Al-Anon
3:30pm - SSAS	7pm - Cub Scouts 23	11am - Prayer				
6am - Traditional	6:30pm - Youth	5:30pm - Hand Bell	6pm - 7th & 8th			
9:15am - Contempor	7pm - Ashley	6:30pm - Adult Bible	6:30pm - Chancel			
10:45am - Tradition	7pm - Book Club-	6:30pm - Children's				
3pm - Silver Eagles-	7pm - Boy Scouts 23					
6pm - Basketball-	7pm - Men's Quartet					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>4pm - Youth-Christmas Campout</p>						
8am - Traditional	7pm - Men's Quartet	5:30pm - Singles-	6am - Men's Prayer		8am - Al-Anon	8am - Al-Anon
9am - Suncoast		7pm - Praise Team	11am - Prayer		6pm - Christmas Eve	6pm - Christmas Eve
9:15am - Contempor		7:30pm - Bible	5:30pm - Hand Bell		10pm - Christmas	10pm - Christmas
10:45am - Tradition		6pm - 7th & 8th	6pm - 7th & 8th			
6pm - Basketball-		6:30pm - Adult Bible	6:30pm - Chancel			
		6:30pm - Children's				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>10am - Worship</p>						
<p>6pm - Basketball-</p>						
<p>Office Closed @ Church Office</p>						
<p>7pm - Men's Quartet</p>						
<p>8pm - Alcoholics</p>						

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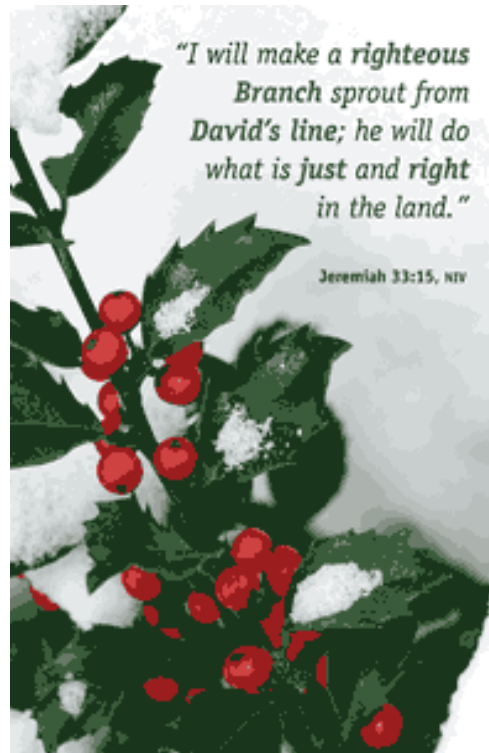
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The young woman is  
with child and shall  
bear a son, and shall  
name him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14, NRSV



Contact Tom McFate @ 379.6543 or  
email [tmcfate3@verizon.net](mailto:tmcfate3@verizon.net)  
for information of Singles & Senior  
ministries. Reservations required  
on all events.

## SINGLES MINISTRY SINGLES IN THE SPIRIT

### MOTE MARINE TOUR

Saturday December 10, 9:30 AM

(A special exhibit, 4-6 BLACK-FOOTED PEN-  
GUINS) We have a chance to get reduced  
admission tickets. After Mote, we will eat  
out at a restaurant of our choice. Van trans-  
portation available.

## PLANNING MEETING & GAME NIGHT AT TOM MCFATE'S

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM

Come join us as we plan for January and  
February. Planning meeting will be from 7-8,  
then we'll have snacks and games. You may  
come just for the snacks and games only, if  
you would prefer. Call with ideas if you are  
unable to attend.

## DINNER & CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Tuesday, December 20, 5:30 PM

Meet at Sugar'N'Spice restaurant. If you  
would rather not eat out and see the Christ-  
mas lights only, contact Tom.

## SENIOR MINISTRY SILVER EAGLES

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 8, 5:00 PM

Community Room

A small gift exchange will be held after din-  
ner. The gift should be between \$5.00 and  
\$10.00 in value. A ham will be provided.  
You can bring beverages, vegetable dishes,  
desserts, salads, paper goods, or meat.  
Contact Tom with what type of dish you will  
bring.

### PLANNING MEETING AND DESSERT

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 PM

This time, we'll be planning for November  
and December. Come with your ideas! If  
you can't come but have ideas, call Tom.

### AFTERGLOW POTLUCK & GAMES AT TOM MCFATE'S

Thursday, December 29, 5:00 PM

Share with the group the most interesting  
thing you received for Christmas. Contact  
Tom to tell him what you are bringing.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARIES

12/3	Randy & Nancy Glotfelty	56	12/19	Jeff & Terrie Unthank	30
12/10	George & Mary Jane Hauser	56	12/20	Bill & Mary Vanik	36
12/12	Charles & Ruth Muller	68	12/25	Robert & Beverly Marsden	59
12/14	Mitch & Jodi Anderson	31	12/28	Bill & D.A. Rentschler	43
	Forrest & Jean Orebaugh	48	12/29	Jane & Bob Haase	35
12/17	Zeke & Lois Stires	6	12/30	Jeff & Cindy Peairs	22
12/19	Troy & Jenean Cooley	30	12/30	Bob & Katherine Wheeler	61

### BIRTHDAYS

12/3	Carol Ellis	12/15	Bob Haase
	Herb Tyson	12/17	Annabelle Hamilton
12/4	Kristen Livesey		Audrey Hamilton
12/5	Shirley Loos		Andy Jones
12/6	Joann Beitelshes		Helen Jursa
	Alex Culp	12/18	Bill Reed
12/7	Phyllis Timmins	12/20	Krista Mulhollen
12/8	Katie Bonner	12/21	Jim Murray Sr
	Caitlyn Staszkiwicz		Calvin Wheeler
12/9	Julie Bullerdick	12/23	Leona Dilliplane
	Troy Cooley		Gisela Toller
	Ruth Dunn	12/25	Betty Gregory
	Randy Randolph		Gene Lamont
12/11	Mason Demichele		Scott Shillady
	Randy Glotfelty	12/27	Don Mather III
	Dr. Jim Lanier	12/29	Margaret Steiner
	Harry Stanley	12/30	Geoff Gibbs
12/14	Sharon Beebe		Jon Kramer
	Pastor Tom Fuller		Jane Richardson
	Julie Murray		
	Aaron Williams		



**Do you have a December birthday or anniversary, but don't see your name?**

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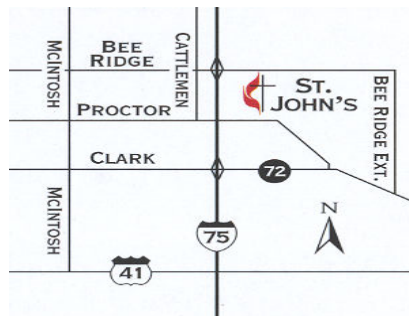
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