

**St. John's  
United  
Church**

**November 2011**

# The Journal

**One Sunday you don't  
want to miss...**

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Dear St. John's Family,

We have begun our missional transformation journey, the visioning process we are calling, "Growing Together." We are off to a great start! The first stage of our journey is the five-week Bible discussion groups, "Behold a New Creation."

Friends, we have had 61 people participate in these intergenerational discussions! We start our fourth week on Sunday, October 30. It is not too late for you to attend one or all of them: Sunday 9:15 am, Sunday 12 noon, Monday 7 pm (except 10/31).

What people like most about these discussions so far is getting to know each other better -- "connecting" in a meaningful way with new people. I have witnessed much laughter and some inspired moments in these groups.

Soon, however, we will be at our next stop on the journey: the Conference on the Past.

"The what?" you ask.

The Conference on the Past -- our first church-wide event, to be held on December 4th during and after 10:30 worship.

The purpose of this church-wide event is to develop a common view of our past and its

importance as we prepare to discern God's future for us.

Together we will identify a list of core commitments and beliefs from the past that we want to carry with us into the future.

We will tell our story to each other and to our children and any new people who wish to participate. We will celebrate what we love about our history! We will commit ourselves to carrying the good forward as we move into a changing world.

This is a Sunday you don't want to miss. It will be fun, engaging, and joyful.

After worship (which we will hold downstairs in a specially decorated fellowship hall), we will hold our Conference on the Past, followed by great food. Yes, lunch. The morning will end at 12:45.

Help to shape the future by celebrating the best of the past!

Grace and Peace,  
Katie



## Mission Sunday Rocks!

Our Mission Team held a Mission Fair after Worship on October 23. And what a rocking success it was!

- \* Over 20 people signed up to help out with our first free Community Dinner on November 20.
- \* Westchester Meals signed on two new drivers.
- \* Habitat for Humanity had nine people volun-

teer to help build a house here in Porter County.

- \* The Duneland Resale Shop told its story and has two new volunteers.
- \* And Susan DeWitt outdid herself with a beautiful new Mission bulletin board.

Go Mission! If anyone wants more information about mission opportunities



through St. John's contact Peter DeWitt, mission chair at 921-0378.

More Mission to come: On Sunday, November 20, Chris Shepherd, our missionary serving refugees in Greece, will be joining us to share the story of his work abroad. Come and here an amazing story and give the newlyweds your congratulations! (Chris and Heather were married on October 15)!

## Women's Guild—Nov. 2

Women's Guild will meet at the church on Wednesday, November 2, at noon. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal. We will have cake to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. John's Women's Guild. Everyone will be part of the program as we share memories and look at scrapbooks, pictures, and other memorabilia that have been collected over the years.

The mission items for Hilltop House are 100% apple juice, applesauce, and fruit cocktail.

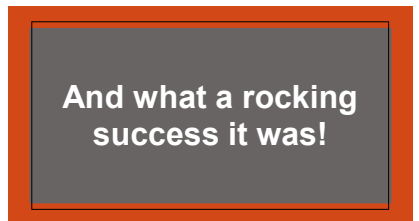


## Hope Circle—Nov. 8

Hope Circle is a small group of women who meet the second Tuesday evening of the month for Bible study, fellowship, and food. Join us at 7 p.m. on November 8 at Karen Grant's home, 1267 Vanderburgh, Valparaiso.

Our study this year is "Confessing the Beatitudes." The third lesson is based on Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Come explore with us the three kinds of people who are described as meek in the Bible and how we can

honor the meek among us. Copies of the study book are available from Karen Grant, and the cost is \$8.50.



## Youth Group Lock-in Nov. 5

The Youth Group will be having a night of fun and games as we decorate and paint our new youth room Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7pm. All youth are invited. For more information contact Brandon Long at (219) 983-2866.



## Parents of Youth...

We will be holding a meeting for all parents of youth to discuss coming events, ways to get involved, and set up a line of communication. This will be a very important meeting for anyone involved or interested in being involved with the St. John's Youth Group.

For your convenience, there will be two opportunities to make the meeting. Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7 pm (before the lock-in), and Sunday, Nov. 6 after worship. Please RSVP to which meeting you will be attending. To do this and any questions call Brandon Long at (219) 983-2866.

## 2012 Youth Rake-a-thon

The youth would like to invite the congregation to take part in this year's Rake-a-thon.

The Rake-a-thon will take place on Sunday, Nov. 13 after the put luck.

We are in need of volunteers to help drive and supervise.

- \$5 (or other donation) gets your yard raked.
- \$10 more allows you to make a leaf deposit on someone else's yard.
- \$10 more gets you insurance from receiving a leaf deposit on your yard.

You can sign up on the board outside the Yoder Room.



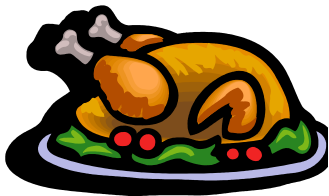
## St. John's United - Community Dinner

We are beginning the planning and looking for volunteers for our community dinner which will take place on

Sun. Nov. 20, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

Save the date and sign up to help cook, clean, set up, and serve at the table after church.

All members of the Chesterton community are invited to attend.



For more information contact Brandon Long at (219) 983-2866

# NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>6 All Saints Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15 am - Chancel Choir 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm - New Creation Discussion 12:00 pm - Youth Group Parent Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>6:00 pm - Worship Comm. 7:00 pm - Property Comm. 7:00 pm The Gathering/ New Creation Discussion</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Knitting Group</p>	<p><b>2</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>12:00 pm - Women's Guild @ St. John's 6:00 pm - Chime Choir (Kate out until Saturday)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30 am - Fellowship Bkfst@ Round the Clock 8:00 pm - NA &amp; Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>4</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>8:00 pm - Al-Anon &amp; A.A.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Youth Group Lock-in and Parent Meeting @ 7pm</p>
<p><b>13 Commitment Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15 am - Chancel Choir 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship Church Potluck Rake-a-thon</p>	<p><b>14</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>8:15 am - Good Steward Committee 7:00 pm - Building Comm. 7:00 pm The Gathering</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - Finance Comm.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>6:00 pm - Chime Choir 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:30 am - Fellowship Bkfst@ Round the Clock 8:00 pm - NA &amp; Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>18</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>8:00 pm - Al-Anon &amp; A.A.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:15 am - Chancel Choir 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Chime Choir 10:30 am - Worship Community Dinner @ 4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p><b>Journal Entry Deadline</b> 6:30 pm - Mission Comm. 7:00 pm The Gathering</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p><b>Worship @ 7pm</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am - Fellowship Bkfst@ Round the Clock 8:00 pm - NA &amp; Nar-Anon Office closed</p>	<p><b>25</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>8:00 pm - Al-Anon &amp; A.A. Office closed</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:15 am - Chancel Choir 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship No Youth Group</p>	<p><b>28</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>7:00 pm The Gathering</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7:00 pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b> Westchester Meals</p> <p>6:00 pm - Chime Choir</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>Illustration of pilgrims and Native Americans.</p>	<p>Illustration of a red maple leaf.</p>	<p>Illustration of a red maple leaf.</p>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL



*(Free)*  
**Community  
Dinner**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH  
4:30 P.M. UNTIL 6 P.M.

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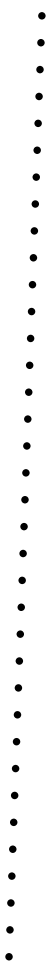
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*St. John's is a joined congregation of the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) .*

*Sunday School: 9:15 am.  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am.*

*Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.*

*You can contact the office by phone or email:  
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*If you are in need of pastoral care or have a confidential matter, you can contact Pastor Katie Lindberg:  
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St. John's United Church is on Facebook. And to give us a better presence and make things easily accessible, we are changing our Facebook group to a Page. Now visitors will be able to follow everything going on here at St. John's.

To access the page, simply go to the current group and click on any post that has St. John's United Church in blue letters. This will take you to the new page where you can click the "Like" button at the top of the page.

We will be deleting the group in the coming future, so please move to the new page at your earliest convenience.



Craig O'Brien	11/3	Adam Hetrick	11/22
Chris Swickard	11/5	Jimmy Read	11/22
Kathleen Miller	11/10	Sadi Charlson	11/24
Roger Morris	11/12	Samantha Read	11/24
Kathryn Strickland	11/15		
Lily Jablonski	11/16	Lynda Fowler	11/25
Brandon Long	11/18	Gary Hetrick	11/27
Aryn Havner	11/21	Luke Lesar	11/29