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ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!

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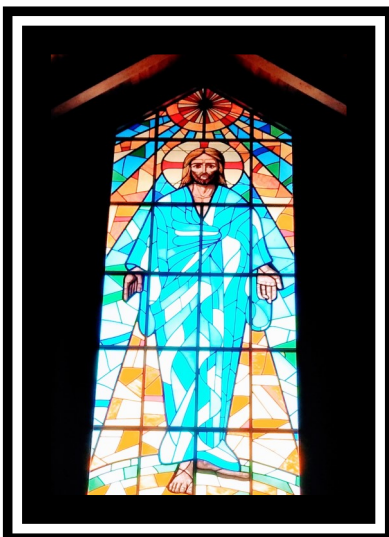
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Love is in the air! It is February, the month of “love” because of Valentine’s Day. All the hearts and talk of love brings to mind the words of **Matthew 5:43-44 where Jesus, taught, “You have heard it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”** Another verse that comes to mind is **Romans 12:10, Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.** If you ask me, this is much easier said than done. Loving those who are lovable is a very easy thing to do. But how do I love someone who mistreats me or someone who is difficult to get along with? How do I love those around me that are “un”-lovable? I heard someone the other day say on K-Love radio, **“Kindness is within our power; fondness is not.”** Now that makes sense. I can be kind to everyone, even if I may not be fond of them. I don’t have to wait until I “love” someone to be kind to them. Otherwise,

how would I ever get to the point where I treat the check-out person with kindness. Actually, fondness is probably out of the question since I rarely see the same one more than once. In many ways, being kind to people brings about a sense of fondness for them. I find that the person checking me out usually tells me a great deal about themselves. The person waiting on me at the restaurant, many times, will “overshare” a situation because of my kindness. It aggravates my children, sometimes, when they are with me. Other times, it astounds them how it consistently happens. I am always surprised by it.

Love has been a big part of history. Jesus taught 1. Love your God and 2. Love your neighbor. He said all other commands were built on these two. Pretty powerful thing, LOVE! The Beatles sang **“All You Need is Love”.**

**All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need**



Devotion (cont.)

Now, I don't think they were singing about God's love, but still, it is true. All we do need is love. Loving God keeps us from disappointing Him. Loving our neighbor makes us helpful.... keeping them in prayer and offering a helping hand when they need us. The group Unspoken sings in their song "*Love is Everything We Need*",

The devil is crafty and we fall right into his trap

We might not be swinging our fists, but we talk behind somebody's back

How we gonna look like Jesus when we're only looking out for ourselves?

Real love is giving our lives for somebody else, uh-huh, yeah

Love is about giving it away, not trying to take it from others. At least that's what Jesus seemed to teach us about God's love. Love is harder to find these days because of some of the things going on around us and the fast-pace at which people feel the need to move. This does not stop us from sharing it!! I can't help but picture Jesus approaching some of the people in Bible times who undoubtedly were in a hurry then, as well. (You know, they had to get that lamb to slaughter for the sacrifice. Gold to melt for the idol. ETC.) Busy times, I am sure. He had to interrupt them and get their attention to share God's love and a chance to learn about HIM. Being kind to those around us, even strangers, is a good start to share God's love today.

My very favorite verse about love is **1 Corinthians 13: 13, Now faith, hope and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.** There is a reason that the greatest of these is love. God so loved us that He sent His son, Jesus, to die

for our sins. There is no greater love than that! What a wonderful, loving Father we have!

This Valentine's Day starts the Lenten Season. I am usually a little "blue" about all the red valentines and sweethearts because I am single. I will not be sad on February 14th. Somber and thoughtful but not sad. It starts a time that is so special in a Christian's life and a time with much for which to look forward. I will spend this Valentine's Day preparing my mind and heart for the Empty Grave! Alleluia!!

May your Valentine's Day and month be filled with God's love and the love of your neighbor!

Blessings

Sondra

Food & Fellowship

Supper Club meets once a month for dinner at a local restaurant. Food and fellowship is had by those who attend!

Here is the **NEW** schedule for 2024.

You will also find the restaurant choices in our bulletins and on the calendar on our website stjohnum.org.

See you soon!!

Make sure to get these on your calendar and be ready to have some FUN! All times are 5:00 pm.



Feb 27 Briar Patch
 March 26 Old Hickory
 April 23 Cracker Barrel
 May 28 Olive Garden
 June 25 O'Charley's
 July 23 New China
 August 27 Briar Patch
 Sept 24 Old Hickory
 Oct 22 Cracker Barrel
 Nov 26 Moonlite
 Dec 24 no dinner

ST Benedict's News

A group continues to serve an evening meal at Saint Benedict's on the first Monday night of the month at 8 PM. The meal consists of a ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, beans, potato salad, and ice cream. This meal costs about \$125 to feed 50 or more men. Thank you for all of your recent donations, and support to this organization. St John is so appreciated for all it does to help the community and those



in need. Thanks to the Car Show and generous donation of the participants the meals at St.

Benedict's are funded for the year of 2024, I believe. I am sure if there becomes a need Miss Vicki will let us know. The dates we serve are:

Feb. 5	Mar. 4	Apr. 1
May 6	June 3	
July 1	Aug.5	Sept.2
Oct. 7	Nov. 4	Dec.2

Not sure about the dates, check out the calendar feature on our website,

stjohnum.org .

_Submitted by, Vicki Hast

RECIPES

Slow Cooker Cream Cheese Chicken Chili

Ingredients:

- 2 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 15 oz. can black beans, drained
- 1 15 oz. can sweet corn
- 1 10 oz. can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 packet Ranch dressing mix
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 1/2 brick cream cheese
- 1/2 packet taco seasoning

Instructions:

1. Add all ingredients to a slow cooker, gently mix, cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 8 hours or HIGH for 3 to 4 hours.
2. Remove chicken from the slow cooker and shred using two forks.
3. Stir chicken back into the chili. Mix well.
4. Serve with shredded Mexican cheese, sour cream, tortilla chips, and other favorite fixings.



New Bible Study

A new Bible Study will begin on February 21st. We will meet at 4 pm each week. The title is Lent Bible Study and the emphasis will be on experiencing Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die.

Pastor Chris will be leading the study and I am looking forward to this. I think it will be a great way to prepare my heart and mind for the Easter season. It has been a very long time since I have made time for a Bible study! Join Us!!

**NURTURE COMMITTEE NEEDS PRAYER SHAWLS!!
SEE MARGARET PICKERILL FOR INFO:)**

February Choir Notes by Sondra Jones

FEBRUARY Choir Notes

The Lenten Season is almost upon us and we will be singing some Easter music. You won't want to miss any of that!! Come join us as Lent begins on February 14th with our Ash Wednesday Service. Some beautiful music is planned for the season to come.

You may have noticed we have been down a few members:(Mary is still recovering from knee surgery and we pray she will be able to join us again soon. Elizabeth had back surgery. We pray she has gotten relief from her pain and on the road to recovery and coming back to sing with us soon. Harrie has been sick from just the weather so we pray he is on the mend and enjoying the warmer days and better health. We miss all of them when they are gone. As you know Sarah is scheduled for surgery on Feb. 7th. Please be in prayer for her as the doctors remove the cancer and she starts her road to recovery.

We pray for God's guidance and peace. As she recovers, we will welcome Ms. Sheila Miller. A beloved choir director in our area and known by many, she will do a wonderful job.

If you are interested in singing, come join us! Maybe you are giving up sitting in the congregation for Lent, (ha-ha!!), and need a new seat! We have just the one for you in the choir loft. Come check us out. You won't be sorry!

Blessings, Sondra

Make a
Joyful
noise
Unto
The
Lord!
PSALM 100:1

Family Life News

Are the freezing temperatures over? It's positively balmy outside —up to 40 degrees today!

Yesterday we all celebrated our birthdays with a potluck after church. The table decorations were fantastic and the cakes all delicious. Thank you to all who made it a success—from setting up tables to washing dishes after. A good time was had by all! It was fun to mix up our normal seating patterns.

This Friday, a small group are heading to Evansville for the “Faith Night” event during the Thunderbolts hockey game.

Many of us have never seen a hockey game and are also looking forward to the special music.

Let me leave you with a teaser—a dinner is planned for February 18th. Do you like spaghetti?

Happy Valentine's Day!
Dorothy, 270-401-8702

P.S. If you are interested in bowling, trivia, a game night, or other activity, Family Life needs your input and help. Please contact me or any member of the committee. Thank you.



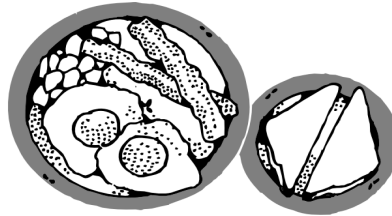
PHOTOS thanks to Kathy Sherman



Methodist Men's News

Unfortunately, the frigid temperatures caused the January men's breakfast meeting to be canceled. I hope everyone stayed safe and warm during this time! Hopefully, we will be

able to have our next meeting on February 17th, at 8:30am. Stay safe . See you there.



Thanks, Jim

Rada Knives orders are due February 13th!!

CRAFT FAIR PLANNING

Craft Fair!! What?! Yes. It is time to start thinking ahead to the fall...September 21st, in fact. Did you think of a silent auction basket you would like to see available? Do you have a friend who owns a business and might donate an item or two? It doesn't hurt to think

ahead before the time is here. Start thinking now of ways to help or donations you might get. The more we have the better the silent auction items and door prizes! See Ms. Beverly if you have questions.



Happy Valentine's Day !

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Feb. 5, St. Benedict's
Feb. 6, UWF Mtg. @ 4 pm
Feb. 14, Ash Wed. Service @
5 pm
Feb. 17, MM's Breakfast @
8:30 am
Feb. 18, Spaghetti Dinner @
5 pm
Feb. 21, Bible Study @ 4 pm
Feb. 27, Supper Club @ Briar
Patch @ 5 pm



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins