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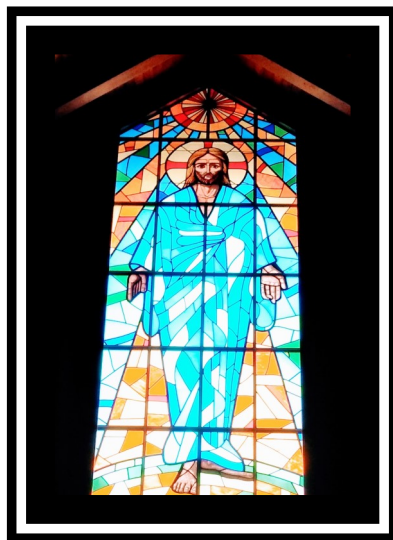
New Year and New Adventure SONDRA JONES

January 2024

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I am turning over a “New Leaf”! “Out with the old and in with the new”! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 which says “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.” OR the C.S. Lewis quote, “You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.” Are you thinking any of these things as you change your calendar to 2024? I know I am. What a wonderful thing...a new year; a clean slate; 12 months to do with what I want; 365 days of new beginnings! It is exhilarating and daunting at the same time. I must remember another I must remember another verse, MATTHEW 19:26 “through God all things are possible”, to keep from being overwhelmed.

That first flip of the page (or purchase of the new calendar altogether) to the fresh year, in this case 2024, gets me excited about what could be... about what I could be. I could be really organized and orderly around my house. I could have my spices labeled and alphabetized. I could have the girls baby pictures labeled and put in photo albums. I could have my spring and summer clothes in one closet and fall and winter clothes in my closet in my room and the two types of clothes would not be totally mixed together and sitting side-by-side with no regard to what season they belong. I could have my recipes written out neatly and put in recipe



Devotion (cont.)

books for both girls for them to keep long after I'm gone.... Well, you get the idea! Will any of this happen?!? Oh no! Probably not! It all works out wonderfully in my head. But...then the weekend comes and I decide to go to Lexington to see Piper, go on a day trip to Bowling Green or because I worked late all week, I do nothing but crochet and laundry! ONE DAY, ONE DAY, when that calendar flips to a new year, I will do some of these things.

So what will I do this year?? I will pray more for the people I love. I will read my Bible more. I found an APP, yes there's an APP for that, that sets down a schedule so I can read the whole Bible in a year. It is manageable and enjoyable. Several people I know are doing it for the 2nd or 3rd time. I will try to organize one thing at a time. Maybe I will start with cleaning A closet!! I think all of this is a great plan for 2024.

I think 2024 is going to hold many challenges. Just look at the turmoil in our world! I want to strengthen my relationship with Christ. I want to spend more time in fellowship with Him. Pastor Chris is going to start a Bible Study this year and I have not taken time to do one in the past. I heard something on K-Love radio about people saying "they don't have time". Have I not had time? Maybe.

BUT I prioritize what is important. I am going to PRIORTIZE my relationship with Christ in 2024. Is this a New Year's Resolution? Not sure. Just something I feel the need to do for me and hopefully the benefits will trickle down to my family.

Romans 12: 2 encourages me to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." True change begins from within me and allowing God to shape my thoughts and actions as I spend more time in fellowship with Him will make 2024 my best year yet. I turn 60 this year, as well!! I think this year might just turn out to be a very memorable one. Isaiah 43: 18-19 says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" I can't wait to see what wonderful new things God has in store for me as I open my heart and mind more fully to his plan for me.

What about you?! Are you ready for a new adventure too?

Have a wonderful New Year, filled with abundant 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!!

These are HOT off the press from Margaret so get them on your calen-



dar and be ready to have some FUN! All times are 5:00 pm.

Jan 23 New China

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:

Jan. 1	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

Grandma's Scotcheros Recipe

Ingredients:

1 cup corn syrup

1 cup peanut butter

1/3 cup sugar

6 cups Rice Krispies cereal

11 oz. pkg. milk chocolate chips

11 oz. pkg. butterscotch chips

Instructions:

1. Heat syrup, peanut butter, and sugar over medium heat until smooth and sugar is dissolved (just heat through, no need to boil). Remove from heat.
2. Pour peanut butter and syrup mixture over 6 cups of cereal. Stir until completely coated.
3. Spread in a buttered 9 by 13 baking dish. Pack down slightly.
4. Melt chocolate chips and butterscotch chips in a double boiler or microwave.
5. Spread over the Scotcheros and refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Cut into bars.

PRAYING YOU'LL SEE

the blessing
OF
GOD'S plans
UNFOLDING FOR YOU IN THE
new year.

United Women In Faith

UWF was cancelled in January but will be back in February. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 6, at 4 pm. We will see you then.

Thank you to all who donated to Mary Kendall Home at the Christmas Party. We purchased \$190 in supplies such as foods, hygiene products, and games. We also donated a \$50 Kroger gift card and a \$300 Amazon

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

January Choir Notes by Sondra Jones

January Choir Notes

WOWZA! Did you love the cantata? I only got to hear it and participate in the practice but WOW! It was the prettiest music I have ever heard. The solos were incredible. I know on the Sunday of the event, it was amazing! I was so sad I was sick and sad it was not online. So very thankful for the extra work our choir put into the Cantata and our "extra" special guests that come to join us. They are such a welcome addition.

Thanks to Danny, Tony and Sarah for their extra efforts too! What a gifted bunch of people we are blessed with here at SJUM. I sure love my church family:)

Looking ahead...we have some new music coming and plenty of opportunities for you to join the choir! So much fun is had and lots of making joyful noises and loving the Lord is done on Wednesday and Sunday! If your NEW "leaf" for this 2024 year is to be more

active at church, I have the perfect solution. Come join us!! We have practice on Wednesday nights from 5 to 6 pm and then sing on Sunday mornings. Our time worshipping the Lord in song sets the tone for the week. Great fellowship and fun are had! Come join us...you won't be sorry.

Have a blessed New Year!!

Sondra

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

Family Life News

Happy New Year!!

Let's start the new year by celebrating something we all have in common—we each have a birthday. Each one of us is created by God and is important to His church in their unique way. On Jan. 14, 2024, a birthday-themed potluck dinner is planned immediately after church. There are twelve tables to decorated; one for each month of the year. If you or your group are interested in decorating a table and providing a birthday cake, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Get those creative juices flowing!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Evansville Thunderbolts pro hockey team is scheduling a "Faith Night" on Fri-

day, January 26th at 7:00 pm. Check it out online at www.evansvillethunderbolts.com or pickup a flyer in the narthex. Let's get a group together and go! Sounds like a blast!

Keep an eye out for a Valentine's dinner in February. And possibly karaoke, bowling and/or a game night in the coming months. If you are interested in helping to plan these activities, please contact me.

Have a blessed, happy, healthy New Year!

Dorothy, 270-401-8702



PHOTOS thanks to Vicki Hast!

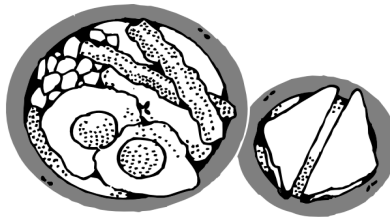
Methodist Men's News

A dreary morning didn't discourage a nice turnout for our group, and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship and food at our December meeting. We hope your Christmas season is filled with love, joy and the blessings of the Lord, and that all this goes with us into the new year! Our next meeting will

be January 20, 2024 at 8:30 am. Hope to see everyone there!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thanks, Jim



Seekers Class

Are you interested in starting something new for 2024? How about Sunday School? The Seekers Class meets on Sunday mornings and has some Bible study, coffee, donuts, and fellowship. The start of a new year is a good time to get involved in a new activity at St. John.

Pictures of some of the members of the class can be found below. If interested and need more information, see Kathy Sherman or any of those pictured.



Happy New Year

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Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

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*Jan. 8, Finance Comm. Mtg,
4 pm*

Jan. 8, Admin. Bd. Mtg, 5 pm

Jan. 10, Un-decorating, 6 pm

*Jan. 14, Birthday-themed pot-
luck, 11 am*

*Jan. 20, MM Breakfast, 8:30
am*

*Jan. 23, Supper Club @ New
China, 5 pm*

Jan. 26, Thunderbolts, 7 pm

