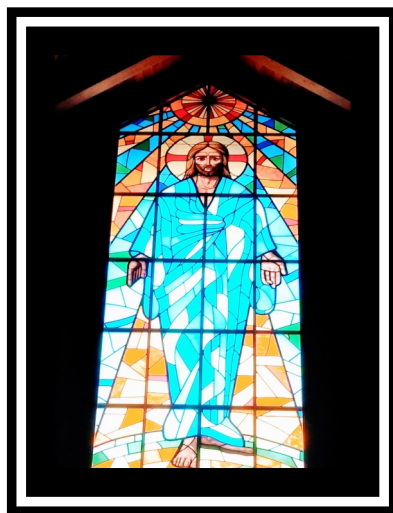




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St. John UMC Satellite

Invite * Relate * Nurture * Send forth

ARROWS SONDRA JONES

I had the wonderful privilege of working for 2 years with a gentleman named Noah Elkins at Grace Christian Academy. He was our English teacher. He also pastors a church and counsels students and others outside school. Sadly, he won't be back next year. Noah took a new job as a Hospice Counselor. Students at our school love him. He is "cool" and young. He karaoke's at dances, leads Chapel and participates in the field days that the kids have. Some of the students babysit his children for him and his wife on their date nights. Noah and his wife will be greatly missed at GCA. As one of his last gifts to the seniors he had for 2 years, he did a graduation farewell at the ceremony for them. It was one of the finest I have ever heard. I feel like it is appropriate for our devotion here.

Are we ever really done growing or developing?? Maybe our parents are no longer able to help us because they are gone but the things they raised us with have molded us into who we are. When we come to church on Sunday, Pastor Chris' sermons help mold us or shape us as we go forward into our week ahead. I think we are still honing the 'sharpness of our arrows'. I hope my mark on the world was not complete as a young woman and is still happening. We, as older adults, have to look for opportunities to make our marks. I think our marks are smaller and maybe less significant now than at 18 or 20 years old, but still substantial.

Here is his speech....

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed, when they shall speak with their enemies in the gate. — Psalm 127:4-5

Your parents created these arrows and oversaw the entire process. Your pastors were responsible for the fletching, making sure that the arrows fly straight and true. And finally, those of us who have had the great privilege to serve as your teachers have been responsible for forming the arrowheads, making sure you are sharp as you make your mark on the world.

Many of you have spoken to me about your uncertainties and insecurities as you step out into the world. This is part of the process. However, I think I can say with confidence that we are not at all uncertain. We know you are ready for what lies ahead.

That said, you will notice here in this room that those of us who have committed ourselves to this building project do indeed hesitate tonight. The building process is now complete. You are ready for what lies ahead.

But yet, we hesitate—not because we fear that you are not ready. We hesitate because we are not ready.

We are not ready for two reasons. First, we know the world you are entering. It is often cruel and unkind.

Devotion (cont.)

It is often opposed to everything we stand for. Christ promised us this would be so. In fact He told us to beware of the opposite. He tells us "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" He tells us to set aside our obsession with our own reputations and the opinions of others, otherwise we will find obedience impossible. Whoever is friends with the world is at enmity with God.

Flannery O'Connor famously writes: "Push back against the age as hard as it pushes against you. What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross." Instead, Christ promises us that we will have troubles and tribulations. He said this must be so, but He has warned us beforehand so that we might have peace. "Be of good cheer" He says, "I have overcome the world."

But the second reason we hesitate is far simpler, and perhaps a bit more selfish. We hesitate because we are not yet ready to say goodbye.

We know what's next for you. After the wiping of tears, the hugging of necks, the long sigh as you get into your car to leave GCA for the last time—after that comes the packing of bags, and the moment where you stand and look at your bedroom, the room you have always known as your safe place, the place where you did your homework, overcame heartbreak, and became who you are, the moment comes when the walls are blank and the closet is empty and you say goodbye to that room for the last time.

And it is for these last goodbyes that we are not yet ready.

So be kind to us and understand our hesitation.

But though we do hesitate, we know that you are ready. The arrows are complete, the bowstring is drawn back, and you are ready to fly. As we release you out into the world, we look on with eagerness to watch as you all outrun us and outlive us, to carry on the legacy and power of Christ in places in the world which we could never

touch. Indeed, education is a kind of earthly immortality, in which we know that long after we have passed on, the seeds we have planted will continue to bear fruit through you: thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

We could not be more proud of you. As we ready, aim, and fire you out into the world, we are confident that the gates of hell will not prevail against you. We have all been blessed to be part of this process. It is because of you, and because of the work that God has done in you, that we can say with confidence that we know we will not be ashamed when we speak with our enemies in the gate.

So, Senior Class of 2024, it is a great honor and privilege to offer you this final farewell, no longer as your teacher, but as your friend. May the Lord bless us and keep us. May He make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lifts up His countenance upon us and gives us peace, this night and forevermore. Amen.

In my 37 years of teaching, I have heard about that many graduation speeches....not quite one for every year but close. This one is by far one of the very best!!

At the very best we, as teachers, hope we are sharpening students' arrows and expanding their brains just a bit in the short time we have them. With God's help, we hope we send them out into the world with knowledge and the desire to change it in some way and try to make it better. My prayer for our graduates this year was that God would give them the vision, the desire, and the wisdom to want to impact the world. Maybe they don't do anything huge but love their neighbor and treat others the way they want to be treated. That will make all the difference! Isn't that all we can hope to do in our lives, too?

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 schedule for 2024.

You will also find the restaurant

choices in our bulletins and on the calendar on our website

stjohnnum.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.



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 and Help Office News

Thank you to all of the volunteers that make St. Benedict's happen each month. We continue to serve about 50-60 men the first Monday of each month. The menu is ham and cheese sandwiches with lettuce and tomatoes, beans, potato salad and ice cream. The cost is about \$125 and we are funded through the end of the year. A big thank you to all who have donated to this worthwhile mission.

June 3

Sept.2

Dec.2

July 1

Oct. 7

Aug.5

Nov. 4

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

stjohnnum.org .



Vicki Hast.

The dates we serve are:

RECIPES

Creamy Parmesan Asparagus Sticks

Ingredients:

Fresh asparagus spears, trimmed

All-purpose flour

Eggs, beaten

Panko breadcrumbs

Grated parmesan cheese

Garlic powder

Salt

Black pepper

Cooking spray or olive oil

Instructions:

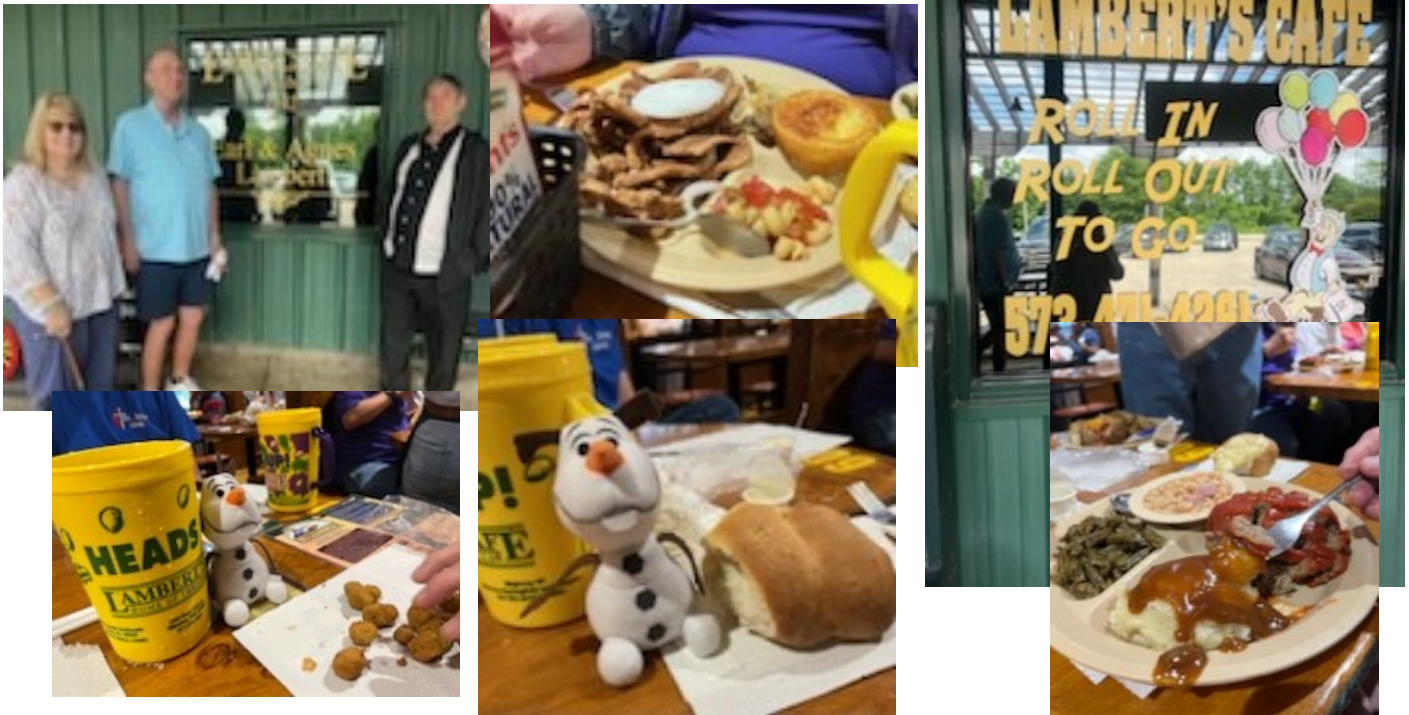
1. Preheat your oven to 425 and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a shallow dish, place all-purpose flour.
3. In another shallow dish, place beaten eggs.
4. In a third shallow dish, mix together Panko breadcrumbs, grated parmesan cheese, garlic powder, salt and black pepper.
5. Dredge each asparagus spear in the flour, shaking off excess.
6. Dip the floured asparagus into the beaten eggs, allowing any excess to drip off.
7. Roll the asparagus spear in the breadcrumb mixture, pressing gently to adhere.
8. Place the coated asparagus spear onto the prepared baking sheet. Repeat for all spears.
9. Lightly spray with cooking spray or drizzle with olive oil.
10. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, or until asparagus is tender and the coating is golden and crispy. Serve hot.



Road Trip Fun

Many set out on the trip to Sikeston, MO, home of Lambert's. Rumor has it that all 10 members were agile enough to catch the rolls thrown at them!! Impressive! Fun was had by all and tummies were filled with

some good home-style cooked meals. Pictures of those who made the trip are in this issue. Watch for some more opportunities to join in fellowship!



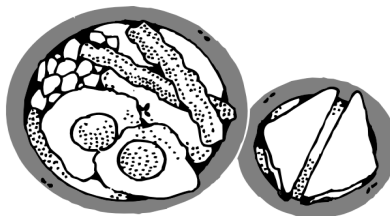
United Women in Faith

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: At our June meeting on June 4, we will be making small "comfort" bears to give to the nursing homes or to agencies that work with children experiencing trauma. Material, patterns, and thread will be provided. We need help with bags of stuffing/filling, portable sewing machines, good scissors,

and embroidery hoops and needles. Won't you come out and help us? The men had 37 at their breakfast last month...how great it would be if we had that many come out to help make these bears! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00. Hope to see you there!

Methodist Men's News

With a wonderful day, and attendance of more than 30, we had a great time together for our breakfast on the 18th. After the prayer, we celebrated Tony's birthday with a beautiful rendition of HAPPY BIRTHDAY, which Tony described as "30 people sing-



ing off key." A fun time and great food from our cooking team, as usual. Our next meeting will be June 15th, at 8:30 am. See you there.

Tks
Jim

Family Life

The "Not-So-Newlywed Game" is almost here. Who are the contestants? What are the questions? Whose answers are the funniest? Who gets the winning prize for the most matching answers? (Come cast your ballot for the funniest team answers.) Bring a light refreshment to share (finger foods only, please) and come prepared for laughs! See you June 23rd at 5:00 pm.

After church on the same day there is a special time of celebration for this year's graduates—Luke Wathen and Elijah Bowles. Watch for more details in the bulletin. Con-

gratulations, guys!!

Please be in prayer for Vacation Bible School, July 24-26, with a finale after the Sunday service on July 27. Who can you invite? How can you help? This year's SCUBA theme "takes kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God." Talk it up!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Dorothy

Flag Day

June 14



CRAFT FAIR—SEPT. 21st

Mark your calendar for Sept. 21st!! St. John Annual Craft Fair and Car Show is already in the planning stages.

How can you help? Let me give you some ideas...

You can donate to the Sweet Shop!

You can donate to the Silent Auction with a basket or just items to put in a basket!

Help chop up vegetables and ham for bean soup!

Donate canned cokes, diet cokes, sprite, dr. pepper or waters.

Donate cash to help purchase items needed to make soup, buy hamburgers, hotdogs and chips sold that day.

St. John will have a booth. If you are crafty, in a good way;) and want to make items to donate to the table, get started now!! All donations welcome and appreciated!

Donate your time!! We need all the help we can get cleaning up so that the church is ready for worship on Sunday!!

Prayer is also a powerful helper! Be in prayer for those in attendance. We want to be beacons of light to those setting up booths, those in attendance, and those who receive our donations. We want them to feel the love of Jesus Christ through this outreach that means so much to so many!

If you have not worked at the Craft Fair (or last year) the Car Show, come see what the excitement is all about. So many talented people making home-made items in our area. Also the cars that came last year were beautiful and fun to see.

You won't want to miss this year's fun!

If you have questions, please see Miss Beverly, (Memaw). 270-302-4999

EQUIPMENT

The Board of Trustees wants to keep the Congregation informed that there will be some equipment kept on our lawn in the coming weeks. A company working on Carter Rd., Bittel Rd., and Griffith Ave, contacted the office for use of our lawn area to store some equip-

ment. They will reseed and restore it to better shape when they are done. In the spirit of being good neighbors, our Trustees voted YES to letting them use our yard. We just didn't want you to be surprised!

Fathers Day Word Search

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Wright	Bikes	David	Godly	Happy
Music	Sound	Bose	Work	Amy
Ben	Dad	Day	Joe	Man

GARAGE SALE

“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure”...Is that how the saying goes? How about some of these:

“We’ve got gadgets and gizmos A-plenty!”

“Hoarders Paradise!”

“Put our junk in your trunk!”

“I like BIG sales and I cannot LIE!”

“Life is like a Garage Sale. You never know what you are going to get!”

Or my personal favorite, although not church garage sale appropriate, I suppose....

“Take my EX’S stuff Garage Sale. It’s ALL gotta go, JUST like HIM!”

Okay...now let’s talk treasures. If you have items for the garage sale, you can drop them off at church, Tuesday

through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm. Feel free to call the church to make sure I am here or my cell, 270-316-0709.

Those are my summer hours but I have a few days I will be in Lexington over the next couple of weeks due to baseball and the extra hours my son—in-law is working.

If you have questions, please talk to Beverly Plain. We will need volunteers to help set up and work. The sale will take place on June 28th and 29th. We are accepting all items except clothing.

Please mark your calendar and start gathering items to sell!

SINGLES GROUP

Mark your calendar!

The St. John UMC Singles Group will be meeting for lunch at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 19th at Deloris’ Café. We hope you will come join us.

The group has met the last 2 months. Once at church for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. And then the next month they met at The Spot for coffee and breakfast.

June Choir Notes



I love summer! I love school being out and the “freeness” of my schedule. June is one of my most favorite months. I hope we get some true June warm days not hot, hot days to enjoy. I love the “green”-ness of everything. Flowers are really in

bloom. Farmers have fields plowed so if you drive out in the country with your windows down you can smell the dirt. I like to drive out and check if any of the fields are sprouting. At the Farmer’s Market, I can get some fresh items. Pools are open so I can swim outside. My feet and hands are finally warm, ha-ha!

I hope you are as happy as I am to welcome Aaron Lundy as our new music director. He is not new to St. John. He has been singing with us for quite some time. Sarah had brought him in for our cantatas and they sung a couple of beautiful specials together. We are so fortunate to have such a gifted and talented musician with us. I know you all will make him feel welcome.

Aaron is not taking a salary. He is going to use that for scholarships. Aaron has an extensive teaching background both at Murray State and Eastman School of Music. This fall, he is going to reach out to students at the colleges to see if some of them would be interested in singing with us and learning from him. What a wonderful opportunity to pass on his vast musical knowledge and grow our choir!!

Aaron also has knowledge of the equipment and technical side so our sound is going to improve. The worship committee has been working with a company to improve the quality of our equipment so our streaming is better and the sound is better.

Excitement abounds in the choir! Now would be a wonderful time to join us ! New director, new

adventure for all.... you won’t be sorry. Blessings are flowing Sunday mornings as we worship the Lord with song. You can make a joyful noise and receive just as much blessing, I promise! You can come practice on Sunday morning at 9:30 am and sing with us.

If we get more people up there, maybe Aaron won’t notice just how joyful MY noise is:) Soooo, come help a girl out!

Making a Joyful Noise

Sondra



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

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