



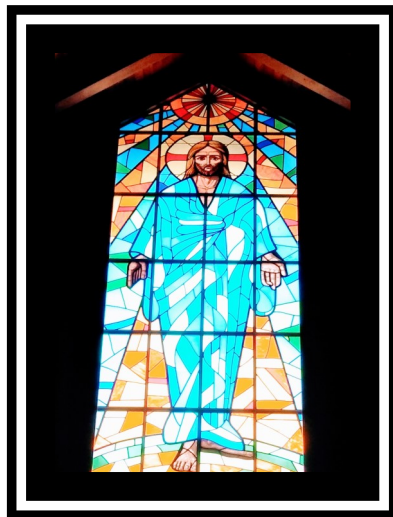
St. John UMC Satellite

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PARADISE SONDRA JONES

March 2024

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Leap Day...February 29th. What a rare day?! I heard on K-Love today that women are allowed to ask men to marry them on this day, which is considered "out of the norm". I did not, however, find anyone to ask. People born on this day are called "leaplings". This was also a piece of trivia I heard on K-Love. I don't know anyone born on this day but I found that interesting. I realize this is the March Satellite but how can I pass up the opportunity to bring up some information on a day that only happens every 4 years?

I hope you are enjoying the warmer days and the "fake" spring that we have enjoyed for most of February! I have a very good feeling that a big hit of winter will come very soon to remind us that we are in Kentucky and there is still time for winter to happen. You and I both know our beautiful State has that weird personality and it will snow in April. It is one of the things we love (or dislike) about our State. The older I

get the less I like it. I truly like the warmer weather.

In the Bible Study on Wednesday night, we have been talking about the Crucifixion of Jesus. Last week, the emphasis was on the criminals on the left and right-hand sides of Jesus. I started thinking... which robber would I be? Would I be the one saying, 'save us and save yourself' or would I be the one saying, 'we belong here, this man has done nothing wrong'. I would like to think, and today I believe I fit the mold of an empathetic person, I am the one who sees Jesus as the man who did nothing wrong. How many people in today's society, in a society where I sadly see more and more of the attitude, 'it's all about me', would have been the first robber? "Save me and save yourself". I think more than we want to know about.

How did these men get here? How did they get to the punishment of crucifixion? That seems like a punishment that is so severe. Someone who had robbed for the first time might not be there. The criminal who recognized Jesus

Devotion (cont.)

had heard of him, I think. Jesus said to him in **Luke 23:43** *Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."* For a criminal who had a hard life his whole life, I cannot imagine what that might have felt like! Hearing that "I" am going to live in paradise, let alone with the man the whole city had called the **KING OF KINGS**, WOW! I know I have not lived my life on earth correctly but this man, this Son of God, King of Kings, is taking me with HIM to paradise. His pain had to be excruciating but knowing he was going to paradise had to make it bearable. I like to believe this young man believed he was going to a better place, don't you! It had to make his last moments on that cross more manageable. He died with a HOPE he never had on this Earth. Jesus, in His most sad forsaken moments, was able to give that to someone else. What a wonderful, loving God we worship! How lucky for that young man that day, to find himself, although very horrible circumstance to be sure, next to Jesus. Now his circumstances in death will be so much better than those in his life.

What does this mean for us today? Thankfully, we will not be hanging next to Jesus on a cross! In **Ephesians 2: 4-5** *"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."* We are all broken, like the robbers on the crosses, but we, luckily, know that through God's mercy we can stand unashamed. We cannot earn this mercy on our own. It is a gift from God when He put His Son on that cross next to those criminals so many centuries ago. In our daily lives, we face many challenges and struggles. Many of these make us feel broken and

lost. It is in these moments that we can turn to God's mercy and find the strength to stand unashamed, knowing that our debt is paid through His grace. The Bible verse **Lamentations 3: 22-23** says *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

So, for me, I know that each day is a new day. My sins are washed away because I have accepted Christ and know that I am a sinner and fall short of the Glory of God, no matter how hard I try. Each morning brings a new day for me to do better. I pray each morning that I will. I pray for those on my prayer list. I pray for our country!! I pray for my school and my students. I pray for those that I tutor and for my family. AND I pray for my church. I know that God is working in all these places. I see it happening. He moves at HIS speed not at our speed. This is so difficult for us. GOD's calendar is not anything like ours. A year is a blink of the eye for God. That is so hard for us to remember.

Let's remember during this Easter Season, Jesus died for our sins on the Cross and was raised from the dead in **3 days**. This allows us to confess our sins and be forgiven FOREVER!! What a miraculous gift we have been given!! We can face each day, unashamed for our sins knowing that we are forgiven and granted GRACE for all we have done wrong! What a wonderful Father we serve!! If you don't know Him, ask someone, like Pastor Chris, about Jesus. If you do know Him, share the good news. Be a light to others. Remind someone that they too can spend eternity in 'paradise'.

Have a blessed Easter!

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.



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:

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

Baked Chicken Chimichangas

Ingredients:

8 oz. package cream cheese

8oz. Pepperjack cheese, shredded

1 1/2 tbsp. taco seasoning

1 lb. cooked chicken, shredded

8 flour tortillas

Cooking spray

Shredded cheese, sour cream, salsa for toppings.

Instructions:

1. Stir together cream cheese, pepperjack cheese, and taco seasoning.

2. Fold in chicken.

3. Divide among tortillas. Tuck in sides and roll up each tortilla.

4. Lay seam side down in a sprayed 9X13 pan. Spray tops with cooking spray.

5. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn chimi's over, and bake an additional 15 minutes.

Serve with favorite toppings.



Lenten Bible Study

Our Bible Study started on February 21st and had the largest crowd anyone can remember in many years. BUT it is NOT too late to add a few more. Come join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the day of Jesus' resurrection. The discussions have been thought-provoking and very interesting. I am learning a lot about Bible times and what crucifying was to people in those times.

February Choir Notes by Sondra Jones

MARCH Choir Notes

The winds of March have sure blown in this week! Along with those have come some allergies, if you are like me.

Miss Sarah is still healing and we continue to pray for her recovery. She is going to have chemo for some cancer cells they found to make sure they kill all the cancer with the surgery and the follow up. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as the doctors develop the best treatment and course of action to kill the cancer cells and get her completely on the road to recovery. She is coming for Bell Practice so we have some beautiful Bell Music at Easter. There is still time to get here for that practice on Wednesday's at 6 pm if you are interested!

We are so very thankful for Miss Shelia and the great job she has done filling in for Sarah. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Shelia while Sarah is recovering! She has a wealth of experience and we are so lucky she has helped us.

We are still missing a few people but so thankful for the ones who have returned.

Stay in prayer for Harrie and Mary. So glad that Elizabeth is on the road to recovery and able to come back to us.

Easter music is always one of my favorites. It is a wonderful time to sing about our Lord and His sacrifice for us. I am excited to share that with our church family. If you enjoy making a "joyful noise" unto the Lord and would like to join us, this is a great time! The music is fun and exciting to share. Come sing with us. The fellowship and joy you receive from the time with our choir sets the tone for your week. You won't be sorry!!

Blessings!

Sondra

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

A THANK YOU NOTE

Patrick and I really appreciated the food and other helpful actions from church members. It reminded us that you were praying as well. We're going to place dishes on a table in the fellowship hall so that you can reclaim them. I hope to be well enough to make it to church before the end of the month. 2024 doesn't seem to have started for me. I haven't driven a car yet this year.

Thank you, church family, for all your help. Blessings,
Elaine Doolittle

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 4:00 in the church fellowship hall. Our program will be A Call to Prayer and Self Denial

For more than 150 years, United Women in Faith members have taken action to turn faith, hope, and love into work on behalf of women, children, and youth in every corner of the world. As an annual part of our action, United Women in Faith invites women from all over to gather locally and participate in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

This yearly event is a faith-filled time when we assemble with lifted hearts and hands to celebrate selfless giving for a common cause and spiritual communion with God. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial's 2024 offering will support the ongoing climate justice work of United Women in Faith's National Office. We invite you to gather, pray, reflect, and put your faith into action.

As God's people, we are called to give

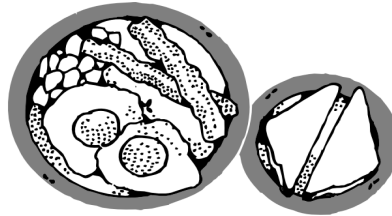
generously to help others. Generosity looks different for everyone, the Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:12 that all gifts are acceptable when given with a willing and eager heart.

As always we hope all women at St. John will consider joining our group to help support women, children and youth in our community and around the world.

The Owensboro District United Women in Faith will have their spring celebration on Saturday, March 16, at the Jack Wells Center on the campus of Kentucky Wesleyan College. Light breakfast refreshments and registration will begin about 9:15 with the program beginning at 10:00. Peggy Wilson from Nonviolent Owensboro will speak on Faith in Action: Living the Principles of Nonviolence.

Methodist Men's News

After cancelation of January meeting, and despite a frigid Saturday morning, 22 guys gathered for the February UMM breakfast meeting. It was good to be back again for great food and fellowship! Several of our members and friends were



mentioned who need our prayers. Let's all remember everyone who may be ailing or have a need in their life. Our next meeting will be March 16, at 8:30 am. See you there!!

Thanks, Jim

RADA KNIFE ORDERS WILL BE HERE SOON. MAKE CHECKS TO ST. JOHN UMC!!

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

A huge "thank you!" goes out to all who made the spaghetti dinner a success. Kathy Brey, Monica Toney, and Lydie Boone did an awesome job with the cooking! There were so many compliments. And Kudos for the outstanding job done by our waiter, Elijah. He made sure everyone was well taken care of. And to all who decorated, stayed to clean up, made desserts, washed dishes (Pastor Chris) or helped make it possible, Thank You.

In March, there is a bowling outing planned. Details will follow in the bulletin. It is tentatively set for Thursday, March 21st at Diamond Lanes South. If you would like to join in a meal first we will gather first at Freddy's at 5:30 pm to eat and then meet at the bowling alley at 6:45. Bowling will be from 7-9.

Looking toward April, mark your calen-

dars for a "Singles" luncheon on Wednesday April 10th at 11:30 am at the church. On Sunday, April 21st from 3-5 pm, Family Life will host a Board Game afternoon. All ages are welcome! A variety of games will be available. Sounds like fun!

We are beginning to plan for Vacation Bible School in the summer and a barbeque and outdoor games in June.

Remember—all are welcome to all our events. Spread the word and invite someone to come with you. We are a Lighthouse church!

Dorothy Koepplinger
270-401-8702

NURTURE NEWS

Sadly, a few incidents in the church provided the need for the Nurture Committee to hop into action.

The Committee would like to thank the ladies of the church for stepping up to provide food for Elaine and Patrick Doolittle with

Elaine's recent stay in the hospital and some health issues.

Also, meals have been taken to Pat and Don Sprague after their car accident. They were shorthanded after the accident.

We hope to see both families back at church soon. We continue to pray for their healing.

CRAFT FAIR—SEPT. 21st

Craft Fair!! The Biggest and Best Craft Fair Ever—with your help! Our 2nd Annual Car Show is coming again too. How can you help? Well...

1. Be thinking about a donation to the silent auction. If you shop at a business often, ask them for a donation to our auction. Business names will be made public in many ways.
2. Think about making a basket for the auction. Or if you see things on sale that would be cute in a basket, you could gather items to put together a basket with a theme
3. We will have craft vendors with home-made items. If you know anyone that is crafty or want to have a booth see Beverly Plain.
4. Think about the Sweet Shop. This is always a big hit! What can you make to sale here. Yummy!
5. We will have bean soup, cornbread, burgers, chips and drinks. Later we will ask for donations for drinks and chips.

Most of all we need workers!! Mark your cal-

endars now so you will be available to help.

The Car Show and Craft Fair bring lots of people to the church.

It's early but we need donations and ideas! Sept. 21st will be here soon!

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See Beverly Plain with questions.
270-302-4999

Easter

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March 16, MM's Breakfast @
8:30 am
March 18, Family Life @ 4
pm
March 21, Bowling @ 6:45
pm @ Diamond Lanes South
March 26, Supper Club @
Old Hickory @ 5 pm
March 31, Easter Sunday

