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## Pastor's Pen

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If you've never been to the St. John Supper Club outings, you really should make a point to go. They are a rare treat into the warmer and even humorous side of church fellowship. At our most recent outing, court jester (church jester) Roy Pickerill remarked that the nineteen or so people gathered around the common table sharing a meal was really like a family – much more than a church. Even, as we agreed, at times we were a bit of a dysfunctional family. But there is scriptural basis for thinking of the church a one big, and sometimes even conflicted family.

The church has been called “the people of God” (Heb. 4:9), “the Israel of God” (Gal. 6:16), “the body of Christ” (Rom. 12:5), and “the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit” (Eph. 2:22). But by far the most significant metaphor or image used to describe the church is the church as family.

In one sense, the church family is all of God's people. This is sometimes called the universal church because it includes everyone everywhere who has trusted in Jesus and been made alive by the Spirit. In this way all Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ. But in another sense, a church is a local community who shares life together as an expression of their membership in the worldwide family of God. In this sense, your “immediate family” members are those who belong to your local church family.

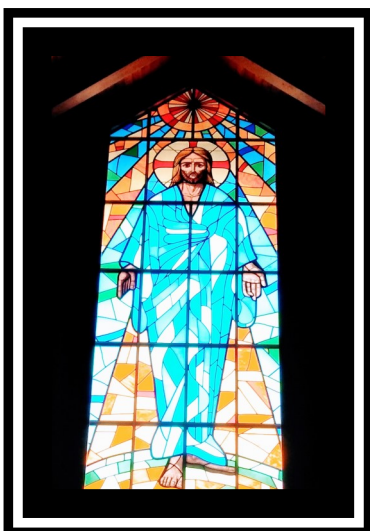
Writer Doug Ponder puts it this way, he says, “It works kind of like this. Suppose that you came from a very, very large family. Believe it or not, the confirmed world record for the greatest number of children born to

one mother is sixty-nine! The oldest and the youngest of her kids were so far apart in age that they rarely saw each other, hardly knew each other, and never even lived under the same roof at the same time. Were they all still brothers and sisters? Sure. But were they really close as a family? Surely not.

In a similar way, the universal (or worldwide) church is a very, very big family. Even though we're all brothers and sisters in Christ, it's not possible for us to see each other, know each other, or share life with each other to the same degree as we should with those in our immediate (local) church family. (It's true that one day we will know our entire church family and be known by them all. But that day isn't yet. And that reality isn't possible on this side of the New Heavens and the New Earth.)”

As most of us realize from experience, every blood-related family has it's own set of cultural norms, challenges, traditions and outliers but we also know that blood relationship binds us together despite all of those challenges.

As a church family, we intentionally choose to be in relation with one another. Instead of the commonality of DNA running through our veins, we are connected by the power and guidance of God's Holy Spirit. We are part, as Paul explains in his letter to the church in Galatia, of the family of God. Despite this spiritual connection, there can still remain well intended challenges and competing interests. In fact, if you read through Paul's letter to the Galatian church you'll find that he and his spiritual



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find that he and his spiritual brother Peter had a literal knock-down, drag-out confrontation over theological issues dividing the church.

Despite Paul's continuing ministry in the separate, gentile-based churches, he and Peter remained connected as spiritual family members – brothers in Christ. Their conflict, written for our edification in scripture, is not dissimilar to our own United Methodist church theological conflict. They were two people, both devoted to Christ, who saw Jesus' teachings and leadings from different angles and perspectives. Peter continued to enhance the Jewish church and Paul traveled among the churches of the Roman world – both serving God through their

own, but very different expressions of faith. I do not worry about the future of the United Methodist Church. I pray that God's will be done – whatever that may be. And I especially do not worry about the future of St. John UMC. We are family. And no matter what the trials and tribulations we may face, we will face them together.

### **Supper Club will meet at the following locations on the following dates:**

Supper club

May 24 Moonlight

June 28 Colbys

July 26 New China

Aug 23 Briar Patch

Sept 27 Old Hickory

Oct 25 Cracker Barrel

Nov 22 Moonlight

Dec No Supper club due to too many Christmas Parties

If you want to find the location during a month, check out the calendar feature on our website [stjohnum.org](http://stjohnum.org).

Submitted by, Margaret Pickerell

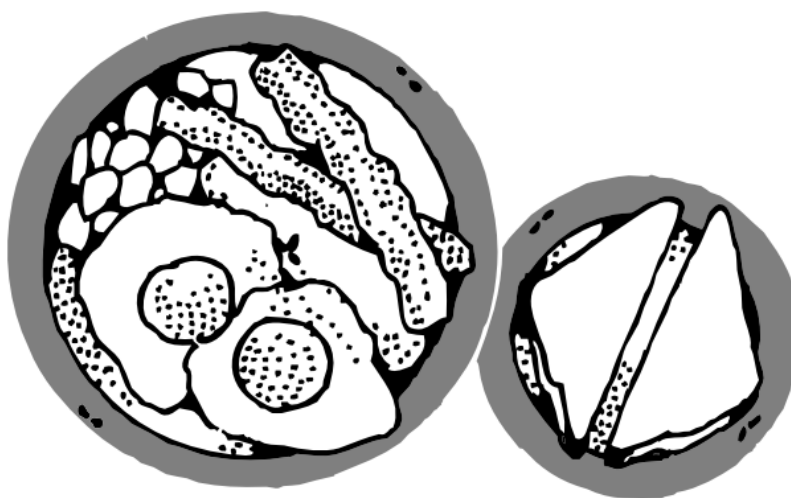


## United Methodist Men's News

The UMM met Saturday, March 19, with 21 in attendance. We always welcome new guys, and anyone who hasn't been with us for a while. As always, we all enjoyed a wonderful breakfast prepared by our great cooking team! After breakfast Tony led our devotion time. He mentioned Joe's crosses, which were on each table for us to take and give to someone who may need a moment of encouragement. With that, we heard several wonderful testimonies about God's love for us, and our love for our spouses and care givers, upon who we are so dependent! Jim H. dis-

missed with prayer. Our next meeting will be April 16, at 8:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by,  
Jim Houtchen



## ST Benedict's Dates

### St. Benedict's Schedule

St. Benedict's is the first Monday of each Month @ 7:45pm

April 4	May 2
June 6	July 4
August 1	September 5
October 3	November 7
December 5	

Not sure about the dates, check out the calendar feature on our website, [stjohnum.org](http://stjohnum.org).

Submitted by, Vicki Hast

## Retreat Information

The St. John Church Wide Retreat was moved to May 20-22. Registration deposit of \$50 is due April 1st. When you turn in the deposit, be sure to pick up a packing list and the “Worship Book” for the Retreat.

The title is “The Rewritten Life” and the key verse for the retreat is from Hebrews 12: 1-2,

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What a powerful verse and what a powerful and blessed weekend it promises to be!

The studies will look into the lives of Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, Naomi and the Unnamed Woman who was caught in the act of Adultery. These are stories of people who definitely endured.

Hope you can go!

## What to Bring!

3 casual, comfortable outfits  
1 church outfit, jeans acceptable  
Toothbrush/toothpaste  
Hair and hygiene products  
Shoes—tennis shoes or walking sandals  
Light jacket or hoodie  
Sleepwear  
Bible  
Medications/medical devices  
Umbrella, raincoat, or poncho

### **Please don't bring:**

Anything expensive  
Lots of jewelry, make-up, electronic devices (besides phone or camera)  
Clothing with vulgar or suggestive labels or advertisements

## April Choir Notes



It feels more like April showers are bringing May flowers a month early. The rain sure has been falling and I am hoping it is going to bring the flowers early. I am ready for spring and all the warmth it brings. I so enjoy the days full of sunshine, birds chirping and, yes, even grass growing that must be mowed! Out in the country where a friend of mine lives, we hear the frogs calling for mates and see the ducks and muskrats splashing in the water with their mates. Spring is in the air!

Here at St. John in our choir, we are “tuning up” for the Easter season and our Cantata. The cantata will be during the service on April 17<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to join us and sing that morning. The music is easy to learn and uplifting in its message. You will want to be a part of God’s message that day! What a special time it is...Our God is Risen!

Some sad choir news, however....Clarissa is leaving us soon to go to parts North! Minnesota here, and “hear”, she comes. She will be moving to Minnesota to begin a new phase and adventure in her life. We will miss her very, very much but wish her the very best. May God grant her safe travels, an easy transition and blessings galore as she begins this new part of her life. May she bless as many in Minnesota as she has blessed here. Boy, are they in for a treat!! I

see a road trip in my future! Watch for news of a send-off for this beautiful young lady soon.

As I watch the news and talk to some people in my life I realize how much pain and suffering there is and I heard this song the other day for the first time on Christian Radio while I was getting ready. It was so powerful...here are some of the words:

Too Good To Not Believe  
[Brandon Lake](#), [Cody Carnes](#)

Yeah-yeah

I've seen Your power  
 And I've seen You heal

I've lived stories that have proved Your faithfulness

And I've seen miracles my mind can't comprehend

And there is beauty in what I can't understand  
 Jesus, it's You, Jesus, it's You

I believe

You're the wonder-working God

You're the wonder-working God

All the miracles I've seen

Too good to not believe

You're the wonder-working God

And You heal because You love

Oh, the miracles we'll see

You're too good to not believe

Too good to not believe

Too good to not believe, ayy-ayy

I can't resurrect a man with my own hands

But just the mention of Your name can raise the dead

So all the glory to the only One who can

Jesus, it's You, Jesus, it's You

Have a blessed month and be safe!

Joyfully submitted, Sondra Jones

## New Staff but Old Face

Sondra Jones is the new secretary in the office but she is not a new face around St. John United Methodist Church. Some of you may have known her since she was born and baptized here. So you might say new to the staff but an “old face” around the building.

The office hours are from 9 am –1 pm Tuesday through Friday so stop by and say hi or let her know what she can do to help. “I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful church family and now I get to serve them in a staff capacity too,” Sondra says.

When not in the office, you can find Sondra playing pickle ball, crocheting, swimming, cooking, playing trivia, or outdoors. She loves friends, family and doing for others. On Sundays you can find her singing in the choir and



## Knitting Fellowship

The Knitting Fellowship has been postponed for the months of April and May. Please check the Calendar feature

on our website [stjohnum.org](http://stjohnum.org) for dates when it resumes.



## UMW News

UMW will meet on April 5 at 4 PM. Dorothy is going to lead the program. The women are still seeking donations of personal care items to put in backpacks **for women**. These backpacks will be distributed to homeless indi-

viduals around Owensboro. **All items must fit in a backpack.** The insert was in the bulletin, but in case you missed it, here is the list of example items:

### Donated items may include:

Soap  
Wash cloths  
Toothpaste/toothbrushes  
Hand sanitizer  
Sanitary napkins  
Individually packaged granola  
Reusable water bottles  
Small containers of laundry detergent  
Hair ties/bands  
Lotion/moisturizer

Deodorant  
Individual body wash towelettes  
Body wash  
Baby wipes  
Hairbrush  
Energy bars  
Vaseline  
Foot spray  
Sunscreen  
Chapstick

## Family Life News

Twenty-five people came together on March 20th to enjoy an Irish/Green themed potluck dinner. We feasted on so many good foods— from the Mulligan stew provided by Kathy Brey to the Irish apple cake from Margaret Pickerill. The evening was enhanced with a background of Irish music provided Marty Shively. Thanks to all who made the evening a success; those who prepared food, decorated and helped clean up. It was a great night of food and fellowship!

On Sunday, May 1st, immediately following the worship service, there will be a going-away reception for our choir director, Clarissa Smith. She is headed North on a new adventure. A basket will be available for cards and well-wishes for Clarissa as

she starts this new journey. She will be tremendously missed but we pray only the best for her in this new chapter of her life. Please join us in wishing her well!!

Have a blessed Easter Season,  
Dorothy K





# Easter Story

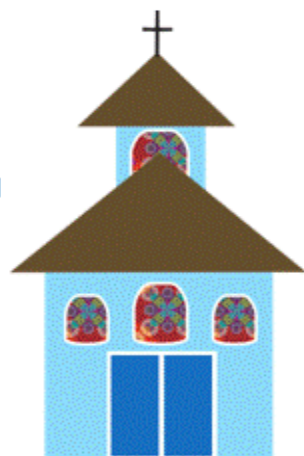
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# Easter Service Information

Want to Celebrate the Easter Season in Church? We hosted the Ash Wednesday service, welcoming 6 churches and 107 people, now they will return the favor by hosting Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at their sites.

Please celebrate Holy Week by attending Maundy Thursday service at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 4730 Pleasant Grove Rd., Owensboro, KY 42303 at 6 pm on Thursday, April 14. Then Good Friday, April 15, attend Masonville Unit-

ed Methodist for services celebrating that special event in the life of Christ at 6 pm. The address for Masonville UMC is 2810 Old Masonville Loop, Utica, KY 42376.

Here at St. John, we will have Sunrise Easter service at 7 am then the Easter Cantata during regular service time at 10am.



Open hearts.  
Open minds.  
Open doors.

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**Church Garden Work Day**

**April 4 @ 4:00pm**

**Family Life Committee**

**April 11 @ 4:00pm**

**Administrative Board Meeting**

**April 11 @ 5:00pm**



HAPPY  
Easter

