

The Sunday News for



“Proclaiming Christ . . . Transforming Lives . . . Building Community . . .” Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP!

We are thrilled you have joined us for worship today! Whether you're a first-time guest, a regular attender or an active member, we are blessed that you've joined us. We ask that members and regular attenders use name tags that are at the main entrance. We ask that everyone else and anyone needing to make changes/prayers requests, take the time to complete the **BLUE WELCOME CARD** provided for you today. If this is your first time worshipping with us today, please hold on to your welcome card. We would like you to meet with a member of the Pastoral staff at the end of service. They have a gift they would like to give to you. Otherwise, please place the card in the offering basket.

Thank you and God Bless!

December Transformation Chew & Chat

Save the Date – December 18th

The December Chew and Chat will be “Appreciative Inquiry or Asset Mapping.” What are the current assets of St. John’s MCC? What are we doing right? What do we have that you can brag about? We are building a foundation for our next 40 years.

Our “Chew” will be soups and sandwiches. Bring a platter of sandwiches, a foot-long sub to share, or a crockpot of soup. Come to celebrate our community.

Year-End Meeting

The 2016 Year-End Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, December 11th, after the 11:00 Service. The purpose of the meeting is for members to approve the 2016 Budget, to vote on proposed By-Law changes, to elect Board of Directors, to elect a Lay Delegate, to elect a Pastor Search Committee and to accept the Congregational Reports.

Night of Caroling and Cookie Exchange

On Wednesday, December 21, at 6:30 pm, there will be a special service of Carols. Before and after the service, there will be a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Sign up to bring 2-3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie or cookie bar. Remember to bring a recipe card of your treats to share with others. Store bought treats will also be accepted. For more information or to sign up, please see Dela or the Church Office.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesday Night Bible Study continues the chance to look at some Biblical figures on whom we don't always focus during Advent. Somewhat surprisingly, Tamar, Ruth, Mary, Zachariah, Elizabeth and the Magi ask questions that resonate with Christians today. This will be a five-week study leading up to Christmas. Study Books are available from Pastor David.

Budget & Attendance: December 4, 2016

<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Highlights of Special Giving</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$4,465.00	Support Circle	\$64.00	Wednesday, November 30	
T/O Received	\$11,905.00	White-Pace Building Fund	\$50.00	7:00 pm	5
Difference	\$7,438.00	Potter's Hour	\$10.00	Sunday, December 4	
Total Giving	\$12,037.00	June Norris Benevolence	\$5.00	9:00 am	15
				11:00 am	30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For The Week of December 11th – December 17th, 2016

Sunday, Dec. 11 th	Jubilation Service	9:00 am
	Tool Time At Ten	10:00 am
	Celebration Service	11:00 am
	Year-End Congregational Meeting After 11	
Tues., Dec. 13 th	Advent Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wed., Dec. 14 th	Potter's Hour Mid-Week Service	7:00 pm

Future Events Dates

Dec. 18, 2016	Transformation Chew & Chat	After 11
Dec. 21, 2016	Special Service of Carols	6:30 pm
Dec. 25, 2016	One-Combined Service	10:00 am
Dec. 26, 2016	Church Office Closed	
Dec. 27, 2016	Church Office Closed	
Dec. 28, 2016	NO Wednesday Night Service	
Jan. 1, 2017	One-Combined Service	10:00 am

Tool Time @ Ten

Tool Time is studying "The Spiritual Guide" by Michael Molinos. It is the most despised, suppressed and feared book in the history of Christian Literature. It is also a spiritual classic!

"Anyone found in possession of this book will be excommunicated." – Papal Decree 1687

Books can be purchased on line new or used or a pdf can be downloaded for free. All are welcome for discussion.

Please note: Tool Time does not Meet on Friends and Family Sundays

Change 4 Change Schedule

The following are the collection dates for Change 4 Change as well as the benefitting ministry or local organization.

January 1 & 8 Church Revival Expenses

Holiday Schedule 2016

There will be a special service of Christmas Carols on Wednesday, December 21st, beginning at 6:30 pm.

On Sunday, December 25th, there will be one-combined service at 10:00 am.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th, and Tuesday, December 27th, for the holidays.

There will be no service on Wednesday, December 28th.

On Sunday, January 1st, there will be one-combined service at 10:00 am.

Board of Directors Notes

The following actions were taken at the recent Board of Directors meeting on December 4, 2016:

- Received reports from the Clerk, the Interim Treasurer, and the Interim Pastor
- Discussed the creation of the Pastor Search Committee
- Scheduled special offerings for the month of January.
- Began reviewing the 2017 Calendar

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th. Unless otherwise noted, BOD meetings are open to all.

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