

#### MONTHLY UPDATES OF THE ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## For July 2025

I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 24<sup>th</sup> of every month to get everything together for the following months newsletter. Unless someone wants me to edit something then I will, but if not then I will and paste as is.

Everyone who is participating in VBS this year is asked to come out on Saturday, July 12 for our final preparation and rehearsal day. Please contact Judy Bennett at <a href="mailto:StJohnsFruitland@gmail.com">StJohnsFruitland@gmail.com</a> for more information. Lots of help will be needed for decorating and other preparations.

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Just a reminder of AVON SSS BUG GUARD sales all profits will be donated to St John's. Please call Jean Powell for more information.

Thank you for your support!

1st Baptist requests:
Spaghetti sauce
Spaghetti noodles
Soup
Canned Tuna
Toilet Paper
Kids Snacks

They appreciate all donations.



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Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 14-17 6-8:30 pm

Scout says, "We're going on a 'Road Trip' with God and learning how God is with us no matter what.



Registration is open to St. John's children and their friends' grades K-5 (this past school year). Along with meeting Scout, our VBS mascot, we will make crafts, watch cool science experiments, engage in Bible stories, music and movement, recreation time, and, of course, have snacks nightly.

Contact Buddy Pennewell or Judy Bennett to register or get more information. - <u>StJohnsFruitland@gmail.com</u>

Can't come every night? Don't worry, you can still register and come when you can.

We sure hope to see you there! And gather some family and friends to bring with you!



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#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I am excited for the new journey God has us on. Times of change are never easy, but they are opportunities for growth. God has a vision for St. John's, and I pray we will take this time of change to discern the path God would have us take together. I look forward to getting to know each of you, hearing your stories, learning your God-sized dreams for the future and living into Christ's command of "Love one another, as I have loved you!"

I relish the opportunity to get to know y'all outside of the church setting. I will be available to meet for coffee, breakfast, lunch or dinner in whatever setting is most comfortable for you.

In Christ's service and love,

# Pastor Shannon

## **New Pastor Warranty**

It has come to our attention that the pastor you received was shipped with a slight defect-she is not psychic. Because of this, you must observe certain procedures to ensure optimum performance.

It is necessary to inform her of any members who are hospitalized. If someone you know is in need in prayer, the pastor must be told, or she won't know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit, you will get the best results if you ask her. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Pastor Shannon can be contacted via text or phone call at 410-777-0162 or via email at

pastorslharris@gmail.com.

# Sermon Titles and Scriptures

July 6- Unfinished Hope- Synopsis of Ezra-Nehemiah July 13- New Exodus- Ezra 1:1-4, Synopsis of Chapter 2 July 20- Foundations for a Road Trip- Luke 10:38-42, Ezra 3:1-13 July 207- Resistance Inside and Out- Colossians 2:6-10, Ezra 4:1-5, 12-13, 24