



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

I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 24th 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.

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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!

Fruitland School

It's again time to provide 30 children with a weekend food bag. If you would like to help with this Mission's project, we need snack donations of assorted chips or individually wrapped cookies. The only items that we need for Fruitland school every month are Ramen noodles soups.

Items are needed by the third Sunday of each month starting in September. We will pack the bags after the service on the fourth Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Frieman

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Church Finances

Thanks to several very generous memorial contributions at the beginning of 2025, the church should end the year on a positive financial note. As long as we have a successful Bazaar, we will have money in the bank to start 2026. It is always rather stressful to have to depend on a fund raiser that doesn't happen until the end of October to meet the demands of our budget; but God is Good. He always seems to guide everyone to dig deep to support this event. We need those donations; we need a crowd of shoppers; and perhaps most of all, we need everyone to give of their time and talents to get it all to come together. It is a time for fellowship as we work together, share stories, and get to know each other better. Please sign up for as much time as you can. There are lots of sitting jobs as well as things to do to keep you moving. Saturday cleanup is also a time when help would be greatly appreciated. Especially if you can't come on the week days, your help with clean up would be greatly appreciated.



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From the Pastor's Desk

[Romans 6:4](#) *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*

At this time every year, I get a sense of new life. I am not sure if it is the anticipation of cooler weather coming in the not-too-distant future or the pictures my friends put on Facebook of the changing leaves, or maybe even all the pumpkin spice stuff coming out that lets me know the holidays are just around the corner. I am not sure what sparks this feeling of new life, but I am thankful for it every year.

We have just begun our Wesleyan Rooted sermon series, and I hope each of us will find a renewed sense of self- in who we are, whose we are- and what that means for our lives. I pray that we have an urgent sense of the Spirit's call on our lives, and we go forth making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

There is a lot of "new" happening in our churches and our lives as we navigate this new life in a new world. Our reality will never be as it was and that is not a bad thing. So, when we think of new life where is God calling you to branch out? What broken part of you is God screaming for you to share to bring healing to yourself and maybe even someone else? May we bury the old and allow God to raise us, as a church, to heights beyond our imagination! Exhale the old and breathe in the newness of life that God has promised and remember GOD DOES NOT BREAK PROMISES!!!

Blessings,
Pastor Shannon

October Message Titles and Scriptures

5th- Embrace Widely- Mark 12:38-44, Luke 15:11-32 (World Communion)

12th- Serve Impactfully- Hebrews 10: 11-14, Mark 25: 35-40

19th- TBD- Laity Sunday (Pastor on vacation)



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October Communal Prayer-

Oh, gracious God, we pray for your holy universal Church, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; wherein anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him who died and rose again and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Amen.