



Leap of Faith

June 2021

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Forever Relying On God



June is a new season! The start of summer brings us hope and joy! The longest days of the year occur in June! What will we do with all of that extra daytime? In Psalms 90, David asks God to "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom".

As we carefully emerge from the isolation of Covid, we now have the power to choose how busy we want to be. We now need to apply the important lessons we have learned from this pandemic. I hope to be able to keep some time that is unscheduled so that I can have time to think and experience God all around me in my garden, on a nature walk, and in some time by the water.

June is also the month that we celebrate our fathers. Their example, faith, and guidance by the way they lived in our family provided us with our first experiences of God. Whether it was golfing, fishing, or doing other games or sports together, or walking or biking around the neighborhood, they showed us all about life.

Psalm 90 goes on to say "...Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands".

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Contact stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com for service information.



May this summer bring you joy in the beauty of the Lord in all you choose to do whether it be work or recreation!

Amen Pastor Laura

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE

06 – D-Day WWII
14 – Flag Day
20 – Father's Day
20 – First Day of Summer



"CHANGE FOR OTHERS"



Change for Others" is our program where we collect spare change and donate it to different charities. We change charities every quarter. St. John's then matches the amount collected. We have suspended Change for others till we have in person worship service.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Courtney Papa (Pres)	Jean Quillin
Mary Ellen Harris (VP)	Edward Quillin
George Adamson (Treas)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	
Wayne Knudson	

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**CONSISTORY MEETING – Wednesday, June 2nd
6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would
like to join please contact
Courtney Papa.**

Plan for restarting in person worship services

The Consistory is working with Eastlake to design a reentry plan for live services at Eastlake.

Currently we are in a hybrid mode.

With the help of the Eastlake staff, specifically Cindy Robinett who is our pianist for the Sunday services, we have been able to have live zoom services with some of the residents. Initially they have been joining on individual devices, and now in an activity room spaced out so they can all see on a big screen TV, while the nonresidents including Pastor Laura, our guest speakers, and liturgists, are joining via zoom. We will continue to update you as things change. Look for updates in July's Leap.



**St. John's Annual Garage Sale
June 2nd – June 4th**

June 2nd 8AM – 3PM

June 3rd 9AM – 4PM

June 4th 10AM – 5PM

**69798 County Road 21 New
Paris Indiana**



What is Pentecost?

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called Shavuot, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In early Christianity, Easter Day was the primary day for baptisms. The newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White is also used because Pentecost was the major day for baptisms in the early church. Those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may be referred to as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

JUNE 06 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kolten Harris
13 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – George Adamson
20 Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris
27 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Courtney Papa

Thank you to everyone for helping out!



June 14, 2021

We grow as disciples through these 6 practices:

- 1. Daily Prayer**
- 2. Bible Reading**
- 3. Weekly Worship**
- 4. Generous Giving**
- 5. Selfless Serving**
- 6. Spiritual Friendships**

SUBSCRIBE TO PRAYER

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Attention

St. John's UCC has cancelled in-person church services at Eastlake Terrace until further notice.

You can go to our website www.stjohnsuccelkhart.com click on Worship at the top of the page. Then you should see Worship Service.



June 20, 2021

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 5 (10) Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)</u> <u>Psalm 138</u>	<u>Genesis 3:8- 15</u> <u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</u>	<u>Mark 3:20-35</u>
Proper 6 (11) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 13, 2021 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13</u> <u>Psalm 20</u> <u>1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32- 49</u>	<u>Ezekiel 17:22- 24</u> <u>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11- 13), 14-17</u>	<u>Mark 4:26-34</u>
Proper 7 (12) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 20, 2021 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>Psalm 9:9-20</u> <i>or</i> <u>1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16</u> <u>Psalm 133</u>	<u>Job 38:1-11</u> <u>Psalm 107:1- 3, 23-32</u> <u>Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23- 24</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</u>	<u>Mark 4:35-41</u>
Proper 8 (13) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	<u>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27</u> <u>Psalm 130</u>	<i>or</i> <u>Lamentations 3:22-33</u> <u>Psalm 30</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</u>	<u>Mark 5:21-43</u>



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