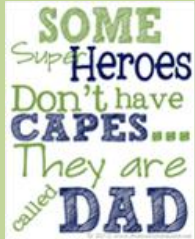




Saint John's ECHO

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FATHER'S DAY

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



To All Our Graduates!

All the best to you and may God bless and guide you as you continue your journey.



A fun Formal Tea & Fashion Show by UMW.

DOES GOD TAKE A VACATION?

A child once asked, "Does God take the summer off? Will the church be closed like my school?"

Thankfully, St. John's and its many steadfast volunteers will continue to service all who are in need. There is a need however.

Like you, the church receives its share of bills: utilities, repairs, along with salaries and services. And we all have seen our bills continue to rise.

So as we begin the summer vacation season, please prayerfully consider your financial support of this church and its ministries. Only through your tithing, prayers and generosity can we continue to be the beacon of hope in our community.

May you have a summer with good health, safe travels and many opportunities to share Christ's message with others.

Come worship with us each Sunday

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m

Worship Services – 10:00 a.m.

(Nursery care available)



Church Staff:

Rev. Clark L. Callender, Pastor
Mr. Brian Schkeeper, Music Minister
Debbie Dura, Church Administrator

ECHO Committee: Debbie Dura, Lisa Smith,
Alice Hushour, Mildred Laughlin



SPOTLIGHT on a Ministry



Music Department

Music plays a vital role in the services of Saint John's UMC. The more music, the better we like it.

The ensembles and choirs listed below are essential to enhance the worship service and the spirit within our Church services.

A goal of the music department is to encourage young and old to join our choirs and ensembles.



Saint John's Music Ensembles

Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Women's & Men's Ensembles, Children's Choir, BLAST Band, Club Cool, Wesleyan & Bethany Bell Ringers.

All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact 732-264-1236.

Free Funds for St. John's when YOU Shop! Many Retailers Donate a Percentage of YOUR Sales to St. John's

We all have Graduations, Weddings, and Birthdays coming up. We all spend money for routine things like food, garden, and restaurants. Why not help our Church at the same time.

Here's how it works: You buy \$50 Shop Rite card and you have \$50 to spend at Shop Rite. The church receives 5% at no additional cost to you.

How Easy Is That?

Choose from Kohls, Barcovs, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop, CVS, Disney, Celebrity Cruise Lines, Home Depot, Lowes, Cinemark, Fridays, Dunkin Donuts, **and so many more to choose from.** Simply purchase cards from us at coffee hour and the church receives 1%-25%.



Prayers for Lyla James Donald

Baby Lyla needs your prayers. We found out at my daughter Kristen's 26 week ultrasound that her baby girl, Lyla, would be born with one kidney. We also knew that her umbilical cord was missing an artery. As the months went on we were told everything was going well.

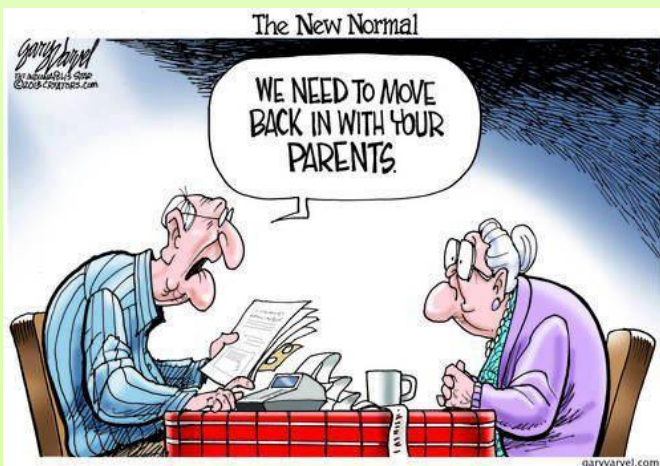
Lyla James was born on April 23rd, 2014. She came out alert and absolutely beautiful. However, within the first hour, when my daughter went to feed her for the first time, Lyla was unable to swallow.

She was taken to Jersey Shore Medical Center Intensive Care Unit and stayed for 23 days. There they discovered that her esophagus was not attached to her stomach, and her trachea was attached to her esophagus. This condition is called **Esophageal atresia fistula** – happens 1 in 4000 births. Lyla had surgery two days later.

She was on a ventilator and had many tubes running through her, and had to learn how to swallow since she was not doing that in utero. She finally came home on May 16th.

Little by little Lyla is eating more and swallowing better. She has to be monitored by a Pediatric Gastroenterologist since she may have complications with eating. We are told that her one kidney is working very well thankfully.

Any prayers that can be sent to her mom Kristen, her dad Timothy and to sweet Lyla are very much appreciated.



GUESS WHO (Answers in next issue.)



Last issue's answer: Elmer & Karen Bahrenberg who just celebrated their 50th Anniversary!

Each Day is A Gift from God

*He has given us Morning, Brightness, and Sun,
Laughter to share, And work to be done.*

*He has given us Rainbows, Flowers, and Song
and the hands of our dear ones to help us along*

*He has given us Prayer with its wonderful power
to lighten our hearts in a troublesome hour.*

*He has given us Blessings to brighten our way,
and – the Gift of another new day.*

Ways to Save

Mix your own garden dirt: Those “enriched” bags of soil boost flower and vegetable growth at about- \$8 a bag. Instead, for each one part of dirt or topsoil mix in about two parts of compost – shredded from leaves and branches and available for free at many municipal recycling centers.

Source: AARP Bulletin



Debbie Dura taking a turn on the tractor!



B.L.A.S.T. – Bible Learning and Spiritual Training
Mid-Week Program for 4th-6th Graders - BLAST
meets each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

CLUB C.O.O.L. – Mid-week program for children
ages 4 through kindergarten. Meets every
Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saint John's Nursery School & Extended Day Program

Marilyn Vines, Director of Nursery School

Established in 1966 as a weekday Christian
education program for preschool children, we
welcome all children in the community at large.

We offer morning and afternoon classes for 2-1/2
through 5 year olds who have begun the toilet
training process and are ready to start school.
For more information call 732.888.7886.

HELP WANTED: St. John's Children's
Education Ministry is looking for adults to lead
an after school program for 2nd and 3rd graders.
Group meets on Wednesday afternoons from
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (September - May). If interested
please contact Barb White - 732-859-6843.



Did You Know...

Sermons are recorded and are posted on
our website?

Post your prayer requests on our new
Prayer Wall.

Coming soon: Online donations!

Visit www.stjohnshazlet.org
& click **MEDIA.**



... Upcoming Events



Strawberry Festival & Flea Market

Saturday, June 7 -- 9am – 2pm

in the front parking lot.

Strawberry treats, Food Vendor with fried Oreos & Twinkies? New Merchandise vendors, Music DJ, Games and fun for the family!

You can still reserve a parking space or two and turn that stuff into cash. Spaces: \$10 for used; \$15 for new. Call Lisa 732.264.5984 or Debbie 732.264.1236 for info.

We would appreciate donations of strawberry treats and volunteers (teens and up) to help with games and working the bake sale table.

All ministries are welcome to display their work while talking with our guests.



**Next St. John's Coffee House
Friday, June 20, 7-9pm**

**Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Games, Movies, Music
Videos, Family fun! Join us and relax!**

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of photos and posts from your church
family.**



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St. John's United Methodist Church

LIKE US! Keep aware of what's going on in our church and community. Listen to sermons. See photos. Post comments. More importantly, SHARE and let your friends know that all are welcome at St. John's UMC.



What On Earth Am I Here For?

Guest writer Sandy Bainton

This question is from *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren and has been a small group study in which most of the men and women in St. John's many missions today have participated.

Pastor Callender will talk about a new course to begin in July including church-wide small group studies. We will be using an updated edition of the classic book. As Warren notes in his revised introduction, "every new generation must discover God's purposes for themselves." We are about to embark on a journey of discovery for a new generation. "But God also adds that the older generation is responsible to pass on what they have learned to that each generation can set its hope anew on God."

This is not a self-help book about achieving your own dreams, setting your own goals, cramming more activities into an already overloaded schedule. Actually, it will show you how to do less by focusing on what matters most.

Near the end of June, there will be a sign-up meeting to indicate how many books to order and how many leaders are needed. Think about attending this study; it will change and simplify your life. Please join us.