

St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
November 7, 2018

Connecting Points

This Sunday we will finish our “Keep It Simple” series by talking about Church. Not just the Church but our St. James church. In doing so, I will share briefly about a book entitled “Simple Church.” You will recall that we started this series addressing the subject of priorities. We’ve talked about Time, Relationships, Money and God as our biggest priorities in life. Sunday we will add “Church” to our priority list and talk about how churches that have Clarity, Alignment, Movement and Focus are growing numerically and spiritually. Some churches spin their wheels because they are stuck in the mud of complexity or confusion. We can get clarity by asking what’s our business and how’s business? We know that our business is “making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” The question is how do we go about doing that enormous task? Some churches own that less is more and eliminate programs or ministries that aren’t productive or helping them be faithful or fruitful... in disciple making. Still other churches add new and fresh approaches so they can connect with people in their community and today’s culture. Our District slogan provides us with a healthy and balanced perspective. “Internally Strong & Externally Focused” is the right target for us to aim at and as we do so we lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus called Discipleship. You will have an opportunity to make or renew a commitment to God and St. James this Sunday. You can do so by filling out your “Keep It Simple” Commitment Card (found inside your worship guide or on the tables just inside the doors), and saying **I Will...Celebrate Freely, Connect Deeply, Grow Intentionally, Serve Passionately and Give Generously in 2019.**

I Will! Will you?

Pastor Dean

**FALL BAZAAR
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 17TH
7AM—1PM**

We will not have
Fellowship Meals for the next two weeks
due to Fall Bazaar &
Thanksgiving
We will resume on
Wednesday, November 28th with a Fund-
raising Meal for the Impact

*Our Sincere sympathy
is extended to
Shauna Saylor &
family in the death of
her father, Jeff Fuge.*

A New Beginning
Open House
CaringPlace
Adult Day Services
Sunday, November 18th
2pm—4pm
216 Marengo St. Suite 9
Come see our progress—
Help us on our Journey

Stewardship Report	October 28th	November 4th
Budget	\$5,750.36	\$16,964.00
Santa Rosa Daycare	\$25.00	\$50.00
Youth	\$26.34	\$15.00
Room in the Inn	\$100.00	
Paraguay Mission Fund		\$75.00
Missions		\$32.00
Building Fund		\$100.00
Communion		\$12.00
Eagle Scout Project		\$200.00
UNA Tickets		\$15.00
Flood Buckets	\$50.00	
Meals on Wheels	\$200.00	
UMCOR	\$100.00	
Flower Fund	\$50.00	
Fellowship Meal	\$570.00	
Total	\$6,871.70	\$17,463.00
Sunday School Attendance	140	154
Sunday Worship	219	232

Members:

Pat Bailey (Rehab)
Sam Brown
Gene Call
Ben Carpenter
Amber & Blaine Delia
Andrew Duessel (deployment)
Karen Grisham
Janice Retherford
Nancy Roberts
Irene Sanders
Sarah Triplett

**Prayer Concerns
Non Members**

Lois Allen
Jackie Berrens
Jeff Fuge Family
Fred Mitchell
Barbara Pace
Katelin Murphy
Susan Gargis
Mike Schaaf
Joe McGuire
Louis Broussard

The HELP Center is in need of Church Volunteers for Monday, Wednesday or Fridays. We are open from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Volunteers can help with interviewing guests, front desk, food pantry, clothing, help with outside clothing donations and organizing. Being the church outside the church walls and sharing the Love of Jesus with our neighbors.

Volunteers can simply come visit the HELP Center during open hours to get plugged in! Welcome to call HELP Center Director Louise Tanner at 256-436-1121 for any questions.