

**St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
November 14, 2018**

Connecting Points

A number of years ago I was questioning what amount I was going to commit to give back to God through the church I was serving. All of us do that sort of thing this time of the year during our stewardship or discipleship emphasis. St. James, just like so many other churches, has a commitment card that members and friends fill out and turn in so that the church can create a realistic budget for the upcoming year. One year I was pondering about my giving and so I called a preacher friend of mine and asked him this question. Do you tithe on what you contribute to your pension plan? I then told him why it was a question for me. I said, when we retire we will be tithing on our pension to whatever church we are attending. There was pause and then he said, "You plan to go to church after you retire?" I laughed and then realized he wasn't joking. He went on to say that he had spent his entire life in church (and for the church), and he planned to retire not just from full time service one day, but also from attending church. Scripture doesn't speak to retirement from work that I know of but I certainly don't find a verse that tells us to stop attending. In fact, it says just the opposite. Stewardship is not only about committing to be in attendance but also to attend to the needs of others through our giving. You are invited to pray about what it means for you (and your family), to be generous and fill out our "I Will" card and turn it in over the next couple of weeks. I am thankful for each of you who honor God with your attendance and by attending to the financial concerns of St. James. I'm especially thankful for the retirees among us who continue to come to church...and give!

Thanks Giving,
Pastor Dean

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

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 18TH
THE 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WILL BE HELD IN
THE SANCTUARY**



**MARK THE DATE! ALL
CONNECT GROUPS ARE
INVITED!**

November 30th, 6:30 FLC
Come learn country line
dancing with your
CONNECT group.

Cost is \$5.00 for dancers, no charge for
watchers.

Bring finger food, snacks or sweets.
Drinks will be provided.

MISSING!!!!!!!
There are 5 long
white tables
missing from the
Family Life
Center. If you have
one or more please
return ASAP!!!!
Thanks

MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER
18th
7:30am

Stewardship Report	November 4th	November 11th
Budget	\$16,964.00	\$9,521.00
Santa Rosa Daycare	\$50.00	\$150.00
Youth	\$15.00	
Children's Fund		\$50.00
Paraguay Mission Fund	\$75.00	\$100.00
Missions	\$32.00	\$33.00
Building Fund	\$100.00	
Communion	\$12.00	
Eagle Scout Project	\$200.00	
UNA Tickets	\$15.00	
Flower Fund		\$50.00
Fellowship Meal		\$477.00
Total	\$6,871.70	\$10,381.00
Sunday School Attendance	140	143
Sunday Worship	219	241

<u>Donation to Flower Fund</u> Given in Memory of Bob Simmons By Scotty & Jan Hannah	<u>Donation to Children</u> Given in Memory Rebecca Wilson Gamble By Scotty & Jan Hannah
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Prayer Concerns	
Members:	Non Members
Pat Bailey (Rehab)	Lois Allen
Sam Brown	Jackie Berrens
Gene Call	Fred Mitchell
Ben Carpenter	Barbara Pace
Amber & Blaine Delia	Katelin Murphy
Andrew Duessel (deployment)	Susan Gargis
Marjorie Glasscock (Rehab)	Mike Schaaf
Karen Grisham	Joe McGuire
Janice Retherford	Louis Broussard
Nancy Roberts	
Irene Sanders	
Sarah Triplett	