



The Messenger

So that.....

St. John's and I are involved in a project called the Healthy Church Initiative. At my monthly meetings we talk about something we learned and how we are going to apply that in our church. My lesson I learned was the "so that...." Whenever we do something we ask the "so that" question. We are doing 'X' so that It requires us to have a purpose to everything we do. In light of that....

We are going to radically restructure our church system so that we can be more flexible; be able to make timely decisions; and to enable more people to be involved in ministry.

We are redoing Wednesday night suppers so that we can build a stronger community and fellowship by using smaller round tables and serving family style.

We are doing a once a month Saturday night worship service, The Gathering, so that those cannot attend on Sunday and those who are more comfortable in a relax atmosphere can have a place to connect to God.

We are trying to have more adult Bible study opportunities so that we can grow deeper in our faith.

The question I'll be asking as we move forward is we are doing this so that.....

Our answer to the so that needs to reflect our mission, "Through the grace of Jesus Christ, St. John's will transform ourselves, our community, and our world.

Greg



THE PUMPKINS ARE BACK

Orange, round, some big and some small...
THE PUMPKINS ARE BACK
 Please come help St. John's Youth Group
 on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th 2011

We will be unloading our first truck of pumpkins after church at 1PM and would appreciate all the volunteers we can get.
Please sign-up to help!!!

Check out our new web site
at the old web address. [www..sfstjohnsumc.org](http://www.sfstjohnsumc.org)
Updated weekly



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"THE GATHERING"
.. relaxed
.. Saturday evening
... worship celebration

5 - 6pm in the Gathering Room

Sat, Sept 17
Sat, October 15
Sat, November 19
[\(click for details\)](#)

COME AND JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Saturday evening - The Gathering*
Relaxed Saturday evening worship celebration
5 - 6pm; Third Saturdays: Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19

Sunday morning - Worship Celebration*
8:30 and 11am

Fellowship Time* - 9:30 - 10am
Sunday School for All Ages* - 10am

*nursery provided

Our Vision

St. John's United Methodist Church seeks to become a diverse community of believers in Christ
reaching out to the world with worship, service, ministry, and discipleship.

St. John's United Methodist Church is located at 1200 Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
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Wednesday Night Supper
October 7, 14, 21 and 28 5:15-6:15



October 2011

Weekly: Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 Worship Celebration
 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School
 4:00 - 5:30pm Fiesta Ringers
 5:30 - 7:30pm God Squad
 5:30 - 7:30pm UMYF

Tuesday and Thursday

10:00 am - Noon Food Pantry

Wednesday

5:15 - 6:15 Community Supper
 6:15pm Chancel Choir

THIS MONTH

Oct. 1 WOMEN'S RETREAT - 8:30-3:30

Sunday, October 2

4:30 PM Parlor Knitters for Peace

October 4 - 8 Photos for directory

Saturday, Oct 8 UMW Rummage Sale

Sunday, October 9

1:00 PM PUMPKINS ARRIVE

Tuesday, October 11

7:15 AM UMM Breakfast

9:30 AM PARLOR UMW/Martha Circle

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM GR Trustees

Friday, October 14

5:30 PM Spegetti Kidetti FH

Saturday, October 15 - 5pm The

Gathering worship service

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 PM AD Council GR

Sunday, October 23

12:00 PM Lunch and CHARGE

CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 25

7:15 AM UMM Breakfast

The Gathering



A relaxed Saturday evening
 worship celebration

5:00 - 6:00pm the third Saturday of the
 month

Rev. Greg Kennedy preaching series
 New Beginnings

October 15 * Music: Vinyl, jazz ensemble

Nov. 19 *Music: Still Waters, gospel duo

Dec. 18 *Music: Carols, Cocoa and
 Cookies

*At the conclusion of the service
 we invite you to stay and hear more from
 our special music guests.

Nursery care available.

SENIOR CITIZENS RETREAT - October 10 - 14

Bible Study led by Dr. Don Holladay " The Apocalypse of John"

Sacramento Assembly Camp Contact info@sacramentoassembly.org

TIME HAS ALMOST RUNOUT. SING UP NOW TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY AT NO COST TO YOU. Y\You will receive a free 8 x 10 and

directory. The dates are October 4 - 7, 1-8pm and Oct 8, 10 am - 5pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex and at the church office. The sooner you sign up

the more choices you have for dates and times. We need volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping contact Denise in the office.



We need you to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location. In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a Complimentary 8x10 Portrait & Directory for participating



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turn your portraits into cherished memories

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Youth Ministry Moment

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Hello St. John's UMC,

I want each of you to know how excited and blessed I am to be here in Santa Fe with all of you. Everyone I have met, in the short 2 weeks I have been here, are so warm and welcoming. I truly appreciate the kindness all of you have shown me, especially since I am a good ways from home back in Greenville, Texas. I look forward to meeting each and everyone of you, once or maybe twice, as there are many lovely faces and names for me to learn. St. John's UMC has been extremely blessed with a wonderful group of youth, which I am sure all of you are well aware of, and I am eager to serve with them as their new Director of Youth Ministries. As most of you know, I have been afforded the opportunity to "jump right in" and lead the youth in their annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. The church has been a huge supporter of this event in the past and I want to thank each of you for the time and energy you have put in to make this fundraiser possible. I am excited to be apart of this community event and look forward to seeing all of you out in the patch this October!!! Thank you for allowing me to become a part of your church family and serve with this wonderful faith community.

My office hours are Monday - Thursday 9-5.

**Blessings,
Kristen Perkins
Director of Youth Ministries**

FaLaLaLaLa. Believe it or not its time to get ready for Christmas. The choir will start learning our Christmas Cantata, *Holy Light* (arr Robert Hobby) on October 12. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you who would LOVE to sing for a short term. Regular choir rehearsal will be from 6:15-7:15 then cantata rehearsal will be from 7:15-8:00. *Holy Light* will be performed at both worship services on Sunday, December 18. Please email Wendy if you can join us so we will have a folder and robe for you.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will start rehearsing on Sunday, Oct 16 at 9:40am. Their Christmas concert will be Sunday, December 18. Contact Wendy to register or for more information.



It's Spaghetti Kiddetty!

TLC & Preschool Parents and Friends
 October 14, 2011
 5:30 - 8pm in Fellowship Hall
 Tickets: Adults \$10; Ages 5 - 11 \$5,
 Under 5 Free

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR OCTOBER



Christmas in October? Why not?

A wonderful opportunity is coming up this month for you to buy stunningly beautiful

Christmas cards at a very reasonable price and at the same time support our own Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry.

We know that you will want to participate in this opportunity to buy 12 Christmas cards with envelopes for only \$10 and no sales tax.

You can purchase cards with a Christmas greeting inside or plain on the inside for you to personalize on a home computer or to use

as note cards. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will directly benefit our Food Pantry. At \$10/ package of 12 we hope everyone will buy at least one or two packages and that many of you will want more. These are lovely cards for your own personal use or they make a nice gift. This is a synergistic opportunity to buy something beautiful and useful and at the same time support our mission to feed the hungry in Santa Fe.

Yes, Christmas can come in October, for the congregation of St. John's, for Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry and for hungry people in Santa Fe.





It's YOUR Turn! A few weeks ago during worship you heard 6 members from this congregation tell personal stories of small, life changing moments. Many of you have told me how that worship service inspired you to start writing down stories of your own. That is what the St. John's Story Project is all about; members of ALL ages telling stories about their faith journey and meaningful moments in their lives. We will be collecting YOUR stories over the next few months and will be publishing our own Story Project

booklet. If you would like some help in getting your life changing moment in story form, people are standing by to help you write it down. For more information and to give or email your stories (approximately 250 words) contact wendy.music@sfstjohnsumc.org.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very Happy Birthday to all of you October. Please let us know of any changes we need to make.	Wanda Wilkinson	15	C.T. Herman	28
	Miranda Gonzales	15	Mary Fowler	29
	Ollie Cone	18	Bob Pozel	29
	Aaron Medina	21	Melissa Fenton	30
	Amber Medina	21	Hope Abernathy	31
Taylor McConnell	Laura Jo Salazar	21		
Debi Chappell	Nikayla Soto	22		
Beverly Chambers	Bhanu Ram	23		
Stephen Darmitzel	Travis Ish	23		
Agnes Lopez	Charles Cole	24		
Lavonne Slusher	Joe Beard	26		
Stuart Rector	Marvin Bohannon	27		
Lonnie Hudson	Carl Twibell	27		
Heather Stumpff	Betty Watson	28		

