LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND.

IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.

IT IS NOT SELF SEEKING. IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED. IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONG.

IT ALWAYS PROTECTS.

IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.

Living the Mystery!

The Week of January 31, 2016
Life with our five month old daughter, Erin, is really fun. She teaches me something or reminds me of something I once knew but have forgotten almost everyday. It is truly amazing to be in her presence as she lives so very aware of everything around her. She misses nothing. She wants to see it all. She wants to touch everything and usually tries to at every chance she gets. As I watch her I wonder what happens to us as we age? I am realizing I take way too much for granted. In my numbness to life I miss more than I perceive. I seem to live indifferent to so much that happens in and around me. My daughters fresh, new, perspective exposes me more often than I would care to admit. And to think I am the adult with so much experience and knowledge to teach her. At this point in our shared life I find that I am the student more often times than not. Erin doesn't miss much.

As we approach Lent I find myself yearning to grow and learn. My daughter is teaching me how fun it is to live alive, aware, growing, learning as each moment is pregnant with all kinds of possibilities. The mystery of life is deep and unfathomable. Every day is a new beginning of sorts. Erin lives that and it is awe inspiring to watch and be a part of everyday. Erin is reminding me that each day is a gift from God full of possibilities and surprises. Living fully aware and responsive to all that God is doing in the moments is the only life worth living!

I hope we all realize how blessed we are! I hope we know how loved we are! I hope we can find it within ourselves to trust this God who never stops giving and loving us. Erin's innocence and wonder at the gift of living is refreshing as well as inspiring. May each of us seize the moments we are blessed to live for all they have to teach us and give us. Seize the day my friends!

I will see you on the road,
Pastor Travis
I John 3:1
Paul has been sharing his thoughts on being the body of Christ in the world. He has powerfully employed the use of the body metaphor to help this young church understand how God works through God’s church. Now Paul turns to identify the foundational principle that will guide such work. That foundation is that of God’s love. He describes what God’s love is and the character of such loving. His description is both beautiful and challenging. If we are to be God’s church in the world Paul gives us a definition of how we are live that out every day. It is living in what Paul says is the more excellent way.

Administrative Council Meeting, Sunday, February 7 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served. Cost is $5 each.

**Director of Children’s Ministry Position Open**

St. John’s United Methodist Church of Georgetown, TX has our Director of Children’s Ministry Position open. The Director of Children’s Ministry oversees and coordinates our ministry to families with children. This person is responsible for directing our Sunday school, helps with confirmation, trains our teachers, directs our children’s church, shares the weekly children’s sermon in the 8:30 am worship service, supervises the nursery manager, creates opportunities for the spiritual growth of our children and their families, and coordinates our children events such as Saturday with Santa, Trunk or Treat, summer camp, Parents Night Out, the family Christmas Eve service, and other events throughout the year related to the spiritual growth of our families with children. This position is 17 hours a week. This person attends a weekly staff meeting and works with the ministry team to coordinate the work of our church to families with children. A bachelor’s degree is required. You may apply by filling out an application from the church office. For further inquiries call the church office at 512-863-5886.

**Wednesday Evenings**

Wesley Value meal on February 3 is sponsored by Loving Arms Ministry. The menu will be sausage, potato salad, & baked beans. Take out will be available and cost is $6 adults, $3 children, family max $25. Times are 5:15 to 7:15pm. Worship service will be at 6pm in the sanctuary.
WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN LEARNING?

Sunday School:
PreK—A miraculous catch of fish (John 21:1-13)
Kindergarten/1st grade—Jesus is tempted (Luke 4:1-13)
2nd–3rd grade—Jesus is transfigured (Luke 9:28-36)
4th-6th grade—Living up to Expectations (Ephesians 6:7-8)

Children’s Church—At the Zoo: Tigers God, protect me. (Daniel 6)

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Queso Cook-Off
AND
Bible Scavenger Hunt

February 6 at 4pm in the Family Life Center

You bring the dip—we will provide the chips!
1. 1.1.Queso Cook-off
2. 2.2.Scavenger Hunt
3. 3.3.Cake and punch
Knitters & Crocheters Needed

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of knitters and crocheters. If you would like to join this wonderful ministry or you know of someone in need of a beautiful prayer shawl, please contact Beverly Thompson at 512.639.9339.
LEARN HOW TO HAND PIECE A QUILT AND HAND QUILT:

The Monday afternoon quilters are offering an opportunity to our St. John’s members to enjoy the mission work of the church. We are eager to teach beginners, or share our quilting techniques to anyone who finds they have any Monday from 1pm to 4pm free. We would love to include you in our fellowship, fun and creativity. Join us at the Horizon House; just drop by to learn more about us. Pictured are quilters and the newest quilt, to be sold at Harvest Fest.

If you have questions, call Patty Lee at 512/863-6758.

Presentation on “Human Trafficking”

There will be a presentation on Human Trafficking Sunday, April 10 at 9:45am in the Seekers Sunday school classroom. All are invited to attend.

St. John's United Methodist Women Soup/Chili Luncheon

The United Methodist Women invite you to a Soup/Chili Luncheon on Saturday February 13th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Martha Arizpe will be presenting the program "Who is St. Valentine?" Soup and Chili will be provided so please come and fellowship with us.
Youth Ministries
Super Bowl 6” Subs

The Youth are raising money to offer scholarships for mission trips. Please consider purchasing some 6” sub sandwiches from us on February 7th to help us out.

Please order only one sub per form

Please circle what you would like in a 6” Sub

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SERVICE ATTEND
8:30
9:45
11:00

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Subs Will Be Ready After Each Service
When is the last time you thought about the state of your soul? The health of your soul isn't just a matter of saved or unsaved. It's the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep, satisfied spirituality and a restless, dispassionate faith. In an age of materialism and consumerism that tries to buy its way to happiness, many souls are starved and unhealthy, unsatisfied by false promises of status and wealth. We've neglected this eternal part of ourselves, focusing instead on the temporal concerns of the world - and not without consequence. Best-selling author John Ortberg presents another classic that will help you discover your soul - the most important connection to God there is - and find your way out of the spiritual shallow-lands to true divine depth. With characteristic insight and an accessible story-filled approach, Ortberg brings practicality and relevance to one of Christianity's most mysterious and neglected topics.

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SOCIAL DANCING

Third Saturday of Each Month
Lesson First Hour
Followed by Two Hours Social Dancing
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

February 20, 2016
Rumba Lesson taught by
Kerry Erin Kelly

Social Dancing: Swing,
Nightclub, Tango, Salsa,
Bolero, Rumba, Waltz,
Foxtrot, Two Step. No
Partner Necessary.

$5 Members/Affiliates & Students with ID
$10 Non-Members

Held at the Family Life Center
St. John’s United Methodist Church
311 East University Ave., Georgetown, TX Entrance is on East
11th Street Parking on East 11th and Myrtle

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Food Pantry Wish List

1) CANNED TUNA
2) KETCHUP, MUSTARD AND MAYONNAISE
3) JELLO / PUDDING
4) FRUIT JUICES
5) BAKING MIXES
6) TOMATO PRODUCTS
7) CEREAL (oatmeal not needed at this time)
8) TOILETRIES
9) BOXED DINNERS

Thank you for your donations!

St John’s collects food for The Caring Place on the first Sunday

Got Empty Jewelry Boxes?
Please donate them to The Caring Place.

We use these boxes to house donated jewelry for sale in our Boutique and Jewelry Show.

Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE
26th Annual
SOUP SUPPER!
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Georgetown Community Center
in San Gabriel Park
445 E. Morrow St., Georgetown

Tickets
$10 Adults
$7 Children 5-12
Free for Children 4 and Under

All proceeds benefit 2016 Coats for Kids
HARKEY NOT ONLY "UP & AROUND" BUT COMES FROM BEHIND TO WIN "Mini PIP" Game at Home: Alright, with NFL talk in the air, we guess there is such a thing as a home field advantage! Whatever is was, Linda Lindell, Carolyn Henry & Wayne Ewen joined Ruth for a game beginning with the SIX's and working down to the Double Blank. It was a surprisingly quick game. Ruth began with a whopping 48 points. By going out several times and benefitting from the "new" -10 REWARD POINTS for doing so, she whittled her score down, thus overtaking Wayne Ewen who was poised to win for the first time in a while by keeping his score low. [Didn't that used to work by doing it each hand, but NOOOOO! Not any more!]

She did remind us that we had come to "pep her up." We didn't quite know in advance that this would be the shape that such an uplifting game would take. [Nemo, Jr. & Perky stayed at home.]

At the end of the game, Ruth's daughter from Arkansas came in so that we could say, "Hello." Ruth, we are very pleased with your progress & energy. Keep it up!

NEXT GAME: Tuesday, January 26 @ noon, we will have our last Game Day of the month at the Horizon House.

[We truly hope that Herb Hake is doing much better with his leg infection!] We will be in touch RE: everyone's well-being and food ideas. Carolyn is bringing dessert and Wayne is bringing a fruit plate. [February=9 & 23.]

The adult game day update is courtesy of Wayne Ewen. The adult game day is held every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Horizon House from 12 noon to 4pm. All are welcome to join!!!
Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

- Barton, Miriam & Rachel
- Barbara Anderson
- Martha Arizpe
- Lou Arterbrun
- Bill Ayres
- Phyllis Bacchus
- Reb Bacchus
- Tom Bagby
- Kay Baker
- Martha Baker
- Joan Barhydt
- Michael, Jessica & RH Barnett
- Alysia Birchfield
- Gary Bonn
- Kevin Bowers
- Jack Bryant
- Kathy Buchanan
- Steve & Suzanne Buchelle
- Joann Byler
- Lou Campbell
- Roy & Kim Carpenter
- Roland Carroll
- Bobby Channell
- Ernestine Cox
- Roger Croteau
- Joann Crum
- Bridgette Cunningham
- Dance Family
- D.D. Danchak & Family
- Harold Davis
- Linda Dean
- Larry & Sharon DeBotte
- Laura Jean & Neil Dedear
- Dustin Erskine
- Cathi Evans
- Kenneth Evers
- Virginia Evers
- Joe Ewen
- Michael Franklin
- Pastor Travis & Lara Franklin
- Rejeanna Fraser
- Barry & Darlene Fredrickson
- Mildred Frederickson
- Bob & Betty Fritts
- Charlotte Gabriel
- Angela Gallia
- Mary Gamble
- Gene Giannini
- Hudson Grove
- Leah Hake
- Judy Hardin
- Sandra Hardin
- Wyatt Hayne
- Roy Helms
- Chris Hernandez
- Glenda Higginbotham
- Dina Hill
- Lonnie Hodgkin
- Sondra Holtzer
- Dick & Patty Hoover
- Brenda Horton
- Bishop Bill Hutchinson
- Ruth Jackson
- Silas Jackson
- Sheryl Jannings
- Cynthia Jarvis
- Ally & Whitney Johns
- Gus Jones
- Manley & Beverly Jones
- Michael Jones
- Sue Jones
- Ken Johnson
- Jackie Kalback
- Emily Kimbrell
- Don Legg
- Johnel Louie
- Linda Martinez
- Janiel Matzdorf
- Myrtice McComber
- Chick McCraw
- Susan McPherson
- Elizabeth & David Miller
- Bill & Evelyn Mitchell
- Thelma Munson
- Teddy & Christi Munoz
- Laurance Murata
- Murtiera Family
- Landon Navarro
- Ian Nickerson
- Casey Noel
- Stephanie Norment
- Bob & Zola Norton
- Whitney Norton
- Chris Parsons
- Rev. Dawne Phillips
- Jesse Presley
- Catherine Ranum
- Nancy Reed
- Bob & Betty Renfoe
- Steve Reziak
- Stephen Rozek
- Juanitta Rowin
- Jim Russell
- Robin Russell
- Susie Russell
- Lisa Bryne Sabra
- Mia Sandoval
- Roberta Schmidt
- Alex Seay
- Dick Shannon
- Rusdy Shannon
- Jay & Walt Silveria
- Betty Simms
- Nathan & Michelle Smith
- Brenda Spiekermann
- Billy Stephenson
- Alice Stried
- Buck & Vivian Teel
- Rob Thomas
- Woody Thompson, Sr.
- Bryan Thornton
- Lindsay Thurman
- Geri Voigt
- Diana Walker
- Vera Warren
- Baby Avalee Weaver
- Sheryl Zaitz