

St John Church of Christ

April 26, 2020

This Week OnLine

Children's Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Pete and Penelope are back!
Join them at 10:00 A.M.

Adult Bible Class

10:30 - 10:45 A.M.

Learn how to be a lover! John latest book, *Stairway to Love*, was just published this week. This week John is sharing the chapter on *faith*.

Worship

11:00 - 11:20 A.M.

Join Christians from all over the United States and beyond for worship this week! The sermon is entitled, "Living Hope" and is based on 1 Peter 1:3.

Log into Facebook.com and search for "St. John Church of Christ" or follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnChurchOfChrist/>

Don't forget to send us your prayer requests throughout the broadcast. We will include them in our benediction.

Song: Jesus Loves Me!

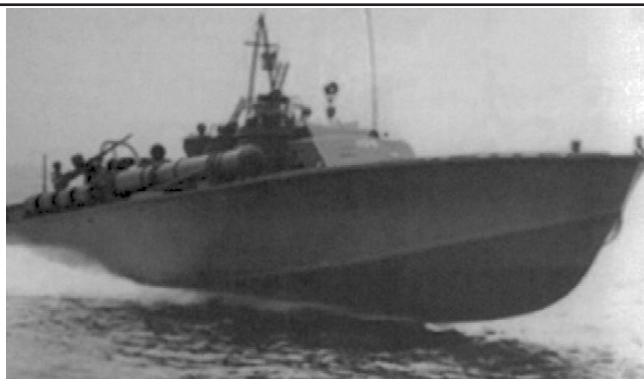
Communion

Lesson: Living Hope

Benediction & Prayer

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Jesus Loves Me and PT 109



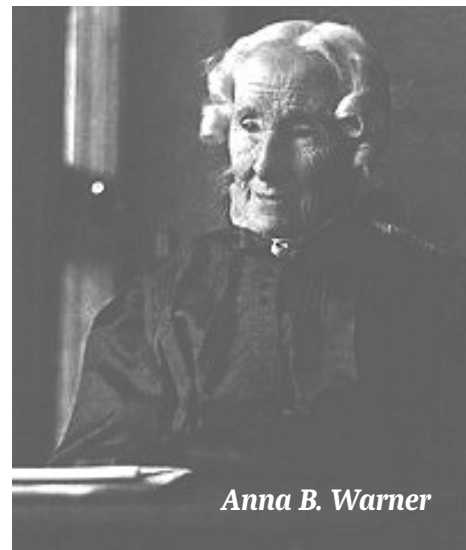
When John F. Kennedy and the men of PT 109 were rescued in the Solomon Islands, one of the crew members, Motor Machinist Mate William Johnston, went topside and gratefully sat beside his island rescuers.

He smiled. They smiled. He tried to talk, but what do you say? The islanders had been educated in a Christian mission. Johnston had gone to Bible school. Then they all grinned and began to sing: "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so" and they sang it all the way back to the American Navy base.

Ana B. Warner's children's song is engraved on our hearts, but few people know her story. Ana's father nearly lost everything in the "Panic of 1837." They were forced to move from their beautiful townhouse in New York and

the family retired to a little Revolutionary War house on Constitution Island. It was just across the river from the Military Academy at West Point where her uncle had been the chaplain.

Ana's older sister, Susan, continued to hold Bible classes for the cadets. Ana would pick wild flow-



Anna B. Warner

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ers and give them to the soldiers to decorate their rooms. When the cadets graduated, the sisters kept up a lively correspondence with them. As the soldiers advanced in rank, they still remembered the two sisters who would row across the river and bring them back to their little home to study the Bible on Sundays. Today, the sisters are still honored at West Point. They are the only two civilians buried in the military cemetery there and their little home is maintained as a museum just the way it was in the mid-1800s.

The words to the song come from one of the many stories the girls wrote to help support their struggling family. In their book, *Say and Seal*, a beloved school-teacher sang, "Jesus Loves Me" to a little boy who was very ill. Later, some of the stanzas were re-written by David Rutherford McGuire, and the chorus was written by the man who wrote the music, William Bradbury. Bradbury also wrote the tunes for *'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow*, *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, *He Leadeth Me*, *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*, and many more.



Anna B. Warner, the author of "Jesus Loves Me!"

For Your Prayers

Here is our latest prayer list from our last online worship service:

- Tom & Pam: Our friend Brad had a successful surgery for his cancer. He is cancer free at this time with no further treatment required. Praise God!
- Please pray for Curtis in Pratt who has pancreatic cancer.
- Please add Mark Phelan to our prayer list. His 5 grown girls were stand out atheletes that many people from here know. His wife died 5 years ago and now he's on a vent in Wichita with corona virus.
- "Please pray for Maren Turner Turner, 2 year old from Great Bend who has Leukemia."
- David N Pam Murphy asked us to pray for "John Brock recovering from his amputation."
- Pam would like us to pray for "Brad Miller, formerly from Sylvia who was diagnosed with cancer this week."
- Kari asked us to "Please pray for my friend Heidi as she is going through radiation for breast cancer."
- We also have special prayers for Dominic who is in Kansas, and Matthew who is in Connecticut. They are both in facilities, and due to the virus, their isolation has almost become unbearable. Please remember their loved ones who are unable to visit and comfort them at this time.
- Likewise, remember Don and Gladys. Kenwood isn't allowing visitors - but you can give them a phone call and talk with them while standing outside their window in back!
- Pam sadly reports: "My dear friend Karen lost her daughter to leukemia last week in the midst of this quarantine. They had a small funeral service - abiding by the 10 person rule. Very difficult to not be able to have friends with you at a time like this. Prayers for her as she begins this journey of grief."

Pray for our online presence as we stream our worship and Bible Classes. Ask God to help us take advantage of these new opportunities!

In addition, let's pray for the safety of our community, our elderly and especially for our children. Thank God for those who are giving their time to minister to them and provide them with meals.

Pray for our families. Many businesses have closed or restricted their hours. Without work, needs are going to be especially great for them.