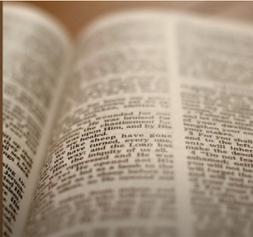


St John Church of Christ

January 24, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Meeting Online

Our online Adult Bible Study continues this morning at 10:30. It's based on John McKeel's recent book, *Peter the Friend of Jesus Speaks*. Our programs are available over the internet starting Sundays at 10:30 for Adult Class and 11:00 for Worship. Just visit

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

and select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

[St. John Church of Christ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



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Online

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What Can One Person Do?

JanEva McKeel

Ten years ago, the government threatened to demolish Huang Yung-fu's village in central Taiwan. Most of the houses were run down, and greedy developers began buying up the land for redevelopment. Huang's neighbors eagerly accepted financial compensation or new housing to move but Huang stubbornly refused. It was the only home in Taiwan he had ever known, and he could not bring himself to leave it. Soon he was the only one left

in the village. Instead of giving in to loneliness and boredom, the 86-year old picked up a paintbrush for the first time and began painting. First, he painted a bird inside his home; then he started painting the village. Today, more than one million visitors come to the village every year to meet the 96-year old artist and lone permanent resident, affectionately known as 'Grandpa Rainbow.'

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In a recent article for the BBC, Eliot Stein writes:

It's hard not to smile when wandering the village's paint-splattered streets. Tiny tigers leap from the walls, whiskered kittens hide in alleyways and a lively parade of wide-eyed pandas, peacocks and people peek out from the doorways. Stay long enough, and you may stumble upon dancing samurais, floating astronauts and kissing sweethearts.

What an inspirational story! Huang Young-fu transformed his Taiwanese settlement into a magical, real-life storybook and in the process, he saved it from demolition.

Imagine for a moment if every member refused to give up and park ourselves on a church pew. What if each of us refuses to give in to the aches and pains that come with age? Or the discouragement that comes with being too young? What if we stubbornly refuse to listen to the devil as he tells us our little church can't possibly make a difference? It's time to pick up your "paintbrush" and get to work!

JanEva is the librarian for the Nora Larabee Memorial Library in Stafford and a popular weekly columnist for the Stafford Courier.



Children's Prayers

Dear God,

Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Joyce

Dear Mr. God,

I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart I had to have 3 stitches and a shot.

Janet

Dear God,

I read the bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me.

Love Alison

Dear God,

Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house?

Anita

Dear God,

I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Nancy

Dear God,

I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too.

Glenn

Dear God,

My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?

Love, Dennis

Dear God,

Did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?

Norma

Dear God,

Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year.

Peter

News & Prayer Requests



We've been praying for little Emersyn, the daughter of Billy and Brianna Milton of Hudson. They share this report with us:

Another week of chemo done! Emersyn only has four more treatments left! She is almost done! We also had an echo this week before her next chemo treatment. She has echos to check the function of her heart before Doxorubicin. Her heart function is looking great!

While in KC we had a follow up appointment with her radiologist at KU Med. Everything looks great!

Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers! We are so thankful!

Please continue to pray for John's friend Paul and his wife Bernice, as Paul battles cancer in Washington state.

Brenda and Kim Staub were longtime members here before moving to work at a Christian boys' school/camp. Brenda can no longer care for Kim and together they decided to admit him into a care facility.