

St John Church of Christ

October 17, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Making Memories

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program, is followed by songs and classes.

Join us this fall as we dig into the fascinating book of Revelation. Perhaps no other book of the Bible has been as abused at Revelation. Come learn how a better understanding of "apocalyptic literature" can open doors of insight into the last book of the Bible. Class begins at 10:00 A.M. with worship following at 11:00 A.M.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

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Photo by Jeremy Wong

I love officiating at weddings. I remember a wedding from a few years ago. The bride was beautiful (as all brides are), and the groom was a little nervous (as all grooms are). It was a large wedding, and relatives had flown in from all over the country. The weather could have been better so, under the threat of rain, we had to move the venue indoors at the last minute, but it was still wonderful.

The service began well. Dad walked daughter down the aisle and correctly repeated his line, "Her mother and I do." Everyone was seated, and I gave the lesson.

At last, it was time to exchange the rings and "Repeat after me." Unfortunately, her ring was tight, and the poor groom could either put the ring on her finger or repeat after me, but he couldn't do both at the same time.

"... with my heart's sincere affection..." I said slowly and clearly.

"...with my heart's infection..." he repeated.

I love weddings but think about it. We don't remember when everything goes right. What

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we remember are the things that go wrong.

Many years ago, I was preparing to perform my first wedding ceremony. I was so nervous I sought out the oldest minister I could find, Maurice Meredith, and I asked for his help. "Help me go over the ceremony again, Maurice. I don't want to make any mistakes."

Maurice carefully walked me through everything as I took copious notes: groom's family on this side; the bride's on that side; stand, sit, repeat after me. Then Maurice, with that characteristic twinkle in his eye, said, "When you come to the part about ex-

changing the rings - if everything has gone smoothly - drop the rings."

"What?" I looked up, horrified.

"Drop the rings!" he repeated.

"Why?"

"Because otherwise, they won't have anything to remember," he laughed. And Maurice was right. We remember the groom who fainted, the flower girl who took her shoes off, the bridesmaid who set her dress on fire.

So keep this lesson in mind this week when things go wrong. We're not making mistakes - we're making memories!



Prayer Requests

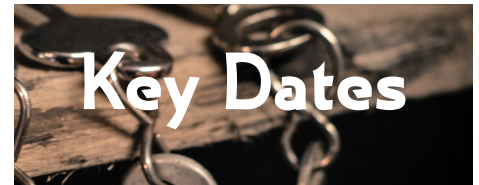
Gail's daughter, Tami has just been diagnosed with covid and is convalescing at home. The family has asked for prayers.

Terry and Joy are continuing to recover from covid, but it is a long-haul. Please remember them in your prayers.

John's childhood friend, Paul is wrestling with cancer. John has asked that we continue to remember Paul and his wife Bernice. It's hard to say good bye.



Congratulations to Teddy and Carol who will be celebrating their *60th anniversary* next Saturday, October 22nd.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/20: Carol Gingrich

10/22: Tara Kinnamon

10/24: Shelly Brensing

10/22: Teddy and Carol 60th Anniversary

11/2: Shae Huffman

11/11: Don Rugan

11/13: Marilyn Thornburg

11/15: Terry Sallee

11/21: Lupe Hudson

11/21: Pam Turner

11/24: Lexi Marks

11/27: Craig and Kari Smith Anniversary

11/28: Joe and Lisa Cornwell Anniversary

12/1: Joy Sallee

12/7: George Shelton

12/26: Morgan Gunter

12/29: George and Shirley Anniversary

12/30: Noah Sizemoret