

St John Church of Christ

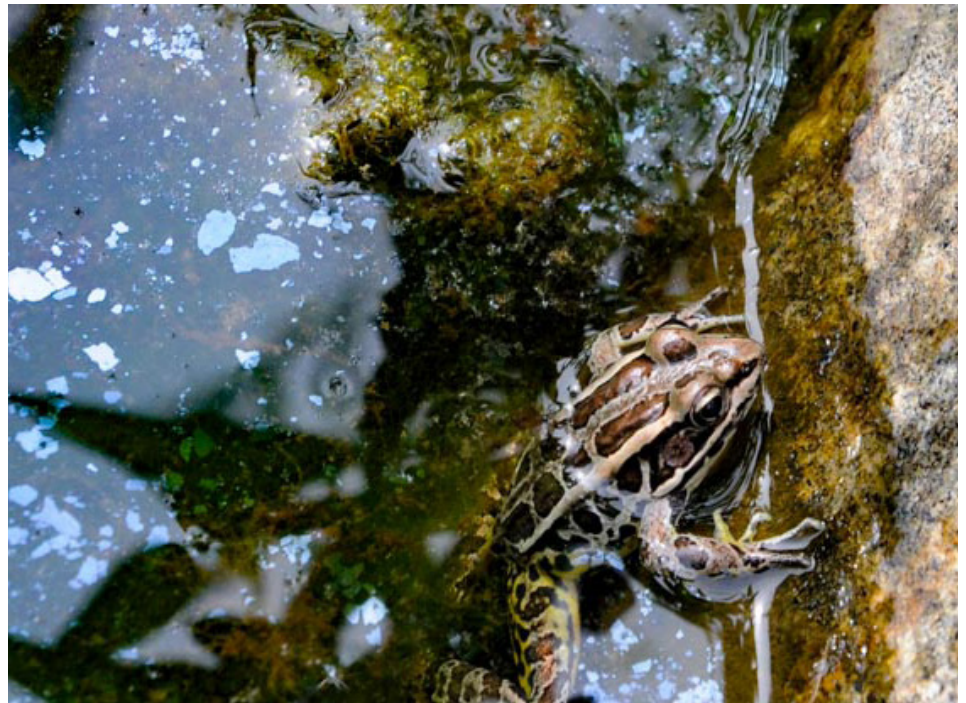
October 24, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Frog in the Buttermilk



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

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

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This week I was reading a wonderful book on marriage counseling, and the author presented an illustration that began "two frogs fell into a vat of buttermilk." The frogs were frantic and they splashed and churned trying desperately to get out. The conclusion of the illustration came when the exhausted frogs gave up their struggle and prepared to sink down into the vat and go to froggy heaven. Only then did they realize their frantic efforts had produced a huge island of butter that became their salvation. The author's point was, couples often need to relax and quit struggling and the solution

will become evident. My problem was my imagination. "How did two frogs fall into a vat of buttermilk in the first place?"

It's very much like the illustration of the frog in the kettle. I am told that if you place a frog in a pot of water and turn up the heat slowly, the water will boil and the frog will never jump out. In other words, subtle, apparently harmless little changes can lead to disastrous results. But again, my imagination asks, "What kind of sick, twisted person would boil a live frog in the first place?"

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Of course, most people could care less about frogs. They are wonderful at catching bugs and make great cartoon characters, but, unlike dogs and cats, you rarely find one in your bed unless you were an Egyptian. Do you remember the second plague (Exodus 8:1-4)?

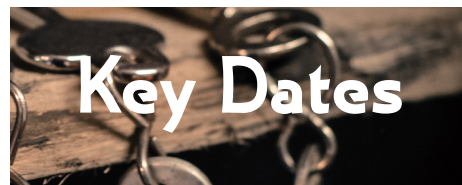
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs. The Nile shall swarm with frogs that shall come up into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and your kneading bowls. The frogs shall come up on you and on your people and on all your servants."'"

And they did! The frogs were everywhere: in their bread bowls; in their beds – everywhere! Pharaoh repented and begged Moses to put an end to the plague of frogs. Then something surprising happened. When Moses asked, "When?" Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow" (v. 10). Why wouldn't Pharaoh (who was probably standing in the middle of a swarm of frogs) shout "Now! I want those dreadful amphibians out of here now!" But he didn't. Why?

It is a strange quirk of human nature that we often delay salvation. "I'll just take one more drink and then I'll start attending meetings." "This is my last cigarette." "This is the last time I will _____."

Herod Antipas, "the Fox," use to spend time talking with John the Baptist. "Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled, yet he liked to listen to him," (Mark 6:20).

Are we the same? Do we enjoy dabbling in religion, filled with good intentions, but we're never quite able to commit? Don't spend another day "living with the frogs"!



Monthly Potlucks Resume!

We are resuming our meals together after services on the first Sunday of the Month. The first lunch will be Sunday, **November 7th** immediately after morning worship. We will also have a congregational meeting with the elders. Everyone is invited!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/24: Shelly Brening

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 Anniversary

11/28: Joe and Lisa Anniversary

12/1: Joy Sallee

12/7: George Shelton

12/26: Morgan Gunter

12/29: George and Shirley Anniversary

12/30: Noah Sizemore

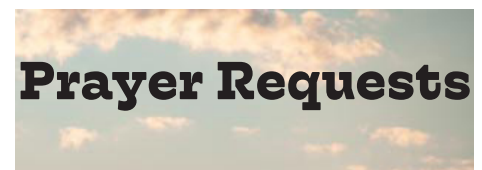
1/10: Mason Gunter

1/12: Kolton Sizemore

1/13: Darrell Willinger

1/14 Joy and Terry Anniversary

1/30: Chet Lyons



Terry and Joy are continuing to recover from covid, but it is a long-haul. Their daughter-in-law, Mam, has shingles, so please remember all of them in your prayers.