

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

February 26, 2026

**Worship times: Wednesday @ 12:05,  
Saturday @ 5:15 and Sunday @ 11.  
Sunday School begins at 9:30.**



## COMMUNITY SUPPER CELEBRATES HEART MONTH



We are blessed to have Robert Packer Hospital's Cath Lab sponsor our Community Supper happening **TODAY** from **4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** RPH is also donating the heart healthy meal. Nurses from the Cath Lab will be on hand to do blood pressure checks. Please come enjoy good fellowship and a heart healthy meal. (Pictured: Last year's nurses and our kitchen crew.)

## Youth Group News

The Redeemer/St. John Youth Group traveled to Owego on Sunday, February 22 and met with the youth group from St. Paul's Church (the Rev. Trula Hollywood). It was the second time we have gotten everyone together and friendships were renewed. They provided us with a wonderful lunch of pizza and wings followed by "make your own sundae". They had fun games to play and we all enjoyed seeing each other again. Thanks to Jeri Mullen of SJLC for joining us.



## First Sunday of the Month

This Sunday all open plate donations will be sent to the Bridge. This ministry helps individuals and families in the Athens, Sayre, and Waverly school districts who are less fortunate with things like furniture, food, rent, electric and heating costs just to name a few.

### February 28 & March 1 Lessons

**First Lesson:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**Psalm:** 121

**Second Lesson:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

### Serving in Worship

**Worship Assistant:** Glenda Hinsman

**Usher:** Walter Chaykosky

**Greeter:** Linda Murrelle

**Acolyte(s):** Adrianna Moe

**AV Operator:** Nina Seebeck



Mitzi Mohn	2/26
Seth Murrelle	2/26
Aimee Marshall	2/26
Ray Pennoyer	2/28

### Scripture Reflection

Consider a time when you felt uncertain. Can you see how God was at work in your life at that time? What from Abraham and Sarai's story, or from Nicodemus's story, is a help to you as you look for evidence of God's presence in your own life.



### March Food Item

For the month of March we will be collecting canned fruit for our local food pantries. As always, thank you for your continued support.

### St. Mary's Guild

On Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. St. Mary's will hold a rummage sale.

**Rummage Sale Set-Up** will begin on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. We are in need of volunteers to help set up and work the sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the church for anyone willing to help.

**March Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Nancy Whitt and Rosemary Firestine will discuss with us their careers in the Coast Guard. All ladies from St. John and Redeemer are invited to attend.

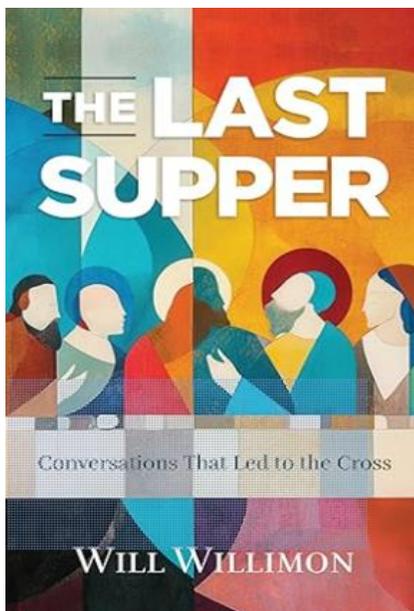
## **Sunday School News**

**The Lent program** for this year is once again Heifer International. This program allows the children to buy an animal(s), bees, trees and other things for the needed country. In the church there is a Heifer table with information about the program and containers to put donations or take a Heifer mite box home and bring it back on Easter.

**Recycling:** The Sunday school continues to collect recyclable cans and bottles in support of the Easter mite box donations to Heifer International. Please keep bringing them in when you can.

Thank you for your continued support,

Betsy



## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Our sessions continue Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. and evening session at 6 p.m. in the South Wing at St. John with soup, salad and bread, with the discussion starting at 6:35 p.m. We have one book left. Even if you are not attending the class and would like a copy of the book please contact Jerry in the office and she will see to it that you receive it.



This month we highlight the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri. Deon Kevin Johnson was consecrated as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri on June 13, 2020, at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. He became the first black, first gay, first immigrant to serve as bishop in this diocese.

Johnson was born and raised in a small village on the Caribbean island of Barbados. His faith was formed under the watchful eye of his maternal grandmother who taught him how to pray, how to listen with his heart and introduced him to the beauty of worship in the hymns and spirituals she sang throughout Deon’s childhood.

His grandmother’s presence and prayers continued to influence him as he immigrated from Barbados to New York at the age of 14. “Leaving my mother and grandmother behind was perhaps one of the most difficult journeys my older brother and I could ever undertake,” Johnson recalls. “Because of their unconditional love, and the faithful witness of many others, I have been shaped into the person and priest I am today.”

After receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and History and an Associate degree in Biology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH (2000), he went on to earn a Master of Divinity degree from The General Theological Seminary in New York, NY (2003), where he also received an Honorary Doctorate degree (2021).

Johnson served as Associate Rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Shaker Heights, OH (2003-2006), and as Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Brighton, MI (2006-2020). His service to the wider church community includes the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, the Taskforce for Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision, and the Office of African Descent Ministries. He also serves on the advisory boards and councils of Sewanee: The University of the South and General Theological Seminary.

Bishop Johnson and his husband Jhovanny Osorio are the proud parents of two children, Lilohalani and Ja’Lon. He enjoys cooking, photography, hiking and being an armchair movie critic.

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*FOR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD...*



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# God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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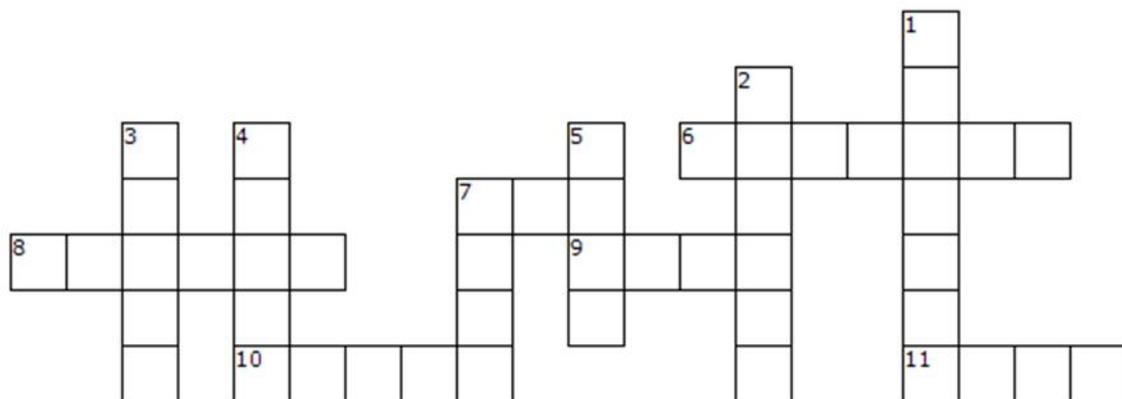
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# Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



## ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

## DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE  
LIFE  
ONLY

ETERNAL  
SON  
BELIEVE

SAVE  
PERISH  
MOSES

LOVE  
DESERT  
WORLD