

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Comfort and Healing:**

Francis Hardwick; Gayle Winchell; Vera Villa; Dennis Davenport; Wanita Morris; Ann Lippincott; Gerri Russo; Edie Shave (Hospice).

**Others for whom we have concern:**

Pam Wolverton (Fighting for her life with a staph infection, friend of Connie Wildt); Family of Marie Baker (mother-in-law of Tina Baker who passed away this week); Carole Herrmann (Sister of Suzie Weaver who is having memory issues); Sandy Forrest (Having chemo, friend of Pam Hoffert); Joanne Dunaway (Friend of Kristy Kniest diagnosed with Leukemia); Tyler Schaffer (Mary Ellen Dieckman's friends 5 yr. old Grandson has a brain tumor); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Frederick); Sally McBride (Diagnosed with Throat Cancer, friend of David & Jill Carr); Neala Bowman (Friend of the Wooten's diagnosed with (Brain cancer); Ron Graveman (Heart issues, brother of Diane Falkner); Michael Wooten (Father-in-law of Natalie Wooten diagnosed with Lung Cancer); Michelle Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier, diagnosed with Breast Cancer); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer, friend of Rhonda Hanne); Shannon Boland (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer);

**Please let us know when it's time to remove a request from the list.**



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*St. John's United Church of Christ*  
*Weldon Spring, MO*

*April 14, 2024, 10 a.m.*



*“God's Little Children”*

**THE MINISTRY TEAM**

**Pastor:** Rev. Patrick Gruber

**Organist & Choir Director:** Ann Gaadt

**Pianist & Organist:** Ken Waterman

**Handbell Director & Children’s & Youth Choir Director:**  
Joyce McClain

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Diane Falkner

**Ushers:** Howard Hoskins, Joan Huntebrinker,  
Mark & Diane Falkner

**Liturgist:** Alice Gooch

**Nursery:** Kay Haines and Hassie Rehm

**Bell Ringer:** John Hampshire

**Sound Booth:** Ken Waterman and David Carr

**SonShine Kids:** Bill Cunningham and Jan Hopkins

**Pastoral Care:** If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor Patrick Gruber (636) 253-1287.

**Financial Contributions:** You can give electronically via our website, set up automatic monthly contributions, or receive weekly envelopes, contact the office for assistance.

**Announcements:** If you would like to have something announced in the bulletin, please email the information to [office@stjohnsweldonspring.com](mailto:office@stjohnsweldonspring.com) no later than 10 a.m. each Thursday. Thank you!



Use your QR reader app to make an electronic contribution to St. John’s UCC. Thank You.

Last Week’s Worship Attendance: 98

Facebook Views: 126 YouTube Channel Views: 11



**St. John’s UCC is hosting a collection again this year for “Nurses For Newborns”.**

This agency provides a safety net for families most at risk in order to prevent infant mortality, child abuse and neglect by providing in-home nursing visits which promote healthcare, education and positive parenting skills.

A baby crib will be in the Fellowship Hall from **April 7 to April 28th** If you would like to contribute to this collection.

***Priority Items***

- Baby Care Items (Lotion, Shampoo, Wash), Bottles, Teething Rings
- Baby Formula (Preferably Enfamil w/Lipil)
- First Aid Supplies, Vaseline, A & D ointment
- Adult Toiletries, Adult Hygiene Items
- Car Seats (5-point car seats only less than 5 years old)
- Clothing (Premie to Size 4T)
- Diapers (All Sizes, & Pull-Ups), Diaper Wipes
- Gift Cards – Gas, Grocery
- Pack ‘n Plays, Highchairs
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Macaroni and cheese (and other boxed pastas)
- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and other canned meat
- Canned pastas, Cereal, Fruit juice in boxes or cans
- Canned fruit (in juice or low-sugar), Canned Vegetable (low-sodium), Fruit rolls, Raisins, Graham crackers, Applesauce
- Cheese and crackers, Fruit cups, Pretzels, Granola bars
- Cleaning Supplies

***A Playpen is set up in the Fellowship Hall for donated items.***

**Due to Federal Regulations, cribs will no longer be accepted. We do not accept furniture or maternity clothing.**





**Domino Players** --- Our next dominoes date is **Monday, April 15 at 1 PM**. We have an invitation from our friend Rose Marie Reis to visit her and check out the game room at her new location -- **The Boulevard Senior Living** - 500 Bluff Stone Circle, St. Peters, 63304.

This is located at Woodstone & Old Hwy 94 (across from the post office & behind Church of the Shepard). We will meet in the lobby and direct each other to the game room.

Jean Hoskins will bring a snack. Contact Jean at 314 307 7223 if you have any questions. Hope to see you on Monday!



Fire up the Grill, our next **BBQ is May 18th!** There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards starting next Sunday, if you can donate items that would be greatly appreciated.

**Volunteers are needed!**

Let's start the Summer off with a Successful BBQ!



See your email-eblast for all other announcements.



## Order of Worship

### Ringing of the Bell

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Be Thou My Vision

Arr Tom Fettke

### Call to Worship

One: We are called to be God's children.

**All: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

One: Fear and doubt are gone!

**All: Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!**

One: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**All: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise.**

### Unison Prayer

**Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

**Anthem** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Arr. by: Linda R. Lamb  
**Joyfully Ring HIS Praises**

### Children's Time

### Scripture Readings

Alice Gooch

**Luke 24:36-48 & 1 John 3:1-7**

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "God's Little Children"

By: Pastor Pat Gruber

## Reception of New Members

Council President:

Let us, the members of St John's UCC Weldon Spring express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

\*Hymn #236 "The Strife is O'er"

## Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all my burdens down at your feet  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

## Offertory

## \*Doxology

## \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace"

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Alleluia

*Alleluia, Alleluia (3x)  
God be with you, Alleluia (3x)*

## \*Postlude

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## This Week at St John's

- Monday **1:00 pm Dominos at The Boulevard/St. Peters**
- Tuesday 9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg  
**3:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday Bell Choir Practice 5:20pm  
Choir Practice 7pm
- Thursday **10:00am Articles due for bulletin**
- Sunday 10:00am Worship w/ SonShine Kids Club  
11am Fellowship Coffee Hour  
11:20 – 11:45am Children's Choir Practice



We are partnering up with New Hope Presbyterian Church this year for Vacation Bible School

Come Join Us This Summer!

Registration is open for New Hope's VBS,  
1580 Kisker Rd, St Charles, MO 63304

June 17-21 from 9am to noon.

They are welcoming all children ages 4 to 5th grade.

They are charging \$25 per child.

Here is the link for more information and to register by June 3rd: <https://www.nhpres.org/vbs---children.html>

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the church office at New Hope. 636-936-2200 or [lbrown@nhpres.org](mailto:lbrown@nhpres.org)