

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

***Comfort and Healing:***

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

***Others for whom we have concern:***

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 Surgery 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*

*Holy Humor Sunday*  
*April 7, 2024, 10 a.m.*



*“Laughter & Tears”*

**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:** Carol Boschert

**Nursery:** Gina Hale & Judy Patton

**Bell Ringer:** Greg Hale

**Sound Booth:** Jean Hoskins & Juanita Barley

**SonShine Kids:** Suzie Weaver & Natalie Wooten

**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!



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Last Week's Worship Attendance: 145

Facebook Views: 102 YouTube Channel Views: 13



**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.**





**Join us today for Pastor Patrick Gruber's  
Installation Service!  
at 3 p.m.**

**Followed by a Reception in the Fellowship Hall  
after the Service**

**Come Welcome Our New Pastor and meet his  
Family.**

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**We sure would love to have more people join  
us tomorrow Monday, April 8 at 1pm in the  
Fellowship Hall for Prayer Shawl.  
You don't have to know how to knit or  
crochet!**

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See your email-eblast for all other announcements.

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## Order of Worship

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** The Day of Resurrection Arr: Cindy Berry

**Call to Worship**

One: Joy is loose,

**All: In the wiggles of the children,**

One: The whispers of the youth,

**All: The smiles of the adults.**

One: We praise God for this glorious day,

**All: Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely  
places and in silly ways.**

One: Joy and praise fill our hearts and our songs

**All: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people**

**Unison Prayer**

**Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with  
joy and longing to be surprised. We thank you for  
giving us the gift of laughter and delight. These things  
give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and  
for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to  
laughter there is healing and hope and abundance  
and blessing. Tickle our souls with the brush of your  
Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Joy to the World" see *insert*

**Anthem** Congregation, Raise your Voices!

Arr. Chris Owenby

**Children's Time**

**Scripture Readings** Carol Boschert  
**Psalm 126 & John 20:19-31**

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Laughter and Tears” By: Pastor Pat Gruber

**\*Hymn** “Beautiful Day” see *insert*

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**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.*

**\*Hymn** “Go Tell it on the Mountain” see *insert*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Alleluia**

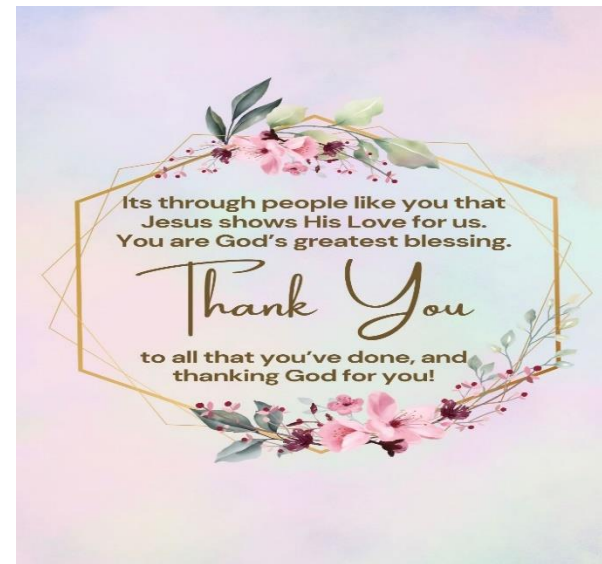
*Alleluia, Alleluia (3x)  
God be with you, Alleluia (3x)*

**\*Postlude**

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**This Week at St John’s**

- Monday** **1:00 pm Prayer Shawl in Fellowship Hall**  
**Tuesday** 9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg  
**6:00 pm Mission & Caring Meeting**  
**7:00 pm PRC**
- 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 Children’s Choir Practice



***Shout out to everyone that worked so hard to  
make Holy Week Special!***

***If you didn't get a chance to go through the Prayer Stations,  
you really need to do this next year it was so moving!***