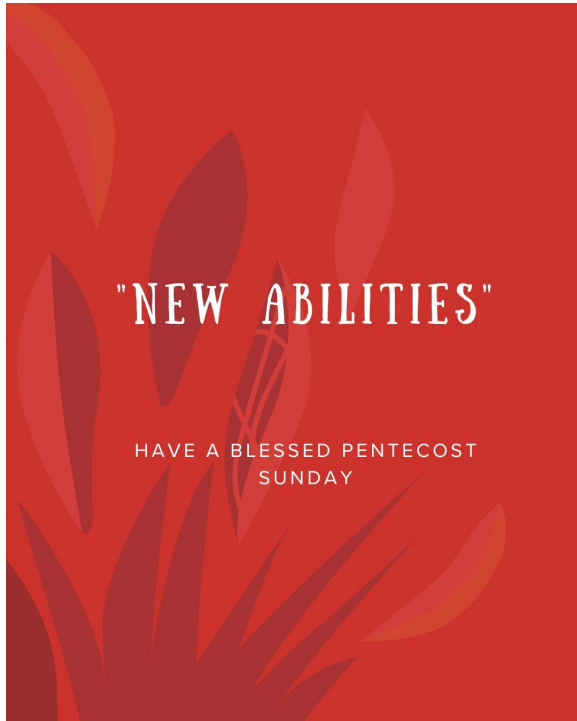


## Weekly Announcements

05/28/2023

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**This Week's Participants:** Rev. David W. Poe, Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Polly Wagner, Liturgist; Donna Bleeckert, Greeter; Polly Wagner, Kay Haines, Donna Bleeckert and Jewell Nadler, Ushers; Ron Winchell and David Carr, Sound Booth; Donna Bleeckert, Bell Ringer; Janet Hopkins, Dottie Seiter, Sonshine Kids; Gayle Winchell, Nursery.

**Pastoral Care:** If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor David Poe, (636) 667-2541.

**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.

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Last Week's Worship Attendance: 87  
Facebook Views: 79 YouTube Channel Views: 3

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**THIS WEEK'S**  
**TOP STORIES**

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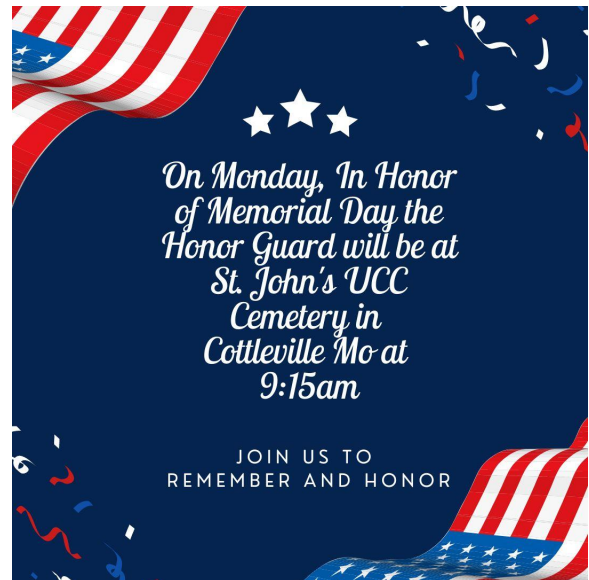


## PENTECOST GIFT BOXES

Please take a gift box. Inside you'll find a sheet of paper. Think about one of the gifts you have that could be used for ministry.

For example, "I like to send cards to people" or "I don't mind giving someone a ride to church." Write that gift down on the paper and put it back into the box. Then, place the gift box in the appropriate basket or in the fellowship hall.

You can sign the sheet of paper if you want but you don't have to.



## Strengthen the Church Offering on this Pentecost Sunday



**Today is Birthday Sunday! We are celebrating April and May Birthdays! Come sit at the table and Celebrate You!**



**The Strengthen the Church Offering** reflects the commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations as we work to become a multi-cultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

### **From Holy Ground- A Prayer to Strengthen the Church**

By **Rev. Dave Long-Higgins**, Conference Minister, Heartland Conference

Loving God, Ground us a new In Your deep desire  
For a fullness of Flourishing Yearning to rise  
throughout Your whole creation.

Plant us deep In the soil of Your love Bursting  
open seeds Often long-forgotten Except by You  
Bearing a strength For blessing and healing In a  
world of hurt.

Form Your self-giving In our deepest selves  
Giving grace and space For Your strength of soul  
to rise anew in acts Of joy-filled giving Bearing  
unexpected hope in a world weary with worry.  
Grow us in Your Holy Ground Supplying every  
needed nutrient Of body, mind, and soul In just  
the right amount At just the right time Giving rise  
to a beauty And delight not of our making Yet  
requiring our consent.

By this, O Love, Strengthen the covenant Of Your  
Christ-formed community Gifting a renewed  
energy To bear Your deep desire Into a world that  
hungers For resurrection risings.

Now, strengthen Your church With Your  
self-giving Spirit That we may strengthen others  
For your holy work of unfolding Abundant,  
blessed, beloved, joy!

Yes, O Love, raise us up From your Holy Ground  
For nothing less than this And let it be more than  
enough. Amen.

Through the Strengthen the Church Offering, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church.



## **Attend Discover Camp Day with Open House May 28**

**You're invited to "Discover Camp Day"  
Sunday, May 28, 12 noon- 5pm at Camp  
MoVal.**

This open house will feature tours of the camp property and facilities as well as the opportunity to participate in camp activities, meet Camp MoVal staff and summer staff, and enjoy camp snacks.

**NO RSVP NEEDED TO JOIN THE FUN**

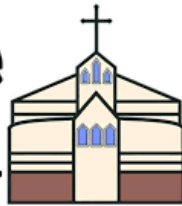
## Registration Still Open for 2023 Summer Camp

Check out the many sessions available  
throughout June and July.

[www.campmoval.org/camp-info](http://www.campmoval.org/camp-info)



**Welcome  
to our  
Church Family**



We will be receiving new members on  
**Sunday, June 18, 2023**, so if you would like  
to join St. John's United Church of Christ,  
please contact the church office, or speak  
with Rev. David Poe.



The Church Pictorial Directory is ready  
for pickup!

**They are in the Fellowship Hall, please  
take one per family.**



## **THE FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

This month we had an operating loss of (\$4,057), unfavorable to the budget by (\$4,911). Operating revenue was \$14,205, unfavorable to budget by (\$6,956). Part of this shortage was caused by our sharing of contributions at the 4/30/23 service at Emmanuel Church.

Operating expenses were \$18,263, favorable to the budget by \$2,045. Even though we were favorable to the budget, these expenses included \$2,498 to repair the door locks and card readers. This single expense is more than half of our loss.

The Building and Expanded Ministry Fund is \$191,067. This reflects the regular increase of \$1,023.

There were no other revenue or expense items that were not normal budget activity.





New CareNotes are available in Fellowship Hall.

Take a look at them. You might find something that speaks to you.

CareNotes is owned and operated by the monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Southern Indiana.

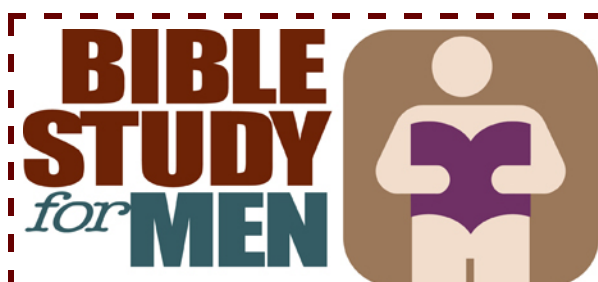
"Take One-take heart. Give One-give hope."



Please continue to Pray for the Search Committee as they continue to search for a candidate.



Would you like to **Volunteer** to be a **Liturgist, an Usher/Greeter, a Bell Ringer or even a Sound Technician or how about adding yourself to another position.** We are always looking for members. Contact Jewel Nadler 636-373-1860.



The Men's Bible Study group meets on zoom every Tuesday at 9am.

**New Study: Interpretation Bible Study on Exodus**

If you need the invite to join, call the church office or use the link on the website..



It's almost June, Hope the kids can join  
us for our

### **Summer SonShine Kids Sunday School.....**

It's going to be the 2nd and 4th Sundays  
in June, July, and August 2023.

Here are the scheduled dates,

June 11th

June 25th

July 9th

July 23rd

August 13th

August 27th

Weekly "SonShine Kids" will begin again  
on Sunday, September 10, 2023.



**Take a Book  
Leave a Book**



## **LENDING LIBRARY**

Looking for some books to help increase your understanding and inspire your devotion to Jesus? Check out our new lending library, which is located in the large basket next to the main building doors.

You can take a book, or leave one to share. Just remember to return the book you take within a month, so others can benefit from it as well. Thanks.



## **F.I.S.H. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE 2023**

We are totally out of the starred items.

\*Canned pineapple

\*Canned applesauce

Potatoes - mashed or boxed sides (except scalloped)

\*Broth

Jello

Thank you so much for helping the community

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

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## MISSION & CARING MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS

**Homebound?** If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office.

**Support Ronald McDonald House** - bring in your soda tabs!

**Festival of Sharing Eyeglass Collection**  
Old eyeglasses or sunglasses need to be **Prescription glasses**. They can be dropped off in the bin in fellowship hall. We cannot take glass cases or non-prescription sunglasses.

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**Come join us...** Mission & Caring meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

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**Anyone interested in assisting in filling the Female Hygiene Kits, please join us on June 5 at 1:30PM in Fellowship Hall.**

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## Festival of Sharing Feminine Hygiene Kit Collection May 7-28

The month of May will be the second collection for the Festival of Sharing mission project.

**The second collection for Feminine Hygiene Kits will be a MONETARY collection from May 7-28th.**

**The mission/caring committee will purchase the items needed with the donations, and then set a date for members to assist in assembling the Female Hygiene Kits.**

A box labeled for the monetary collection will be located on the table in Fellowship Hall each Sunday.

If you write a check please write it out to St. John's UCC and write Feminine Hygiene Kits on the memo line and deposit it in the box on the table.



**Bill & Karla Cunningham have moved,  
PLEASE make sure you update your  
NEW DIRECTORY!**

**New Address:  
2 Larchmont Ct  
St. Peters, MO 63376**



Don't forget to bring your recycled cans  
to church! There is a canister out in the  
trash coral that is marked  
"Aluminum Cans"



It is with heavy hearts that we announce  
the passing of **Ginnie Loika.**

Her family would like everyone to know  
that they are very appreciative of all St.  
Johns has done as she did love her church  
family.

Please keep her family in your prayers.  
Services will be private.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**





Is there someone that you would like to remember, or honor? Special anniversary, birthday, or graduation to recognize? If so, contact the church office (636) 926-8995 to sponsor chancel flowers in their name(s). The cost is \$35 per arrangement

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## **PRAYER LIST**

Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship.

Please fill one out and give it to the Minister or an Usher. Make sure you have the person's permission before filling out a card.

**Comfort and Healing:** Jean Hoskins; Jeff Kolkmeier (In ICU at Barnes Jewish Hospital); Dave Kapellar (had a stroke); Karla Cuninghame; Martha Cook; Chris Savage (Bad fall broke her shoulder, nose & Foot, she is in rehab at the villages of St. Peters); Melissa Averett (Granddaughter of Marla Fix); Howard Hoskins (Recovering from Knee Surgery); Edie Shave (Hospice); Martha Cook; Marian Lonning (Hospice); Clint Hanne; Shaun Johnson (son of Diane & Mark Falkner); Hank Kroeger.

**Others for whom we have concern:** Monica Pymonto (Daughter of Mark Leuthauser); Lauren Boschert (Grand Daughter of Roy & Carol Boschert recovering from heart issues); Mary Gibson (battling Lymphoma, friend of Shelia Fredrick); Jessica White (stage 4 Liver Cancer, friend of Barb Yocks); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer Surgery, Friend of Rhonda Hanne); Rev. Jeff Willey; Dalton Skaggs (Grandson of Rosie Dejarnett, he is 27 years old recovering from heart surgery); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Fredrick who has an Autoimmune Disease); Adam Billen (Grandson of Jewel Nadler Traveling Abroad); Shannon Boland and Family (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); Jim Pearo (cancer - very tired - friend of Lisa Kaiser); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell).

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

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Pastor David Poe,  
Intentional Interim Minister  
Mary Trostel

Office Administrator

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