

# Weekly Announcements

11/12/2023



**This Week's Participants:** Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist & Choir Director; Ken Waterman, organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Carol Boschert, Liturgist; Donna Bleeckert, Greeter; Donna Bleeckert, Vera Villa, Joan Huntebrinker, Janet Summers, Ushers; David Carr, Bill Cunningham, Sound Booth; Dick Wade, Bell Ringer; Jewell Nadler, Judy Patton, Nursery; Natalie Wooten and Lisa Kaiser, SonShine Kids.

**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: 94  
Facebook Views: 3 YouTube Channel Views: 0

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## THIS WEEK'S

## TOP STORIES

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**Don't forget to wear your name tag every Sunday.**

If you need a name tag (members & non-members) call the office and Mary will make sure to get you one.

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## A Fond Farewell to our Pastor



I want to thank everyone for the numerous expressions of gratitude you have conveyed to me over the past several months. It has been a profound honor to serve you as an Intentional Interim Minister for over two and a half years. I am so glad you have found a wonderful minister in Rev. Pat Gruber to lead

you into the foreseeable future. I have no doubt Rev. Gruber will bring his own unique gifts to share with you just as you will share your own spiritual gifts with him. Together St. John's United Church of Christ will continue making a difference in the lives of people who live in this area. God be praised!

I will be available for pastoral calls and emergencies from November 13-16, then I'll be on vacation through the end of the month. This will allow for a time of transition as Rev. Gruber starts his ministry among you on December 1, 2023. I have made arrangements for two of my colleagues to fill the pulpit on November 19th & 26th.

Please remember that my ministry among you would not have been possible if it wasn't for your continued relationship with the United Church of Christ. I pray that you will continue to honor this covenant.

As your intentional interim Minister, I must now say goodbye and let you develop a new relationship with Rev. Pat Gruber. This means letting him function in all matters regarding your spiritual care, so please do not contact me regarding funerals, weddings, or any other spiritual services. I will also be removing you from my social media channels. This is in

keeping with the Code of Ethics that governs Authorized Ministers who serve in the United Church of Christ.

In case some of you don't already know, I have been called to serve as a settled minister at St. Martin UCC, High Ridge, MO and will start there December 1, 2023. I am looking forward to the new joys and challenges that await me there.

You will always occupy a special place in my heart and I do ask for your prayers for me as I make this new transition in my life.

Peace,  
Rev. David Poe  
Intentional Interim Minister

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Starting **TUESDAY, November 15**, Men's and Women's Bible Study will be joining together every Tuesday

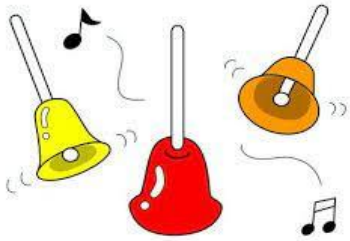
at Scrambled Egg at 9:30am. Come at 9:30 AM if you want to have breakfast with the men or come between 9:45 - 10 AM if you plan to have breakfast earlier on your own. Everyone is Welcome to Join!



*STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN*  
*2024*

**Today is Stewardship Sunday!**  
When you get to celebrate God's generosity by making your yearly pledge to the operating and building funds of St. John's UCC.

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" JOYFULLY RING HIS  
PRAISES" HANDBELL  
MINISTRY

Our choir rings in the 10 AM  
worship service the 2nd Sunday  
each month: Sept. thru May

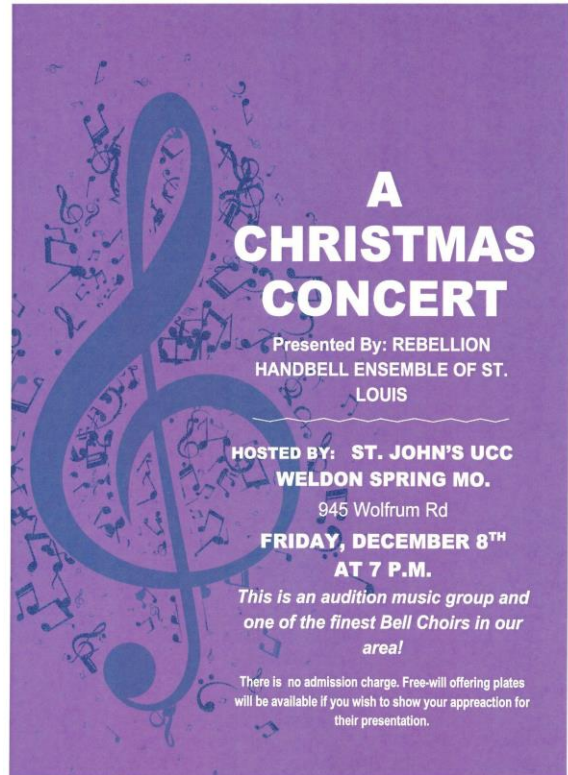
Practices on Wednesday evenings  
5:30 to 6:50. August thru mid-May

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We are excited to announce that St.  
John's is hosting A Christmas  
Concert presented by **Rebellion  
Handbell Ensemble of St. Louis** on  
**Friday December 8th at 7pm.**

This is an audition music group and  
one of the finest Bell Choirs in our  
area!



**There is no admission charge.**  
Free-will offering plates will be  
available if you wish to show your  
appreciation for their presentation.

This is a great opportunity for our  
church. Please share this  
announcement with your family  
and friends.



ST. JOHN'S SINGERS FOR  
THE SAVIOR



Our Children and Youth Music Program rehearsal is every Sunday at 11:15am following the close of worship and Sunday School.

Please contact our Director, Joyce Ann McClain, at 636-441-0121 for more details.



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.



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 Nov. 2023

Applesauce  
Jelly  
Pork and beans  
Canned Yams  
Toilet Tissue  
Pumpkin  
Can Pasta  
Adult toothpaste  
Can Chili  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Tuna Helper  
Shampoo - Any Type  
Conditioner - Any Type  
Men's Deodorant  
Diapers - Newborn  
Pull Ups - Any Size  
Kids Shoes & Boots - All Sizes &  
Genders - New or Lightly Worn  
Queen and Twin fitted sheets  
Blankets

**May you all be blessed for your  
generosity!**

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



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.

**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.

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

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



KEEPING HANDS AND  
HEARTS WARM THIS  
WINTER

The temperature is dropping, which means it is time for our hat and mitten collection for Shower of Love.

These donations will be distributed to local nonprofits serving pregnant women, babies, and fragile families in crisis residing in St. Charles County and Lincoln County, Missouri.

At this time we will also be collecting the scarves that many of you have been busy crocheting throughout the year. These will also be given to the Shower of Love to distribute to those that need the extra warmth this winter.

If you would like to donate new hats and mittens for ages 5-18 please hang them on the fall tree

located in the sanctuary November 5 through November 26.

Remember if you have scarves that you have crochet bring them in and hang them on the tree too.



Our congregation Socked it  
to Socktober!

The Mission and Caring Committee would like to thank you for all of the socks donated for Shower of Love that will distribute them to other local non-profits serving pregnant women, babies, and fragile families in crisis residing in St. Charles County and Lincoln County, Missouri.

A total of 280 pairs of socks were collected:

- 18 pairs for infants
- 39 pairs for toddlers
- 66 pairs for youth
- 79 pairs for teens
- 78 pairs for adults



ST. JOHN'S MENS DART  
BALL SCHEDULE

**GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.**

**Monday, Nov. 13  
St. John's at Friedens  
Our Savior - Bye**

**Monday, Nov. 20  
St. John's at Our Savior  
Friedens - Bye**

**If you are interested in joining the  
Men's team call Dick Wade at 636-  
448-0238**

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**Reminder:** If you have a change of address or change in phone number please reach out to the church office 636-926-8995 so we can update our files.

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OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Martha Cook              | Marian Lonning |
| Shelia Fredrick          | Rita Marcum    |
| Calvin Hagen             | Chris Savage   |
| Barb Hofstetter          | George Schlie  |
| Pat Honaker              | Edie           |
| Shave                    |                |
| Don Howell               | Rick Weaver    |
| Hank Kroeger             |                |
| Mary Ellen Dieckmann     |                |
| David & Dorothy Kapeller |                |
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Don't forget to bring your recycled cans to church!  
 There is a canister out in the trash coral that is marked  
**"Aluminum Cans"**

Frances Hardwick	11/05
Joan Huntebrinker	11/08
Jenna Marco	11/08
Donna Bleeckert	11/13
Charlotte Shelburne	11/13
Jewel Nadler	11/15
Natalie Wooten	11/15
Ed Struckman	11/16
John Hampshire	11/17
Dick Wade	11/17
Wes Kolkmeier	11/22
Lily Morton	11/23
Karla Cunningham	11/26
Barbara Eickmeier	11/26
Polly Wagner	11/26
Cheryl Saeuberlich	11/27



Jerry & Polly Wagner	11/15
Wayne & Linda Dimmic	11/29

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



Alice Wolf	11/02
Ken Lippincott	11/03
Calvin Hagen	11/04



## 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:** Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Martha Cook; Elizabeth Gilliam; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning; Hank Kroeger.

**Others for whom we have concern:** Ron Gravemann, (Brother of Diane Falkner); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer); Michael Wooten (Father-In-Law of Natalie Wooten, diagnosed with Lung Cancer); Diane Weilmuenster (Heart Problems, Sister of David & Jill Carr); Michell Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier Diagnosed with Breast Cancer); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer Surgery, Friend of Rhonda Hanne); Shannon Boland and Family (friend

of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell).

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



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