

Weekly Announcements

11/26/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. Christi Tennyson, Guest Preacher; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist & Choir Director; Ken Waterman, organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Ken Waterman, Liturgist; Alice Gooch, Greeter; Sue Evans, Alice Gooch, Gina & Greg Hale Ushers; David Carr & Ron Winchell, Sound Booth; John Hampshire, Bell Ringer; Bernice Dodge, Hassie Rehm, Nursery; Dottie Seiter and Ellen Waterman, 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 Patrick Gruber, (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 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: 87
Facebook Views: 135 YouTube Channel Views: 3



Sunday Dec. 3rd, is the first Sunday of Advent and March to the Manger Special Offering!

Bob and Lyn Feuerbacher will light the first candle.

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES



Today is the Hanging of the Greens after Worship Service. If you can Volunteer to help decorate see Jewel Nadler or Donna Bleckert.

It is really important now that we don't forget to wear name tags every Sunday.

Thank you for volunteering to make our Church beautiful this Christmas Season, we are all truly blessed.

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



SAVE THE DATE! -- The ladies of St. John's will celebrate a **Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 15 at the Firefly Grill in the Chesterfield valley.**

Menu selections and a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board on November 26.

Contact Jean Hoskins with any questions, 314 307 7223 or jeanahoskins15@yahoo.com



Mark your Calendars the movie group is going to see the movie **"Journey to Bethlehem"** on **Tuesday November 28th.** Final details will be coming!

"Journey to Bethlehem" (PG) 76% critics/94% audience

A young woman carrying an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honor. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown. This live-action Christmas musical adventure for the entire family weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith and new pop songs in a retelling of the greatest story ever told, the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. A unique new entry into the collection of holiday classic movies, this epic Christmas musical is unlike any before it.





This year we have adopted a family from North County. Our family consists of a mother, Serena, her two young sons, Jamir and Carter. Jamir is 23 months old and Carter is 3 years old. The boys are on the spectrum for autism and need sensory toys. They currently live with Serena's grandmother (who we are also giving a few gifts to).

The angels are on the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Please take an angel that has a gift listed and return the item wrapped with the Angel taped to the package by Dec. 17th.

If the angel is asking for a gift card to a store or a monetary gift to assist the family with utility bills, place it in the envelope attached to the angel and put it in the offering plate with the angel.

Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC and on the memo line write angel tree. The Angel Tree collection will be from December 3rd through December 17.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping to make this family's Christmas special.



The children's Christmas program this year will be during the 10 am worship service on **December 17th**. **Practices will take place during Sunday school starting November 26 with a dress rehearsal at 9 am on December 17.**

There are songs in our program this year so we are coordinating with the Children's Choir which practices after church while you can enjoy refreshments and visiting with your church family.

We are looking forward to sharing with our Faith Family.

The SonShine Kids Club



“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



**A
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Presented By: REBELLION
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE OF ST.
LOUIS

HOSTED BY: ST. JOHN'S UCC
WELDON SPRING MO.
945 Wolfrum Rd
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
AT 7 P.M.**

*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.

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.



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.



I need empty Quaker Oatmeal boxes - (round, cardboard containers - either size) for use by members of our children's choir.

See me on a Sunday morning or leave them in the Music Rehearsal Room.

Thanks, Joyce Ann McClain, Director



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!

ST. JOHN'S SINGERS
FOR THE SAVIOR

Children's
Choir



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 DEC. 2023

Spaghetti (dry)
Tuna Helper
Canned Chili
Broth/Gravy
Canned Chicken
Canned Meats (Spam, Stew)
Jello
Pie Filling
Kleenex
Toilet Tissue
Body Wash
Diapers - Newborn
Pull Ups - Any Size
Kids Shoes & Boots - All Sizes & Genders - New or Lightly Worn
Queen and Twin fitted sheets
Blankets

We sincerely thank you and send you our warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas and safe New Year, The FISH family

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!

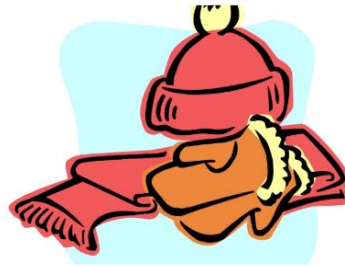
Come join us... Mission & Caring meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall at 6pm



KEEPING HANDS AND
HEARTS WARM THIS
WINTER

Today is the last day for the Hat and Mittens collection. If you have a donation please hang them on the fall tree located in the sanctuary.

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



MISSION & CARING
ANNUAL POINSETTIA
SALE

As a project of our Caring and Mission Ministry for the holiday season, we will take orders for poinsettias, which will be used to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Proceeds from this sale will be donated to The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund (funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties).

All friends and members are welcome to order. Only a limited supply of these traditional plants (nursery-grown in 6"pots) are available for this worthwhile mission project, so we ask that orders be placed as soon as possible.

See the Attached form and Please indicate any commemoration you wish. We ask for a minimum donation of \$16.00 per plant. Plants may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service.

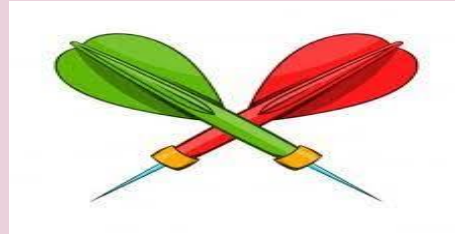
Orders may be placed after or before worship service November 26 and December 3, or by calling

the church office at 636-926-8995.



If you need to get into the drawers by Mary's desk please be sure to turn the lock to close and change the combination numbers.

Thank you!



ST. JOHN'S MEN'S DART
BALL SCHEDULE

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

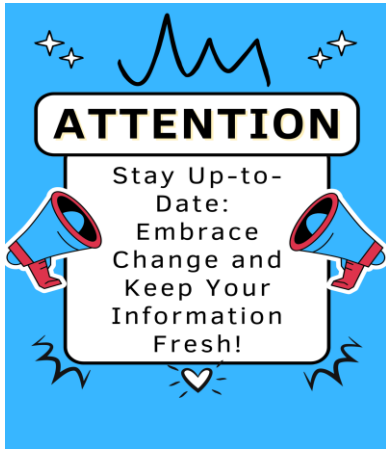
Monday, Dec. 4
Friedens @ Our Savior
St. John's - Bye

Monday, Dec. 11
Friedens @ St. Johns
Our Savior - Bye

Monday, Dec. 18
Our Savior @ St. Johns
Friedens - Bye

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

448-0238



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.



OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Martha Cook
Shelia Fredrick
Calvin Hagen
Barb Hofstetter
Pat Honaker
Shave
Don Howell
Hank Kroeger

Marian Lonning
Rita Marcum
Chris Savage
George Schlie
Edie
Rick Weaver

Mary Ellen Dieckmann
David & Dorothy Kapeller



LET'S SHARE THE JOY!


Zion UCC
725 South Main Street Troy

Night of 1000 Stars
Sat. Dec. 2nd
6 to 8 p.m.

Open House at Zion UCC
725 South Main Street in Troy
Choral Arts Singers concert at 7 p.m.
"Stocking and Stitches" Bazaar
Cookies and Hot Chocolate for all
No admission charge

Come and share the joy of the Christmas season!




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



Don't forget to bring your recycled cans to church!

There is a canister out in the trash coral that is marked

"Aluminum Cans"

Martha Cook	12/02
Howard Hoskins	12/08



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



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: Ronnie Vasquez (Son-in-Law of Barb Eickmeier); Ely Kruithoff (6 month old having Seizures, friend of Barb Eickmeier); 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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