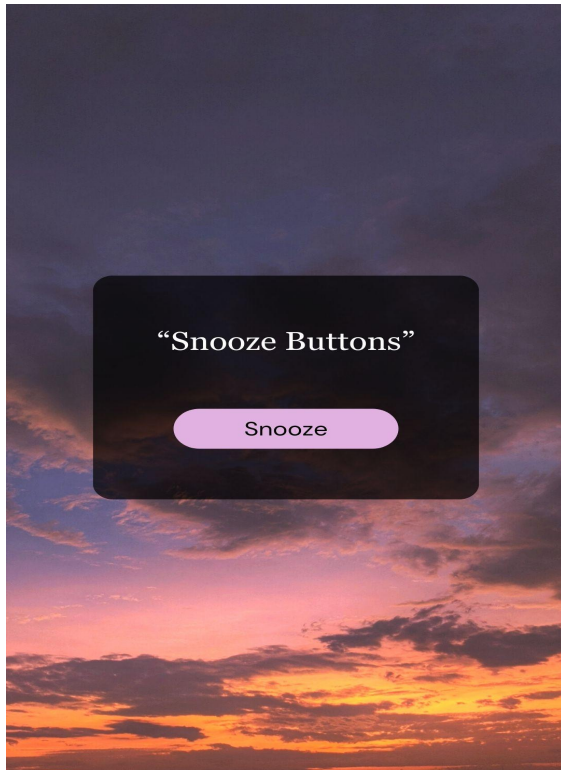


Weekly Announcements

12/03/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. Patrick Gruber, Church Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist & Choir Director; Ken Waterman, organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Natalie Wooten, Liturgist; Brad Rhem, Greeter; Brad & Hassie Rehm, Dick & Joann Wade, Ushers; Bill Cunningham & Jeff Kolkmeier, Sound Booth; Dick Wade, Bell Ringer; Jewell Nadler, Hassie Rehm, Nursery; Lyn Feuerbacher 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) 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 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: 62
Facebook Views: 111 YouTube Channel Views: N/A

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



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

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



ADVENT



The word "**Advent**" comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means "the coming."

During these four weeks we are preparing for the celebration of the coming of Jesus.



**Candle Lighters: Bob & Lyn
Feuerbacher**



We are celebrating Oct & Nov Birthdays today. It's Birthday Sunday!

If you had a birthday in Oct or Nov come sit at the table. Let's Celebrate You!



MOVIE TIME-- Join us on Tuesday, December 5 to see Max Lucado's Because of Bethlehem at Marcus in the Chesterfield valley. Showtime is 7 PM. We will have dinner before the movie at 5 PM at Syberg's. Contact Jean Hoskins with any questions.

Hope you can join us!



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





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 is this Friday December 8th at 7pm.

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.

**Can you
do me a
favor...?**

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

There is a Box in the fellowship hall by the kitchen you can put the empty containers in.

Thanks, Joyce Ann McClain, Director

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.



COUNCIL NEWS

Council has elected the following members to the three positions below. They will resume these effective January 1, 2024

Congratulations!

Mark Falkner - President
Gina Hale - Vice President
Lisa Kaiser - Secretary



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!

We would love to



have your help!

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.



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



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



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.



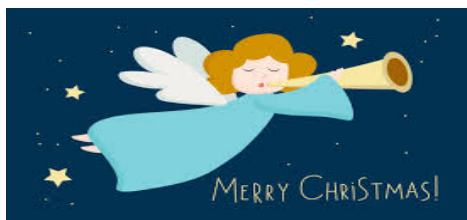
This year we have adopted a family from North County. Our family consists of a mother, Serena, her two young sons, Jamir and Carter. Jamir is 23 months old and Carter is 3 years old. The boys are on the spectrum for autism and need sensory toys. They currently live with Serena's grandmother (who we are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



ST. JOHN'S MENS *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.



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Elizabeth Gilliam.

Services are Wednesday December 6, 2023 at 11 am here at St. John's UCC.



Please keep the Kolkmeier Family in your prayers as Wally R. Kolkmeiers celebration of life was held last Friday

Also Please keep the Lonning Family in your prayers as Marion was laid to rest last Thursday.



OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Martha Cook

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

Rita Marcum
Chris Savage
George Schlie
Edie Shave
Rick Weaver

Mary Ellen Dieckmann
David & Dorothy Kapeller



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

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

"Aluminum Cans"



John & Sharon Hampshire 12/10

Martha Cook	12/02
Howard Hoskins	12/08
Dana Fehr	12/13
Alice Gooch	12/14
Karen Gruber	12/14
Ann Gaadt	12/18
Jill Carr	12/19
Dorothy Kapeller	12/20
Sharon Kolkmeier	12/20
Mary Lafser	12/20
Shaun Johnson	12/24
Terry Howell	12/25
Kraig Kassel	12/30

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: Gerri Russo (having tests); Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Martha Cook; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); 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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Church Pastor

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