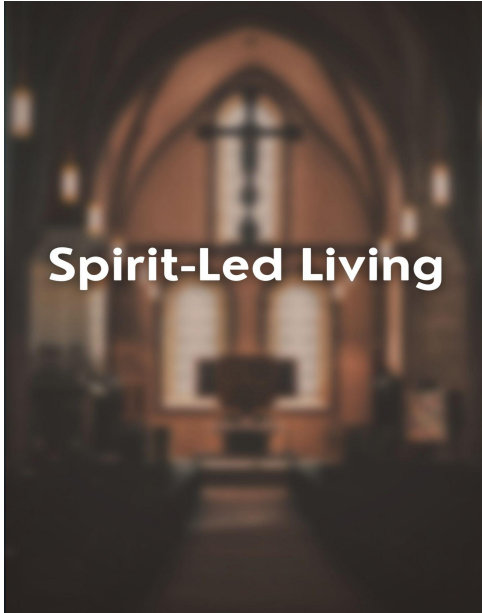


Weekly Announcements

09/3/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist, Choir Director; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Tom Gooch, Liturgist; Kevin Buescher, Greeter; Kevin & Mary Lue Buescher, Greg & Gina Hale, Ushers; David Carr, Jean Hoskins Sound Booth; Greg Hale, Bell Ringer; Jewell Nadler, Bernice Dodge, Nursery; NO, 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 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: 91
Facebook Views: n/a

YouTube Channel Views: n/a

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES



Pastor "Pat" Gruber

**Exciting News we have a
New Pastor!**

It was announced last Sunday that **Pastor "Pat" Patrick Gruber** will be our new full-time pastor. He will start the first Sunday in December.

Here is a little bio on Pastor Pat
His churches have been:

First Presbyterian Church in Mexico MO.

Trinity Chapel Presbyterian Church in Cuba MO.

First Presbyterian Church of Washington MO.

Pastor Pat has a bachelors of Science (English) degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and a Master of Divinity from Bethel Theological Seminary. He has served as a youth director and Stephen Ministry Leader, along with a moderator of Presbytery, as well as serving on many other committees within the Presbyterian Church.

Upon acceptance to our church, Pastor Gruber will have "Dual standing" in both the Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ.

Pat, his wife Karen and son, Alex Johnson currently live in Eureka, MO, with plans to move to this area.

Karen works for Boeing in St. Louis and Alex is currently in pharmacy school.

We are excited to welcome Pastor Pat to our family here at St. John's. The search committee has been very diligent in searching for the right pastor that will not only be a good preacher, but also minister to our members, children and community, teach us God's love, and grow our church family through a new & fresh commitment.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and prayers during our search process. We believe that God has called us to share this ministry of Christ with Pastor Gruber.

CHURCH COUNCIL



“Due to the approaching Cold, Flu, and Increased COVID infection season, we will temporarily discontinue holding hands as part of the weekly Church Postlude. We encourage anyone who experiences infectious symptoms, or has been exposed to infectious symptoms to feel comfortable wearing a mask as appropriate.”



Please join us on **Tuesday, September 5** to see **"Golda"** PG13 at **Marcus in Chesterfield Valley**. Showtime is 1:30 PM.



Golda is a ticking-clock thriller set during the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (Helen Mirren), faced with the potential of Israel's complete destruction, must navigate overwhelming odds, a skeptical cabinet, and a complex relationship with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (Liev Schreiber), with millions of lives in the balance. Her tough leadership and compassion would ultimately decide the fate of her nation and leave her with a controversial legacy around the world.

We will have an early dinner after the movie at **Syberg's in Chesterfield valley** at **approximately 4PM**.

Hope you can join us for dinner even if you can't come for the movie.



Children's Choir





Our Children and Youth Music Program will begin its 2023-2024 season with its rehearsal on **Sunday, Sept. 10**, following the close of worship and Sunday School. Our "debut" year for both the choir and "Summer Fun with Music" was very successful.

We welcome new members at any time and any age up through 8th grade. Rehearsal is each Sunday: 11:15 to 11:45 - excluding holidays.

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



HAND BELL CHOIR

YOUR ST. JOHN'S UCC HANDBELL MINISTRY

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

WEEKLY REHEARSALS are held in the Music Rehearsal Room

Wednesday evening- 5:30 to 6:50.
August thru mid-May

Maybe this is YOU? "This looks like a great ministry and I know it would be fun to rehearse with these people, **BUT I DON'T READ MUSIC!!!**"

"NOT A PROBLEM-Not everyone in our choir reads music!"

Ours is a 3 -octave set of bells and that calls for 11 ringers.

We use a system that gives great support to those **who do not read music**...as well as those who read music! Everyone plays only 2 sequential notes: A/B C/D E/F G/A B/C D/E OR F/G. We mark the notes in this way:-

We use a **BLUE** pen to mark the music: The bell in your **LEFT** hand rings the note that is marked in **BLUE!** We use a **RED** pen to mark the music: The bell in your **RIGHT** hand rings the note that is marked in **RED.**



Financial summary for the month of July, 2023.

This month we had a loss of (\$2,134), unfavorable to budget by (\$2,738). Operating revenue was off this month at only \$14,982, unfavorable to budget by (\$6,179).

Operating expenses were \$17,116, favorable to the budget by \$3,440.

The Building and Expanded Ministry Fund is \$195,776. This reflects the regular increase of \$1,648.

As of July 14, 2023, the Building Fund balance includes a \$100,000 13 month Certificate of Deposit yielding 5.25% and maturing on August 14, 2024.

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



UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST NEWS

Amid wildfires devastation, UCC makes appeal for Hawaii

The United Church of Christ, through [Wider Church Ministries](#), is issuing [a special appeal](#) to provide essential items and long-term support to those impacted by wildfires across Hawaii, including the [deadly wildfires on the island of Maui](#).

Supporting communities impacted by health, ecological, environmental, and economic disasters, the UCC Disaster Ministries team and its partners stand poised to help people rebuild their lives. Your support allows UCC Disaster Ministries to bridge the gaps between the assistance offered by first-time responders and community revitalization.

If you wish to give, to support the people in Hawaii write “Maui Relief” on the memo line of your check or envelope.



With your support, we will continue this important work. Thank you for your support.



["SonShine Kids" begins weekly next Sunday, September 10, 2023.](#)

Bring the kids to join us!





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.



Women's Bible Study on Exodus will start Wednesday, September 13, 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

If you would like to participate but cannot attend in person, please contact the church office.

We will make this option available if there is enough interest in continuing that option.



Meet for Breakfast

Men's Bible Study meets in person on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Scrambled Egg.

All men are welcome to join us.





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.



St. John's Dart Ball **Schedule**

Monday September 11th
Friedens at St. John's

Monday September 18th
Our Savior at St. John's

Monday September 25th
St. John's has a BYE



F.I.S.H. FOOD **PANTRY NEEDS FOR** **SEPT. 2023**

Pancake Mix
Canned Pears
Canned Meat - Beef Stew, Spam,
Potted Meat, ETC.
Canned Tomatoes
Shampoo
Kids Toothbrushes
Newborn Disposable Diapers &
Size 1 & 2 Disposable Diapers

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.

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.

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



***It's Back to School Time!**

It's that time of year for the Festival of Sharing that we collect Read and Write Kits for students around Missouri.

Collection will take place August 6 - September 17.

Instructions: Place smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon zipper storage bag. Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Reading and Writing Pack" and the quantity on the exterior.

- ☐ 6 new pencils with erasers
- ☐ 1 box of 10 markers (only 10)
- ☐ 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors
- ☐ 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- ☐ 1 large eraser
- ☐ 1-12 inch ruler
- ☐ 2 ink pens (medium point)
- ☐ 1 zipper pencil holder
- ☐ 4 folders with pockets
- ☐ 2-70 page spiral or tape bound notebooks (140 pages total)



2 gallon zipper bags for this collection are available by the donation box in Fellowship Hall.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR & QUILT RAFFLE



Quilt Raffle

**ST. JOHN'S UCC
HOLIDAY BAZAAR &
SILENT AUCTION**
November 4th
9 AM. TO 3 P.M.
945 WOLFRUM RD.
**IN WELDON SPRING; ONE MILE SOUTH OF MID RIVERS
MALL DR. ON HWY. 94.**

FUN FOR THE KIDS FROM 10 A.M. TILL NOON
VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS!
FACE PAINTING!
GAMES AND CRAFTS!

**SILENT AUCTION, QUILT RAFFLE,
LUNCH CAFE, COOKIES BY THE
POUND, GIFTS TO GO, COUNTRY
STORE, CAKE WALK, GRANDMAS
ATTIC**

***SILENT AUCTION BIDDING
CLOSES AT 2 P.M.**
***RAFFLE DRAWING AT 2:15 P.M.**

**CALL 636-926-8995 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@STJOHNSWELDONSPRING.COM FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

We have given our quilt top to a group of ladies that quilt at Emmanuel UCC in Weldon Spring. They will be finishing it for us and we will hang it in church as soon as it's finished. In the meantime, you can show this picture to your friends and family.

Be watching for the quilt tickets to be available soon. And if anyone has quilting experience and would like to help them, please contact the church office.

LET'S SUPPORT **OUR LOCAL UCC** **CHURCH'S**

St. Paul's UCC Annual Chicken Dinner & Country Store

Marthasville, MO

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

11AM-5PM

ADULTS & ALL CARRY-OUTS \$15

CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$7

AGES 5 AND UNDER FREE

Cafeteria Style

—DINE IN OR CARRY-OUT—

♦ Homemade desserts

♦ Quilt raffle (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes)

♦ Homemade & hand-made items in our country store



QUILT RAFFLE

\$2 each 1st place—88 x 102 in. Quilt
3 for \$5 2nd place—\$50 Gift Card
3rd place—\$25 Gift Card

Tickets for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be drawn at the chicken dinner.

Full-size quilt

\$50

Gift Card to K&R

\$25

Gift Card to K&R

The Country Store — Be sure to check out our handmade & homemade goodies. There's something for everyone!

Full-size quilt

\$50

Gift Card to K&R

\$25

Gift Card to K&R

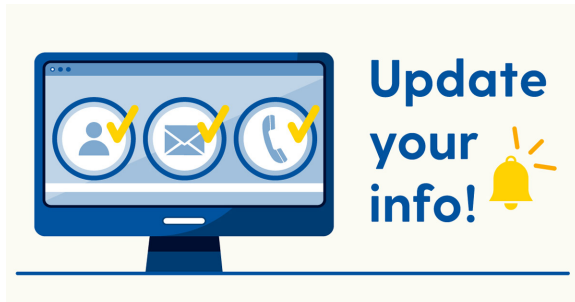


Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, September 25, 2023
2pm to 6pm

**PLEASE GO ON LINE OR CALL TO
RESERVE YOUR SPACE**

**redcrossblood.org and enter the
sponsor code: Cliff or call
1-800-Redcross**





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	Hank Kroeger
Calvin Hagen	Marian Lonning
Pat Honaker	Rita Marcum
Barb Hofstetter	Chris Savage
Don Howell	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 coral that is marked
"Aluminum Cans"



The beautiful altar flowers in Worship today are a Celebration of

Rick & Suzie Weavers 58th Wedding Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary you two!



Monthly Birthday Sunday
is going to be every other Month.

The end of September will be
celebrations for August &
September



Rick & Suzie Weaver	9/04
John & Sally Silea	9/07
Ronnie & Lois Roberts	9/14
Clint & Kylie Hanne	9/18
Tom & Kristy Kniest	9/18
Rusty & Lisa Kaiser	9/20
Bill & Karla Cunningham	9/23
Kraig & Dana Kassel	9/28
Kevin & Mary Lue Buescher	9/29



Sherry Self	9/03
Craig Lilley	9/05
Sharon Hampshire	9/06
Shelia Fredrick	9/10
Melissa Anstedt	9/13
Wanita Morris	9/14
Vera Villa	9/14
Sid Weber	9/15
Kevin Buescher	9/17
Jason Marco	9/18
Sally Silea	9/18
Don Howell	9/20
Lucy Anstedt	9/22
Clint Hanne	9/22
Gina Hale	9/30

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: Carol Kaiser (Cancer); Kenny Schlote; Karla Cunningham (neck surgery 9-11); Connie Wildt; Wes Kolkmeier; Elizabeth Gilliam; Barb Horstmeier; Jean Hoskins; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning (Hospice); Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: Ron Gravemann (in Mercy Hospital w/Heart Issues, 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 (having Heart Problems, Sister of David & Jill Carr); Michell Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier Diagnosed with Breast Cancer); 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); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Fredrick who has an Autoimmune Disease); 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.



Pastor David Poe,
Intentional Interim Minister
Mary Trostel
Office Administrator

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