

## Weekly Announcements

09/24/2023

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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; Howard Hoskins, Liturgist; Brad Rehm, Greeter; Brad & Hassie Rehm, Connie Wildt and Joan Huntebrinker, Ushers; Bill Cunningham, Jeff Kolkmeier Sound Booth; Donna Bleeckert, Bell Ringer; Sharon Self, Judy Patton, Nursery; Janet Hopkins and Dottie Seiter, 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: 64  
Facebook Views: N/A  
YouTube Channel Views: N/A

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## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

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**Pastor "Pat" Gruber**  
**Our New Pastor!**

Here is a little bio on Pastor Pat and the churches he has 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.

Pastor Gruber will have "Dual standing" in both the Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ.

**Pastor "Pat"** will start the first Sunday in December.

We are excited to welcome Pastor Pat to our family here at St. John's.

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.





## **REMINDER:**

Don't forget to start wearing your name tag every Sunday.

On average, it takes more than 2 months before a new behavior becomes automatic — 66 days to be exact. Haha!

This habit should put us right into the start of Pastor Pat.

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



Today is the day we celebrate you!

If you had a Birthday in **August** or **September**, Join us at the Birthday Table!

## **BLANKET SUNDAY!**



The donations given to this mission project will benefit the CWS (Church World Service) Blanket Program. \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Please consider helping with this worthwhile cause by making out your check to St. John's UCC, writing Blanket Sunday in the memo line and putting your check in the CWS envelope you received this morning with the bulletin.

Learn more about this CWS program at [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org)



A festive graphic with a red background and white snowflakes. It features various holiday-themed icons like gingerbread men, candy canes, and Christmas trees. In the center, a white rectangular box contains the text "Holiday Bazaar Meeting" in a bold, red, serif font.

**Holiday Bazaar Meeting Tomorrow  
Monday, Sept. 25th at 5:00 p.m.**

**In one of the Education  
Classrooms**

**Please make a note of the time  
change.**

**Everyone Welcome!**



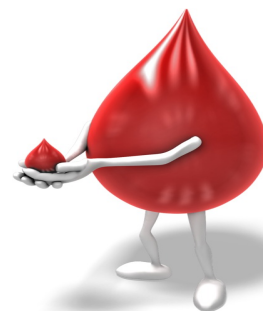
**Red Cross Blood Drive  
Tomorrow, Monday,  
September 25, 2023 From 2pm to  
6pm**

**We are experiencing a national  
blood shortage and many of our  
hospital blood orders are going  
unfilled.**

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

**Thank you so much for helping us  
get much needed blood on our  
hospital shelves for patients in  
need!**

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







In 2023, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills.

As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

This collection is next Sunday October 1, 2023 offering envelopes for this Neighbors in Need collection will be available for your donation. Thank you for your support.

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Stewardship Campaign Starts next Sunday October 1, 2023.

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### Financial Summary for August, 2023

This month we had a net income of \$1,500, favorable to budget by \$645. Operating revenue was \$24,209, favorable to budget by \$3,408. This month included contributions from 3 individuals totaling \$9,769.

Operating expenses were \$22,709, unfavorable to budget by (\$2,403). August expenses included \$1,000 for our 5 year audit, \$2,730 for shrub trimming and maintenance and \$1,125 for our annual heating and HVAC maintenance contract.

The Building and Ministry Expansion Fund is \$196,767. This reflects the regular increase of \$991.

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

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

“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.”



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Council has approved the purchase of a “Square”. This is so we can accept credit card payments during the BBQ’s and the Holiday Bazaar.

In order for this to work we are in need of an IPAD. If anyone has an IPAD they no longer use and would like to donate it to the Church Please call the church office.

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## ST. JOHN’S UCC OCTOBER 2023 COUNCIL NOMINEES





**AL HOPKINS**

My name is Allan Hopkins. Most of my friends call me Al. My wife, Jan, and I have been members of the St. John's Church of Christ since 2019.

We have called St. Charles County our home since 1983 when we moved here from Illinois. Jan and I have been married 44 years, have three adult children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live in the St. Louis area.

My career experience includes over 45 years of activity with manufacturing firms in various roles. These roles mostly included leadership positions in marketing, operations and planning.

I earned two degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (B.S. in Engineering and Master of Business Administration).

I spend much time doing projects around the house, attending family and neighborhood functions and playing golf.

I have served occasionally as a greeter and an usher at St John's and would like to expand my service to the Church and its congregation by becoming a member of the church council.

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**HOWARD HOSKINS**

I have been a member of St. John's UCC since 2005 along with my wife Jean. I served on the church council and was president in 2010.



When Pastor John Silea retired in 2014, myself and Jerry Wagner took over the teaching responsibilities for the Men's Bible Study for the next 18 months.

I also worked on the Men's Bible Study Valentine Breakfasts and over the years have served as a liturgist and an usher. I have also worked with Jean on the church BBQs preparing potatoes for the past two years.

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**LISA KAISER**

I am a candidate for the Church Council for 2024.

I was raised at St. Peter's United Christ of Christ (UCC in Ferguson Mo. I was baptized, confirmed and married at this church. Rusty and I were married in Sept, of 1980.

In 1978, I attended/graduated from Hickey School in Clayton MO with my Secretary Certificate. I worked at Gateway Microfilm Co in Earth City MO. In 1980, I was hired by McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis MO.

In 1995, I attended Sterling College, KS (satellite in St. Louis MO) evening classes. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Business Management in 2000. I was promoted to Staff Analyst continuing my career at Boeing until I retired in 2020.

In 1978, our family moved from North County to St. Charles County. We joined St. John UCC in St. Charles MO. I was active in the Altar Guild and Sunday School program.

Our daughter, Christina was baptized, confirmed and married in 2017 at this church. Rusty and I were members from 1978 until we transferred to St. John's Weldon Spring in 2022.

Since I joined this church, I have been active as a SonShine kids teacher, volunteering with the BBQ and Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction. I also baked/donated pies for the lunch cafe and donated many items for Grandma's Attic.



With my knowledge and work experience for over 42 years, I hope to bring some new ideas to sustain this wonderful church.

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**RICHARD (DICK) WADE**

I have been a member of St. John's for approximately 28 years, along with my wife Joann. I retired from the printing industry in 2005.

I was the chairman of our building and grounds committee for 5 years and have been captain of our Dartball team that started in 2019.

I have been an usher, bell ringer and working in the kitchen for the BBQ's. I was also a member of our search committee.

I look forward to being on the council if elected.

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**KEN WATERMAN**

Ken and his wife Ellen joined St. John's UCC in 2019.

Currently they are on Vacation. His bio will be updated next Sunday.

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## *SAFE SANCTUARY BOUNDARY TRAINING*



It is time to renew your background check if it was done over 3 years ago.

If you have had your background check within the last 3 years but did not go through the policy training so that you know the procedures we need to use at St. John's, you will need to attend one of the classes offered after church.

**The classes will be on September 24th and on October 1st and 8th.**

If you want a refresher course on the policy you may also sign-up for the class. If these dates won't work for you please talk to Jewell Nadler and we will see about another date.

**Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.**

The church will pay for the background check and you need to talk to Mary in the office to receive the computer information you will need.

Classes will be held in the Christian Education room.



**"The first rehearsal of the St John's choir was not only rehearsing but also honoring all of our summer birthdays in good faith, fun and fellowship!!"**





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

**We welcome new members at any time and any age up through 8th grade.**

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




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## ST. JOHN'S SINGERS FOR THE SAVIOR




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## 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!**



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**We would love to**

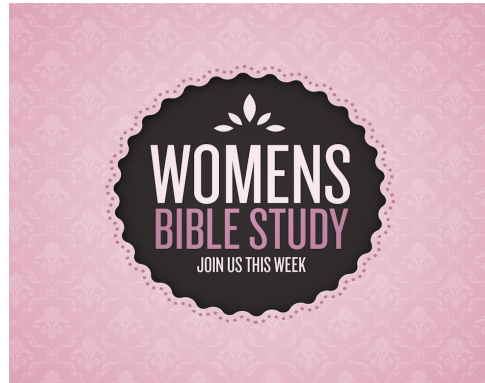


**have your help!**

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.

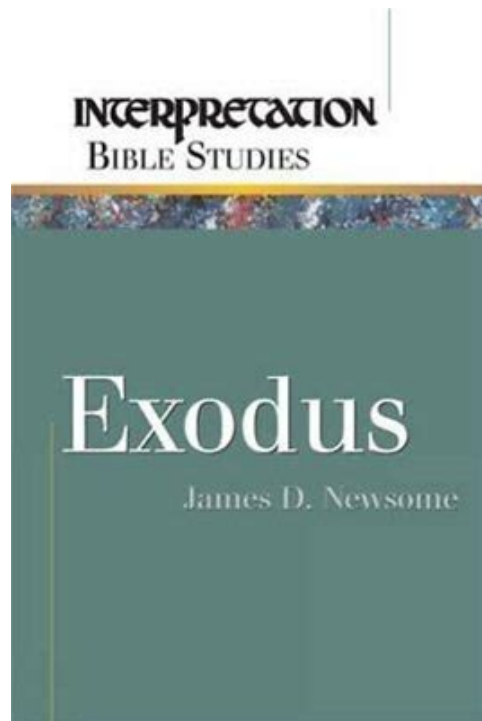
We are always looking for members. Contact Jewel Nadler 636-373-1860.

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Women's Bible Study is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

We are studying "Exodus" by James D. Newsome. This can be purchased on Amazon, Target or your local bookstore.






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

Hope you can join us!

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# MEN'S BREAKFAST

• BIBLE STUDIES •

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.



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## DARTBALL

### ST. JOHN'S MENS

### DART BALL

### SCHEDULE

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

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

Monday, Oct. 2  
St. John's at Friedens

Monday, Oct. 9  
St. John's at Our Savior

Monday, Oct. 16  
St. John's has a Bye

Monday, Oct. 23  
Friedens at St. John's

Monday, Oct. 30  
Our Savior at St. John's

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



**Help Stock**  
*The Food Pantry*

## *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.

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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.

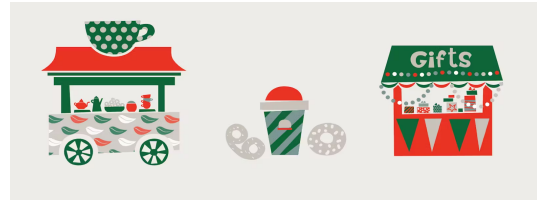
**Festival of Sharing Eyeglass Collection** Old eyeglasses or sunglasses need to be **Prescription glasses**. They can be dropped off in the bin in fellowship hall. We cannot take glass cases or non-prescription sunglasses.

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**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 6 p.m.



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR & 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 2:15P.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.





**Quilt raffle tickets on sale now!**

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

St. Paul's  
United  
Church of  
Christ  
Defiance  
MO

**Sept  
24th  
2023**

## **Chicken Dinner**

**Drive-thru**

150 Defiance Road  
Defiance, MO 63341

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Inside seating available.

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**\$15**

Dinner includes:

- 1/2 of a fried chicken
- Mashed potatoes, with  
gravy on the side
- Hot vegetable
- Special-recipe cole slaw
- Homestyle applesauce
- Delectable desserts
- Bottled water available

FRESH APPLE BUTTER and  
QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS  
available, too!



**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.



**New address for Shelia Fredrick:**

**Bethesda Meadow  
320 Old State Rd  
Ellisville MO 63021**





## 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	



Monthly Birthday Sunday  
is going to be every other Month.



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

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

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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:** Bob Oker, (In Hospital at Barnes St. Peters Mo); Jan Blackhurst (Linda Long's friend whose husband passed away); Barb Yocks; Martha Cook; Surgery); Alice Gooch; Carol Kaiser (Hospice);

Kenny Schlote; Karla Cunningham; 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:** Jackson (12 year old nephew of Linda Long had Spinal Surgery, home resting); 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); 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.**

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Pastor David Poe,  
Intentional Interim Minister  
Mary Trostel  
Office Administrator

**Office Hours: M-F, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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