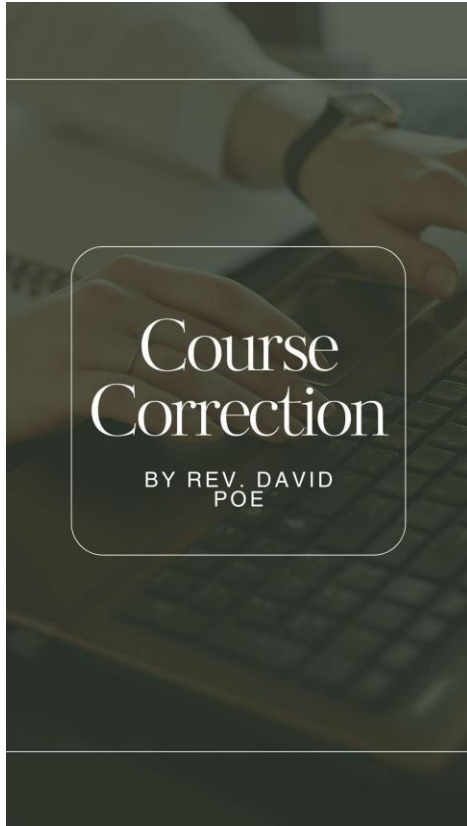


Weekly Announcements

10/08/2023

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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; Jean Hoskins, Liturgist; Sharon Hampshire, Greeter; Allen & Janet Hopkins, John & Sharon Hampshire, Ushers; Ron Winchell, Jean Hoskins, Sound Booth; John Hampshire, Bell Ringer; Dana Fehr, Sherry Self, Nursery; Dottie Seitter and Lyn Feuerbacher, 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: n/a
Facebook Views:
YouTube Channel Views:

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



Don't forget to wear 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.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Prayer Shawl meets tomorrow Oct. 9th at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall, come join us!



Mission & Caring meeting is Tuesday Oct. 10th at 6 p.m in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is Welcome!



SOCKTOBER HAS ARRIVED!

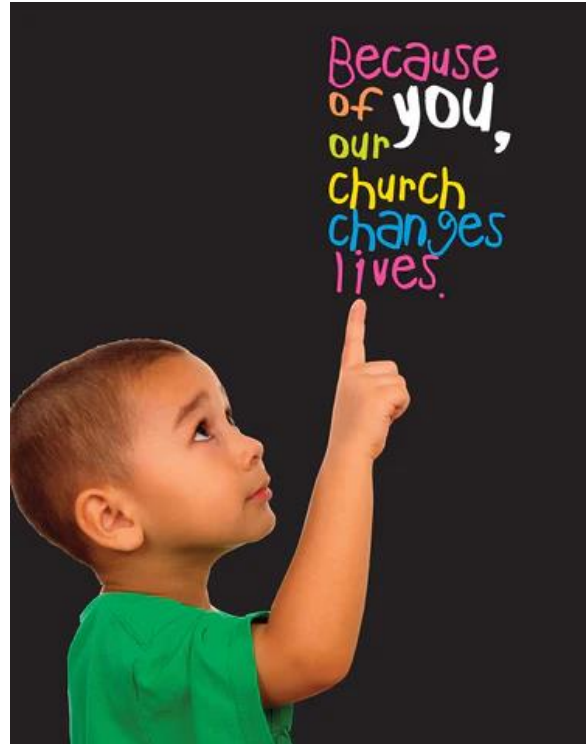
October 1st -29th This fall we are collecting for Shower of Love, they are in need of new socks for girls and boys sizes infant to adult.

You can help us meet the need, just look for the giant stocking in Fellowship Hall to add your gift!

Shower of Love is a collaborative effort between the Community & Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County (CCRB) and the benefiting agencies. Each partner receives an equal share of donations to use for clients in the County. Learn more at www.showeroflovestc.org Contact a member of the Mission/Caring if you have any questions.



STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN 2024
KICKS-OFF IN
OCTOBER!



Because of You our church changes lives. This is the theme of this year's stewardship campaign for St. John's UCC, Weldon Spring. Your church is reaching out and changing lives because of your generous giving. During the past two years, you have added 18 new members, several more have indicated a desire to join in the coming months. Your SonShine Kids Club Sunday School is growing with a group of dedicated adult teachers and some new families with children. You are also supporting missions both locally and globally, like backpacks for students as they start the school year.

This year you added female hygiene kits to the list of items now collected for the annual Festival of Sharing to assist low-income women as well as those incarcerated.

The choir and handbells groups are making a joyful noise to the Lord in your Sunday morning services and Alcoholics Anonymous groups and the Red Cross are utilizing your building space for weekly meetings and occasional blood drives. The number of people who benefit from St. John's UCC is growing fast!

Of course, as the church grows, so do the financial needs. You rely on a small but dedicated staff to provide spiritual services to people in the local community.

The cemetery, the church grounds, and the children's playground all need to be maintained and repaired. The heating and cooling system, the parking lot, and the technology to run an efficient and effective church office all take money.

In December, you will welcome the new settled pastor, Rev. Pat Gruber along with his family. Pastor Gruber comes with a wealth of education and experience and that doesn't come cheap, nor should it.

You expect excellence and that's why you pay a living wage for a professional minister who has invested more than seven years in receiving college and seminary training.

Over the course of October, you will hear from other members on why they support St. John's UCC with their pledges and offerings. Come and listen to these powerful stories of changed lives each Sunday in October.

Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 12th when you get to celebrate God's generosity by making your yearly pledge to the operating and building funds of St. John's UCC.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give towards 2024 to help us continue to make a difference in people's lives. Thank you.

Rev. David Poe,
Intentional Interim Minister





FINANCIAL SUMMARY 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.



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.”



The Fall Congregational Meeting to address the Upcoming 2024 budget and to Elect new Council Members is Sunday October 15, 2023 after Worship Service.

PROPOSED
REVISIONS TO THE
CHURCH BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV - CHURCH COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

C. Members of the Council, **except for** the Pastor, shall be elected to a three (3) term. A Council member cannot serve two consecutive three year terms but would be eligible to serve again after a **one year absence. Two members of the same immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings) may not serve on the Church Council at the same time.** One third (1/3) of the Council members will be elected each year.

ARTICLE VI - CHURCH COUNCIL DUTIES

R. The Church Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of two Council members and two members at large from the congregation.

The Nominating Committee will prepare a minimum list of four (4) candidates whenever possible for election to the Council for the next calendar year. The candidate list will be shared with the Council no later than the September Council Meeting. A short biography and photo of each candidate will be placed in the Church Bulletin for review. At the October Congregational Meeting, Candidates along with any nominations from the floor, will be presented to the congregation for selection by majority vote via ballot. Ballots will be tabulated, and results reported to the Congregation.

ARTICLE IX PASTOR

B. The Pastor shall be the spiritual guide of the congregation. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to preach the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, participate in the work of Christian Education and to perform such other duties as generally belong to the Pastor's office in the United Church of Christ, **including but not limited to hospital visits and contacting shut-ins.** Unless otherwise specified, the relationship between Pastor and congregation shall be based on the UCC Manual on Ministry. The Pastor shall keep a record of all services performed

And provide the Church Council a monthly report, and an annual report to the Congregation.

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 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.



HOWARD HOSKINS

I am originally from Boston and moved to the Midwest in 1963. I attended college in Indiana where I met my wife, Jean. We have been married for 57 years.

While married and in college, I earned a BS and MA in Journalism and Public Relations.

After teaching at the high school and university levels, I worked in corporate communications for 30 years, directing advertising and PR efforts for companies in Indianapolis, Baltimore, New York City, and St. Louis.

I have been a member of St. John's since 2005, served on the church council before, and was president in 2010.

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

I have worked on the Men's Bible Study, Valentine Pancake Breakfasts, and over the years have served as a youth group leader, liturgist and usher.



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.



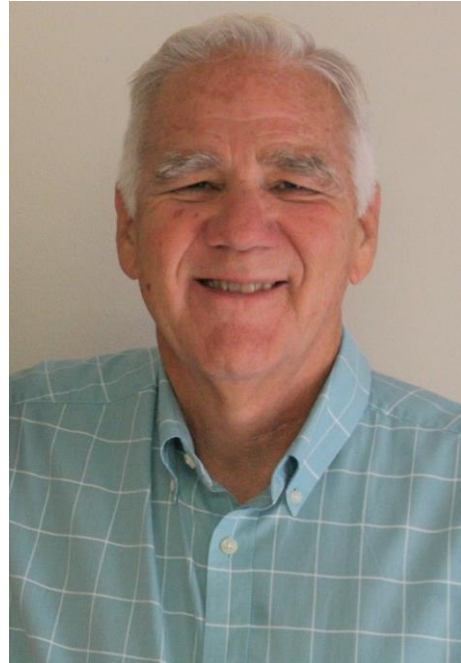
RICHARD (DICK) WADE

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.



KEN WATERMAN

My name is Ken Waterman, and I am putting my name forward to become a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ Church Council. My wife of 43 years, Ellen and I have been attending St. John's for approximately 6 years. Our first contact for coming to the church was for me to play the piano in the second service when Ann was not available.

As we attended more frequently, we found that St. John's relaxed atmosphere and welcoming attitude made us want to be more involved in their activities. At the time we were attending the mega church, Morning Star church on Feise Rd.

We saw that St. John's was a traditional church that we were more accustomed to, and both were brought up during our formative years. It felt right to be doing the rituals and singing the songs that were more familiar to us. I do think the mega churches have some ideas and formalities that could be used in the traditional church to make it more progressive.

My career path includes both education and private industry. I started my career at Francis Howell High School in the dropout prevention program. After teaching for 10 years I ventured into a new career with Emerson Electric. After holding multiple positions, I retired with 30 years of service in the sales and marketing departments, selling heating and cooling controls.

My accomplishments in church started with playing the piano when called upon. With that came in the past year, structuring a few entertainment gigs with Bob Lutz to lift the spirits of the church. Both evenings were well attended, and I look forward to more of these gatherings. Additionally, I worked with Greg Hale setting up parking lot services during the Covid Shutdowns.

Each Sunday, we would set up the service so people could be in their cars to worship yet feel a bit of community during this isolated time. For a year, I handled the building and grounds. During this tenure, we secured the bid to redo the parking lot.

I see a lot of potential in the church and feel that spreading the word of St. John's is the way for people to see that it is a church that fulfills the need of having Christ as the center of life. If elected I look forward to serving the needs of the church.



SAFE SANCTUARY
BOUNDARY
TRAINING

SAFE SANCTUARIES Training Events

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.

Last class will be today.

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.



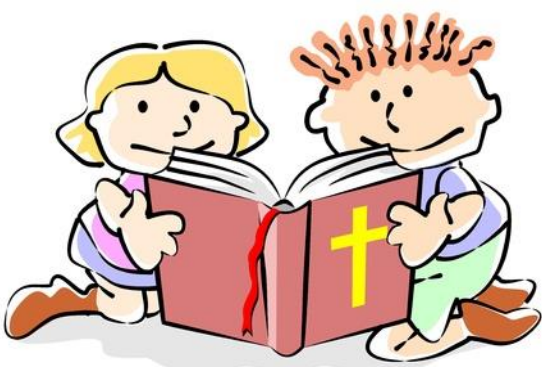
SON SHINE KIDS CLUB





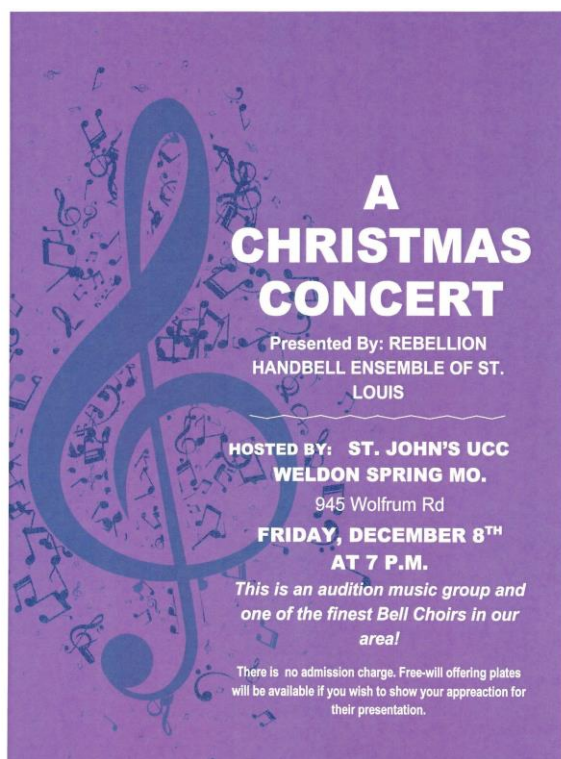
Our Children and Youth Music Program rehearsal is every Sunday at 11:15am following the close of worship and Sunday School.

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



ST. JOHN'S
SINGERS FOR THE
SAVIOR

ST. JOHN'S UCC
HANDBELL
MINISTRY



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.



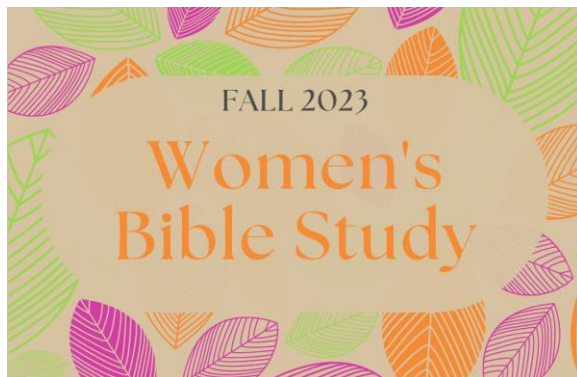
SUNDAY WORSHIP - Choir rings in the 10 AM worship service the 2nd Sunday each month: Sept. thru May

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



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 is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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

Hope you can join us!



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.

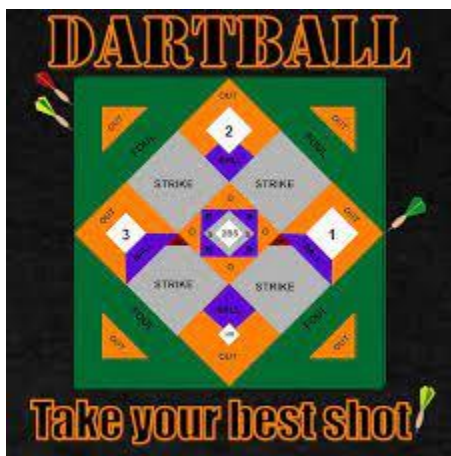


LENDING LIBRARY

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 MENS
DART BALL
SCHEDULE

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

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



A logo for 'HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON' featuring a fish and a bowl of food.

F.I.S.H. FOOD
PANTRY NEEDS
FOR OCT. 2023

Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo
Canned Tomatoes

Canned Potatoes
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
Pots & Pans (No Old Teflon)
Soup Bowls
Toasters

**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 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
& QUILT RAFFLE



A sign up sheet has been added to the board in the Fellowship Hall for "Cookies by the Pound."

If you haven't signed up for any duties please consider signing up in the spots needed.



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!

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



Dear St. Johns United Church of Christ,

We received your generous donation for Bethel Hills today (\$1,232.25, check # 1219, dated 9-11-2023)!! What a blessing this is! We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

We are working hard to create this Christian, supportive community for people with and without developmental disabilities to live together, work, play and worship together. Every dollar is counted as a blessing and makes a difference in making the impossible possible.

Sincerely,
Billie Kramme, Board President
Bethel Hills.



LET'S SUPPORT
OUR LOCAL UCC
CHURCH'S

8326 Mexico Road, O'Fallon, MO

GRACE UCC

**FALL
RUMMAGE
& BAKE
SALE**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

FROM: 8AM - 12 PM

LOCATED IN GRACE'S LOWER LEVEL. FREE WILL OFFERING FOR THE "TREASURES". BAKED GOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

**CHILI &
ROAST BEEF
DINNER**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**EBENEZER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner of Walnut & Public
Augusta, MO**

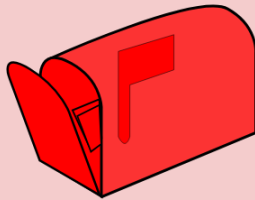
**SERVING FROM
11:00 AM TO 5:30 PM**

CARRY-OUTS available

For more information call:
636 228-4831



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.



**PLEASE NOTE THE
NEW ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER**

**Permenant Address for Shelia
Fredrick:**

**Sunrise of Chesterfield
1880 Clarkson Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017
Ph: 636-536-3800**



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



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

There is a canister out in the trash
coral that is marked
"Aluminum Cans"

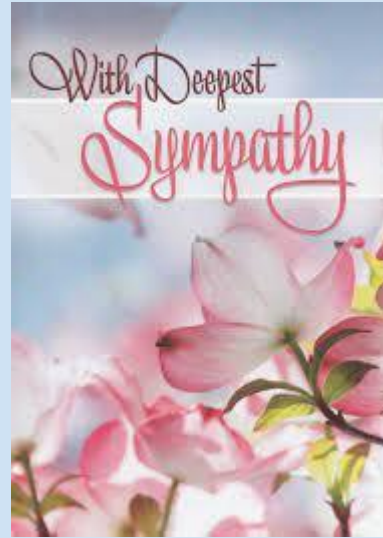
Sharon Elledge	10/25
Bill Cunningham	10/28
Mackenna Wooten	10/30



Shawn & Kayla Finklein	10/03
Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier	10/07
Vince & Wanita Morris	10/07
Jim & Sharon Elledge	10/08
Dick & Joann Wade	10/14
Doug & Melissa Anstedt	10/22



Kylie Hanne	10/03
Lyn Feuerbacher	10/04
Jan Hopkins	10/04
Paul Langenwalter	10/06
Jim Elledge	10/07
Emily Michael	10/08
Carol Keiser	10/11
Ron Winchell	10/16
Jane Wallace	10/18
Shirley Senn	10/22
Carol Boschert	10/23
Bill Lafser	10/23



It is with heavy hearts that we
announce the passing of Carol
Keiser.

Services will be held here at St.
John's UCC on Saturday October
14, 2023. Visitation will be from
10am-12noon with service at 12
noon, then followed by a luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please keep her family in your
prayers.

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 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: Family of Carol Keiser; Mary Ellen Dieckmann (St. Lukes Hospital); Martha Cook; Karla Cunningham; Wes Kolkmeier; Elizabeth Gilliam; Jean Hoskins; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning (Hospice); Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: Michael Pope; Jan Blackhurst (Linda Long's friend whose husband passed away); Jackson (12 year old nephew of Linda Long had Spinal Surgery); 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
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

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

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