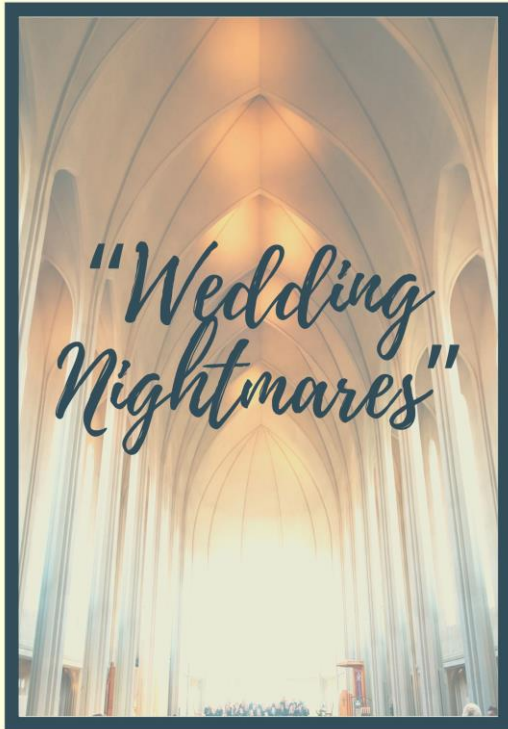


Weekly Announcements

10/15/2023

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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: 114
YouTube Channel Views: 0

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



Don't forget to wear your name tag every Sunday.

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



The Fall Congregational Meeting to address the Upcoming 2024 budget and to Elect new Council Members is Today after Worship Service.



PLEASE JOIN YOUR ST JOHNS FRIENDS FOR DOMINOES:

Come on **Monday, October 16 at 1 pm** for dominoes, fellowship and laughs.

Marilyn is bringing a snack for us. Contact Jean Hoskins if you have any questions.





Praying for peace in Israel/Palestine

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) calls upon all Christians and people of faith to pray for peace — not an empty peace devoid of justice, equality, and hope for all people, but a deep, lasting, and just peace that addresses core systemic issues of the conflict, from Palestinian needs for self-determination and freedom to Israel's needs for safety and security.

While mourning the tragic events happening in Gaza and Israel, CMEP remains committed to prayer and the belief that peace is possible even in these devastating times.

Please Pray for Peace



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.

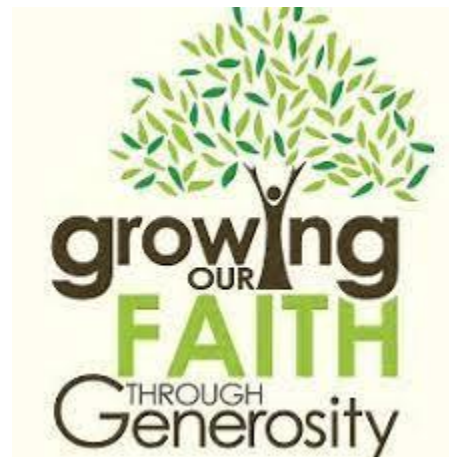
You expect excellence and that's why you pay a living wage for a professional minister who has invested more than seven years in receiving college and seminary training.

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

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.”



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.





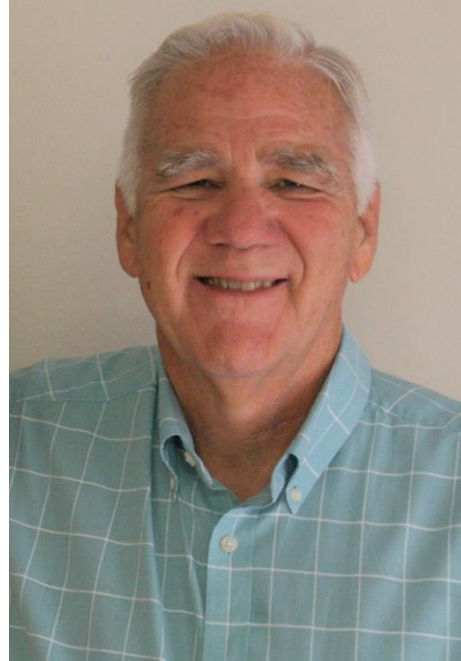
RICHARD (DICK) WADE

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.



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.



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.

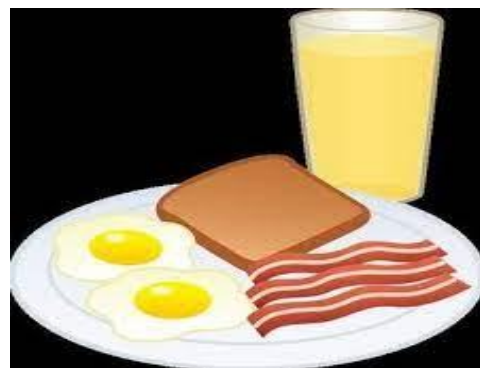
If you would like to participate but cannot attend in person, please contact the church office.

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. 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**





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 6pm



Connie Wildt & Dottie Seiter went downtown to LifeWise STL and dropped off the items we collected during the year for the Festival of Sharing.

The following items were delivered to the October 7th Sharefest held in St. Louis:

Non -Cash International Gifts:

67 pairs eyeglasses
30 Feminine Hygiene Packs

Non-Cash Missouri Gifts:

31 Reading and Writing Packs
34 Student Dental Packs

That is a Total of \$1,394 in non-cash gifts and \$60 cash.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the Festival of Sharing throughout the year.

What a difference we are making in people's lives!



FALL GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Would you consider sharing some of your time with our homebound members by delivering a fall gift?

The Mission & Caring Ministry has prepared gifts for our homebound members. You can pick a gift bag up on **Sunday, October 15th** or **Sunday, October 22nd** in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to deliver a gift to a home bound member, please sign up next to that person's name. Thank you





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.

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



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

**Friedens United Church of Christ
Turkey Supper**



Church Basement
980 Main Street
Moscow Mills

**Saturday, November 11, 2023
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

MENU: All you can eat turkey, dressing, mashed
potatoes, gravy, sides, homemade bread, pie and cake.

CARRY OUTS ARE AVAILABLE

Adults: \$15.00
Children (7 thru 12): \$7.50
Children (6 and under): Free

COUNTRY STORE



**IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?**



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.

Hey
Friends,



**Permenant Address for Shelia
Fredrick:**

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

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"

**OUR
HOMEBOUND
FRIENDS**



Happy Birthday Pastor Poe!

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
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

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: Family of Carol Keiser; Mary Ellen Dieckmann (St. Lukes Hospital); Martha Cook; Wes Kolkmeier; Elizabeth Gilliam; Jeff Kolkmeier (Barnes Jewish St. Louis); 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); 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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