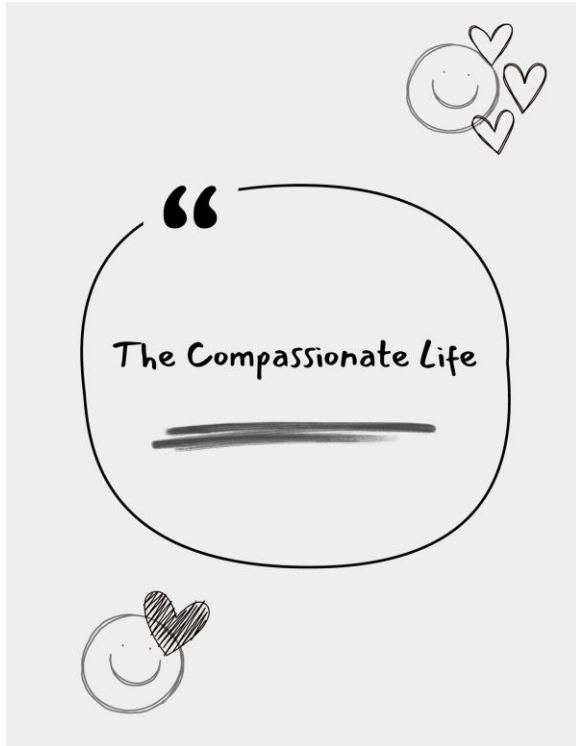


Weekly Announcements

10/29/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim Pastor; Ken Waterman, Organist Pianist, Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Loire Kroeger, Liturgist; Diane Falkner, Greeter; Mark & Diane Falkner, Ken Lippencott, Roy Boschert, Ushers; Ron Winchell, Jean Hoskins, Sound Booth; Donna Bleeckert, Bell Ringer; Kristy Kniest, Kay Haines, Nursery; Lisa Kaiser and Bill Cunningham, 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: 83
Facebook Views: 120
YouTube Channel Views: N/A

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.

Next Sunday is Daylight Savings!



Sunday November 5, 2023 we will be honoring our **Veterans** during worship service. If you would like to have your Veteran in the slide show presentation please send a picture and the branch of service to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com

Please have photos submitted by November 1st.



Also on **Sunday November 5, 2023** we will be honoring our loved ones who have passed this year for our **Annual Memorial Service.**

If you have a loved one who has passed this year and would like to have them in the slide show presentation please submit a picture with their birthdate and the date they passed to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com

Please have photos submitted by November 1st.

You can also call the office and Mary will be glad to help.



Ladies
**BIBLE
STUDY**

Reminder: No Women's Bible Study this Wednesday!



NO CHOIR PRACTICE

Reminder: No Choir or Handbell Practice this Wednesday!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024



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 FOR* *SEPTEMBER, 2023.*

This month we had a loss of (\$1,328) which was favorable to budget by \$1,146. Operating revenue was \$17,108, unfavorable to budget by (\$4,053).

Operating expenses were \$18,436, favorable to the budget by \$5,199.

The Building and Ministry Expansion Fund is \$198,645. This reflects the regular increase of \$1,878.

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.

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.”



SUMMARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON 10/15

2024 Proposed Budget and Approval - Jerry Wagner reviewed the proposed budget of \$253,095 for 2024. This is approximately a 9% increase over 2024 as this year we will have a settled Minister. The Budget was approved as presented.

Confirmation of 2024 Treasurer - Jerry Wagner and Ron Hahn have agreed to continue in their positions for 2024. The Congregation approved Jerry and Ron to continue as Treasurer for next year.



Cemetery Beautification - The storage shed currently in the Cemetery Circle will be moved to a less conspicuous location. Dennis Davenport and Ken Waterman will purchase landscaping for the circle. A flagpole will be installed along with Benches to make this a focal point for the Cemetery.

Bi-Law Changes - Proposed Bi-law changes had been previously given out at church and in the Newsletter. The Changes were approved as proposed.

Cemetery HeadStone Repair - We currently have 25 headstones in need of repair. Dennis met with and received a quote from Twin Cities Monument for \$13,200 to repair all 25 stones. Washington Monument quoted an hourly rate, but no estimate of the # of hours required to fix all 25. St Charles Monument and Troy Monument did not respond. It was decided to do more due diligence in studying this issue and bring the results back to the congregation for a recommendation and approval. Money for this repair is available in our Cemetery Fund.

Holiday Bazaar on Nov 4th - Rhonda gave an update on preparations for the Bazaar which is fast approaching. Sign up sheets are on the Board outside of the sanctuary. We need everyone's help to make this event a success including volunteers, donations for the Silent Auction, Grandma's Attic, and the Specialty Gift Shop. Cakes, Cookies, and Pies are also needed. Please sign up and promote this Bazaar to your family and friends to make this event an even bigger success than last year!

Council Positions Vote – 5 Candidates were presented for the 3 open Council positions for 2024. A vote was taken and the Congregation has selected **Alan Hopkins, Lisa Kaiser, and Ken Waterman** as our 3 new Council members effective Jan 1, 2024 for a 3 year term. We are very grateful for the willingness to serve of Howard Hoskins and Dick Wade who were the other 2 candidates for these positions. We appreciate all you do and look forward to your continued support. Thanks were also given to Dennis Davenport, Loire Kroeger, and Polly Wagner whose Council Terms will end effective December 31, 2023.



If you are interested in singing in the choir please join us every Wednesday for practice at 7 p.m.

“JOYFULLY RING HIS PRAISES” HANDBELL MINISTRY

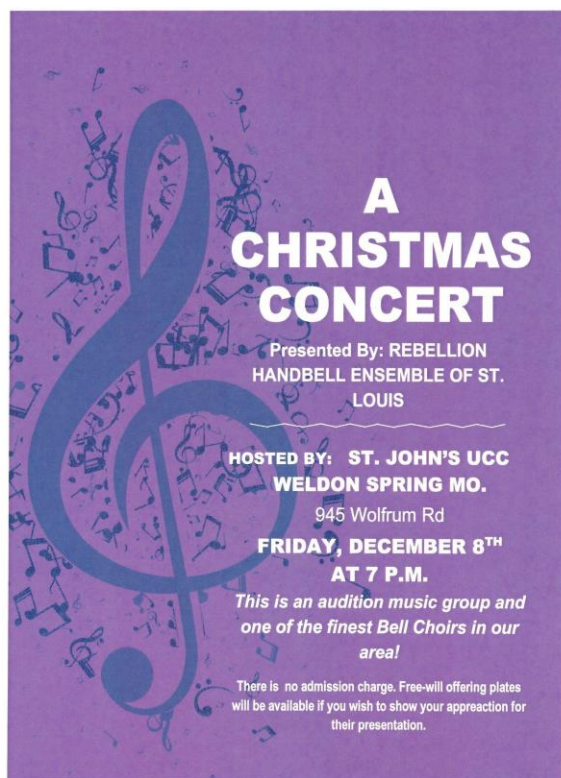
Our choir rings in the 10 AM worship service the 2nd Sunday each month: Sept. thru May

Practices on Wednesday evenings 5:30 to 6:50. August thru mid-May



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.



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.



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.



Men's
Breakfast
Bible Study

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.



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

Applesauce
Jelly
Pork and beans
Canned Yams
Toilet Tissue
Pumpkin
Can Pasta
Adult toothpaste
Can Chili

Cereal/Oatmeal
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

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



SOCKTOBER

Today is the last day for the Soctober collection. 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***



Our Quilt is completed and is **BEAUTIFUL**. See it displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Get your tickets now!





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



ST. JOHN'S MENS

DART BALL

SCHEDULE

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

**Monday, Oct. 30
Our Savior at St. John's
Friedens - Bye**

**Monday, Nov. 6
Our Savior at Friedens
St. John's - Bye**

**Monday, Nov. 13
St. John's at Friedens
Our Savior - Bye
Monday, Nov. 20
St. John's at Our Savior
Friedens - Bye**

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

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



Update Your



Contact Info

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.

"I was
sick and
you visited
me . . ."

—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Martha Cook	Marian Lonning
Shelia Fredrick	Rita Marcum
Calvin Hagen	Chris Savage
Barb Hofstetter	George Schlie
Pat Honaker	Edie
Shave	
Don Howell	Rick Weaver
Hank Kroeger	
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"



Jerry & Polly Wagner	11/15
Wayne & Linda Dimmic	11/29



Bill Cunningham	10/28
Mackenna Wooten	10/30

Alice Wolf	11/02
Ken Lippincott	11/03
Calvin Hagen	11/04
Frances Hardwick	11/05
Joan Huntebrinker	11/08
Jenna Marco	11/08
Donna Bleeckert	11/13
Charlotte Shelburne	11/13
Jewel Nadler	11/15
Natalie Wooten	11/15
Ed Struckman	11/16
John Hampshire	11/17
Dick Wade	11/17
Wes Kolkmeier	11/22

Lily Morton	11/23
Karla Cunningham	11/26
Barbara Eickmeier	11/26
Polly Wagner	11/26
Cheryl Saeuberlich	11/27

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: Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Martha Cook; Wes Kolkmeier; Elizabeth Gilliam; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning (Hospice); Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: 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.



Pastor David Poe,
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God

doesn't give us
what we can handle;

God

helps us handle
what we are given.