

Weekly Announcements

11/19/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. Andrea Asselmeier, Guest Preacher; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist & Choir Director; Ken Waterman, organist Pianist; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Bob Feuerbacher, Liturgist; Alice Gooch, Greeter; Sue Evans, Alice Gooch, Gina & Greg Hale Ushers; Ron Winchell & Jean Hoskins, Sound Booth; Greg Hale, Bell Ringer; Gayle Winchell, Gina Hale, Nursery; Natalie Wooten and Lisa Kaiser, 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: 114
Facebook Views: 122 YouTube
Channel Views: 4



THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



It is really important now that we don't forget to wear name tags every Sunday.

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



I want to thank everyone for the numerous expressions of gratitude you have conveyed to me over the past several months. It has been a profound honor to serve you as an Intentional Interim Minister for over two and a half years. I am so glad you have found a wonderful minister in Rev. Pat Gruber to lead you into the foreseeable future. I

have no doubt Rev. Gruber will bring his own unique gifts to share with you just as you will share your own spiritual gifts with him.

Together St. John's United Church of Christ will continue making a difference in the lives of people who live in this area. God be praised!

I will be available for pastoral calls and emergencies from November 13-16, then I'll be on vacation through the end of the month. This will allow for a time of transition as Rev. Gruber starts his ministry among you on December 1, 2023. I have made arrangements for two of my colleagues to fill the pulpit on November 19th & 26th.

Please remember that my ministry among you would not have been possible if it wasn't for your continued relationship with the United Church of Christ. I pray that you will continue to honor this covenant.

As your intentional interim Minister, I must now say goodbye and let you develop a new relationship with Rev. Pat Gruber. This means letting him function in all matters regarding your spiritual care, so please do not contact me regarding funerals, weddings, or any other spiritual services. I will also be removing you from my

social media channels. This is in keeping with the Code of Ethics that governs Authorized Ministers who serve in the United Church of Christ.

In case some of you don't already know, I have been called to serve as a settled minister at St. Martin UCC, High Ridge, MO and will start there December 1, 2023. I am looking forward to the new joys and challenges that await me there.

You will always occupy a special place in my heart and I do ask for your prayers for me as I make this new transition in my life.

Peace,
Rev. David Poe
Intentional Interim Minister



Hanging of the Greens is next Sunday Nov. 26 after Worship Service we are in need of Volunteers to help decorate.

A light lunch will be provided. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Thank you for volunteering to make our Church beautiful this Christmas Season, we are all truly blessed.



MISSION & CARING
ANNUAL POINSETTIA
SALE

As a project of our Caring and Mission Ministry for the holiday season, we will take orders for poinsettias, which will be used to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Proceeds from this sale will be donated to The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund (funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties).

All friends and members are welcome to order. Only a limited supply of these traditional plants (nursery-grown in 6" pots) are available for this worthwhile mission project, so we ask that orders be placed as soon as possible.

See the Attached form and Please indicate any commemoration you



IT'S THE HOLIDAYS, LET'S CELEBRATE!

Ladies Christmas Luncheon



SAVE THE DATE! -- The ladies of St. John's will celebrate a Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 15 at the Firefly Grill in the Chesterfield valley.

Menu selections and a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board on November 26.

Contact Jean Hoskins with any questions, 314 307 7223 or jeanahoskins15@yahoo.com

wish. We ask for a minimum donation of \$16.00 per plant. Plants may be taken home after our Christmas Day service.

Orders may be placed after or before worship service November 26 and December 3, or by calling the church office at 636-926-8995.



**Sunday Dec. 3rd, is the first
Sunday of advent and March to
the Manger Special Offering!**



**IT'S MOVIE
TIME!**



Mark your Calendars the movie group is going to see the movie **"Journey to Bethlehem"** on **Tuesday November 28th**. Final details will be coming!



**"Journey to Bethlehem" (PG) 76%
critics/94% audience**

A young woman carrying an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honor. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown. This live-action Christmas musical adventure for the entire family weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith and new pop songs in a retelling of the greatest

story ever told, the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. A unique new entry into the collection of holiday classic movies, this epic Christmas musical is unlike any before it.



There are songs in our program this year so we are coordinating with the Children's Choir which practices after church while you can enjoy refreshments and visiting with your church family.

We are looking forward to sharing with our Faith Family.

The SonShine Kids Club



The children's Christmas program this year will be during the 10 am worship service on **December 17th**.

Practices will take place during Sunday school starting November 26 with a dress rehearsal at 9 am on December 17.



"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.



**Would you do me
a favor?**



I need empty Quaker Oatmeal boxes - (round, cardboard containers - either size) for use by members of our children's choir.

See me on a Sunday morning or leave them in the Music Rehearsal Room.

Thanks, Joyce Ann McClain, Director

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.

A graphic of a yellow notepad with the words "IMPORTANT" and "REMINDERS" in bold black letters. A large blue checkmark is drawn on the notepad. The background is white with orange polka dots.

No Choir or Handbell Rehearsal on Wednesday Nov. 22nd.

The office will be closed on Friday Nov. 24th

No Kids choir rehearsal on Sunday Nov. 26th



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Men's and Women's Bible Study will be joining together every Tuesday at Scrambled Egg at 9:30am.

Come at 9:30 AM if you want to have breakfast with the men or come between 9:45 - 10 AM if you plan to have breakfast earlier on your own.

Everyone is Welcome!



**come
serve
with 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.



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.



*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ."
~ Galatians 6:2*

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



KEEPING HANDS AND HEARTS WARM THIS WINTER

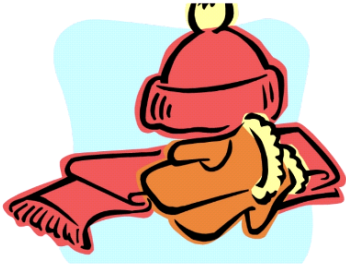
The temperature is dropping, which means it is time for our hat and mitten collection for Shower of Love.


These donations will be distributed to local nonprofits serving pregnant women, babies, and fragile families in crisis residing in St. Charles County and Lincoln County, Missouri.

At this time we will also be collecting the scarves that many of you have been busy crocheting throughout the year. These will also be given to the Shower of Love to distribute to those that need the extra warmth this winter.

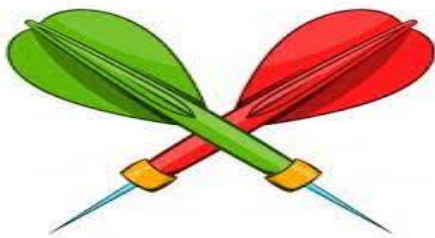
If you would like to donate new hats and mittens for ages 5-18 please hang them on the fall tree located in the sanctuary November 5 through November 26. Remember if you have scarves that

you have crochet bring them in and hang them on the tree too.





Quick Reminder: If you have to get into the drawers by Mary's desk please be sure to turn the lock to close and change the combination numbers. Thank you!



ST. JOHN'S MENS DART BALL SCHEDULE

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

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

Monday, Dec. 4
Friedens @ Our Savior
St. John's - Bye

Monday, Dec. 11
Friedens @ St. Johns
Our Savior - Bye

Monday, Dec. 18
Our Savior @ St. Johns
Friedens - Bye

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



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	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
corral that is marked

"Aluminum Cans"



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



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; Elizabeth Gilliam; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning; Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: Ronnie Vasquez (Son-in-Law of Barb Eickmeier); Ely Kruithoff (6 month old having Seizures, friend of Barb Eickmeier); 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.



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Church Pastor

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